



**St. Marcus**  
Lutheran Church

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## ABOUT ST. MARCUS

At St. Marcus, God bridges between a diversity of people so they can connect to Him and with even more people. We have rich and poor, educated and under-educated, life-long Christians and those new to Jesus. We celebrate a variety of ethnic backgrounds and family histories, but we are all part of God's united family. We are not afraid of letting people know who we are or taking risks to win souls. We don't shy away from the truth of sin and evil of humanity but can't stop showing the love and forgiveness of God in Jesus. We are firm in the truth but flexible in how we share the message.

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## JASON AND BETH: FEATURED MEMBERS

**What ministries are you involved in?** We first got involved at St. Marcus through working with Wandani. We mentored a brother and sister and it was a really fun time. Jason served as an Elder for a year. Currently, we are involved with the Tech/Media Team in producing the slides and visuals for Sunday evening service. We also lead a Community Group.

**What is a weird/cool fact about you?**

You will often find us practicing with our Rueda de Casino group, which is group salsa dancing. We have been actively dancing salsa for the past couple of years. You might find us on Saturday nights at The Wherehouse (salsa club in Walker's Point) tearing up the dance floor!



*Jason and Beth Weinrich have been members since 2006.*

**Why did you decide to lead a community group?** We love being with people and talking about Jesus. What we really enjoy about community groups is that it keeps us engaged with our Savior throughout the week. That was one of the biggest reasons we wanted to lead a group. Once we started, we quickly realized that community groups also kept us connected with other Christians. Not only were we connecting with our Savior, but we were getting encouragement from others.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## COLLEGE PREP CENTER

St. Marcus and the College Prep Center are honored and blessed to be the featured article on the website of Wheat Ridge Ministries—a current funding supporter of this vital programming. Please share the joy as you read a reprint of the article and share an inside look into a unique St. Marcus ministry.

Joquori, a senior in high school, was devastated when his two closest friends were killed last spring. Lonely and despondent, Joquori nearly gave up on school. His 3.7 grade point average plummeted to a 1.9.

As an African-American young man living in Milwaukee's inner city, Joquori easily could have quit school and become an all-too-common statistic – another smart kid doomed by the poverty and difficult circumstances surrounding him. Indeed, that is the fate of many of Joquori's peers: less than 50 percent graduate from high school and only about 35 percent earn a college degree.

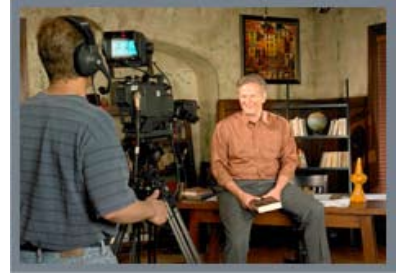
But Shawn Sprewer didn't see Joquori that way. As the director of the St. Marcus Lutheran School's College Prep Center (CPC) in north Milwaukee, Shawn knew Joquori had a bright future if he persevered through this trial. "(Shawn) was there and was pushing me," Joquori remembers. "He said you have to get this done. It's your senior year, you have college next year. He's always sharing with me what I have to do to be successful in life."

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## TIME OF GRACE

Ever wonder what happens after the Sunday production crew tapes Pastor Jeske's messages for the Time of Grace television program? Or, how the ministry is doing?

The Lord has truly blessed Time of Grace. The ministry is expanding to reach far and wide with the gospel. The Time of Grace program recently started airing in several new markets, including Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and returning to Chicago, Illinois. That puts the program in nearly 30 local markets throughout the United States. Time of Grace airs each week on five satellite networks available on DIRECTV and/or Dish Network, reaching six continents. That means that Pastor Jeske has the potential to reach 100 million households in the U.S. and 660 million households internationally. We are excited about the opportunities God puts before this ministry.



Servicemen and women are able to watch Time of Grace on the American Forces Network—even if they are deployed out of the country. Recently Time of Grace sent 600 MP3 players preloaded with biblical messages to troops overseas. What a blessing to be able to offer words of strength and hope to these men and women while they are so far from home.

