

The VOICE OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by John Bengston

Living into our Mission and Vision

St. Mark Family! Wow!

On Thursday, February 13 the Transition Team hosted a forum on living into our Mission and Vision. We have come a long way, friends. We have examined our past, embraced our present and are looking to the future. Our forums have given us a way to reinforce a foundation and build on what we have. This time, though, rather than asking the congregation what they could do, we asked you individually what you can do to live into our Mission and Vision.

There was a wonderful turnout to The Mission and Vision Forum, and it came with a lot of positive feedback. We have found that our forums have allowed you to have a voice and we will continue to do these in the future. And what a great space we have in the Ed Center for these! It certainly was a time of meaningful discussion, great ideas, and enriching fellowship.

So, what is next? While it is important that these events give a way for all to be heard, it is important that we act on what we learned as well. We have a lot of information to go through and in the coming weeks we will be doing that. A summary of this information will be provided for all. With this, we will decide our next steps in St. Mark's transition. I would encourage everyone to be ready. We have a MISSION! One thing is for certain: we are on the right path and God's glory is shining brightly at St. Mark!

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www.smlc.info/events

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ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the April edition of *The Voice* is March 12th. Please Email articles to:



Ash Wednesday
A Christian Holy Day of
Prayer and Fasting
Service Only
March 5th
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

WINTER JAM
Sunday, March 2nd
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Education
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Open to
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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 11th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 25th @ 7:00PM

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MISSOURI MUSINGS

BY BOB YARBROUGH

Happy Endings

Pastor Breum used to say that for a Christian, all of our best days lie ahead of us.

I believe that. I believed it when I first began to attend St. Mark around the year 2001. Now, a quarter century later, I believe it even more. Our best days lie ahead of us because we have the sure hope of everlasting life. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and defeated death in his resurrection. He ascended into heaven, from whence we await his return.

Death, for the Christian, is not termination but transition. Death is not perishing: it is promotion. "This day you shall be with me in paradise," Jesus told the thief on the cross who believed in him. To be absent from the body, for the believer, is to be present with the Lord.

Whatever the course of our life, for the Christian believer, we await a happy ending. "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4 ESV).

Because we have this hope, when good things come to an end in life, we entrust God with what was and is now past. We look for him to bless what is to come.

Through life's ups and downs, God's promises and faithfulness bear us up. Serving him, knowing him, worshiping him, sharing him with others, gives us purpose. Our lives, however difficult, have meaning. As the Heidelberg Catechism puts it, "He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven. In fact, all things must work together for my salvation."

In this mortal life, all things, including all good things, must come to end. But even the very best things pale beside the future God has promised to his people.

With this consolation, I face the ending of this column, Missouri Musings. I have written over 150 columns--a small book!--since I began in March 2011. Thank you for reading. My association with St. Mark is the longest and most significant of any church in my life. My younger son Micah was confirmed at St. Mark. Our family attended regularly from 2001 until we moved away in 2010.

In those years 2001–2010, some of you remember that I taught in the Education Center many Sunday mornings. I preached (all three services) one weekend a month (and always on Palm Sunday). I gave many children's sermons (one of my favorite things). I performed a wedding for Pastor Breum when tragedy required him to be away. In 2023 I was privileged to lead a Confirmation service.

Just two months ago, I met with many of you to remember, to grieve, and to celebrate the homegoing of Ed Gray.

Since 2010, I have preached at least four times a year at St. Mark. Over the years we have shared somber events like 9/11, the wonderful ministry of Pastor Shields, the move from the ELCA to LCMC, and the joys of hundreds of Sundays of worship. There have been many deep friendships. Since 2010, on my St. Mark preaching weekends, I was hosted by Lou and Bonnie Korom until Lou's death. Since then, the Dorans and the Bolanders have kindly opened their homes.

Sharon Schranz and Debbie Zuchowski deserve special recognition for their kindnesses as church administrators over many years when they often had to cut me slack. I have benefited from the wisdom and friendship of many council presidents, most recently Joni Wasmund and Cliff Ewert.

As St. Mark transitions from II Pastor Abend's skillful interim guidance to a new permanent pastor, and as the church approaches 2030, it will no longer be the church I first knew back almost into the 1990s. When I started attending St. Mark at Pastor Breum's invitation, I was in my 40s. Now I am in my 70s. My time of writing Missouri Musings, and my time of regular preaching at St. Mark, have ended.

