



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**June 21st, 2026**

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

"I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols" Isaiah 42:8.

### **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**

June 25 - Starting Point @ 6:30 p.m.

### **Office Back to Regular Hours**

The office is now back to regular summer hours (8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday through Friday) through July. If you need any assistance outside of these times, please email [churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com) or [edonoho@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:edonoho@stmarkslutheran.com).

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

Soccer Bible Camp will take place this week from June 22-25! Thanks to the many church members that are supporting this outreach event.

2 people are picking the camp leaders up from the airport, and 5 homes are hosting these 9 young missionaries who will arrive on the 19th. 1 paid for a large rental van so that they can get around and explore California a little. 1 paid for a large number of soccer balls and some new goals. 2 are having pool parties for the group and many are providing lunches and dinners for the team while they are here. 5 of our teens are helping with the Soccer Bible Camp.

It is still not too late to support this event. Please

1. pray for God's blessing on the event
2. invite kids from your neighborhood

3. provide funds for any extra needs for event or visiting team

If you have questions or want to help, connect with Jim Oswald by calling 916-804-7077, or email [sundayschool@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:sundayschool@stmarkslutheran.com).

Jim Oswald, Board of Outreach

### **A Special Thank You**

The Lervold family would like to express our sincere Thank You to the many members of St. Mark's family who supported Pam's dad Harold Tritch and our family in the past year. Harold really appreciated those who ministered to and visited him at his care home over the past year. At the end, we especially thank the committees that ensured that the sanctuary was ready for the Victory service, those who ushered, Pastor Wetzel for his inspiring words, Rosemarie for the beautiful music, Curtis for recording the service, those who were able to attend the service, those who expressed their desire to come but were unable, Principal Wahl and his students for setting up the multipurpose room for the luncheon, the women who coordinated the luncheon, the women who made a special effort to make delicious lemon desserts (Harold's favorite), and those who cleaned up after the luncheon. The many cards and verbal expressions of condolences were very comforting to us. Harold would have greatly appreciated the generous special donations in his name to the Organ Fund and Not Without Purpose 2 (church mortgage, school financial assistance & building maintenance)—things that he was involved with and strongly supported. Again, thank you to all of you at St. Mark's.

### **Congregation Meeting and Voters Assembly**

On June 28 after 2nd service, we will hold our annual June meeting. Topics will be presentation and discussion of FY26/27 Ministry Financial Plan (MFP) and the election of new elected positions. Please plan to attend.

#### **If You Missed It:**

If you missed the LWMS Spring Rally, there are rally folders available on the shelf underneath the bulletin board. Please feel free to pick one up for information.

### **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.

#### **Blood Drive on July 2nd**

We will be hosting a blood drive in our gym/multi-purpose center (MPC) on July **2nd**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (The newsletter previously stated July 3rd, which was incorrect.) The Red Cross reports that blood donations drop precipitously during the summer months, so please consider giving or encouraging someone you know to give blood. If you are interested, you can sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> and search by zip code.

#### **Tree of Life Bible Camp**

Registration for Tree of Life has closed, but you can still check if there is space available. Call (650) 283-3895 or email [treasurer@TreeOfLifeBibleCamp.org](mailto:treasurer@TreeOfLifeBibleCamp.org).

### **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).

### **Ministry Financial Plan Update**

Offerings received since July 2025 to date:  
\$643,326  
Thank you for your contributions!

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

June 22-25 - Soccer Bible Camp, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
June 26 - Book Club, 6:00 p.m.  
June 28 - Congregational Voters' Meeting, 12:00 p.m.  
July 2 - Blood Drive, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (in MPC)  
July 4 - Independence Day - Happy Birthday, America!



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