Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

November 1, 2026

Ponder This For A Moment

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'" John 20:19.

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 is diving into a new study. 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.

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.

Reformation Dinner Sign-up

Planning to join us for the Reformation Dinner? Please add your name to the signup sheet in the church lobby. We're also looking for helping hands, so please sign up for the following:

*Food prep and decorating - October 31st

*Serving and clean-up - November 1st

*Side dishes - St. Mark's will provide the desserts and main dishes.

Thank you for being part of this celebration!

Grief Support - Surviving the Holidays

As we approach the holiday season, it can be a painful time for those who will face the holidays without a loved one. GriefShare offers a one-day seminar to support those who've lost a loved one to death with tools and gospel comfort for surviving the holidays while grieving. St. Mark's is hosting this support group on November 7 at 10:00 a.m. You can find out more and register here.

A Night of Thanks and Giving

St. Mark's Lutheran School will be hosting this fundraising soiree and auction on November 14, 2026. Proceeds go to support our Tuition Assistance Fund (TAF). Tickets are on sale now, and new this year, can be purchased easily online at this link or by scanning the QR code below! Please purchase tickets **before the day of the event.**

On this website you can also buy raffle tickets, view auction items, donate, and more.
There are opportunities for you to assist, especially if you are able to sponsor or serve food the night of the event.
You can also help by making a dessert for the dessert dash! A gift will be awarded to the person whose dessert receives the most votes for best-looking dessert. If you are interested, please sign up here, or on the form in the back of the church.

Let's fill the tables and make this a great night of giving thanks and giving back!
For more information, please talk to our Principal, Tyler Wahl, or contact Erin Donoho at edonoho@stmarkslutheran.com.

Did you know? Ministry support from an IRA
If you're 70.5 or older, you can make qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from your IRA to your church without counting the distributions as income for federal income tax purposes. If you are 73 or older, you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) before December 31, 2026. This too can be transferred to your church without counting the distribution as income. Learn more at www.wels.net/qcd or by calling your local WELS Christian giving counselor Ralph LePore at 702-587-3874 or emailing at ralph.lepore@wels.net.

Men's Workshop - Nov 14 in San Jose
All men age 16 and older are invited to a men's workshop at our sister church, Apostles, in San Jose on Saturday, November 14. Pastor Ben Berger will present on the theme "What does it mean to be a godly man?". Lunch will be provided, along with morning and afternoon break snacks and refreshments. Registration fee is $50, $25 for a student. Please register by Nov. 9 at: https://forms.gle/7YwNFC4ExDnBPvWF9.

WELS Women's 2027 Retreat
The WELS Redwood Women's Retreat 2027 will be January 22-24 at Mount Hermon Conference Center. The speaker will be Dr. Rhoda Wolle. The registration form with a $100 deposit is **due by November 15**. You can find the registration forms with the prices by the LWMS and Women's Ministry bulletin board. Come join with your sisters in Christ for a wonderful weekend in the Santa Cruz mountains for studying God's Word and fellowship.

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Dates/Events to keep in mind at St. Mark's
Nov 3 - Voting Day
Nov 4 - No Choir Practice Tonight
Nov 5 @ 9:30 a.m. - JOL Bible Study
Nov 5 @ 6:30 p.m. - Starting Point #9
Nov 9 @ 6:30 p.m. - Men's Bible Study
Nov 10 @ 7 p.m. - Coordinating Council Meeting
Nov 11 @ 6:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
Nov 14 @ 5 p.m. - A Night of Thanks and Giving

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