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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 January and February 2025 Council meetings:

- Council approved Robin Korom as Council Vice President for 2025.
- Council approved honorarium schedules for Ordained and Non-ordained ministers who serve as substitutes at church services.
- Council approved an extension of Intentional Interim Pastor Steve Abend's contract with St. Mark to June 1, 2025.
- Council approved Brock Millsop as a new member of the Finance Ministry Team.
- Council approved allocating \$1,000 for a Random Acts of Kindness youth event.
- Council learned of marketing opportunities that St. Mark has with the local Chamber of Commerce, with thanks to Kurt Ulbricht for his work on this.
- Council approved the members of our annual Audit Committee. The audit is set for March 18.
- Council approved sponsorship of BiG Great Lakes in the amount of \$2,500 and a donation to STAR for \$2,500 from the Council's Discretionary Benevolence Fund.
- Council approved the 2025 Benevolence plan, which will be outlined in the February Meeting minutes.



Please check them against your checkbook. If you find any discrepancies, please notify Barb Griffith by calling the Church Office or emailing her at Barb@smlc.info. 2025 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.

Happy Endings, *Continued from page 3*

The first St. Mark church directory I have shows the church council of 2003–2004: Steve Strand, Dan and Audrey Kwiatkowski, Kathy Norlin. Many who were with us then are now with the Lord. To name just a few: Linda Brissey, Ed Bybee, John Clark, George and Ruth Craig, Susie Ersbo, Art Hlavin, Lou Korom, Eleanor Magera, Mary Jane Niles, Herb Oesterle, Norb and Betty Pischke, Axel and Arlene Swanson . . . If you are among the St. Mark faithful, you could name many more. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Rev. 14:13).

Rich memories of St. Mark, and prayers for your joy and faithfulness, will be with me and Bernie always. So will our gratitude for your support of the important work in Sudan, South Sudan, and South Africa that you have generously supported as Pastor Bill Shields and I have ministered there dozens of times, with plans to continue until 2026.

As my Missouri Musings and regular St. Mark ministry draw to a close, I choose to dwell on . . . happy endings. The fellowship and love in Christ, and his ministry of God's word and the sacrament to us, are never ending in their presence and power.

Pastor Breum, to whom along with Janet I owe so much, had it right. All of our best days lie ahead of us. In this we take heart as we continue in the service and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But I will give God's word the final word, as it is truer than anything I know or could say: "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven" (Col. 1:3–5).

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Bob

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March of 2025: Sunday School at Saint Mark

A special event is planned on Mar. 16 at the 10:30 service. Our Sunday school children will be singing, ushering, greeting and doing readings. Karissa McGill will lead our little ones, PreK - 2nd grade, in songs for the congregation. We will be asking older kids for help ushering, offering, communion, readings, and greeting too.

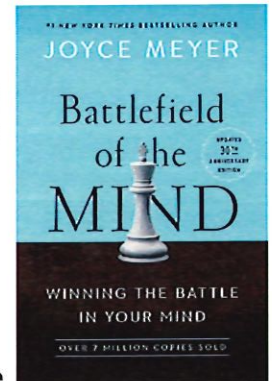
Intentional Interim Pastor Steve will hold pre-communion class during Sunday school on March 23rd for our 4th graders and older students, if needed. Parents and students learn the reason and importance for communion. Once completed, these students can celebrate taking communion with our congregation.

Our 6th, 7th and 8th celebrated with a get-together with their Prayer Pals on Feb. 23rd during Sunday School. A special thanks to the dedicated party pals who help guide our confirmation students.

Just a reminder to all confirmation students that they will have their Spring Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 15th from 9:00AM - 2:00PM.



Sunday morning Women's Study has started a new book. The book entitled, "Battlefield of the Mind" by Joyce Meyer is the 30th Anniversary Edition just released on February 4, 2025. You can order the book on Joyce Meyer's website, christianbook.com or Amazon. Make sure you order the 30th Anniversary Edition as there are other versions. Even if you do not have a book you are more than welcome to come. We meet in the East Chapel of the Ed Center. Ask Pam Preston if you have questions.



