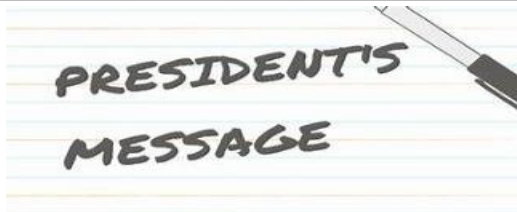


The **VOICE** OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2025



by John Bengston

St. Mark Church Council 2025

Important Dates:

Council meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Church Library at 7:00.
February 13, 2025 – Mission and Vision Forum – Loving God and All People
February 21-22, 2025 – Council Retreat
March 2, 2025 – Fellowship Event – Winter Jam – 4 to 6 pm in Ed Center.

Mission and Vision

Mission: Loving God and All People
Vision:

- Prayer
- Worship
- Provide opportunities and encourage people to grow in Christ.
- Attract young people and provide what they need.
- Share our gifts both materially and spiritually.
- Maintain a safe and supportive place for people.
- Combine faith and relationships.
- Be in the world and not of the world.

Top Priorities

- 1) Mission and Vision
 - Each Ministry Team to identify the ministries of the group and ensure that they are in line with St. Mark's Mission and Vision.
 - Ongoing: this should be addressed for all new ministry initiatives.
 - Transition Forum set for 2/13/2025.
- 2) Call a new pastor.
 - President will report to Council to allow committee to work with autonomy. Ideally, weekly updates to congregation each week.

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The deadline for the **March** edition of *The Voice* is **February 12th**. Please

Email articles to:

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Thursday, February 13, 2025

Loving God 7PM in the Ed
and All Center
People Mission & Vision
Forum

WINTER JAM

Sunday, March 2nd
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Education
Center

Open to
the Public



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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 25th @ 7:00PM

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- 3) Constitution/By Laws Rewrite. Process and procedure review.
 - Team consists of Jerry Gass, Laurie Kerns, IIPS and John Bengston
 - First Draft of Constitution and By Laws is underway.
 - Summary of changes to be drafted and shared with congregation.
 - Vetting groups will then review (TBD)
 - Congregational Approval needed.
- 4) Organizational Structure
 - Team consists of Jerry Gass, Laurie Kerns, IIPS and John Bengston
 - Ministry Teams to be reviewed with use of Ministry Booklet.
 - Team Names redefined to better fit with Mission and Vision.
- 5) Youth – see below
- 6) More Fellowship events and opportunities
 - Winter Jam set for 3/2

Council Goals 2025 and beyond:

Established by 2024 Council in August 2024.

Transition Team had made recommendations in March 2024.

Some driven by Church Doctor recommendations.

Goals for 2025:

- Attract more young people, those before confirmation and ages 18 to 25.
- Establish younger youth groups to learn what they need.
- Interact and have shared activities with other area churches.
- Form a task force to review the use of the Ed Center.
- Form a task force to focus on identifying community needs, especially children.

Comment: Youth related goals do not accomplish anything and for years there has been a desire to minister to the youth and young families but doing this internally has not been successful. This should be a paid position.

Youth and Family Ministries – Need to hire someone to lead our youth and family ministries.

- Questionnaire to be sent home with Sunday School Students for Parents to answer. Drafted by John Bengston and Taylor Houser. Will share with Nancy O'Connor, the liaison to Parish Ed. Consider online survey v. hard copy.
 - What would you like to see at St. Mark?
 - How would you like St. Mark minister to you? Events? Learning? Trips? Fun? Other ideas?
- Consider Cottage Meeting with parent group.
- Cottage Meeting with Confirmation class – grades 6 to 8.
- Cottage Meeting with High School Youth Group.
- Questionnaire to College age kids.
- Consider Questionnaire to PNO events.
- Consult with PMO and other leaders of established youth ministries.

Take the data from the above action points and draft a job description for a Youth and Family Ministry Director.

Determine pay and job parameters.

Create timeline for hire, if appropriate.

Ed Center

- Stevie to share 2024 use of Ed Center. Want to determine the current use of the facility. A task force is not necessary.
- Utilize this data to determine if there is more we can be doing in line with current use.
- Identify partnering opportunities with other churches and surrounding communities.
- Consider using as a day care or preschool. (Some of this work has been done already.)
- Given our goals and Mission and Vision, is “Ed Center” the right name for this building. Should other names be considered? (e.g. Youth and Family Center)

Interaction with Area Churches

For now, this will be the responsibility of the Pastor – IIPS is currently working on this and task will be passed on to the newly called Pastor.

