



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

September 6, 2026

Ponder This For A Moment

"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children" Ephesians 5:1.

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

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).

JOL Women's Bible Study

Joy of Living Women's Bible study will resume on Thursday, Sept. 10. Class meets in the Church Library every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. We will be starting a new study and women of all ages are welcome to join the group. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Welch at (916) 844-4133.

Join Us October 8 for Pink OUT!

On October 8 at 3:30 p.m., St. Mark's School will be holding Pink OUT!, a volleyball game between St. Mark's players and parents, to support Albie Aware, a local nonprofit that brings awareness, support, resources, and comfort to those diagnosed with breast cancer.

We would love all church members to come and watch the game, and to please wear pink!

We are also asking church members to support this great cause by putting together baskets to be sold at the game. We are asking for only a few larger baskets, with items such as gift cards and baked goods, to be sold in a raffle. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Lydia Storlie at

lstorlie@stmarkslutheran.com.

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.

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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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!

For more information, please contact Elise Matthies (ematthies@stmarkslutheran.com).

LWMS Fall Rally

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held October 17 in Reno. More Fall Rally information is on the bulletin board. If you would like to attend the LWMS Fall Rally, please sign up on the sheet located on the shelf by the LWMS bulletin board. For further information, please contact Ellie Ennis at (916) 966-5046 or Kitty Falk (kfalk@stmarkslutheran.com).

LWMS Mission Box Offerings

As the Fall Rally for Lutheran Women's Missionary Society is scheduled for Oct. 17th, we will be collecting Mission Offerings every Sunday in September and the first Sunday of October. Our offerings support projects for our Home and World missionaries that are not funded through any other sources. You may bring your mission boxes with coins and leave them on the shelf under the LWMS bulletin board in the lobby or give them to Ellie Ennis or Kitty Falk on any Sunday. If you wish to give cash, the black Mission Boxes will be available on the bookshelf next to the Sunday morning worship folders. Thank you for your generosity and please remember our missionaries in your prayers.

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 p.m.**

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 **by September 11th as the deadline!** Thank you.

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

Sept 7 - Labor Day - No School
Sept 8 @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #6
Sept 8 @ 6 p.m. - Board of Child Discipleship Meeting
Sept 9 @ 6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice starts
Sept 10 @ 9:30 a.m. - JOL Women's Bible Study starts
Sept 10 @ 6:30 p.m. - Starting Point #1
Sept 14 @ 6:30 p.m. - Men's Bible Study
Sept 15 @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #7
Sept 17 @ 6:30 p.m. - Starting Point #2
Sept 21 @ 6 p.m. - Women's Bible Study
Oct 8 @ 3:30 p.m. - Pink OUT! Volleyball Game (Parents vs. Students)
Oct 15 @ 4 p.m. - Board of Stewardship Meeting
Oct 17 - LWMS Fall Rally (in Reno)

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