



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**April 12th, 2026**

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

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you” John 14:16-18.

### **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**

April 13th - Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.

April 15th - School Chapel Service @ 8:20 a.m.

April 16th - JOL Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.

April 18th - LWMS Spring Rally @ St. Mark's

### **Men's Fellowship**

Men of St. Mark's, come and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:pudgie42@gmail.com).

### **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Rally**

Save the date for the Redwood Circuit Spring LWMS Rally to be held at St. Mark's on April 18, 2026. **If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet under the LWMS bulletin board.** All (Men & Women) are invited to attend any services and/or presentations as their schedule allows. Missionary Joel Nitz will present on his mission work in Asia.

Check out a new note received from Pastor Joel Nitz. It's posted on the bulletin board.

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

### **Starting Point Class**

The next round of Starting Point classes begins Thursday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. Starting Point is an introductory course to St. Mark's and the message of Jesus and the Bible. In a simple, easy-to-follow format, we lay out the foundation of the Christian faith to help you connect to God, purpose, and community. This 10-week course is a great refresher for our members and an easy, no-pressure class to invite a friend to. Find out more and register at: [stmarkslutheran.com/new/bible-information-class/](http://stmarkslutheran.com/new/bible-information-class/) or contact Pastor Wetzel ([kwetzel@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:kwetzel@stmarkslutheran.com)).

### **Hal Tritch Services Information**

A viewing for Hal Tritch will take place on April 24th at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Hal's Victory Service will be held on Saturday April 25th at St. Mark's, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception in the gym.

Burial will be on April 27th at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon ([5810 Midway Rd., Dixon, CA 95620](http://5810MidwayRd.com)), at 1:15 p.m.

### **School Review Flyers**

Help us promote our school! Parents, alumni, and all church members, please consider leaving a review on [Niche.com](http://Niche.com) or [GreatSchools.org](http://GreatSchools.org). This helps us boost our school's visibility online. You

can leave a review by scanning the QR codes below. And, current parents and up to 4-year Alumni parents all get entered into a \$1,000.00 sweepstakes if you give reviews on [Niche.com](https://www.niche.com)!

Niche:



GreatSchools:



### Lost & Found

Many may not know that our church Lost-and-Found is located under the east-side stairs (near the women's restroom). There are several items currently on this shelf; please check to make sure none of them are yours! Thank you.

### 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 ([churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com)). Thank you!

### Faith & Family Fun Night is Back with the River Cats – August 7th Save the Date!

If you are interested in going to a River Cats game with anyone from our congregation, we will be gathering names now so we can reserve good seats sooner rather than later. Tickets average \$25 each and we need to keep track of everyone that wants to go now so we don't miss anyone before it's too late. Please email the office at [churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com) if you are interested and want to reserve tickets. We need to know by no later than June to get good seats per our River Cats representative. These are fun and a great way to gather together with our church family.

### Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2025: \$525,641

Minimum need for July 2025-June 2026:

\$575,120

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

April 18th - LWMS Rally here at St. Mark's

April 19th - Open Gym (Volleyball)

April 24th - Hal Tritch Viewing (Mt. Vernon Memorial Park) @ 6:00 p.m.

April 25th - Hal's Tritch Celebration of Life @ 11:00 a.m. (reception to follow)

April 26th - Open Gym (Basketball)

April 27th - Hal Tritch Burial (Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon) @ 1:15 p.m.



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