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St. Mark Council News

To keep you better informed about Church Council decisions, please go to <https://smlc.info/minutes/> for Council and Committee minutes.

Below are important decisions from the December 2024 Council meeting:

- Council approved a one-time donation to the LCMC for \$1,000 from the Discretionary Benevolence Fund.
- Council approved a donation to PADS for \$2,056.03 from the existing PADS fund.
- Council approved a contract with Jenco for an exterior siding project for \$15,950 with standard contingencies.
- Council approved transfer of the unused Capital Improvement Fund for 2024 of \$20,500 to the 2025 budget.

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Goals for the Next 3 to 5 years as established at last Council Retreat

- Hire a Youth Pastor (see above)
- Establish a marketing and media team. (Incorporate with youth and family ministries hire.)
- Give Welcome Baskets to new people moving into the area. (Evangelism – Can this be done in 2025?)
- Re-imagine worship services to explore having an occasional outdoor service or have service on a weeknight and decide on the format of our contemporary service. (Current contemporary worship leaders need to have input.)
- Provide regular community events. (Incorporate with above.)
- Form a task force and rebuild educational programs for all age groups. (Youth and family ministries hire.)
- Have more congregational forums on important issues.

Comment: Council will rework these goals in the first few months of 2025. Perhaps as part of the council retreat in February.

We would like to thank our St. Mark family for your kindness, generosity, thoughtful notes, care and concern, prayer support and thoughtfulness as we said goodbye to our sweet Helen as God called her home on November 30th. It made for a roller coaster of emotions through the holiday season but with the support of our church family and God's care we are all adjusting to our new normal and so grateful to have had her for 92 years. We are blessed to be part of such a loving church family whose care and concern helped sustain us through this challenging time. We are so thankful for eternity where we will all be together again because of Jesus' finished work on the cross. A special thank you to IIP Steve for leading the services and also to the Caring Casserole team who fed our family for a week as we packed up Helen's apartment post her passing. The food fed our tummies but the love of the hands that prepared the food is what fed our souls. Thank you all for being a blessing. The family of Helen Zuchowski



The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who filled out our "Here I Am Lord" Ministry Sheets. We have received almost 100 so far! We are in the process of putting them all together and sharing them with the different ministry teams who will then contact you as help is needed. Additional sheets will be in the pockets outside Stevie's office for anyone who did not have a chance to fill one out. You can return them to Laurie Kerns or Carl Norlin or put them in the offering plate at worship service.

Our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to be a part of the mission of St. Mark. 2025 is going to be an exciting year for St. Mark as we look forward to adding a new pastor. Join us in one or more of our ministries as we help him/her to get to know St. Mark and all our great members and missions.



IIP Steve, Laurie and Carl

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Welcome!

Welcome
NEW Members!

Welcome!

Nancy Denman

Tim and Randi Moberly

Kathy Molve

Scott and Susie Soukup

Linda Spohn



February of 2025: Sunday School at Saint Mark

What a beautiful sight to see with all the snow falling! Denise and I want to thank Lori McKenzie and Barb Ewert for working on a scope and sequence with Intentional Interim Pastor Steve and I this past month. Recently students were able to decorate Valentine’s Day cookies as a service project! Just a reminder to all confirmation students that they will have the Spring Confirmation retreat with myself and Intentional Interim Pastor Steve on Saturday, March 15 from 9:00 until 2:00 pm at church.

A BIG thank you to our Confirmation Committee Team, Johnna Morton and Lynn Johnson for volunteering to co-chair this committee, along with Intention Interim Pastor Steve. Their work has helped our confirmation program to run smoothly.

Special thanks for a wonderful Christmas Prayer Pal get together in December. We are happy to see our students and Prayer Pals building relationships.



Parish Ed Ministry Team would like to thank ALL who helped to make our St. Mark Family Christmas Celebration a HUGE success.



A SPECIAL thanks to Cindy Zwicke for heading up this joyous celebration honoring the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Extra thanks to our Sunday School children, their Sunday School teachers and to all others who helped and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.



Your Safety & Security Team is looking for help from those of you who attend the Saturday night service OR the 8 am Sunday service.