Time of Grace is broadcast locally on WITI FOX Ch. 6, Sundays at 7:30 a.m. Please join us.

# PASTOR'S LETTER



Pastor Kelly Huet

Dear St. Marcus family and friends,

This summer I've learned that Wisconsin indeed has two seasons, winter and construction season. Even when I went way up north (to the boondocks) there was construction. The highways aren't the only place construction is taking place. Soon you will see signs of construction at your St. Marcus home. As many of you know, we are in the midst of planning

a new addition to our facility. But the blessing of healthy growth challenges our ability to provide sufficient space inside the current building structure. Soon you will see a new classroom using the fellowship hall- and small group meeting spaces built into Pastor Paul's current office. All this construction, and we're not even to the new building project!

Construction projects are noisy, messy and create a lot of debris. Our faith life can be a lot like the construction zones we see, hear and struggle to navigate around. When the Holy Spirit begins a construction project on us, he tears down parts of us that may be causing us problems and remodels us with Christ's love and compassion.

It can be messy, debris filled and often uncomfortable as our heart is changed from one damaged by sin and guilt, to one reliant on and living for him. As part of the Holy Spirit's remodeling, he connects us with our Christian family to help encourage and support us during our personal renovation.

The site of the Holy Spirit's construction zone – where we are connected with our Christian family is in our Father's living room- the church. There are plenty of images of how one may view the church, but my favorite is that my church is "Dad's house," a place where I can seek and receive help, talk with my family about problems, and most importantly where "Dad" talks to me through his spoken Word and through his supper. It is here where I am reminded of Jesus love for me, and the relationship he wants with me.

As you navigate the construction around you this summer, I encourage you to consider St. Marcus as a place where the Holy Spirit is rebuilding foundations and remodeling lives in Christ. Yes, it will be a bit messy and noisy-but his work is in progress.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Kelly Huet

## ST. MARCUS PICNIC- AUG. 8<sup>TH</sup>

Join your St. Marcus family and friends for an afternoon on the "farm" for the annual St. Marcus Church/ Ministries Picnic. Following worship services on 8/8--head west to the Safranek Farm in Waukesha County where you can swim, fish, play volleyball... or just relax and enjoy the fresh air and friends.

Soak up the sunshine & blue skies-nibble on "just picked" cobs of corn served with assorted grilled meats for your outdoor dining pleasure.

What, a St. Marcus gathering without great pot-luck? Of course not! Please kindly bring a dish to share.

**Remember:** Corn, grilled meats and beverages provided. Bring your towels, swim gear, fishing tackle and lounge chairs.

(Sunscreen strongly recommended.) **Fun is mandatory!**

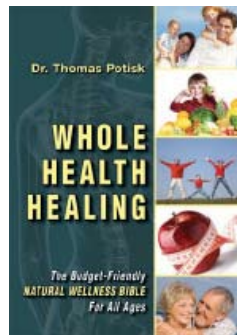
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## TOM POTISK

Each St. Marcus member is special in some way. On any given Sunday, you may find yourself sitting next to an author. One such author is Dr. Tom Potisk, currently serving as an Elder. He and wife Susan, have been St. Marcus members since 2000. His book is called "Whole Health Healing-The Budget Friendly Natural Wellness Bible for All Ages." It contains practical, easy to implement methods of weight loss, raising healthier children, exercise, stretching, posture improvement, and even ways to grow older enjoyably. It's aimed at honoring God with our bodies – as seen in 1st Corinthians 6:20.

Dr. Tom, has a dramatic story of being a busy chiropractor for 25 years, then when feeling a larger calling, he staunchly resisted; nearly drowned, and then again was injured, forcing him onto a new career path. "God had other plans for me," said Dr. Tom. "I learned that you can run, but you can't hide!"

Rumor has it that he'll be teaching a 4 session class titled **Bible Based Healthcare** after Sunday service this fall – watch for it in your bulletins. Want to find his book? Check out his website along with blogs about health topics at [www.wholehealthhealing.com](http://www.wholehealthhealing.com), or catch him after church.



