



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

March 26, 2023

Ponder This For A Moment

"Love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law" Romans 13. *How do you need to improve in showing this kind of love, and how can you put such love into practice this week?*

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

Midweek # 6 is on March 29th with Reflective Worship at 6:30 PM and Supper in the MPC at 5:30 PM. ... The Lenten Season is a 40-day journey with our Savior to the cross He died on with you in mind.

Scripture Readings for April 2

Palm Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 21:1-11

From God's Yellow Pages:

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

This Week – Steadfastness ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

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: John Lervold, Michael Gunter, and Penny Beaushaw; for upcoming medical procedures: Janet Heyer. For the upcoming Holy Week Services, that people will take up our invitations to worship the Savior with us. For your own personal invitations in connecting people to Jesus at any time of the year. For Pastor Kolander and Jenny as he deliberates during the next couple of weeks where to continue serving in the Public Ministry, here at St. Mark's or at Trinity in Saline, MI.

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."

What is a Rally?

An opportunity to gather with sisters in Christ who work together as one in our mission to support missions. You will hear missionary speakers share how the Holy Spirit is working to bring souls the gift of forgiveness through Jesus.

You can participate in selecting the mission projects our Circuit will support financially. You will leave feeling refreshed! Come and meet wonderful women that share a Christian sisterly bond. If you can't attend all day, come for part of the day. Husbands are welcome too! If you have any questions, contact Ellie Ennis or Kitty Falk or Clara Jackson. We hope to see you in April!

Church Connect Events

Community Connection Opportunity on April 1: Our annual *Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 to Noon*, and 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.](#)

Blood Drive Coming Our Way

St. Mark's will be hosting a blood drive on June 2 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Donors are needed for this event. You can reserve a time by going to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/dri-ve-results?zipSponsor=St.%20Marks>.

Support of WELS Ministry & Missions

If you would like to learn more about the mission work you support through our annual CMO gift (Congregation Mission Offerings, currently at \$60,000) or through your IMO gifts (Individual Mission Offerings), go to the WELS website (wels.net) and look under both *the World Missions and Home Missions links*. If you would like to learn more about the Schools we in the WELS operate throughout the country with the goal of equipping future Pastors, Teachers, and Staff Ministers, go to *the Ministerial Education link*. There you will learn more about the two High Schools we support as a National Church Organization: Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI and Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI (Students do not need to go into the Public Ministry in order to attend these boarding Schools). Closer to home, we also support CA Lutheran High School in Wildomar, CA (also a boarding School). Other 'area' Lutheran High Schools throughout the WELS can be found on the WELS website; each of these High Schools are able to host International Students. We are blessed as a NCO, and may God continue to equip us for the carrying out of His Great Commission.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2022: \$438,860
Goal for July 2022–June 2023: \$600,000

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

Mar 26, Family Connect in the MPC, 9:15
Mar 29, Lent Worship at 6:30 PM, Supper 5:30
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