



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

February 15, 2026

Ponder This For A Moment

"All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground" Psalm 104:27-30.

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

Growing in Grace Opportunities

Feb 16 @ 6:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

February 18 @ 6:30 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 19 @ 9:30 a.m. - JOL Bible Study

Feb 19 @ 6:30 p.m. - Starting Point

Open Gym

All St. Mark's 8th graders, alumni, and adults are invited to another open gym event on February 22 from 2 - 4 p.m. Join us to play basketball and volleyball!

Men's Fellowship

Men of St. Mark's, come and join us on the 2nd Monday of each month for fellowship and time in the Word. We meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library. Mark your calendars for this opportunity for spiritual growth! Contact Paul Baker with questions or to RSVP: 916.595.2628; pudgie42@gmail.com.

Rose Garden Volunteer Thank You

Thank you to all of our volunteers who came to help out with our Rose Garden! It was done in about four hours compared to multiple days with one person. Thank you again for helping out our campus as a team! We truly appreciate each and every one of you!

Senior White Elephant Potluck Feb 15

To avoid interfering with the Superbowl, the Senior White Elephant Potluck will be held after the 2nd church service in the gym on February 15, unless someone wants to open their home. A sign up sheet is on the back shelf in the lobby under the TV. Call Judy Lawson 916.961.8774 or Carolyn Welch 916.967.2747 with any questions.

The Board of Elders are looking for volunteers to make dinner for the Wednesday Lenten suppers. We have six Lenten dinners, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 18 and running through to April. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Michael Rostad at 916-727-1510.

Scrip Note

Scrip/Raiseright (gift cards that support our school) will be promoted on the second Sunday of each month. We order once a month by the 15th, so please keep this in mind when buying cards. If you need us to place a rush order, we ask that you please pay shipping. Any questions, contact the office. Thank you!

Communion Logistics Update

Starting February 15, we will no longer have the table set out with Communion wafers as you come forward to receive our Savior's body and blood. The Communion assistant will distribute regular and gluten-free wafers individually at the rail. Should you require gluten free, you may indicate so by pointing to the smaller tray with gluten free wafers. Thank you to the faithful crew who prepares the elements for our celebration of the Sacrament! We hope this adjustment will simplify some of their duties as they serve us at St. Mark's.

WELS Women's Ministry Weekly Lent Devotions

The events of Jesus' crucifixion are familiar to many, and we often focus on the entire story of his death and resurrection. But at times, it's also good to consider various events associated with the crucifixion individually. This Lenten season, WELS Women's Ministry invites you to join us in an in-depth look at some of the events Matthew records in his gospel. Journey with us from Calvary's hill to the temple, from the tombs of holy people to Jesus' own tomb, and all the way to the depths of hell. Travel with us from the cross to the grave as we consider the significance of these events for our lives today. Weekly devotions begin Tuesday, February 24. Subscribe today:
<https://wels.net/womens-ministry-devotions-subscription>

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It's that time of year again—we need candy that can fit in Easter eggs! Please drop off individually-wrapped candy in the purple bin in the back of the church. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and we need volunteers! If you are interested in hiding eggs, setup/cleanup, running crafts/games, or helping with food, please contact Jim Oswald.

LWMS - Looking Ahead

Save the date for the Redwood Circuit Spring LWMS Rally to be held at St. Mark's on April 18, 2026.

The International 2026 LWMS Convention will be held June 25-28, in Madison, WI. See the bulletin board for information about registration.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2025: \$435,723
Minimum need for July 2025-June 2026: \$575,120

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

February 18 @ 6:30 p.m. - NO Adult Choir Rehearsal tonight!
February 19 @ 9:00 a.m. - Blood Drive (MPC)
February 20 @ 6:00 p.m. - Book Club (Luther Room)
February 22 @ 2:00 p.m. - Open Gym (MPC)
February 25 @ 6:30 p.m. - Midweek Lent Service
February 25 @ 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal



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