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to reach out to the community with the Word of God; to lead sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; to strengthen believers to lead God-pleasing lives and to train believers as disciples, teachers, stewards and witnesses for Christ.

# COLLEGE PREP CENTER

It's a formula first proven successful at St. Marcus Lutheran School. The school offers loving relationships with Christ-modeling adults, high expectations, close accountability, and intense academic support. The



*St. Marcus student working on homework with his tutor.*

results? St. Marcus' 370 students earn extremely high competency marks on standardized tests, despite the fact that 85 percent of them are low-income and 70 percent come from a single-parent home.

"...we have homes that are very stressed and challenged," explains Christine Safranek, development director for St.

Marcus, adding that "there's often no one at home in the evening to help with homework or require that it be completed. Many families are struggling so much that living is difficult much less learning and studying."

St. Marcus opened the CPC in 2008, with the help of a Wheat Ridge Ministries seed grant, to address this deficit and provide struggling students extra evening hours of structure and support. Rowland, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Marcus, says the CPC helped him pull his grades up from a 1.0 grade point average to a 2.7. "It would be harder to get homework done at home. My mom isn't able to help me since she's in school herself. I'd do the homework (at home alone), but it wouldn't be right and I wouldn't be able to get it checked," Rowland says.

Much more than just a safe place for kids to hang out, the CPC carries on the school's spiritual and academic focus from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. four nights a week. Approximately 40 middle- and high-school students choose to spend each evening working with a tutor, participating in character-development and college-prep workshops, and eating a family-style meal together. Both the tutors and meals are supported, in part, through the Wheat Ridge seed grant.



*Joquori reviewing his mentee's work*

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# CELEBRATE WITH US!

**July Baptisms**  
Miracle Mills

**August Wedding Anniversaries**

Jordan and Jennifer Beckman	August 4, 2006
David and Holly Beckman	August 24, 1974
David and Sarah Burleton	August 12, 2006
Robert and Judith Rehm	August 27, 1966
John and Paula Ries	August 1, 1970
Adam and Hannah Wagie	August 19, 2007
Kevin and Lisa Festerling	August 2, 2003
Joseph and Karin Conway	August 28, 2004
Paul and Meg Schuessler	August 12, 2005
Chris and Jess Adickes	August 13, 2005

**Weddings in August**

Smoot/Steffenhagen Wedding	August 14 <sup>th</sup>
Roth/Smith Wedding	August 21 <sup>st</sup>

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## EXPANSION ADVANCES THE DREAM

Courage, entrepreneurial spirit and acceptance will drive our campus expansion to ensure that St. Marcus has the capacity to educate more children, to address spiritual and basic needs of our members and neighborhood residents, and support personal transformation.

The St. Marcus Expansion Project will increase the spatial capacity of the entire campus, allowing us to engage more fully with our members and the community as a resource center to transform lives by addressing human needs, strengthening faith and encouraging hope.

A Challenge Grant has been offered to friends of St. Marcus to raise \$100,000 by July 31<sup>st</sup>. What an awesome blessing. We are over halfway to goal on this challenge! Please help catapult St. Marcus in this Capital Campaign opportunity to multiply our blessings and equip and inspire faithful servants.

**Together we can unlock the potential.**  
Visit [www.stmarcupotential.org](http://www.stmarcupotential.org) for more information.

## WHAT WOULD ST. MARCUS DO WITH \$500,000?

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Kohl's Cares philanthropic program, Kohl's is giving back a total of \$10 million to 20 eligible schools nationwide. St. Marcus is launching a campaign to be one of these 20 schools. **You can help make this reality!** Simply go to [www.facebook.com/kohls](http://www.facebook.com/kohls), find St. Marcus School and vote- up to 5 times. Please spread the word to friends, family and co-workers to vote and tell Kohl's what St. Marcus would do with \$500,000. **DREAM BIG & ACT NOW!**

## SAVE THE DATE

2010 Benefit Gala

November 13, 2010

Engage\* Empower\* Inspire\*

Brick by brick. Student by student.