



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

April 20, 2025

Ponder This For A Moment

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? ... God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple" 1 Corinthians 3.

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

***No Monday Worship in April until otherwise notified

Scripture Readings for April 27

Acts 5:12,17-34

John 20:19-31

Growing in Grace Opportunities

Apr 21 - Women's Bible Study @ 6 pm

Apr 24 -JOL Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am

EASTER BRUNCH! COME JOIN US!!!

An Easter brunch will be held Easter Sunday between the 1st and 2nd services from 9:15 am-10:30 am. We are asking members, who are able, to provide brunch and/or Easter-themed food items. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the list in the church lobby and indicate whether or not you can bring a breakfast casserole, Easter-themed dessert, fruit, or other brunch items (examples are listed on the sign up sheet). We also need kitchen help, so please contact Donna Williamson, if you would like to volunteer to help on Easter Saturday and/or Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Williamson.

Join Us for Dinner for 8!

We're excited to announce a new fellowship opportunity at St. Mark's - Dinner for 8! This intimate gathering brings believers together to

share meals and meaningful conversation in host homes, following the beautiful example of early Christians in Acts 2:46-47 who broke bread together with glad and sincere hearts. These small group dinners create the perfect setting for developing deeper connections within our church family while enjoying fellowship over a shared meal. Whether you're interested in hosting or attending as a guest, we welcome your participation. Want to sign up? Find the QR code in the narthex or pick up a paper interest form and complete. As we launch this new program, we appreciate your patience while we coordinate groups and schedules. For more information, please contact Kaisa Miller at (916) 207-4287 or email miller.kaisa@gmail.com

The 62nd LWMS Annual Convention will be in Tulsa, OK June 26-June 29. The theme is "Sowing The Seeds of Faith." The convention verse is 1 Corinthians 3:6-9. Our home and world missionaries will share how they are sowing seeds of faith. Registration information materials will be on the LWMS shelf when received.

LWMS Spring Rally

Redwood Circuit Spring Rally will be held April 26, 2025 at St. Peter in Clovis. Guest speaker is Pastor Paul Jordan who served as missionary in Pakistan. At the rally we will be voting for new board members. Positions open for nomination are President, Treasurer, Spiritual Growth Woman, and Spiritual Growth Pastor. The Clovis Rodeo is also going on that weekend. For more information Friday through Sunday check the website at: clovisrodeo.com An informal dinner may be held at the church, depending on numbers. We will need a

headcount. Please let us know if you are going on Friday night prior to the rally and indicate that in the "Note" column on the sign up sheet.

Remember our assigned missionaries for Easter. Addresses, information, and pictures are on the LWMS bulletin board. Home missionary is Pastor Lucas Callies, North Liberty, Iowa. World missionary is Dan Kroll, Lilongwe, Malawi. For safety reasons do not use Rev. or Pastor in the African address. Allow two weeks or more for correspondence to Africa.

Another note regarding our missionaries... Pastor Callies of North Liberty, Iowa, accepted the call to serve Peace Lutheran in Livonia, MI as of March 28th. No further information on when he will be installed/moving. For now, to send Easter cards or notes use the Iowa address located at 27 Jaro Way, North Liberty, IA 52317.

Kids C.A.R.E. Project for 2024-2025 in Antigua continues until May 25, 2025.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Antigua serves children in preschool through grade 6. Our children learn about a mission, pray for the mission, and bring offerings. They learn that they too have an important role in sharing the good news about Jesus. There are 3 lessons for each of the three teaching levels: pre-school-grade 1, lower level, grades 3-5 and upper level grades 6-8. The lessons are supported by Sunday schools, other church groups, and family members. More information and lessons for you to copy are on the shelf in the red folder.

SCRIP - Gift Cards thru Raiseright.com

We will be offering Scrip in the Church Lobby every first and second Sunday of the month. We will be placing orders monthly on the 15th. Scrip gift cards arrive within a week or less. If you need scrip at any other time, please don't hesitate to check with us in the office about placing orders. Every rebate we get back helps

towards a student that might need tuition assistance to hear the word of God in school. Gas, Groceries, gifts for others...Scrip carries it all and it doesn't cost you anything extra to spend money you already planned to spend.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2024: \$478,290
Goal for July 2024-June 2025: \$575,120

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

April 20 - Easter Services 8 am & 10:45 am &
Easter Brunch @ 9:15 am

May 16 - School Play 6-8pm &

River City Chorale Concert 7:30 pm

May 17 - River City Chorale Concert 4:00 pm

CONGREGATION UPDATE!!!

Calls status. On March 30, Pastor Jonathan Bergemann and his wife Amanda from Good Shepherd in Downers Grove, IL were called to serve here at St. Mark's as Pastor and Grades 3-4 Teacher. As a reminder, we do not expect to hear from them until well after Easter as pastors in particular are directed not to deliberate calls during Holy Week and Easter as the workload and focus is so intense. On April 14, Mr. Eric Wolf from Bloomington Lutheran School in Bloomington, MN was called to serve as our Principal and Grades 7-8 teacher. We pray the Lord's blessing on deliberations for these called workers trusting that He will provide us with workers in His time and in His way to meet our needs.

St. Mark's Leadership team. Especially during these times of transition, members are encouraged to speak with our elected leaders about any questions or concerns they might have. This group of volunteers is dedicated to serving the ministry of St. Mark's and to communicating as much as is possible, knowing that this can be a challenge with all that is going on here right now. This is also a good time to speak words of encouragement to our called

workers, our leaders, and all our volunteers and to be in prayer for them and the ministries they serve here.

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