On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

- **Pray the Call Committee Prayer** for the new pastor.
- **St. Mark Church 2025 Prayer Guide for Church, leaders and members and Youth Prayer Guide** on the St. Mark website under Prayer tab, smlc.info. Copies are also available on the Prayer Table in the Narthex.
- **Knowing the Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work...**Appealing to the Holy Spirit 24/7 in March *Voice*, Prayer Table for prayer guide, and St. Mark website: smlc.info under the Prayer Tab.
- **30 Days of Prayer for Muslims for our Muslim neighbors.** Here, There, Everywhere begins February 28- March 30. See details in March *Voice*. Prayer guides available on the Prayer Table from past years. 2025 Prayer Guides, adult and kids, available online for download for \$2.50, <https://www.pray30days.org/>



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 and Barb Ewert for zoom link

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About

30 DAYS OF PRAYER for the MUSLIM WORLD.

In April 1992, a group of Christians from a global missions organisation gathered by the Red Sea in the Middle East. Ramadan had just ended. Praying together, this group of men and women felt that God was directing them to pay more attention to His love for the Muslim world. Those involved in the meeting describe the revelation as a clear message, calling them to embrace the Muslim world in all its diversity, seeing Muslims as God does - as His beloved creation. They committed to obey this word, beginning with a time of 30 days of focused prayer and fasting for the Muslim world.

Every time that Ramadan has occurred since then, a prayer guide has been created to help Christians pray for Muslims during the 30 days of the fast. The guide focuses on blessing Muslim people and helping Christians have greater understanding of, and love for, Muslims around the world. Christians from many nations get involved in the production, sharing the needs of local Muslim communities and stories to inspire prayer. Distributors in many nations translate and share the guide in over 40 languages, creating a global prayer movement unlike any other with many hundreds of thousands participating in prayer every year.

If you are using this prayer guide, you know that God works together with us through prayer, and you can see the fruit of over 30 years of faithful intercession. Your participation, prayers, and pursuit of a word spoken 30 years ago have changed the world forever.

To purchase and download the 2025 30 Days of Prayer for Muslims in pdf format go to <https://www.pray30days.org> Cost \$2.50. Or grab a similar prayer guide from previous years at the Prayer Table in the Narthex. Note the 30 Days of Prayer dates will not be for this year.



Greetings from the Call Committee!

We conducted a follow-up discussion with a potential candidate, and all parties determined that this person would not be able to fulfill the needs of St Mark.

We conducted an interview with a new candidate on January 27th and we had a second interview on February 17th.

We received interest from another potential candidate and requested their resume. We sent out our preliminary interview questions, also known as Apples to Apples.

We are very hopeful that as spring approaches, interest in our Senior Pastor position will gain momentum! We want to thank you for your continued prayers, support, and patience during this process.

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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Knowing the Importance of Prayer in God's Eternal Work... Building up St. Mark Church through prayer during Lent

"When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. Jeremiah 29:12

Join in Fellowship to seek God's blessing for St. Mark Church to:

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

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

- Realizing God's work through St. Mark Church can 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.¹

Second find a small group, a prayer partner, your family, your spouse. Thus fulfilling our call to Lenten prayers of sharing and listening to each other and the Holy Spirit.

Third pray for a least 10-15 minutes to cover a St. Mark worship service in prayer, note suggested guidelines below*, but as always follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

*In this season of Lent join your St. Mark family in a time of focused prayer before and during weekend and midweek worship services to:

- **Repent** of our sins, individual and corporate (St. Mark Church); *Matthew 4:17*
- Ask the Holy Spirit for **revival** within and beyond St. Mark Church by; *Mark 16:15-20*
 - the preaching at St. Mark church,
 - conversions by the power of Holy Spirit at St. Mark.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for St. Mark Church to continue **reformation** for all believers; *Matthew 28:18-20*
 - practical training and teaching for our soul forming Christian journey,
 - transformation of St. Mark minds - shifting from a temporal to an eternal perspective,
 - making disciples.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for St. Mark to be a church of **restoration**; *1 Corinthians 13:11*
 - nurturing future pastors to live and teach the Gospel,
 - asking the Holy Spirit to embolden each of our St. Mark family to develop new relationships within their own neighborhoods, schools, work,
 - sharing personal stories of the Christian life at St. Mark,
 - serving community needs through St. Mark based services.
- Conclude with prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the Trinity.

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

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

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All are Welcome to this Family Event!
Sunday, March 2nd
4-6pm- Ed Center



Winter Jam!

Food is provided!

A Free-Will Offering will be collected to support the Youth Missions Trip this Summer

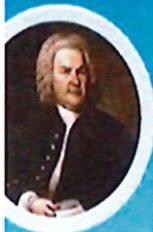
St. Mark Music Upcoming Events in March



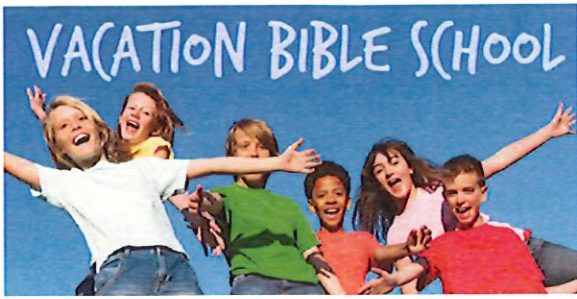
**Johann Sebastian Bach
 Weekend!!!
 March 22 & 23, 2025**

In remembrance of J.S.B.'s
340th birthday on March 21st,
 the traditional services will
 feature music of the master...

