



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

April 21, 2024

Ponder This For A Moment

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" John 3. *A reminder of what God wants for His creation, and what He was willing to do to make this happen.*

Glorify & Grow: Sunday April 21

8:00* & 10:45 Worship (*live streamed)

9:15 Sunday School (meet in Chapel)

9:30 Bible Discussion for Teens / All Ages

Monday Worship April 22 at 6:30 PM (Chapel)

Scripture Readings for April 21 & 28

Acts 20:28-32 / Acts 4:32-37

1 John 4:1-6 / 1 John 3:18-24

John 10:11-18 / John 15:1-8

From God's Yellow Pages

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

This Week – Needing Guidance ...

Psalm 32:8; Proverbs 3:5-6

Growing in Grace Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study ... Main Area

Current topic: The Flood

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).

Prayer Warriors

"Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408). O God, my Father in heaven, bless every effort to establish peace among the nations of the world. Give wisdom

and strength to those who lead, guide those who make decisions, and transform the hearts of people everywhere to exalt peace above war, justice above gain, and honor above glory.

New Members ...

Welcomed to our Family this month:

Melissa Belleci (children Matthew & Gabriel)

Daniel Brelje

Jennifer Emlaw (child Madelyn)

Melissa Van Hooser (child Rowan)

Shannon Malcolm (child Sebastian)

Jeri Reed

Claudia Romero

Jason Scheib

David & Stephanie Vanderbout

Connect Events ...

Men's Conference on our Campus April 27 from 10-2. The focus will be on 'Encouragement: The Why, How, What.' Invite a friend. RSVP 'yes' to Stacie in the office.

LWMS Corner – Missions & You

The 31st Annual LWMS Convention will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 27-30, 2024.

We would love to have St. Mark's represented.

Complete information and registration forms are on the LWMS shelf. More forms can be printed if needed. Tours, speakers, activities, mission information and more.

Teacher Call Updates ...

Allison Hoffmann (husband Timothy) was called on April 3rd to serve as our Teacher for Jr Kindergarten & Kindergarten. She is currently serving at Bethany Lutheran in Saginaw, MI --- thank you for your prayers.

Legacy Soiree Notice ... Tickets are still 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.

Learn About The Work Of The WELS

This is your church body in action. The CMO (Congregation Mission Offerings) we send to the WELS each month (\$4500) supports ministry in action ... primarily our training schools for full-time workers in the churches and schools, as well as mission fields throughout the world. We get a taste of the opportunities each month through the WELS Connection videos. You can also check out the work we do *as one* by going to the WELS website. WELS stands for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a church body of over 1300 congregations walking together (synod) throughout the United States with mission presence in over 40 countries emphasizing people are saved by grace - faith - Scripture ALONE.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2023: \$521,113
Goal for July 2023–June 2024: \$600,000
NwP received fiscal year: \$107,623
NwP Goal for fiscal year: \$144,000
Endowment Fund, Lion’s Legacy: \$73,000

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

Apr 27, Men’s Conference at St. Mark’s
May 5, Examination & Confirmation, 10:45 am
May 10, River City Chorale here, 7:30 pm
May 11, River City Chorale here, 4:00 pm
Tickets at 916.622.1109 or rivercitychorale.org
May 18, St. Mark’s Legacy Soiree, 6:00 pm
July 7-13, Tree of Life Camp

This may be of interest to you ...

Life is full of ups and downs, from the annoying little things to the soul-crushing big things. Resilience is the quality that allows us to bounce back from setbacks. May is Mental Health Month, and Christian Family Solutions is offering enrollment in **The Resilience Project** at no cost, thanks to generous donors. You can work through this 6-module course at your own pace, learning reality acceptance, mindfulness, emotion regulation, and more. Best of all, The Resilience Project is Christ-centered, encouraging good stewardship of the mind, body, and spirit God gave you. To learn more and enroll, visit

ChristianFamilySolutions.org/cfs-learning.



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