



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**March 3, 2024**

### **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 8 at 6:30 PM

### **Scripture Readings for March 10**

Numbers 21:4-9

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

**The Journey Through Lent ... Special mid-week Reflective Services continue** on Wednesdays, **March 6-March 20**. Each week the Worship Service is at 6:30 pm with a Lenten Supper starting at 5:30. This year's Lenten Theme: *The Greatest Love Story*.

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

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

*This Week – Doubting ...*

Matthew 8:26; Hebrews 11

### **Growing in Grace Bible Studies**

Sunday mornings ... We continue to discuss one of the Apostle Paul's Prison Letters, Philippians – Joy in Christ even amidst the heartaches.

*For our young ones - Sunday School starts out in our Chapel at 9:15 with the singing of a variety of songs (all ages invited to join in on the singing).*

Thursday, Mar 7, Digging Deeper Discussion, 6:30 pm

### **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.*

**Seminary Choir Coming West ...** The WELS Seminary Choir will be joining us for our Good Friday Worship Service on March 29 at 6:30 pm. While in our midst we will be providing them with a meal starting at 5:00 pm; this meal is open to our Congregation. Thank you to those who have given a gift to help cover the cost of their overnight stay in one of our local Hotels. If you would like to give a gift toward the cost of their Hotel Rooms, let Pastor K know. Thanks!

### **LWMS Corner – Missions & You**

Copies of the latest *LWMS News & Notes* are on the shelf under the bulletin board. Take one. Contained is information on registration for the 2024 convention in Sioux Falls, World Missions Projects Update (Australia, Muslim-Senegal, Native American Four Corners Region, and more. A message about prioritizing WELS Missions is in the newsletter.

First Sunday of every month there is an opportunity to support the Missions adopted by LWMS each year. Check out the 'Mission Boxes' and the Information Board for details. Thank you.

**Teacher Call Update ...** Angela Turner (husband Peter) has been extended the Call to consider serving as our Teacher for Jr Kindergarten & Kindergarten. She is currently serving at CrossLife Christian Academy in Pflugerville, TX. Please keep the Turners in your prayers, along with our ministry here at St. Mark's. (Sidenote: Pre-enrollment for the 24-25 School Year already has us at 75+ Students.)

**WELS Youth Rally in CO ...** "From the Mountaintops" is the Rally Theme for this June 25-28 in Fort Collins, CO. This Rally is for Teens (through High School Graduation). Each Youth Rally has been a great experience, joining with 1500+ Teens from across the country. More details will be coming out in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if interested to find out more, reach out to Pastor K.

**Legacy Soiree Notice ...** Tickets are now available to purchase for the 2024 Legacy Soiree – May 18. This event helps fund our 'Tuition Assistance Fund.' The event includes a meal served by Texas Roadhouse, a Live/Silent Auction, and a Play by our Students called "A Whole Latte Love". Tickets cost \$35 per seat or \$185 per table that seats 6-7. This event is for adults, childcare will be available. Please contact Stacie in the office to purchase tickets or to find out more about the Soiree.

**Community Connect Opportunity ...** We are looking to collect the following for a local Resource Center (they reached out due to a shortage): Clothing of any sizes (especially for children), Baby items (diapers, bottles), Kitchen items (utensils, dishes, basic cookware). You can drop off items at the church office through March 17. Thank you.

#### **Ministry Financial Plan Update**

Offerings received since July 1, 2023: \$427,351

Goal for July 2023–June 2024: \$600,000

NWP received fiscal year: \$80,608

NWP Goal for year: \$144,000

#### **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](http://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.

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

*Mar 1-6, MPC not available – active Vote Center*

*Mar 3, 6:30 pm Lenten Service*

*Mar 10, Daylight Savings Time begins*

*Mar 28, Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 pm*

*Mar 29, Good Friday – 1:00 & 6:30 pm*

*Mar 30, Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 am*

*Mar 31, Easter – He Has Risen!*

*Apr 20, LWMS Rally in Vallejo*

*Apr 27, Men's Conference at St. Mark's*

*May 18, St. Mark's Legacy Soiree, 6:00 pm*



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