



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**February 19, 2023**

### **Ponder This For A Moment**

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" Romans 8. *While not making light of our current sufferings, the Lord reminds us what remains ours to look forward to as a way to keep pressing forward.*

### **Glorify & Grow: Sunday Mornings**

8:00\* & 10:45 Worship (\*live streamed)

9:15 Sunday School (meet in Chapel)

9:30 Bible Discussion for Teens / All Ages

Monday Worship resumes April 17

### **2023 Lenten Journey**

Ash Wednesday is February 22 with our Worship Service including Holy Communion at 6:30 PM. Our Lenten Journey will be under the theme: 'Living Free In Jesus.' On March 8 the CA Lutheran High School Choir will be joining us for worship. The Choir will also be joining us for supper; the Board of Elders will be serving the supper, which starts at 5:30 PM.

### **Scripture Readings for February 26**

Genesis 3:1-15

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

### **From God's Yellow Pages:**

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

*This Week – Purity ...*

Matthew 5:27-32; 2 Timothy 2:22

### **Sunday Bible Study ... Main Area**

The Bible Book: Ecclesiastes --- *You think you may have a meaningless life ...* Beginning in March – a continued look at the Augsburg Confession.

### **Martin Luther College Choir On Tour**

Our Called Worker Training College in New Ulm, MN will be sending out its traveling Choir in the month of February. They will be in Concert at Apostles in San Jose on 02/28 at 7:00 PM.

### **LWMS Corner – Missions & You**

*kids c.a.r.e.--care about reaching everyone with the gospel* is a program of LWMS which gives children the opportunity to hear about missions. Each year a new mission is chosen. This year's project is "Mi Amigo Jesus." Lessons are user- friendly for classrooms, families at home, Sunday school, home school and early childhood centers. Browse through complete information on the shelf under the LWMS bulletin board. Order materials from the LWMS website, [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org). Look under "Get Involved." Then click on "kids c.a.r.e. Free materials are available to print and download.

Our new Befriend A Mission (**BAM**) assignments are on the bulletin board. They are, Daniel Kroll--One Africa Team (OAT), Bradley White--Risen Savior Ev. Lutheran Church, Ohio, and Lucas Callies--Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Iowa. Birth dates and special occasions are listed. All of them ask that we keep them in our prayers. Amazon gift cards are appreciated.

*Dates to keep in mind: LWMS Circuit Rally at St. Mark's, April 15.* Guest speaker, Pastor Kolander on 100 missions in 10 years. 60th Annual LWMS Convention in La Crosse, WI June 22-25. If you plan to go, take a packet of information from the shelf containing registration and all you need to know for the convention. *Early Bird registrations* must be postmarked by April 1, 2023.

### Church Connect Events

Community Connection Opportunity on April 1 (no fooling) with our annual *Easter Egg Hunt* in the mid-morning hours, ending with a light lunch. *We can use candy donations to put in the plastic eggs; bags of candy can be dropped off at church during the week or on Sunday mornings.* Details can be found on our website under the 'Connect' link, then click on 'Special Events' and scroll down to the Egg Hunt Info. If you would like to be on our 'Connect Welcome Team,' contact Stacie in the office ([churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com)).

*Men's Conference* on our Campus April 29 from 10:00-2:00. Featured Speaker will be David Bartelt. Mr. Bartelt has served in ministry settings such as CA Lutheran High School and Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. He is an excellent speaker, and we look forward to his focus on the subject: 'Male Leadership Looks Like This.' Area WELS NorCal congregations have been invited; invite a friend. RSVP 'yes' to Stacie in the office.

### Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2022: \$384,911  
Goal for July 2022–June 2023: \$600,000

### Year End Financial Statements

If you would like your St. Mark's 2022-year end Thank Offering Statement, please contact Linda in the church office. The Statements are not being automatically printed this year as the majority of Statements do not get picked up or requested to be sent.

At any time throughout the year, you can make a request to receive your financial statement. ([LHalfhill@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:LHalfhill@stmarkslutheran.com) or 916.961.7891)

### Note For Thrivent Members

If you have Investments or Insurance through Thrivent Financial you are eligible to apply for the following: **Action Team Grants** (filling out a

form on the Thrivent website can provide \$250 for one of our Community Connect Events, contact the office to see which Events are still eligible as we can only receive one Action Team Grant per Event) and **Choice Dollars** (Thrivent Products earn points which can be turned into financial gifts to a Ministry of your choice, including St. Mark's or Martin Luther College) ... the deadline for 2022 Choice Dollars is March 31<sup>st</sup> (this is an annual opportunity).

To learn about how you can direct your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars, go to

[www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

### Dates/Events to keep in mind at St. Mark's ...

*Feb 22, Ash Wednesday, Worship at 6:30 PM*

*Apr 1, Easter Egg Hunt Connection Event*

*Apr 6, Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 PM*

*Apr 7, Good Friday at 1:00 & 6:30 PM*

*Apr 9, Easter Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 AM*

*Apr 9, Easter Breakfast starting at 9:15 AM*

*Apr 15, LWMS Rally hosted by St. Mark's*

*Apr 29, Men's Conference at St. Mark's*



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