

April 2025



by John Bengston

## Living into our Mission and Vision,

### Our Mission:

Loving God and All People

### Our Vision Statements:

Pray

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

Last month, I spoke of our Living into our Mission and Vision Forum held in February. It was a great opportunity for us to consider what we can do individually to live into our Mission and Vision. The raw data has been compiled from the Forum and I've asked the Transition Team to review and identify some opportunities that we can pursue as a congregation. The goal is to roll this out by mid-April and then ask you to live into our Mission and Vision by using your individual gifts to help us succeed. Until then, please prayerfully consider ways you can contribute and support St. Mark's Mission and Vision.

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## CHURCH EVENTS


[www.smlc.info/events](http://www.smlc.info/events)

## ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

[stmarkcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkcommunications@gmail.com).

Complete Details Inside or



**Maunday Thursday Service**  
7:00 PM

**Good Friday Services**  
1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

**Easter Services**  
6:30 AM, 9:00 AM &  
11:00 AM

**Holy Week**



Lenten Suppers are Wednesday evenings prior to the Lenten church service. We start serving supper at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars for April

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**Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, April 8th @ 7:00PM



Below are important decisions from the March 2025 Council meeting:

- Motion to approve merit-based pay increases for our wonderful Church Staff.
- Motion to approve per diem amounts for supply (substitute) pastors for overnight lodging and meals if being used for all three weekend services.
- Motion to approve adding Laurie Kerns and Judy Dunfrund to the Audit Committee.

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## ***St Mark's Joyful Hearts - Singles Group***

Joyful Hearts is a group for St Mark single people who get together for friendship and fellowship. The commonality and shared experience of being single is what brings us together. We believe that Christian friendships make our lives more fulfilling. Joyful Hearts is not a group that actively seeks dating relationships. We have been getting together once a month at one of our local restaurants for food, conversation and fellowship. Additionally, throughout the month we have gone to the movies, farmers markets, local concerts, etc. If you are interested in joining this group please let us know (you can pick and choose what you want to participate in). This is a great way to get to know other members of the church!



Contact Patty Lindholm or Nancy O'Connor

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## **President's Message, *Continued from Page 1***

Here's the thing, though: You don't have to wait for April! There are opportunities now. In looking through last month's edition of The Voice, there are opportunities for prayer and worship. There are several different Bible studies that are available. There are planning opportunities for VBS in June and an invitation to participate in the Rummage Sale in August (collection and set up starting in July). There is also Prison Ministry and Open Arms Food Pantry. The list goes on but know that there are opportunities to act on now. I encourage you to find one thing and join in. Just one.

Lastly, in December and January, Stewardship looked to the congregation to share their talents and interests. From this, we have been able to identify people to volunteer in helping office staff, working with media and many other things. I bring this up to encourage you to offer your time and talents as well, if called upon.

We are blessed as a congregation and I know that God's path for us is certain.

God's blessings!

John Bengston

To experience the joy of the Lord, click on this link to listen to the Hallelujah Chorus (with lyrics)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynVX1PkXHk8>

What emotion(s) welled up within your soul? Did you sense God's presence? That wonderful sense of joy, peace, love and comfort as you listened to the words and music?

How often or do you seek God's presence? In his book, *Man is Not Alone*, a Jewish mystic Abraham J. Heschel, said, "God is of no importance unless he is of supreme importance."

Dr. Peter Kreeft, a philosopher at Boston College, writes in his book, *Prayer for Beginners*, "food nourishes the body; prayer gives life to the soul."

In seeking God's presence, one key is to establish a daily pattern of prayer.

- ◆ Pick a daily appointment time with God.
- ◆ Next seek a quiet place,<sup>1</sup> inviting God's presence (Psalm 63:1; your own words).
- ◆ Begin in silence for a few moments, lengthening the time each day as you are able.
- ◆ Establish a habit of scripture reading and study.
- ◆ Consider what questions, insights, and revelations have been raised or revealed.
- ◆ Enter a dialogue with the Holy Spirit, inviting God to speak as you reflect on questions such as:
  - ◇ What is the Scripture saying to me today?
  - ◇ Can I accept and apply this message to myself? To my world?
  - ◇ How will this message change my life?
  - ◇ What direction, guidance, or wisdom am I hearing and sensing?
  - ◇ What actions are being suggested as my response?
- ◆ Thinking about what comes to your mind/heart write down a response in the form of a prayer. You may want to preserve your conversations in the form of a journal.

