



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

# St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**May 17th, 2026**

## **Ponder This For A Moment**

"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God;<sup>27</sup> I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" Job 19:25-27

## **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**

May 18 - Women's Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

May 20 - School Chapel Service @ 8:20 a.m.

May 20 - Adult Choir @ 6:30 p.m.

May 21 - JOL Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.

May 21 - Starting Point @ 6:30 p.m.

## **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society International Convention**

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

## **LWMS Ballots - Any Confirmed Female Only**

International LWMS Candidate Ballots are on the shelf underneath the LWMS Bulletin board. Please pick one up and vote for candidates and mission projects and return the ballot only in the box on the LWMS shelf.

**Ballots MUST Be returned by May 17!**

Thank you!

## **Soccer Bible Camp - June 22-25**

This summer St. Marks is being blessed by a group of young people from Green Bay flying out to lead a Soccer Bible Camp! 4 days of Bible

lessons, songs, crafts, snacks, and soccer! Peter is a longtime friend of our 3rd and 4th grade teacher, Lydia Storlie. He has put together a group of 8 students, 3 of which are now MLC students and the others from a Lutheran High School in his area, for a mission trip, to share Jesus with the kids in our community. There are a few ways that you can help with this Outreach event, which is June 22-25, 2026.

1. Pray for many children to be blessed
2. Volunteer your time (volunteers are needed!)
3. Invite children from your neighborhood
4. Provide a lunch or dinner for the team
5. Provide needed supplies, crafts, snacks, and soccer balls.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Or contact me on my cell: 916-804-7077, or email

[sundayschool@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:sundayschool@stmarkslutheran.com).

What a great privilege to serve our Savior with my church family, sharing Christ's love with kids!

Jim Oswald

Board of Outreach

## **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).

## **Support Our School With Box Tops**

Remember box tops? They can still be used to raise money for our school—only digitally. The app is easy to download and scans your receipt to identify Box Top products and give earnings

to our school. You can also pay directly if you link your Walmart and Box Top accounts. For more information, please visit <https://boxtops4education.com/how-to-earn>.

### School Review Flyers

Help us promote our school! Parents, alumni, and all church members, please consider leaving a review on [Niche.com](https://www.niche.com) or [GreatSchools.org](https://www.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)!

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### Congregation Meeting Recap

April 26 meeting recap. Last Sunday, the coordinating council hosted a meeting for both church and school communities to provide important updates. The key issue that the leadership group wanted to convey was that we are facing a significant budgetary deficit estimated at around \$200,000 for the upcoming 2026/2027 Fiscal Year which will begin on July 1. The reasons for this are cost increases in many categories, and, more impactfully, continued enrollment challenges in our school. As a group, we walked through a few of the details of the situation and then answered questions and received input from the group in attendance. All were appreciative of the transparency and "heads up" on the issues we will face as we approve a budget in June. It is important to state that there is no scenario on the table in which we will shut down our school. In fact, the congregation was united and vocal in its support to keep this ministry going. The key actions going forward on this topic are doing all we can to increase enrollment; that every person

consider increased giving (the need is estimated in the 20%-30% range in total); and above all, that the whole St. Mark's community provide continued prayerful support of this wonderful ministry and really all the ministry opportunities that God has set before us here at this place and time.

### Faith & Family Fun Night is Back with the River Cats – August 7

#### 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 the end of May** 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: \$579,542  
Minimum need for July 2025-June 2026: \$575,120

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

May 17th - LWMS Ballot Deadline  
May 19th - Board of Elders Meeting @ 7 p.m.  
May 23rd - Piano Recital @ 6:30 p.m. (in the Church) All Welcome!!  
May 25th - Memorial Day (No School)  
May 27th - Closing service & Graduation Ceremony for 8th Graders @ 6 p.m. (All invited)  
May 29th - Book Club in Luther Room @ 6 p.m.



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