The S & S Team needs some more people for St. Mark’s “First Response” Team from these two services. This team has been put together to help in an emergency before the professionals get on site. To be a member of this “First Response” Team, you need to be certified in CPR/AED/First Aid. So if you would like to join, please let Melissa Grandt, Mike Mol, or Tim Rick know, and we’ll sign you up for the class to be held as soon as possible.



UPDATE

For those of you who don't know, St. Mark has sponsored two children through Compassion International for several years. We currently sponsor Ruma, a 15 year old girl from Bangladesh, and Wesley, a 19 year old young man from Brazil.

Along with this sponsorship, a few of us have been in contact with Ruma and Wesley through the years. We are now looking for someone to be the new "Pen Pal" for Wesley. A wonderful St. Mark'ian has stepped up and "adopted" Ruma! Could anyone "adopt" Wesley??? St. Mark will continue to be the financial sponsor, but we are looking for a person, or family, to be the new writing correspondent. According to Compassion's website, your "job" of being a "Pen Pal" is:

You can write to the child you sponsor either through physical letters or online through our website or app. To begin, we encourage you to send the child you sponsor a personal or family photograph and a short letter of introduction. Our local staff will translate your letter and deliver it to the child you support. Sponsored children often keep their sponsors' photos and letters in their homes as treasured possessions. You may write to the child you sponsor as often as you like. When you write, your sponsored child will benefit from knowing that someone across the world really cares. Your words of encouragement will help them see that they matter and give them hope for the future.

If you or your family are interested in writing to Wesley, please contact Mike Mol. If you just have questions about Compassion International OR would like to sponsor a child of your own, please see their website at Compassion International.



Greetings from the Call Committee!

The search process for our new Senior Pastor continues to gain interest! Since conducting our first actual interview, we have conducted our second interview with this candidate. We continue to go over these interview results to determine our next steps. Additionally, we are setting up our first interview with another interested candidate. By the time you read this, hopefully we will have already conducted that interview and are determining our path forward. Also, we have received additional interest in the position and have requested resumes and associated documents.

This is an exciting time for the Call Committee, our congregation, and our church overall.

We would like to thank you all for your continued prayers, support, and patience during this process.

May God Bless You,

The Call Committee



Call Committee Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you with humble hearts, seeking wisdom for St Mark's future pastor. Grant, Call Committee, discernment, endurance, and insight on your plan. Help us as one body of Christ to work together, and according to Your will. Guide the heart of the chosen person to know, without a doubt, St Mark is their new Church home. We thank you for your goodness, love, mercy, and perfect timing.

In Jesus name, we pray.

Amen

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St. Mark's January Three Days of Prayer and Follow up during 2025

We praise God and thank our Father for providing the **Lutheran Church for Missions in Christ** with the spiritual vision for 2025 *The Three Days of Prayer*.

We thank all the members who prayed for St. Mark Church, our children, youth, fellow members, communities, volunteer organizations, elected local, state and national officials in addition to those listed in our brochure.

For the rest of 2025 please utilize our: *St. Mark Church 2025 Prayer Guides* for members/visitors; *2025 St. Mark Booklet* for prayers for ourselves, our Pastor, Council, committees, Sunday School, youth, families and volunteers; *Youth Prayer Requests and Vision for 2025* and *Children's Prayer Guides*. They will be posted on our website, smlc.info under the Prayer Tab and printed copies on the Prayer Table in the Narthex.

We pray that each member during each month will pray through the following a few daily*:

- Glorify our Lord by*:
 - 1) making God the number one priority and seeking His will daily 2) listening to His voice, and 3) obeying His call to serve both within and beyond St. Mark Church;
 - Grow in the faith through worship, Bible study, and prayer; and,
 - Develop a personal relationship by seeking to *know* Christ, not just to *know about* Him.
- Petitioning the Holy Spirit to:
 - Sustain and grow St. Mark Church as a "house of prayer" through all adults', youths', children's and seekers' participation in the discipline of prayer;
 - Minister to Pastor, staff, leadership, committees and Council so each may seek to fulfill St. Mark Church's mission and vision goals;
 - Pour out His Spirit on us and bring REVIVAL to us, our neighbors, our state and our nation;
 - Make us aware of our sins and confess them daily*;
 - Protect us from all evil and the world's distractions and distortions of the Truth*;
 - Help us Christians to seek God's call upon our lives and trust him to help perform our life mission; and,
 - Minister to the **St. Mark Prayer Chain** and **Thursday evening prayer members** at 6:30pm on Zoom.
- These petitions we ask of you Lord, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE COMING OF CHRIST AND MY FUTURE WITH HIM

Your kingdom come, Your will be done. (Matthew 6:10) You have said, "I am coming quickly." Amen, Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20) I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to me. (Romans 8:18) ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self (body) is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

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Noah's Nursery News

Happy New Year! The nursery is off to a good start with many events planned as well as covering Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School hour!

