



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

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Ponder This For A Moment

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1. *Enjoy your time in the Word of God.*

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 October 2nd

Scripture Readings for October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:12-21

Matthew 21:33-43

From God's Yellow Pages

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

This Week – Hatred / Enemies ...

Matthew 5:43-48

Bible Study Notes

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

1st Thursdays – Discussion currently based on the book 'Grace Abounds.' If you do not have

this book, copies will be available at our gathering on October 5 at 6:30 pm in the Luther Room. If you prefer to join the discussion online, speak with Pastor K about the details.

2nd Mondays – Men's Study. For October 9 we will be having a discussion on the Apostle Paul's plea for Onesimus in Philemon 8-21. Please read over that section. We will talk about what Christians can learn from the manner in which the Apostle makes his appeal here. We will meet in the church Library at 5:00 pm for pizza, study 5:30 to 6:30. God's blessings to you all as we look forward to our discussions. Facilitator for October: Paul Baker.

Prayer Warriors

"Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408). Lord God, give me strength and willingness to say with your Son, "Not my will but your will be done." Make me cheerful and trusting to bear whatever you let happen to me. From your hand I am willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow. Keep me from sin, gracious Father, and comfort me with your kind Word. We keep the families and friends of Len Sampaio and Hilbert Christgau in prayer as both of these men were recently called home to heaven.

As our church body, WELS, looks to open 100 new missions over the next 10 years, we ask the Lord to make fruitful the work our Mission Counselors do to assist the 14 WELS Mission Boards to identify and research areas for possible mission startups. *Learn more about these efforts at WELS.net – Home and World Mission efforts.*

Church Connect Event(s)

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

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.

Our Sierra Circuit WELS Churches will be having a special Reformation Service & Meal on October 29th at 4:00 pm, this will be held at St. Mark's.

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.

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.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2023: \$122,212
Goal for July 2023–Dec 2023: \$300,000

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

October 5, Bible Study at 6:30 pm, Luther Rm
October 13, Red Cross Blood Drive in the MPC
October 21, LWMS Rally in Redding
October 29, Area Reformation Service w Meal
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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