



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

August 16th, 2026

Ponder This For A Moment

"Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. ¹¹ "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you" Zechariah 2:10-11.

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

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

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

Thrivent Cards Request

For those who have insurance through Thrivent Financial, there are opportunities to obtain \$250 cards to support ministry needs at St. Mark's. If you are interested in applying online for a \$250 card, please call the office

(916-961-7891) or contact Mike Rausch at 530-305-9255.

New Choir Season

Do you love to praise God with your voice? Think about joining our church Choir! Choir is a great way to serve God's Church and beautify worship. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church balcony. The new season will begin on Wednesday, September 9th. Reading music is not required. We hope to see some new faces. Questions? Contact Rosemarie Boushek.

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Background Extras Needed for Faith-Based Film

LeMay Productions will be filming a short movie scene (a wedding) at St. Mark's and is seeking **30-50 volunteer background extras** to help. The faith-based short film is **7-Day Free Trial**, and the filming at St. Mark's will be on **Tuesday, October 6, approximately 2:00-6:00 pm.**

Based on the true story of one of our former members, *7-Day Free Trial* is a heartwarming romantic dramedy about a grieving widower whose daughter secretly signs him up for a dating app, leading him on a week of hilariously disastrous dates—and an unexpected journey of healing, hope, and second chances.

No acting experience is necessary, just a willingness to celebrate as our wedding guests! After filming, everyone is invited to stay for our cast & crew wrap party and potluck dinner.

If you'd like to join, please contact the Background Casting Director, **Emily Eshraghi**, at emily.samimi@gmail.com (subject line: **Wedding Extra**) or 419-889-7860.

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. The 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.

Mission Presentation - August 30

Former St. Mark's School teacher, Anne Press, currently serves with Christians Forward - Southeast Asia and will be at St. Mark's on August 30. She'll give a presentation on the mission work her team is doing in Southeast Asia following the 10:45 a.m. service.

Starting Point Class

The next round of Starting Point classes begins Thursday, September 10, 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/ or contact Pastor Wetzel (kwetzel@stmarkslutheran.com).

Sunday Morning Teen Bible Study

Starting Sunday, September 13, we will have our Teen Group meet between services at 9:30 a.m. (the same time as Adult Bible Study and Sunday School). We will be meeting upstairs at church in the teen room, and it is open to any 7th-12th graders!

We want this to be a casual and laid-back time for your kids to get into the Bible and learn how to apply what the Bible says to their lives as teens. Yes, there will be snacks every Sunday!

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

August 17 @ 6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study
August 18 @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #3
August 19 @ 5 p.m. - Opening School Service
August 20 - First Day of School @ 8:15 a.m.
August 26 @ 8:20 a.m. - School Chapel Service
August 28 @ 6:30 p.m. - Soiree Meeting in the Gym



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