God is always with us, He may seek your attention first via a nudge, a Scripture verse, or word. God communicates with each of His children in unique ways. Key parts of mindfully seeking His presence are listening, hearing, discerning, and responding to the voice of God made known in Jesus Christ.

May Easter Joy be with you always!!!

<sup>1</sup> Because we exist in a *noisy* world, the practice of sitting in silence and solitude is difficult. Why? We are shifting our focus from exterior concerns to the interior life. We are to empty our mind of other voices (TV, radio, podcasts, music, etc.) so we can hear the divine voice. We are to heed the call to "be still, and know that I am God." Ps.46:10.



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.

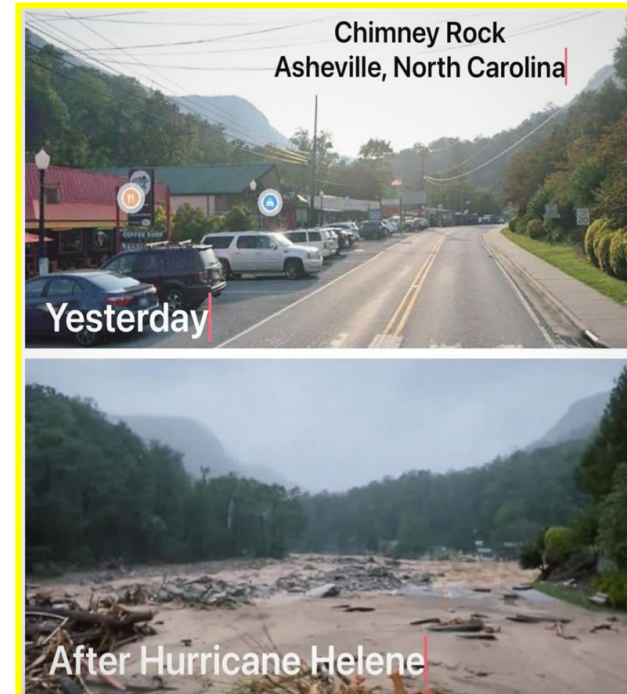


cially the mission trips we have gone on! For our first mission trip fundraiser, people paid \$407 to win the M&M Jar!!!! (Karissa McGill was closet with a guess that was only 34 M&M's away from the total 1178!!). And at the WinterJam, WinterFest, JamFest, BandBash - whatever it was called - the free will donation given that night went towards the mission trip and that total was \$388!

**WOW!!!!!!!!!!**

Second – some of you have already asked me what supplies we'll need to take to donate to help with their Hurricane Helene relief. I know in years past, YouthWorks, the company that organizes/runs the trips, have given us ideas of the needs of the areas – one year it was personal toiletries, another year it was cleaning supplies. I will keep you informed what the North Carolina site needs once I find out. Thank you in advance.

Third – please pray for our trip, our participants, and the people of the area we are going to work in. Going on this year's trip will be high schoolers: Ayla Appelt, Avina Doty, Abbey Johnson, Leah Koslosky, Erin Pasdiora, and Joey Reiner. Lori and Jeff McKenzie will be the adult leaders helping me this year! We will be based in the town of Spindale, NC, which is right outside of Rutherfordton – I bet you know exactly where we are going now!!! (Spindale is about an hour southeast of Asheville.) The pictures below were taken in areas like Bat Cave, Chimney Rock, and Lake Lure showing homes, businesses, and landscapes before and after Hurricane Helene. These 3 areas are about 25 miles west of where we will be working. YouthWorks says in previous years, we would visit these places during our week, but not this year!

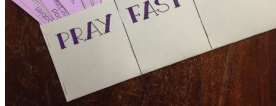


**ATTENTION ALL KIDS 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE AND YOUNGER!!!**

**PLEASE COME TO THE ED CENTER AT 10:20 ON  
EASTER MORNING FOR THE ANNUAL ST. MARK  
YOUTH GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT!!**

We'll have two different areas for "hunting"  
one area for kids 4 years old and under  
one area for kids between 5 years old and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

I invite any and all high school youth and friends to join me, Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Ed Center,  
to pack the eggs with goodies and to then hide them.



