



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

September 17, 2023

Ponder This For A Moment

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near" Isaiah 55. *An invitation with urgency. Who do you have in mind to invite?*

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

Next Monday Worship on September 18th

Scripture Readings for September 24

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Romans 9:6-16

Matthew 20:1-16

From God's Yellow Pages

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

This Week – Flesh ... Romans 13:14

Sunday Bible Study

The discussion topic: "HIS Hand Among the Nations." The Lord's guiding hand continues to be evident, as it has been from the beginning of time. If you get a moment, read Ezra 1.

For our young ones - Sunday School starts in our Chapel at 9:15 with the singing of a variety of songs.

Prayer Warriors

"Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408). O Holy Spirit, come to me with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away my doubts. Direct me to my Savior, Jesus, that I may trust in him with my whole heart.

Church Connect Event(s)

Upcoming this fall ... Save the Dates ... See Calendar Events listed at the end

If you will be attending 'Sunday Funday' at Rusch Park on September 24, check out our St. Mark's School set up. If you would like to help with this recruitment effort, contact our Vice-Principal: Tyler Wahl.

Cornhole Tournament ... This Tournament will be a double-elimination format and there will be prizes for the first, second, and third place teams. Same night as the Community Cook-off, September 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. This year the number of Teams will be capped at 12. Sign up your Team by calling the church office or by emailing Suzanne at

churchevents@stmarkslutheran.com.

More details (*rules and how to sign up your team*) are posted on our website - see the Cook-off Event page.

Live Nativity Coming In December ... If you would be interested in helping out with our annual Live Nativity (12/09), being one of the Characters presenting the Christmas Story or helping with set up and take down the day of the event, please let Stacie or Suzanne know by emailing churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com or by calling the church office (916.961.7891).

Grief Share Invitation ... This is an opportunity to find help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, family member, or friend. This is a 13-week journey from mourning to joy, to how to deal with any guilt, to how one can move forward as life now is going to be different. We start on Wednesday, September 27, but feel

free to attend when you can. We meet from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. To learn more, and to register, go to www.griefshare.org and enter the Zip Code 95610 by "Find a group," scroll down to find the St. Mark's box, click on 'More info.' If you have a question on this, please speak with Pastor Kolander.

LWMS Corner – Missions & You

2023 Redwood Circuit Rally will be at Mt. Calvary in Redding on Saturday, Oct. 21, starting at 10:00 am. Guest speaker will be Pastor Tim Flunker (WELS Mission Counselor – Hispanic Emphasis), speaking on Intercultural Outreach. More information is on the bulletin board including lodging information if you wish to stay overnight.

Three levels of kids c.a.r.e. lessons and projects for parents and teachers are on the shelf for review. Lessons are used in Homes, Schools, Sunday Schools and Youth Organizations. All lessons are free for parents and teachers. Order on website lwms.org/kidscare. Kids c.a.r.e. offerings will be used for world missionary kids retreats. These retreats are to help attendees assimilate back to American culture. On the shelf are experiences they shared with us.

2024 LWMS Prayer Calendars containing mission/missionary information are available to order. A sample calendar is on the LWMS shelf. Order by calling 414-321-6212 or e-mail: lwms.org/prayercalendar. Cost is \$12.00 each plus postage and handling calculated on receipt of order.

LWMS September Newsletter and prayer is on the Information Board. *Peace Like a River* by Su Hanson is a reminder that rivers like our lives are not always peaceful. Read her encouraging article, it closes with Philippians 4:7.

WELS Women's Retreat 2024

A WELS women weekend is scheduled for January 19-21 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. For Details and registration forms, see the Information Shelf in the church Lobby.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2023: \$109,213
Goal for July 2023–Dec 2023: \$300,000

When On Campus

It has come to our attention that on occasion we have 'visitors' on campus looking into unoccupied vehicles. Our Ushers do check on the parking lot during worship, and we do have cameras on the parking lot. Thanks for doing what you can to protect what is inside your vehicle.

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

September 24, Funday at Rusch Park
September 27, GriefShare at 10:00 am
September 30, Community Cook-off & Cornhole
October 13, Red Cross Blood Drive in the MPC
October 21, LWMS Rally in Redding
December 3, Advent by Candlelight
December 9, Live Nativity Event on campus
December 10, New-All Member Brunch
January 19-21, Women's Retreat



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