We will continue to host the Parents' Morning Out events to the community and church members for FREE on every fourth Friday of the month, except for July, from 9 am - 12:00 pm. Our next event is on Friday, February 28th. Hope to see your children/grandchildren there!

***** Save the Date*****

The next Parents' Night Out event is being planned for Saturday, March 15th, from 5 pm - 8:30 pm! Join us for a fun time!

Pictures from our Parents' Morning Out fun and togetherness on December 27th, 2024!



Breaking Bread together!



Story time!



A Snowball fight!

As you can see, we remain busy and happily playing during our nursery events!

Stay active and have a healthy and "playful" 2025!

God Bless,
Deb Heide



If you or a family member are currently serving in any branch of our Armed Forces or any First Response Unit, would you please let me know. I would like St. Mark to honor them and pray for them by making a photo gallery that we all can see at St. Mark. Once you tell me who they are and how they serve, I will let you know how big of a picture I would like. Thank you and please thank them for their service.

Mike Mol

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At any point in life our burdens can become too great to bear alone. This is where a trained Stephen Minister can come alongside to help. Stephen Ministers are lay members of the congregation that have gone through extensive training to provide high quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting or overwhelmed by the burdens of life. You do not need to carry your burdens alone. If you—or someone you know—might benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office and ask to be directed to the Stephen Ministry team.



Stephen Ministry

A #'s UPDATE

First from St. Mark -- through offerings and donations given during VBS, \$332.07 was collected. That is enough money to provide 1145 meals or enough to feed 3 kids a meal for a little over a year.

Second, from the FMSC organization itself -- during the 2024 calendar year, FMSC sent 1303 shipments (semi-trailer cargo shipments). These shipments made it from our warehouses and MobilePacks to people in need all around the world, helping children, refugees, and internally displaced peoples, those in high levels of conflict and crisis, and many more.

This calendar year, FMSC sent 378,445,080 meals to children in 60 countries. The meals were used in school feeding programs, church outreach, community programs, and much more.

FMSC had a total of 1,130,851 volunteers during the calendar year.

"God is good all the time and all the time, God is good!"

Now for a **DATE** update -- St. Mark will still be packing on Saturday mornings at 9 on the "Even Numbered" months like Feb, April, June, etc. but has now switched to Monday nights at 7 instead of Thursday nights for the "Odd Numbered" months like March, May, July, etc.

Please see Mike Mol for information about FMSC and/or how to sign up. As a reminder, you don't only have to come pack when St. Mark is there, the Libertyville site is open Monday through Saturday all year long until hunger has disappeared from the world!!



On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

- **Pray the Call Committee Prayer** and the new pastor.
- **Knowing the Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work...**Appealing to the Holy Spirit 24/7 see Prayer Table for prayer guide and St. Mark website: smlc.info under the Prayer Tab.
- **2025 Three Days of Prayer Booklet for St. Mark Church, 2025 Prayer Guide, Youth Prayer Guide and a Children's Prayer Guide** on the St. Mark website under Prayer, smlc.info. Copies are also available at the Prayer Table in the Narthex.
- **Praying God's Promises for Israel** see Prayer Table for prayer guide and St. Mark website: smlc.info under the Prayer Tab.



Opportunities to Pray with Fellow Members

- **St. Mark Prayer Chain**, a wonderful group of fellow Christians, praying for all prayer requests and praising God for His listening to our petitions, thanksgivings and praises for His responses. Email requests and praises to smlcprayers@gmail.com. Please share with the Prayer Chain; how God has responded to your prayer request. Check with Connie Saunders, if you want to join.
- **ZOOM Weekly Prayer Meeting** - Come, pray and be blessed. Currently Thursday until further notice from 6:30 to 7:10 pm. we will be meeting on Zoom praying over the previous week of Prayer Chain requests, St. Mark Church and each other. Contact Person: Pam Burke 244-430-6226 and Barb Ewert for Zoom link. 847-514-5487.