As I write this to you Denise and I are finishing all the preparations for the very first Sunday School church service. We want to thank all the Sunday school parents, teachers, students, Intentional Interim Pastor Steve, and our entire congregation for welcoming our Sunday School students to a service. Denise and I hope that we can continue this annual event in years to come! Next, month our middle school students will be teaching one Sunday school class in the Education Center. We look forward to this very special event and our middle school students do an awesome job! Easter is right around the corner and we are hoping that some of our Sunday school students will want to be at either the 8:00 or the 10:30 am service, so they can pass out palms on Palm Sunday.

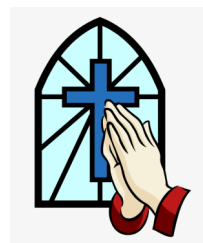


We are blessed that we are beginning our third season at St. Mark with our Garden Club. The first year was an unprecedented drought which proved challenging, but nevertheless successful. Last year we did an amazing garden, added another 6 boxes and had a bounty of vegetables. This year we plan on going even larger. We began to open up next to the boxes with a pumpkin patch, unfortunately we got a late start and only grew about a half dozen pumpkins. This year we have many more faces joining up and we would love to have you be a part of our group. There honestly is only one day of tough work, but last year we knocked it out in a few hours. There is no experience required and everyone is welcome whether you water the plants or lay some seeds and plants. It is a great time sharing our mutual love for gardening. On April 4, 2025 we will have our first meeting in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30PM which will include dinner consisting of pizza and soft drinks. We will discuss our plans for the coming year. Please come with ideas and suggestions. Everyone has a say! If you are interested in coming to the meeting to see what we are all about, please reach out to Fred Natschke. As our saying goes, *"Come Grow with Us at the Garden of Eaten."*

## On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

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- **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](http://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 see in March *Voice*, Prayer Table for prayer guide, and St. Mark website: [smlc.info](http://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](mailto: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

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](http://www.compassioninternational.org).



## Greetings from the Call Committee!

I think we are all looking forward to warmer weather and a beautiful summer.

As previously reported, we have no active candidates we are pursuing. We are exploring other avenues to reach out to potential candidates. We resent the tri-fold brochure to available pastors on the LCMC call list. We are also contacting current pastors and others, as well as investigating different websites, to search for interest in our Senior Pastor position .

Our church is very healthy and we have so much to offer! We are prayerfully optimistic that as spring approaches, we will see renewed interest in our Senior Pastor position!

We understand there are many questions from you, and as we have information, it will be shared with you. As always, 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.*







Join us for the ultimate Alaskan adventure! As kids trek the tundra, we'll build a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

**When:** Monday, June 16th – Friday, June 20th

**Time:** 9:00 am - Noon

**Who:** Preschoolers (3-years old and potty-independent) through 6th graders (for the 24-25 school year)

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## ***KIDS & STAFF REGISTRATION OPENED APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>***

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### **VBS SUPPORT NEEDED!**

Putting together one of St. Mark's largest congregational and community outreach programs requires many people with various talents. **WE HAVE A SPACE FOR YOU!**

#### **How can you help BEFORE VBS?**

**Adopt a prop:** Can you follow directions to make some decorations or lesson props? Written directions and supplies will be provided. Work from the comfort of your own home and bring back completed props. Look for these opportunities at the VBS table in the Narthex.

**Join our Decorating Crew:** Want to have a part in turning St. Mark's campus into the Alaskan tundra? From building to crafting, we need all skill sets. We'll be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays after Memorial Day. Look for more details at the VBS table in the Narthex.

**Join our Director Staff:** Would you like to get involved in organizing all aspects of VBS? The Director Staff oversees all aspects of VBS – registration, safety, training, and organizing. Our veteran staff would LOVE to have you help us bring VBS to St. Mark and our community. Note: This position requires time before and during VBS.

#### **How can YOU help the week of VBS?**

**Station Leaders:** Using a provided curriculum, share the Bible story, lead games, make crafts, sing songs, or prepare snacks. Must be over the age of 18; will require a background check through St. Mark.

**Crew Leaders:** Experience VBS with a group of preschool or elementary kids as your crew moves through the different stations/activities. Must be 7th grade or older.

