



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

July 26th, 2026

Ponder This For A Moment

¹² When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12.

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

Congregation Meeting Update

At the June 28th congregational meeting, the voters approved the proposed ministry financial plan for this new fiscal year and elected the following officers to a two-year term on the coordinating council:

- Ryan Miller, President (1st term)
- Mark LeMay, Board of Stewardship (2nd term)
- Justin Lewis, Board for Child Discipleship (2nd term)
- Jim Oswald, Board of Outreach (3rd term)

We thank God for these men and their willingness to serve our congregation in these capacities. We also thank outgoing president Mike Rausch who completed his terms in that position.

A Night of Thanks and Giving, and How You Can Help

St. Mark's Lutheran School will be hosting this fundraising event on November 14th, 2026.

There are opportunities for you to assist, especially if you are able to donate items or request donations from a local business.

Donation forms have been put on the back counter in the church for this purpose. Please take as many as you might need. We are also

asking church and school families to make desserts for this event. If you are interested, please let the office know by emailing edonoho@stmarkslutheran.com or schooladm@stmarkslutheran.com.

For more information on this event, please talk to our Principal, Tyler Wahl.

Office on Summer Hours

The office is on 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 or edonoho@stmarkslutheran.com and we are happy to work with you.

Best of Citrus Heights is Here Again!!!

Time to vote St. Mark's!!! Go to the following link and please vote for us as the best church or house of worship for Citrus Heights. It makes all the difference in getting our name out in the community and possibly winning again! *We have also been nominated for Best School in Citrus Heights! Please vote for us in both categories. Tell your family and friends! Thank you! [Vote here](#).

Thrivent Cards Needed

Thrivent cards are urgently needed for our upcoming Campus Cleanup Day on August 8th (which will include a grill out!) and our Back to School Night on August 19th. If you are interested in applying online for a \$250 card, please call the office or contact Mike Rausch at 530-305-9255.

Scrip This Month

This month only, we will be promoting our RaiseRight/Scrip program on the fourth Sunday of the month, July 26. As usual, this will take

place between services, both to offer gift cards and to inform members about a great way to support our school, either online or via the RaiseRight app. If you have any questions, email edonoho@stmarkslutheran.com or churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com.

LWMS Mission Offerings

Mission Box Offerings are collected on the first Sunday of every month. These offerings help our missionaries overseas and at home for special projects and/or items needed for their ministry and sharing the Good News where they have been called. We know from Pastor Brad Wright, Pastor Joel Nitz, Pastor Brock Groth, and others who have shared with us that these gifts have been a blessing to help carry out their mission. We also have heard how many times, at the right time, how much our gifts and notes of encouragement have meant to them. Please keep our missionaries in your daily prayers. You may use the small mission boxes to take home and fill with your coins or place cash gifts in the black boxes found by the worship folders on the first Sunday every month.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have questions, please speak to Ellie Ennis or Kitty Falk.

St. Mark's Ladies Book Club

The St. Mark's Ladies Book Club is an informal group that meets monthly to discuss a book selected by the members, enjoy good fellowship and have tasty snacks. Meeting location is in the Luther Room here at church. We would love to have you join us! For more information, see Kitty Falk or email her at kfalk@stmarkslutheran.com.

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.

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

July 31st @ 6 p.m. - Ladies' Book Club (in Luther Room)
August 3rd @ 4 - 7 p.m. - School Registration
August 4th @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #1 (First Class)
August 4th @ 6:30 p.m. - Board of Child Discipleship Meeting
August 8th @ 9 a.m. - Campus Cleanup Work Day
August 10th @ 6:30 p.m. - Men's Bible Study
August 11th @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #2
August 11th @ 7 p.m. - Coordinating Council Meeting
August 13th @ 4 p.m. - Board of Stewardship Meeting
August 17th @ 6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study
August 18th @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #3
August 19th @ 5 p.m. - Opening School Service
August 20th - First Day of School



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