Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

November 8, 2026

Ponder This For A Moment

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" John 14:3.

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.

A Night of Thanks and Giving

St. Mark's Lutheran School will be hosting this fundraising soiree and auction on November 14, 2026. **Only one week left to purchase tickets!** 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. Please share this link with family and friends!

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.

Thanksgiving Eve Service - Nov. 25

As part of our Thanksgiving celebration, we will gather for worship the evening prior (November 25 at 6:30 p.m.) to offer our thanks and praise to our Creator and Savior for all his goodness to us this past year. We look forward to joining our voices and prayers with yours for this evening of worship and thankgiving!

Midweek Advent Services

During the season of Advent (leading up to Christmas), we will have three special worship opportunities on Wednesday evenings: December 2, 9, and 16. The first, on Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m., will take place in the gym with a meal, Scripture readings, a devotion, prayer, and fellowship, culminating in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. This opportunity is a follow-up to our study of the Lord's Supper in May and a desire to reflect both the fellowship expressed in the Sacrament with one another and our connection to Jesus and his forgiveness. The meal will be a potluck, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

The following two Advent services will be the same format as last year, taking place in the church at 6:30, with a meal prior in the gym. Please plan to join us for these unique opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, and fellowship!

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 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 12 @ 6:30 p.m. - Starting Point #10
Nov 14 @ 5 p.m. - A Night of Thanks and Giving

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