

***Knowing the Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work...***  
**Appealing to the Holy Spirit 24/7**

<sup>7</sup> *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you<sup>bl</sup> will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.* <sup>8</sup> *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. John 15: 7-8*

Your St. Mark prayer team thank each of you for listening and answering our continuing call to pray as one corporate body to seek God's blessings for St. Mark Church to:

- be a House of Prayer and,
- faithfully engaging in the Great Commission.

**Today and for the rest of 2024, we, the St. Mark Prayer team\*, again call all who worship with us to continue to be in focused prayer for St. Mark Church as the Holy Spirit prompts and/or directs you.**

Remembering for a believing church to be engaged in God's eternal work of salvation, reformation, restoration, and building up the body of Christ, there are three requirements of our congregation.

- Realizing God's work through St. Mark Church can only be achieved, if we seek to be energized by the Holy Spirit.
- Praying with prayers of faith to engage God's heart by seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance and giving glory to God for the answered prayers.
- Understanding God's ordained accomplishments for St. Mark Church will be attained, when we as a congregation ***depend*** on the Holy Spirit and each member ***willingly exercise*** their Spirit's gifts. <sup>1</sup>

Praising and Thanking God for:

- the gifts, skills and love of Pastor Steve for St. Mark during our time of transitioning, seeking and hiring a new shepherd;
- transitioning for guiding our reflecting on ourselves and St. Mark Church,
- formulating our mission and vision based on John 15,
- finishing the selection of a call team for a Christ-centered pastor.

Knowing we have weighty/challenging decisions and tasks ahead we, St. Mark Church cover in prayer:

- calling and hiring a pastor, NOTE: Call Team's prayer request
- ministering to new members,
- discipling new and mature Christians

And being the authentic Lutheran church, the Holy Spirit created us be in our neighborhood, town, state, nation and world sharing the Good News with a broken and lost world.

<sup>1</sup>Tozer, A.W., Compiled by W. L. Seaver, Communing with God in Everything, Prayer, Moody Press, 2016, pp. 53-55.

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