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COMING SOON



Attention St. Mark'ians

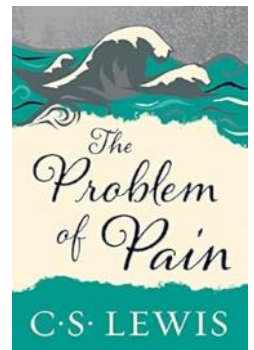
Be on the lookout for our C/3 HS Mission Trip Fundraisers!!
“All systems are still a go” for our trip to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in July – we can’t wait!!



The Problem of Pain

This month’s book selection, *The Problem of Pain* by beloved author C. S. Lewis explores the idea of pain and suffering. “If God is good and all-powerful, why does he allow his creatures to suffer pain?”

Every true believer who has ever lived has asked this question. Even Jesus, the Son of God, asked God why He had forsaken Him. This universally applicable question of the human condition is examined in *The Problem of Pain*, Lewis, one of the most renowned Christian authors and thinkers ever. With his signature wealth of compassion and insight, Lewis offers his answers to these crucial questions and shares his hope and wisdom to help heal a lost and hurting world desperate for a true understanding of human nature. You can



A reminder about another way we can all help those vastly less fortunate than us!!

Through a connection at FMSC, I found out about [Soles for Jesus](#). The Mission of this program is to provide new and gently used shoes to the people of Africa who desperately need them. Even though their Mission Statement says, “gently used”, their website says:

They collect all sizes and kinds of shoes in any condition. Donations of shoelaces are also appreciated. Shoes of any kind, in any condition, even “unwearable”, are accepted. SFJ provides shoes to people in Africa which helps prevent both injury and disease and allows children to attend school. No shoe ever needs to end up as landfill.



**Soles
For
Jesus**

To help with your donation, I put a box in the coat room near the fellowship hall. As a reminder - if possible - could you please tie the shoes together or put lace-less shoes and/or sandals into an individual plastic bag. Thank you in advance! If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mike Mol.

AN UPDATE!!!! I wanted to let you know that since we started this program, St Mark has donated [369 pairs of shoes](#) to Soles for Jesus.

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

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So what do you do with a table full of marshmallows??

To find out, please see the videos on the church's website or ask anyone you know in these pictures! We all had fun at our Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange Party. We played a bunch of games – it is pretty amazing what you can do with red balloons, toilet paper, oven mitts, water, green plastic cups, food coloring, spatulas, Hershey kisses, plastic wine glasses, streamers, green construction paper, blindfolds, ping pong balls, and, of course, a table full of marshmallows!!



Maybe one good thing that came out of Covid was that we started our Helping Hands Ministry.

Even though we haven't been as busy as we started out, we are still receiving calls for help every now and then. With that being said, I would like to ask you two things:

- 1) If you are willing to be a "helping hand", please let me know. The time commitment for this ministry is not a lot and the work is not that hard. You just need to be willing to help people from St. Mark or the community.
- 2) I have been leading this ministry from the beginning but now would like to step down from that position. I would be more than willing to help you "learn the ropes" of what this position entails and would stay on as a helping hand. Please pray about this role and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

Mike Mol



DATE NIGHT IS BACK IN FEBRUARY!!!!

Our study is called, "From This Day Forward". It will last for 5 weeks. Each date night is held the 2nd Friday of the month:

Feb 14, Mar 14, April 11, May 9, June 13

Mark those calendars for Valentines Day. Questions? Please reach out to Jeff or Lori McKenzie

SAVE THE DATE



The 2025 St. Mark Rummage Sale will be July 31st, August 1st & August 2nd. Collection will begin in early July. Set up will start around the 2nd week in July. Start saving all your great treasures and plan to join us for fun, fellowship and work. Questions ask Laurie Kerns 847-612-1510.



Hello! This summer, VBS is going to the great Canadian Rockies/Alaska. To set the scene, we need evergreen trees. I put out a request for any unwanted Christmas trees. If anyone brings a tree, please have them put them in the back room. Dean and I will be by to move them up to VBS storage so they will be out of the way. Thanks for all your support of our VBS program!

Beth Miller
SMLC VBS Director



**Every Month - 2nd Saturday /
7:00am Breakfast /
8:00am Training / 9:30am Adjourn**

Join in person or via zoom on the 2nd Saturday of the month (Men age 15+). Become part of something good and GET PLUGGED IN. We always have room for one more man. Send your contact information to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com or text Jerry Doran at 847-271-8632.