J. S. BACH



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Winter may still be here, but we are planning ahead for our very important Summer outreach program, Vacation Bible School, running **June 16-20, 2025**. We are in need of a Co-Director. This is an important chance to serve our St. Mark children as well as many children from our community. You will be working with a veteran Co-director.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Contact: Parish Ed or Beth Miller.

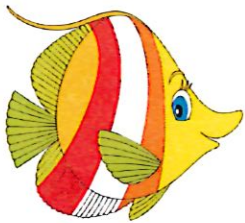
SAVE THE DATE

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.



**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 contact Jerry Doran.



Fin Facts

Did you know?

As of January 31st St. Mark had \$437,358 in checking and savings accounts as well as \$60,000 in the contingency account. The cash balance has increased over the last month by \$7,173. Preliminary financial statements indicate a gain of \$7,0010 for the first month of the fiscal year. Offerings exceeded budget by \$1,826.

The 2024 Audit will be taking place in the month of March. If you would like to join the Audit Team, please contact Lynn Wetterberg the first week of March. This is an internal audit and is completed according to St. Mark's Audit Policy.

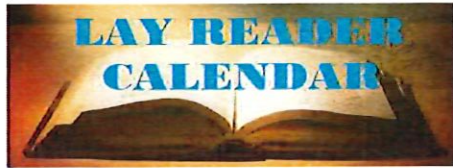
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	
Month of January 2025	\$ 49,700	\$ 50,948	\$ 1,248

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Lay Readers & Media Assistants For March

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, March 1 st	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson	Saturday, March 1 st	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, March 2 nd	8:00 Am	Carl Norlin	Sunday, March 2 nd	8:00 AM	Danielle & Sammie
	10:30 AM	IPastor Steve		10:30 AM	Julie Rick
Saturday, March 8 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morten	Saturday, March 8 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, March 9 th	8:00 AM	Betty Oesterle	Sunday, March 9 th	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
	10:30 AM	Gary Olson		10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, March 15 th	5:30 PM	IPastor Steve	Saturday, March 15 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, March 16 th	8:00 AM	Lynn Wetterberg	Sunday, March 16 th	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingsen
	10:30 AM	Bill Blecke		10:30 AM	OPEN
Saturday, March 22 nd	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson	Saturday, March 22 nd	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, March 23 rd	8:00 AM	Bonnie Millsop	Sunday, March 23 rd	8:00 AM	OPEN
	10:30 AM	Carl Norlin		10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, March 29 th	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth	Saturday, March 29 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, March 30 th	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert	Sunday, March 30 th	8:00 AM	OPEN
				10:30AM	OPEN

Servers Alb Care

I am looking for someone to take care of the white server robes.

They should be washed at least

twice a year, and maybe checked on monthly for being hung correctly and in the right spot. It takes minimal effort, but is one of the many things that can be done quietly for the church.

Please contact Gae Michal with any questions or to volunteer.



Flower Chart

Just a reminder there is a chart near the front entry doors to sign up for ordering flowers for a specific weekend with your chosen reason. Just sign up on the chart, fill in the envelope found beneath the chart, drop it in the collection plate or the safe in the workroom.

The fee is \$35. You may take the flowers home AFTER the last service on Sunday, or after Wednesday during Advent or Lent.

Any questions, contact Gae Michal.

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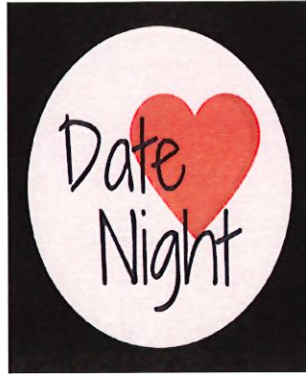
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Date Night is Back!

Our next Date Night is:
Friday, March 14th



Held the second Friday of the month from 6:00PM - 8:00PM. The name of the study is "From This Day Forward."

Babysitting is provided. Bring a side dish to pass, the main course will be provided.

Date night is open to the public and you do not need to attend every month.