If you've got any questions or want to chat about VBS, please **contact Beth Miller or reach out to our Parish Education Committee.**



request them to be in honor of a special event, person, or milestone. There is a calendar located near the front doors along with the envelope to place your request information and \$35 fee, which you can place in the offering plate or the safe in the workroom. You may take them home after the second service.... except during Lent and Advent. We have Wednesday night service and would like them to remain until after that service.

simple service, just make sure they have no needed repairs or stains. They should be washed at least three times a year, and maybe checked on monthly for being hung correctly and in the right spot. We have about 30 robes, which could be done in intervals based on your schedule.



Please contact Gae Michal with any questions or to volunteer.

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](mailto:Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com).



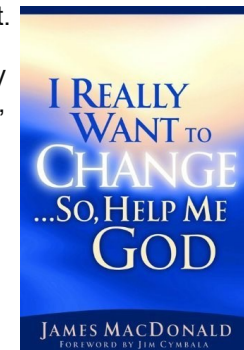
## ***I Really Want to Change... So, Help Me God***

Are you truly serious about allowing the power of God to transform your life? If you are, then prepare yourself for an incredible, life-changing experience. Change is difficult, but it's made even harder without practical guidance on how to do it. You will find that guidance in *I Really Want to Change... So, Help Me God*.

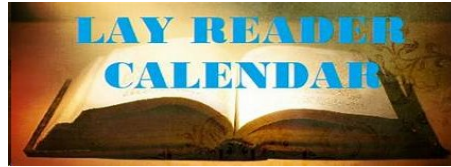
Author James MacDonald is serious about the business of change according to God's Word. While many tell us that we should change and be more like Christ, MacDonald actually teaches us how to do it. Lord, Change Me is split into three sections as the model for approaching change:

- The Preparation for Change: choosing the right method and partnering with God to select the areas in need of change in your life.
- The Process of Change: exploring the biblical method of saying 'no' to sinful patterns and 'yes' to the things God desires for you.
- The Power to Change: explaining how to experience the power of God personally and continuously.

This is a book about a different you. There are no warm fuzzies within these pages. Rather, MacDonald is a direct, to-the-point pastor with a heart for seeing lives completely transformed by the truth of the Gospel. If you're serious about changing your life, this book is just what you need. You can find this book under call number 248.4 MAC.



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, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 Am	IIPastor Steve
	10:30 AM	Kristi Knull
Saturday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	IIPastor Steve
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Carl Norlin
	10:30 AM	Rhonda Doran
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 AM	IIPastor Steve
	9:00 AM	Jim Schranz
	11:00 AM	Kevin Gaul
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert
	10:30 AM	Deb Zuchowski

Saturday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	OPEN
Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingsen
	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	OPEN
Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Danielle & Sammie
	10:30 AM	Julie Rick
Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Mel Ellingsen
Sunday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 AM	Johnna Morton
	9:00 AM	OPEN
	11:00 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	OPEN
	10:30 AM	Rich Sidley

## So what did you do the afternoon of Sunday, February 23rd???

### Did you give away **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS**???

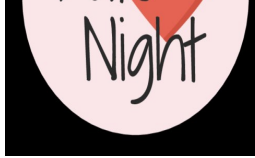
Well – 3 of our high school youth did just that! With the generosity of your Church Council, we were given \$1000 to give away for our annual Random Act of Kindness event. Ayla Appelt, Abbey Johnson, and Leah Koslosky, along with Debbie Gass' help, got to make 10 people a little bit happier. We split the money into 10 envelopes which included some information about St. Mark, a cross keychain, a Bible verse bookmark, and a crisp brand-new \$100 bill. At first, the 10 recipients were in somewhat disbelief (\$100 bills *do* look a little fake), then a look of surprise would come over their face, and then – on some – a few tears were shed. What did the girls get in return? The girls got A LOT OF HUGS! Please look at the rest of the pictures posted on the Youth Bulletin Board outside the Fellowship Hall's doors.



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.



Senior  
Baby Wipes  
Baby Food



**All non-perishable food is accepted always!**

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



## Noah's Nursery News

The nursery is gearing up for a busy Spring with many events planned as well as covering Sunday morning worship services and the Sunday School hour!

