



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

“There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account” Hebrews 4. *Accountability is a good thing, especially from God of us; at the same time find 'rest' in Him, and strive to remain in that rest.*

Glorify & Grow: Sunday June 16

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

9:15 Sunday School (meet in Chapel)

9:30 Bible Discussion for Teens / All Ages

Monday Worship June 17 at 6:30 PM (Chapel)

Scripture Readings for June 16 & June 23

Ezekiel 17:22-24 / Job 38:1-11

Colossians 1:3-8 / Acts 27:13-26

Mark 4:26-34 / Mark 4:35-41

From God's Yellow Pages ... Spiritual guidance direct from God – let your fingers do the walking through the Bible ... *This Week – Tempted ...* Psalms 1 & 139:23-24; Matthew 26:41; 1 Corinthians 10:12-14; Philippians 4:8; James 4:7; 2 Peter 2:9 & 3:17

Growing in Grace Bible Studies - Sunday - Topic for June: The Gospel of Mark --- Providing the

proof Jesus is who He says He is, evangelism and apologetics thanks to inspiration.

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).

Summer Bible Reading Plan ... Looking to deepen your understanding of Teachings from the Bible? Check out the 'People's Bible Teaching' Series. Found in our Library, select a topic from one of the books in the Series.

Prayer Warriors ... *“Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408).* Lord Jesus, you promised to comfort those who mourn and to satisfy those who hunger. In time of trial remind me of your cross, where you endured the curse of my sin. When I am weak, teach me to depend on you for strength. At your own time, deliver me from suffering and distress.

LWMS Corner – Missions & You ... This year's 61st Annual LWMS convention **has** already **reached maximum capacity** for registered attendees! At this time our Central Office is unable to add any additional individuals due to limited space and fire code restrictions at Sioux Falls Convention Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. *Those who would like to join us from home or church June 27-30 are invited to participate from our livestream link.* We encourage our video viewers to form watch parties with fellow mission supporters in their local churches and circuits. In the weeks ahead our livestream link will be made available. How blessed we are to have such support and enthusiasm for missions from amongst our

membership and supporters. To God be the glory.

Tree of Life Youth Summer Camp

'Overflowing with Hope & Confidence' is the theme for this year. The camp will be July 7-13. It is for youth starting Grade 4 up through those who just graduated High School. For more details and for Registration, check out treeoflifebiblecamp.org and/or speak with Jason Covey. Cost this year is \$600 (2nd child is \$375). Tree of Life is looking for adults to serve as Counselors and Associates; if interested in either role, contact Pastor Will Kant (pastor@goodshepherdvallejo.org). *If you would like to sponsor a Camper, donations can be online at the Tree of Life website.*

Upcoming Food Drive ... Connected to Father's Day --- A growing number of families find it challenging to make ends meet. One way we can help is by donating to our local food Pantries so they can remain stocked with enough items to assist people in need. Non-perishable food items appreciated. Donations can be dropped on June 16 in the church Lobby or the church Office. Thank you!

Teacher Farewell & Teacher Welcome ... We will miss our JrK-K Teacher, Hannah Ripley, along with James and their son Michael, as they begin a new ministry chapter in Aberdeen, SD. On June 16, the Board of Child Discipleship would like to give Mrs. Ripley a parting gift of thanks for her service. If you would like to purchase a gift card or make a cash donation for this purpose, please place such in an envelope marked "Mrs. Ripley" and place it in the box designated for this purpose which will be located in the Lobby (you can use our Scrip Program for the purchase of gift cards). Also, through the month of June we will be collecting gifts cards or cash donations as part of a welcome gift for our new JrK-K Teacher, Elise Matthies. Miss Matthies will be arriving in early July. If you would like to purchase a gift

card or make a cash donation for this purpose, please place such in an envelope marked "Miss Matthies" and place it in the box designated for this purpose which will be located in the Lobby. Thank you for your show of appreciation.

Pastoral Assignment: Daniel Waterstradt, grandson of Ron & Jeanette Waterstradt, finished his training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI. His first Call (assigned place of ministry) is to *Light of the Valleys* in Reno, NV. Daniel will be one of two Pastors at Light of the Valleys as the other Pastor, Joel Heckendorf, has been elected to serve as the AZ-CA District President. Pastor Jon Buchholz of Tempe, AZ stepped down from this role after 16 years in serving as the District President. *The District President's main responsibility is to confirm our churches are adhering to God's Word in doctrine and in practice (WELS United States is divided up into 12 Districts).* May the Lord bless Daniel's full-time ministry.

Vincent Rowe - Graduation Celebration ...

Please come help the Rowe's celebrate Vincent's high school graduation with a cake reception in the MPC following 2nd service on Sunday, June 23rd! Vincent graduated from Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI on Saturday, May 25th. In the fall, he will be heading to Martin Luther College to study Music Education and Parish Music. God be praised for this milestone and for watching over Vincent as he takes his next steps into college!

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2023: \$593,207
Goal for July 2023–June 2024: \$600,000
NwP received fiscal year: \$140,512
NwP Goal for fiscal year: \$144,000
Endowment Fund, Lion's Legacy: \$75,000



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