



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

**Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel**

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**January 10, 2021**

### **PONDER THIS FOR A MOMENT**

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ... <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" Hebrews 11.

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

*The 8:00 AM Service is online only  
10:30 AM outdoors / in vehicle*

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 17**

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17  
John 1:43-51

Gathering for Worship ... Since we are not yet able to offer indoor worship, we will continue to livestream the 8:00 AM Sunday Worship Service (it remains accessible on our website beyond Sunday); and we currently are offering an outdoor Service at 10:30 AM.

Links to the Bulletin, Weekly News, Study Guides, and more can be found on our website, and such are also sent out each week to those on our email list (if you want them emailed, contact the office).

### **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE TALK ...**

Topic: How to Interpret and Study the Bible.  
This is a look at what to keep in mind as we read the Bible and what to keep in mind as we

have Bible based discussions with others. Don't take a backseat when it comes to the Word of God. **Study (online only still) begins at 9:15 AM, ending at 9:50.**

### **2021 LWMS PRAYER CALENDARS "WELS**

**Mission Journeys"** are still available to order for \$10.00 plus postage. Order forms are at the church or you may call LWMS Central Office direct at 1-414-321-6212. Credit cards are not accepted. They will send the calendars along with a bill to pay by check. The calendar includes prayers, Bible verses, missionaries' birthdays, anniversaries, addresses and more. Each day has space for your notes. Each month features a short-term missionary journey by church and school volunteers with pictures. Pre-trip training equips volunteers for the work they do to assist missionaries at home and abroad. For more information on becoming a volunteer go to <https://WELS.net/missionjourneys>.

### **MINISTRY FINANCIAL PLAN UPDATE**

Offerings received since July 1: \$379,164  
Goal for July 2020 – June 2021: \$744,300

### **THANK OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

The 2021 packet of Thank Offering envelopes for the financial support of our ministry done at and through St. Mark's are available. **In addition** to the Thank Offering Envelopes there is information pertaining to the **Commitment form**. Returning your completed Commitment form can help with our Ministry Financial planning process. Also, if you know of a fellow member who will not be able to physically attend Services and would appreciate receiving their packet of information, it is appreciated if

you would drop it off to them. Questions can be directed to Linda Halfhill.

You are welcome to stop by the office during the week to pick up your envelopes if not able to attend outdoor Services, or else contact the office to have them delivered to you (if on campus, the envelopes are in the Library).

### **ROUTINE SHOPPING WITH SCRIP**

Need groceries? Doing a remodel project? Need gas for the car or mower? Consider getting a Scrip card first. At no added cost or deduction from the card value, St. Mark's School benefits from such purchases of Scrip. To learn about Scrip (easy to use), and for a list of Vendors included in the Scrip program, contact Stacie or Linda in the church office.

### **WHAT ABOUT THIS HYMN**

"Be Still, My Soul" (CW 415) based on Psalm 46 points out why we can remain at peace while chaos swirls around us. Europe in the 1500s was going through turbulent times and it was not ritual that pulled believers through, it was a renewed dedication to the study of and a putting into practice of the Word of God. God is aware of what is going on, and He keeps His promises --- be still indeed my soul.

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