First, I'd like to welcome the new families that have joined Noah's Nursery this year! What a blessing it has been spending time with your littles!

In the Spring, we will continue to host the Parents' Morning Out events to the community and our church members for FREE on every fourth Friday of the month, except for July, from 9 am - 12:00 pm. Our next PMO event is on Friday, April 25th. Hope to see your children/grandchildren there!

Here's some pictures from a Parents' Morning Out event and the fun we had on February 28th, 2025!



Breaking bread together.



Story time.



Reindeer ring toss.  
(It's a ringer and Mary is such a great sport!)

In addition, our Parents' Night Out event held on Saturday, March 15th, was successful with 12 children in attendance! Watch for upcoming PNO events under "Save the Date" in our weekly reminders from Julie.

Lastly, a big shout out of thanks to our nursery team, many of whom have volunteered their time, talents and spiritual gifts for 10 + years! Thank you! I sincerely appreciate your efforts and dedication in the nursery!

Stay active and healthy!

God Bless,

Deborah Heide



One of our sister churches in Libertyville started this last year and they are doing it again! They want churches from Lake County to “Pack the Place” again the first full week in April - the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. We, as a church, are already scheduled to go and pack Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> but if you are free anytime that next week, please consider going to the site to help feed kids around the world. Here is the link to sign up [April Sign Up](#) or, as always, talk to me for help!

Speaking of packing food, if you haven’t noticed, posted on the door in the Fellowship Hall near the kitchen is a spreadsheet of all the times St. Mark has gone and packed food in the past. The data is broken down into two parts: how much St. Mark packed and how much the whole session packed. As of our last packing session, St. Mark alone has packed almost 400 boxes, made over 108,000 meals, and - most importantly - **have saved almost 300 lives.** *Can you be part of our next packing session on April 5<sup>th</sup>?*

Besides saving lives, we are saving souls at the Libertyville site. Through St. Mark’s generosity of purchasing Bibles to be given away for free, since August 0f 2023, **1059 Bibles** have left the building!! God is good all the time and all the time, God is good!

For those of you who would like more updates of what is going on at FMSC and with our partners around the globe, on the far right-hand side of the Fellowship Hall bulletin boards (near where the old pop machine sat), I have put up some information that you might find interesting. I will change these articles every so often to help keep you informed with FMSC’s mission.

And finally, if you would like a night of good food, good fellowship, and more of an insider’s look at what FMSC’s mission is, please consider joining us at our Spring Gala coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Oakbrook Terrace! Here is the link that will give you the event’s details. [FMSC Spring Gala Info](#)



## 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





**CARRY OUT, PICK UP or DELIVERY!**  
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Join us for our Lenten Suppers in April!  
Wednesday's: April 2nd and April 9th





# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 5:00AM-7PM Voting 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice	<b>2</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation Lenten Supper 5:30pm Lenten Service 7:00pm	<b>3</b> 6:00PM Stephen Min. 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	<b>4</b> 5:30 PM Garden Mtg Pizza & Soda will be served	<b>5</b> 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
<b>6</b> 8:00AM Worship 9:20 Sunday School AND Confirmation 10:30 Worship	<b>7</b> 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7-8:45PM FMSC 7:30PM AA	<b>8</b> 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM Council Mtg. Antioch Pizza Tuesday	<b>9</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation Lenten Supper 5:30pm Lenten Service 7:00pm	<b>10</b> 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Date Night	<b>12</b> 7:00AM HIS Ministry 5:30PM Worship
<b>13</b> Palm Sunday 8:00AM Worship 9:20 Sunday School AND Confirmation 10:30 Worship 6:30PM Youth Group	<b>14</b> 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA	<b>15</b> 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice	<b>16</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation	<b>17</b> Maundy Thursday 7:00PM Service Wendy's Thursday	<b>18</b> Good Friday 1:00PM Service 7:00PM Service	<b>19</b> 7:00AM Men's Group
<b>20</b> Worship 6:30AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM  Easter Breakfast following the 1st service 10:20 Egg Hunt	<b>21</b> 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA Church Offices are closed today	<b>22</b> 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 6:00PM Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 9:30AM Women's Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation	<b>24</b> 7:00PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Adult Bible Study	<b>25</b> 9:00AM Parent's Morning Out	<b>26</b> 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
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