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

"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. [16] You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. [17] The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does" Psalm 145:15-17.

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

Thanks from the Wetzels!

St. Mark's, you have been so gracious to us, especially with cards, encouragement, and gifts over the past month. Thank you for your kindness! We are so thankful to be here, and we love you, our church family. It is a privilege to serve among you and we look forward to the ways the Lord will continue to guide and bless in this ministry.

Pastor Kurt & Stephanie Wetzel

A Night of Thanks and Giving - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came out for, and supported, our Night of Thanks and Giving. It was a wonderful night of fun and fellowship. To all of our school and church families, we greatly appreciate you.

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 thanksgiving!

Advent by Candlelight

Please join us for Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. This event is for ladies of all ages. This year's program is titled Christmas Begins with Christ. There will be a fellowship from 6:00 - 6:30. You are welcome to bring a finger-food snack or dessert (no forks), but please don't feel obligated to bring anything. Come and remember the real reason for the season.

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!

Help Decorate the 2026 Narthex Christmas Tree!

For the last couple of years we have asked members to share their favorite Christmas ornament on the narthex Christmas tree. Each year we designate a theme for the tree. The first

year's theme was nativities, and the second year's was angels. The theme for 2026 is Christmas Trees!
Beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving, you can bring your favorite Christmas Tree ornament to share with your church family. Hang your ornament on the tree and enjoy seeing it throughout the Christmas season. When Christmas is over, simply take your ornament home again. Every ornament tells a story and helps make our tree unique.
Have a blessed holiday!

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.

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Dates/Events to keep in mind at St. Mark's
November 24 @ 9 a.m. - Red Cross Blood Drive
November 25 @ 6:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 25 - NO Choir Practice
November 26 - Thanksgiving Day
November 29 @ 2 p.m. - Open Gym
November 29 @ 6 p.m. - Advent by Candlelight
December 2 @ 6:30 p.m. - Advent Supper & Service (in gym)
December 2 @ 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice
December 5 @ 5 p.m. - St. Mark's Family Christmas & Live Nativity
December 9 @ 5:30 p.m. - Advent Supper (in gym)
December 9 @ 6:30 p.m. - Advent Service
December 9 @ 7:30 p.m. - Choir Practice

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