



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

January 16, 2022

Ponder This For A Moment

"Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" 1 Corinthians 1.

Scripture Readings for January 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Acts 4:23-31

Luke 4:14-21

From God's Yellow Pages

Spiritual guidance direct from God – let your fingers do the walking through the Bible ...

*This Week – **Defeated** ... Romans 8:31-39.*

Sunday Morning Worship

8:00 & 10:45 AM (8:00 AM is also live streamed)

Monday Worship at 7:00 PM *

* No Monday Worship on 01/24 & 31

* Monday Worship starting 02/07 at 6:30 PM

Sunday Bible Studies For All Ages

In the main part of the church: 'The 10 Commandments' ... Their relevance and purpose. Teens looking at "Hard Sayings of Jesus." Bible Growth for Age 4 thru Grade 8: 'Christ-Light.'

Hymns Part Of The New Hymnal

Upon the cross extended ... Wake, awake, for night is flying ... We praise you, O God, our Redeemer ... We walk by faith ... What a friend we have in Jesus ... What wondrous love is this ... Where shepherds lately knelt ... With the

Lord begin your task ... Your only Son, no sin to hide ... Your works, not mine, O Christ

Teacher Calls Update

On January 9th we extended two Teacher Calls: Mrs. Jodi Rowe, currently teaching at West Lutheran High School in Plymouth, MN, has been called for Grades 3-4; and Mrs. Caitlin Bare, currently teaching at Holy Trinity in New Hope, MN, has been called for Kindergarten. Their Acknowledgement Letters are at the end of this Weekly News.

Starting Point (BIC) in Progress

We started a new 'Starting Point' on Tuesday, January 11th and there is still time to be a part of the discussion. This is an opportunity to review Bible Doctrines, as well as a way for someone you know who is interested in joining our church family. Tuesdays in the Luther Room at 6:30 PM.

Member Directory Updates

Please notify the office by the end of January 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). *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.* The printed directory, just as with the app directory, will include your email address. If you wish not to have your address, phone, or email included, please contact Stacie in the office.

Save the following dates

Men's Bible Study on the 17th at 5:30 PM

St. Mark's Celebration of Ministry 02/20/2022

Ash Wednesday on 03/02/2022 at 6:30 PM

(Supper at 5:30 PM)

Men's Conference at St. Mark's on 03/05/2022

Note on the Sunset Soiree

Due to circumstances out of our control, Covid and the sluggish economy leading to less donations, the Soiree scheduled for February 5th is being postponed. The Soiree Committee is looking at other options to bring our church and school families together for an evening of relaxation as we look to support our School's Tuition Assistance Fund.

Family Connect Opportunity

Families at St. Mark's are invited to a fellowship event after the late service on Sunday, February 6. This is intended to be a low-key way to get together and hang out. St. Mark's will order lunch for those that attend, and we'll do a short devotion followed by some games or other activities in the gym. The kids can play and the parents can connect with each other as well. The goal is to offer this fellowship on a quarterly basis. *If you're interested in attending on Feb 6, please email Kaisa to* [RSVP: miller.kaisa@gmail.com](mailto:miller.kaisa@gmail.com).

Thank Offering Statements Available

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2021 Thank Offerings Statement, please contact Linda at the church office.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2021: \$342,134

Goal for July 2021 – June 2022: \$600,000

Lunch & Learn For Members With Thrivent

On Sunday, January 23rd, following the late Service we are asking *any of our members who are connected to Thrivent to attend a luncheon* where we will hear of ways to maximize our

giving power through such things as 'Thrivent Action Teams' (a great way to support our Outreach Events) and 'Thrivent Choice Dollars' (dollars earned by having Thrivent products and to be designated to ministries of your choosing). *This is a not sales event.* It is a simply an opportunity to learn how we can better utilize the giving power that is there just by being a Thrivent member. If you are not a Thrivent member, but would like to sit in on this, please join us. Thrivent Representatives Ashley Tangeraas and Larry Brundage will be leading the discussion. Lunch will be from Panera. *If planning to attend, we need you to RSVP by January 19th.* RSVP to Stacie by phone or email (916.961.7891 or churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com).

Worship Greeter Opportunity

If you would be interested and willing to serve as a Sunday Worship Greeter, please contact Stacie in our office so we can work up a schedule for Greeters to be at the east and west entrances. Everyone in attendance is technically a Greeter, so thank you for making everyone feel welcome at our House of Worship.

Men's Conference in Arizona

Last Chance to Get Tickets for Men's

Conference in Phoenix - The first annual Arizona/California *Men of His Word conference* will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix, AZ**. The conference theme is "More than Conquerors." For more information, visit <https://MenofHisWord.org/2022-Phoenix/> A generous grant has allowed the conference to offer a **\$25 discount** to anyone who registers before the deadline. Use the coupon code "2022" upon checkout, or simply follow this link to automatically apply the discount: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/172407644907/?discount=2022>.

Over 100 men from across the AZ/CA district have already registered, so if you'd like to join

them, **be sure to register before the deadline at 6 PM on Sunday, January 16, 2022.**

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)

Thanks to all who are contributing to LWMS mission box offerings. Projects currently supporting: Bible Study Material for Children and Adults in young mission congregations, and Philippine Projects to subsidize outreach materials for Worship and Bible classes until Gospel Evangelical Lutheran Church can become fully self-supporting. *Redwood Circuit spring rally will be at Faith in Anderson. Watch for date, tentatively set for April 23.*

From Mrs. Jodi Rowe ...

Dear Members of St. Mark's Church and School: Greetings in Christ from chilly Minnesota! I am writing to acknowledge that I have received your Call to serve as 3rd and 4th grade teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and School. It is so humbling to receive this Call and it will be a great privilege to prayerfully consider whether God would have me continue my ministry here at West Lutheran High School or begin a new ministry at St. Mark's. It is very evident after reading through the call packet, that God is blessing your church and school tremendously! It sounds like a pivotal and exciting time of growth and gospel outreach. It is wonderful to consider joining you in those efforts! I would greatly value any information and thoughts that any of you have about the ministry at St. Mark's, how you feel my gifts would fit in with your staff and church, as well as information about the community and area as well. I used to serve (many years ago) at Apostles in San Jose and have very warm and wonderful memories of our associations with St. Mark's and of California in general.

Here is my contact information. Cell number: 763-381-4299. Email: jrowe@westlutheran.net God is good all the time and certainly has plans for both West and St. Mark's. I will pray for all of you during this time of transition and I ask that

you pray for me and my family, as well as for West that God provide the servants He has in mind for each ministry. I look forward to speaking with you in the weeks to come!

From Mrs. Caitlin Bare ...

Dear Members of St. Mark's:

On Sunday, January 9th I received the Divine Call to serve you as kindergarten teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran School. I have already received information on the call and am looking forward to learning more about the opportunities and challenges of ministry at your church and school from your faculty and leaders. As I begin the process of prayerful deliberation on where God can best use my talents and abilities, please continue to keep my family and me in your prayers!



7869 Kingswood Drive * Citrus Heights, CA 95610
(916) 961-7891 * stmarkslutheran.com

To connect to the auto giving option:



To online Connect Card:

