



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**May 24th, 2026**

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

"The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life" Job 33:4.

### **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

### **Growing in Grace Opportunities**

May 27 - School Chapel Service @ 8:20 a.m.

May 28 - JOL Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.

May 28 - Starting Point @ 6:30 p.m.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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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### The Right Clothes

You just received an invitation. What's the first thing you consider? Is it something of interest to you? Is there a scheduling conflict? Will it fit into my budget? At some point, most people will also ask, "What am I going to wear?" If we don't have the "right" clothes, we might consider shopping. (Admittedly, we can be quite clever justifying the new purchase.)

There is an occasion, however, when just the right clothes have already been purchased for us. We don't need to justify anything; all the justification we need has been provided. As a matter of fact, we don't even dress ourselves. Someone who has perfect taste in clothes chose imperfect ME/US and dressed me/us. No alterations needed because the fit was perfect.

God—who dearly loves us—dresses us in the robe of Jesus' righteousness. Fitted for eternity with Him, we are equipped by the Holy Spirit to live godly lives in gratitude for His gift of eternal salvation. "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Col. 3:12 We are perfectly dressed in every way—for now and eternity!

Ellie Ennis

adapted from Su Hanson

### Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2025: \$590,699  
Minimum need for July 2025-June 2026: \$575,120

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

- May 23rd - Piano Recital @ 6:30 p.m. (in the Church) - All are Welcome!
- May 25th - Memorial Day (No School)
- May 27th - Closing Service & Graduation Ceremony for 8th Graders @ 6 p.m. - All invited!
- May 28th - Last Day of School
- May 29th - Book Club in Luther Room @ 6 p.m.



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