



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

September 26, 2021

Ponder This for a Moment

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed" Proverbs 16. Check out the rest of this Chapter for other helpful daily reminders.

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 (also live streamed) & 10:45 AM
Mondays at 7:00 PM

Scripture Readings for October 3

Numbers 11:16, 24-29
Philippians 1:12-18a
Mark 9:38-50

Sunday Bible Study

Current discussion is centered around ...

"Lifestyle Witnessing" ... Where does it start, how do we create opportunities, what do we say, and more. (*Teen Study currently discussing 'Christians in Conflict'*)

Adding To Your Prayers

Len Sampaio (health concerns)
Dave Kaul (medical procedure)
Bruce Carder (his mom passed away)
Blessings on our Community Connection Events

Starting Point

A Bible Information Class called 'Starting Point' is scheduled to start on Saturday, October 2. We will meet from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. We will be meeting Saturdays through December. While signing up is not necessary, if you are in need of childcare, please contact the church office ahead of time

(churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com).

If you are interested in this opportunity to be refreshed in the basics of our faith, and or

interested in joining our church family, however Saturdays will not work for you, please contact Pastor Kolander

(jkolander@stmarkslutheran.com)

for other arrangements.

Book Club for Ladies

After some time off the 'Book Club' is coming back. This Book Club is facilitated by ladies of St. Mark's. Note the first get together opportunity: Friday, October 22 starting at 6:30 PM in the Luther Room. You are encouraged to bring a book to recommend for future discussion.

NwP2 Campus Improvement Update

Now that Phase 1 of the 'Rose Garden Expansion' Project has been completed with the removal of the trees which occupied the space between the church and the admin buildings, we are further developing the plans for Phase 2. Phase 2 includes repairs to the sidewalk (tree root damage), as well as revitalization of the space for fellowship and other ministry related activities. As the drawings for the space are being developed, the Committee is open to suggestions of what people would like to see included in the Rose Garden area. Suggestions received already have a similar theme, which will be shared at a later time. If you would like to offer a suggestion on how we could utilize this space going forward, please speak with one of these Committee Members: Chuck Klunker, Bentley Mymka, or Donna Williamson.

Community Connection Events

As we seek to build connections with our community, keep in mind the upcoming *on campus* events (these in addition to the ongoing encouragement to invite others to worship with

you and or attend our Starting Point Class). **'Community Cook-Off'** is scheduled for Saturday, October 9 from 4:00-8:00 PM (there will be a grilling Cook-Off competition, if you dare to compete; see details on our website under the Connect/Special Events Link or contact the office if you want to sign up for the grilling competition). **'Trunk or Treat'** is scheduled for Friday, October 29, starting at 6:00 PM; this event is being coordinated by our School's 'People Active With St. Mark's School' (PAWS); a Food Truck will also be a part of this event. **'Drive-thru Nativity'** is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. *Opportunities for you to help at any or all of these community connection events will be shared in the coming weeks.*

WELS Women's Retreat 2022

Encouragement from God's Word: "It was so good, I ate it!" Please come to a WELS women weekend on January 21st-23rd at Mt. Hermon in the Santa Cruz mountains. This retreat, hosted by the women of Apostles Lutheran Church in San Jose, will allow us to join with others from the NorCal/NV area to feed on God's Word. Details and registration forms (with newly reduced prices!) are available on the bulletin board in the church lobby. Deposit due by October 15th.

Updating Your Contact Information

If your address, phone, and or email have recently changed and you have not yet had an opportunity to notify the church office of the change(s), please let us know the correct information ASAP. Also, for church happenings to be communicated to you in a timely manner it would be helpful for the church office to have your email added to our 'communication by email' file. Thank you for your assistance in improving our communications with you.

Save the Dates

10/02, Starting Point Class begins

10/09, Community Cook-Off
10/10, Connect 2030 Open Gym, 5:30-8:00 PM
10/15, Women's Retreat deposit is due
10/16, LWMS Rally in Reno
10/29, Trunk or Treat
10/31, Area Reformation Service, 4:00 PM

Items for the Weekly News

If you would like to include ministry related news in our 'Weekly News', please have the information to the office by Noon on Thursdays. Thank you.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2021: \$134,661
Goal for July 2021 – December 2021: \$300,000
NWP2 gifts to date (8 mo average): \$10,850
NWP2 monthly gift goal: \$12,000



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