



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**June 29, 2025**

### **Ponder This For A Moment**

"Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" 1 Corinthians 12:2-4.

### **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 until otherwise notified

### **Growing in Grace Opportunities**

June 16 - Women's Bible Study @ 6 pm

July 1 - Jesus Cares @ 2pm

### **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.kaisha@gmail.com](mailto:miller.kaisha@gmail.com)

### **PICTURES NEEDED???**

In an effort to help new members get to know everyone (and vice versa), we would like more church families to have pictures in the directory. If anyone is interested in having their picture taken, or even updated with your own photo, please contact the office to set up a time. Thank you for your help with this effort.

### **Volunteers Needed on Campus!!!**

As you know, we have a lot of work to do on our campus all the time given that we are a 5 acre campus. We have lots of needs for helpers with different areas (light and heavy duty) and if you are willing to or wanting to help in any way with anything specific or in general, please contact Stacie in the office and we can probably find a job for you... Tell us your gifts/talents and we can help put them to use. Thank you so much for wanting to help your fellow church family!

### **Driver needed...**

Hello fellow members, If anyone lives in the Rosemont area, we have a member that could use a ride to church on Sundays if possible. Please reach out to the office if you are able to help with this. Thank you.

### **Tree of Life Bible Camp Volunteers Needed!**

Dear camp friends and supporters, we are still in need of some more counselors for this year's camp July 6-12, especially for the girls groups.

Please consider serving! You can apply at

<https://treeoflifebiblecamp.org>.

Blessings in Christ,

Camp board of directors

### **GriefShare Group**

Starting August 12th, 2025, we are beginning our 13 week GriefShare sessions. If you have

lost a loved one recently or in the past and you want to come learn how to cope with grief you feel, this class would be such a wonderful blessing for all that are grieving. Classes on Tuesdays from 1pm-2:30pm in the Luther Room. If you are interested, feel free to register online for the classes at the following link:

<https://www.stmarkslutheran.com/griefshare/>

### **Ministry Financial Plan Update**

Offerings received since July 1, 2024: \$567,919

Goal for July 2024-June 2025: \$575,120

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

June 29 - Thank you Cake between services & Call Meeting at 9:30am

### **CONGREGATION UPDATE!!!**

**Farewell Wright family.** July 29 will be Pastor Wright's last Sunday with us after serving us since mid March. Thank you so very much to Pastor and Susan for giving so much of their time and talents to serve us at St. Mark's. St. Mark's will continue forward during this time of vacancy with a mix of lay-led and guest pastors as we seek our permanent shepherd.

**Pastor Call News.** Pastor Kent Holz has returned our call and will remain serving in Tennessee. As communicated, we will have a Pastor Call Meeting on July 29 at 9:30 in between services to call again. Please join us. Regular weekly Bible Study will take place immediately following.

**Congregation Meeting Updates.** On June 22, a Congregational Meeting was held. This meeting is one of two annual meetings mandated by our constitution and bylaws. In January each year, we meet to formally and publicly review our ministry from the last year and look ahead at the next year's plans. In June, we meet to approve our annual Ministry Financial Plan as well as to elect open Coordinating Council positions. At the June 22 meeting, the MFP was unanimously approved. This MFP was very similar to last year's and did take into account

our upcoming faculty changes as well as an anticipated enrollment of 65 students in our school. Praise be to God for allowing us to continue to have the resources to operate the ministries we do here at St. Mark's.

**Storlie welcome and arrival.** Many have asked about when the Storlies will arrive and what they might need as they set up their new home here. They will be married on July 12, and will drive out to California shortly afterward. We are arranging a gift card shower to welcome them and help them. Grocery cards, Target or Walmart cards, cash cards, and so on are welcome. Stacie can collect those in the office. Thanks for welcoming these new workers.

**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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