Fin Facts

Did you know?

As of December 31st St. Mark had \$430,185 in checking and savings accounts as well as \$60,000 in the contingency account. The cash balance has decreased over the last two months by \$7,000. Preliminary financial statements indicate a gain of \$84,320 for the 2024 fiscal year after saving \$20,500 for future Capital Improvements and in spite of a 17% decline in budgeted general tithing. The gain is due to staff vacancies, a government pandemic subsidy of over \$19,000, and careful spending.

At the end of 2023 St. Mark had cash in the bank totaling \$373,165. Over the past year cash and savings have increased by over \$57,000. At year end Endowment Funds totaled \$92,722, Columbarium Funds totaled \$47,216 and Restricted Funds decreased \$38,935 to \$376,174.

	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
Month of December 2024	\$ 65,770	\$ 65,270	(\$ 500)
2024 Fiscal Year (Jan.– December)	\$ 673,500	\$ 556,181	(\$117,319)

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Lay Reader List for February



If you are unable to read or be the Media Assistant on a specific Sunday, please switch with someone on the list **and notify the office**. Readings for both Saturdays and Sundays will be out the week before you read.

Saturday, February 1 st	5:30 PM	Johnna Morten	Saturday, February 15 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, February 2 nd	8:00 AM	Bonnie Milsop	Sunday, February 16 th	8:00 AM	Jim Schranz
	10:30 AM	Kristi Knull		10:30 AM	Kevin Graul
Saturday, February 8 th	5:30 PM	IIPS	Saturday, February 22 nd	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, February 9 th	8:00 AM	Lynn Wetterberg	Sunday, February 23 rd	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert
	10:30 AM	Rhonda Doran		10:30AM	Deb Zuchowski



Media Assistant for February



Saturday, February 1 st	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser	Saturday, February 15 th	5:30 PM	OPEN
Sunday, February 2 nd	8:00 AM	Danielle & Sammie	Sunday, February 16 th	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingsen
	10:30 AM	OPEN		10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, February 8 th	5:30 PM	OPEN	Saturday, February 22 nd	5:30 PM	OPEN
Sunday, February 9 th	8:00 AM	OPEN	Sunday, February 23 rd	8:00 AM	OPEN
	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass		10:30AM	OPEN

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Support St. Mark & Local Businesses



Second Tuesday Each Month

CARRY OUT, PICK UP or DELIVERY!
Be sure to bring your coupon and mention it at time of payment!

Present this certificate at the time of payment and **15%** of your order, excluding tax and tip, will be donated to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**.
Certificate must be presented at time of payment.
Not to be used with any other coupons or discounts.

Share with your friends and family.

LINDENHURST LOCATION ONLY

12:00 - 9:00 PM

Visit www.antiochpizzashop.com for full menu.

Valid the **Second Tuesday** of each Month

Antioch Pizza ■ 224-444-8657
1856 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst

DATES: Second Tuesdays
2/11/25, 3/11/25, 4/8/25



Wendy's

THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH!

Now Serving Breakfast!

DRIVE THRU Anytime that day! Be sure to bring your coupon! (paper or electronic)

Show your support for St. Mark Lutheran Church

Stop into **Wendy's® Lindenhurst** anytime on the **Third Thursday** of each month and **30%** of qualifying sales will be donated to **St. Mark Lutheran Church**.

DATE: Every Third Thursday
2/20/25, 3/20/25, 4/17/25

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

Present this flyer when ordering!

Paper flyer or electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Drive-thru, carry-out (place inside the dining room at the counter) and dine-in orders when and where available qualify. Owned and operated by **HAMRA** Enterprises, a Wendy's franchisee www.hamrafundraising.com.

Divine Signs is Lake County's premier yard message creation company, dedicated to spreading joy and love in an extraordinary way!

We are excited to announce that we will **contribute 10% of our proceeds to St. Mark Lutheran Church** in Lindenhurst, IL. Simply mention St. Mark Lutheran Church, it is that easy! Tell your family and friends and let's get your next congratulatory event in the schedule!

This promotion is offered for everyone. Contact us directly or visit our sites to learn more about us...



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
2 8:00AM Worship 9:20 Sunday School AND Confirmation 10:30 Worship	3 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care	4 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice	5 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation	6 6:00PM Stephen Min. 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	7	8 7:00AM HIS Ministry 5:30PM Worship
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