



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

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Ponder This For A Moment

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.’ Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster” Joel 2:12-13.

Glorify & Grow: Sunday Mornings

8:00* & 10:45 Worship (*live streamed)

9:15 Sunday School (meet in Chapel)

9:30 Adult Bible study & Teen Bible study

Joy of Living (JOL) Women's Bible Study

Joy of Living Women's Bible study has resumed!

Class meets in the Church Library every

Thursday at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Welch at (916) 844-4133.

Sunday Morning Teen Bible Study

A new teen group has begun meeting every Sunday between services at 9:30 a.m. upstairs in the teen room at church, and is open to any 7th-12th graders! For more information, please contact Elise Matthies

(ematthies@stmarkslutheran.com).

October 4 Congregational Meeting

Following the late service on October 4, we will have a congregational meeting with food and fellowship in the gym. Please join us as our leaders share exciting ministry updates, blessings so far this year, new opportunities, and prayerful plans for the future. The meal will be potluck so please bring a dish to share.

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

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.

LWMS Mission Box Offerings

This Sunday, Sept. 27 and next Sunday, Oct. 4 will be the last time for Mission Box Offerings to be counted for the Fall Rally that takes place on Oct. 17. If you wish to write a check, **please make it payable to: Shepherd of the Mountains** and place it in the black LMWS offering box or

give it to Ellie Ennis or Kitty Falk. 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 Sundays. 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; please remember our missionaries in your prayers.

It's Pumpkin Spice Time

No, I do not mean lattes, muffins, or pies, but rather the LWMS Fall Rally! It will be held on

October 17 at:

Shepherd of the Mountains

[955 W Peckham Ln](#)

[Reno, NV](#)

More information is on the bulletin board. If you would like to attend the Rally, the sign up sheet is on the shelf under the LWMS bulletin board in the lobby. **Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Oct.**

4. We will carpool. For further information, please contact Ellie Ennis at (916) 966-5046 or Kitty Falk at kfalk@stmarkslutheran.com.

Anniversary Celebration at Hope

Our sister church in Penryn is celebrating its 50th anniversary! They invite you to join them for a special service and meal on October 18 at 4:00 p.m. (7117 Hope Way, Penryn). Please RSVP for the meal by October 10 at:

hopepenryn.org/events.

Trunk or Treat October 30

This joint church and school event is a huge recruitment opportunity for us, with an anticipated attendance of hundreds. Please consider helping by putting together a trunk! Sign up [here](#) or on the signup form in the church lobby. You can also donate candy to the office. Please make sure the pieces are individually wrapped. For more information, email Dena

Oswald (doswald@stmarkslutheran.com) or Lydia Storlie (lstorlie@stmarkslutheran.com).

Joint Reformation Service November 1

Mark your calendars for a special Reformation service hosted at St. Mark's on Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. Sister churches from the NorCal/Reno area will join us for this unique joint worship opportunity, followed by a meal.

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

Sept 29 @ 1 p.m. - GriefShare #9

Oct 1 @ 6:30 p.m. - Starting Point #4

Oct 4 (after late service) – Congregational Meeting with Lunch

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)--sign up by October 4!

Oct 18 @ 4:00 p.m. – Hope Anniversary (Penryn)

Oct 30 @ 6 p.m. - Trunk or Treat

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