



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

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Ponder This for a Moment

"Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her" Proverbs 8 ... Take some time this week to read all of Proverbs 8.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00* & 10:45 AM indoors (*live streamed)

Mondays at 7:00 PM

Note: Masks are required indoors again

Scripture Readings for August 8

Exodus 16:2-20

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13

John 6:24-35

New Sunday Bible Study

Here is a Bible trivia question for you: Which name is mentioned in the Bible most frequently? The answer is not Jesus. It's David, the shepherd boy chosen by God to be the king of Israel. Our August Sunday morning Bible classes at St. Mark's will focus on the life of David, the one called "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). We will study David's faith, his strengths and weaknesses, his leadership, and his key part in the fulfillment of God's Messianic promises. Throughout all of this we will note and appreciate God's abundant and pervasive grace. Join us, and we will learn and grow together.

Digging Deeper Study

Once a month discussion centered around the Bible. Next one is this Thursday, August 5th at 6:30 PM. You can attend in person or online (if

online, let Pastor K know so you can receive the link and materials). Topic: 'Hard Sayings of Jesus.'

Member Notes

Keep in prayer for ongoing physical healing: Ray Garrett, Ed Hartog, Cheryl Skultety-McLagan

Campus Cleanup Workday

While we have dedicated volunteers throughout the year who help maintain our campus grounds, we have an annual opportunity for more volunteers to come together on one day to help out with an 'intense' cleaning of the flower beds and the outside of the buildings. Please consider helping out on Saturday, August 14th. The fun begins at 8:00. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. If you cannot make the 14th, there is always something to be done any day of the week (especially in fall/winter – rain gutters need to be cleaned, leaves gathered up, dusting inside, etc).

You Benefit, School Benefits

The way is through 'Scrip.' Are you planning to buy something at Lowe's? Purchase, for example, a \$50 Lowe's Scrip card from the church office, you get the \$50 card and our school gets a % of the card sold. Same for places to buy Groceries, Restaurants, Gas, Clothing, and more (even for Amazon orders). Keep Scrip in mind when wanting to get a gift card for our new Teachers. Scrip online is also an option. Contact Linda Halfhill for more information. Cards are easy to order; we do keep certain cards on hand. With a bit of planning, this is a great opportunity for you and for our School as the % received through the Companies

connected to Scrip goes toward our Tuition Assistance Fund.

Lion's Legacy Endowment

The Gift that just keeps on giving! The *Lion's Legacy Endowment Fund* does that and you are being a good steward to boot! So far, we have over \$38,000. These funds go to meet unforeseen needs of St. Mark's and its members. You can direct your gift to be used for the following purposes: campus improvements, outreach, tuition assistance, and general purposes outside of the church's operating fund. For more information on how you can give to the LLEF, contact Mark LeMay or Pastor Kolander.

Praise God From Whom ALL Blessings Flow

Giving Thanks for the Opportunities ... By God's grace through your generosity, we have been able to award close to \$40,000 in tuition assistance for the 2021-22 school year (families have to apply for this assistance); this is actual money being awarded and helping our operating account instead of just writing that amount off as in the past. This assistance is above what all school families receive as a grant from the congregation as budgeted in our Ministry Financial Plan (member grant: \$2625, non-member grant: \$1625). Cost of educating a child for the 2021-22 school year is \$8125.

Also, we have been able to refurbish Building 3 (by the playground) with a new roof and updating the HVAC (this building rose to the top of the priority list). Every 5 to 6 years our parking lot needs to be resurfaced, and this was the year it needed to be done (work was completed last week). We also are doing some maintenance work on the church Glulams (outside pillars). These are the major items for 2021.

So again, thank you for your generous thank offerings and special gifts to the Operating Fund and to 'Not without Purpose 2' which has enabled us to be good managers of this beautiful location we have to do our God-given ministry and mission work.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2021: \$47,965
Goal for July 2021 – December 2021: \$300,000

Some Bible Trivia

Who took Gomer as a wife?

Some Dates to Remember

08/05 – School Registration, 4-7 PM
08/05 – Digging Deeper, 6:30 PM
08/14 – Campus Workday, 8:00-11:00 AM
08/20 – Teen Lock-in, starts at 7:30 PM
08/23 – 1st Day of School at St. Mark's



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