



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

March 19, 2023

Ponder This For A Moment

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" Romans 12. *Such action is not a suggestion ... in view of God's mercy to us let us be busy putting such into practice.*

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

The Lenten Season is a 40-day journey with our Savior to the cross He died on with you and me and all people in mind. Midweek # 5 is March 15 with Reflective Worship at 6:30 PM and Supper in the MPC at 5:30 PM.

Scripture Readings for March 26

2 Kings 4:18-37

Romans 8:11-19

John 11:17-27, 38-45

From God's Yellow Pages:

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

This Week – Sincerity ... Philippians 1:9-10

Sunday Bible Study ... Main Area

We are currently reviewing the Augsburg Confession. Teens are looking at various Parables of Jesus.

Prayer Warriors

"Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408). For healing: Michael Gunter & Penny Beaushaw. For the upcoming Connect Event (the Easter Egg Hunt), that thru it we will be able to connect people to Jesus. For your own personal invitations in connecting people to Jesus especially as we prepare for Holy Week.

School Staff News

Principal Vogt has returned the Call extended to him by Risen Savior in Milwaukee, WI. Ms Boushek has returned the Call to teach at Shepherd in Albuquerque, NM. God be praised for this news, while we also keep those ministries in our prayers that their Calls will be filled.

Calling Families With Young Children

Check out this Connect Opportunity ...
Location: MPC/Gym, Time: 9:15-10:30 am,
What: We invite all families to join us for a *Family Connect* on Sunday, March 26th between Services in the MPC/Gym. The festivities begin at 9:15am but feel free to stop by anytime for songs, stories, socialization, and snacks. This is a great way for our kids to get to know other kids and parents to connect with other parents. We look forward to being together.

LWMS Corner – Missions & You

LWMS Redwood Circuit Spring Rally will be at St. Mark's, Saturday, April 15. Theme: "With God All Things Are Possible."

Mission Box Offering note: As we approach the Spring Rally, we will be gathering Mission Box Offerings every Sunday in March. Our offerings

for the Spring Rally need to be submitted to the Redwood Circuit on April 1st. Our offerings are so appreciated by our Missionaries at home and abroad as these offerings support projects that are not covered by our National Church Body. Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous financial support as our Missionaries take the Gospel to all the world.

Befriend a Mission (BAM) is a program in which we personally correspond with assigned missionaries on a two-year plan. Our missionaries ask that we pray for them and their Mission. This week we focus on Pastor Daniel Kroll in Africa who is serving on the One Africa Team (OAT). Pray for an end to the ongoing political crisis that scattered members and put their lives at risks, for strength against the challenges from false churches. In Liberia, pray for changes in the ministry towards Biblical doctrine and practice.

Church Connect Events

Community Connection Opportunity on April 1: 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). Jesus lives – God help us share the reason why this statement matters.

****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: \$426,357
Goal for July 2022–June 2023: \$600,000

Lion's Legacy Endowment

Our St. Mark's Endowment is hovering around \$50,000. Established in February of 2020 with the WELS Foundation, the Lion's Legacy Endowment provides an avenue for our members to give a faith witness testimony and continue support for ministry efforts. A gift to this Endowment can be through your Estate Plan or by way of a direct gift to the church with the designation noted for the Lion's Legacy Endowment Fund. Annual distributions from the Endowment, a percentage of the interest earned, goes toward our Tuition Assistance Fund (TAF) and for Special Fund Projects such as replacing worn out tables used for fellowship / activities. If questions, contact Chuck Klueker, Mark LeMay, or Pastor Kolander.

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

Mar 22, Lent Worship at 6:30 PM, Supper 5:30
Mar 26, Family Connect in the MPC, 9:15
Mar 30, Digging Deeper in Luther Rm, 6:30 PM
Mar 31, Game Night in the MPC, 5:00 PM
Apr 1, Easter Egg Hunt Connection Event
Apr 6, Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 PM
Apr 7, Good Friday Worship, 1:00 & 6:30 PM
Apr 9, He is Risen Worship, 8:00 & 10:45 AM
Apr 9, Easter Breakfast in the MPC, 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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