The Cook County event is being held Saturday, April 12th. The Registration deadline is March 23rd.

We need 60 volunteers for this event.

Please go to:

[Bill Glass Ministries](#) to register.

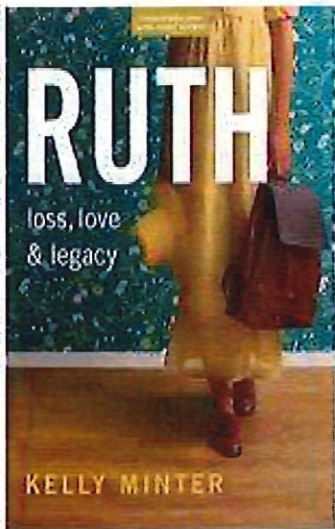
If you have questions, please contact Jeff McKenzie.

New Women's Bible Study

Please join us for a new study on the book of Ruth, by Kelly Minter. We meet in the church library every Wednesday morning at

10:00am. The cost of the book is \$15.00.

We will begin this new study on March 26, and will end our study on May 7th. If you have any questions, or want to sign up, please contact Connie Saunders.



March Open Arms Food Pantry

Please donate these items in March:

Soup
Peanut Butter
Shampoo



All non-perishable food is accepted always!

***Currently, 346 households visit Open Arms Mission each month, sometimes twice a month.

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2025 Lent Services



Ash Wednesday: March 5 (1pm & 7pm)

Wednesday Lent Services: (March 12, 19, 26) and (April 2 & 9) at 7:00pm

Palm Sunday: April 13 (8am & 10:30am)

Maundy Thursday: April 17 (7pm)

Good Friday: April 18 (1pm & 7pm)

Easter Services: April 20 (6:30am, 9am, 11am)

“God’s Work, Our Hands”

If you are able, please sign up to usher for Lenten and Easter Services. The sign up sheets are located in the Narthex.



Lenten Suppers/Services



There will be **NO** Lent supper on **Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5th**

We invite you to join us for fellowship and good food. Lenten Suppers are Wednesday evenings prior to the Lenten church service. We start serving supper at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th.

We need volunteers to help with set-up, serving, and clean up. More information to come on the suppers!

Easter Lillies

Easter lily order forms are available in the narthex. Please use this form to order your beautiful Easter lily, just in time for Easter! It will decorate our sanctuary for Holy Week. Then you can take it home, or donate your plant. Easter lilies cost \$16.00. The deadline to order a plant is Wednesday, April 2nd.

Plants are given:

- ***to the Glory of God
- ***in Honor of
- ***in Memory of
- ***on the Occasion of



You can either pick up your plant after the 11am Easter service, or choose to be taken to someone who is ill or a shut-in.



Easter Lily Order Form

Please fill out the following form if you would like to place a lily plant on the altar for Easter Sunday Worship 2025 at St. Mark Lutheran. The last day orders will be taken is Wednesday, April 2nd.

Please PRINT all information!

Name: _____

Phone: _____



Plant(s) are given:

_____ To the Glory of God

_____ In Honor of _____

_____ In Memory of _____

_____ On the Occasion of _____

_____ Easter Lily(s) @ \$16.00 each Total Order \$ _____

_____ I will pick up the plant(s) after the 11:00am Easter Service

(Flowers must be picked up by 4pm on Tuesday April 22)

_____ I would like the plant(s) taken to someone who is ill or shut-in

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH. The last day orders will be taken is Wednesday, April 2nd.

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.

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1856 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst

DATES: Second Tuesdays
3/11/25, 4/8/25, 5/13/25



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Now Serving Breakfast!

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

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DATE: Every Third Thursday
3/20/25, 4/17/25, 5/15/25

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

Present this flyer when ordering!

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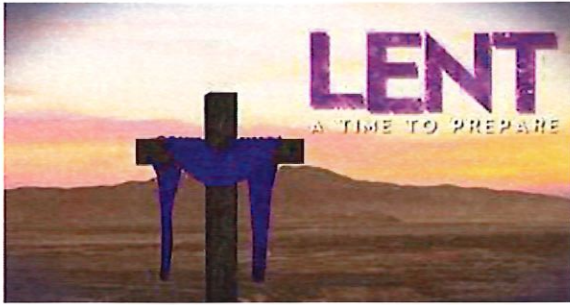
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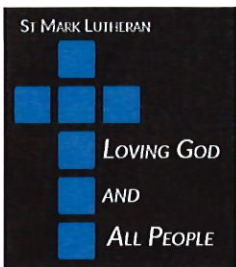
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