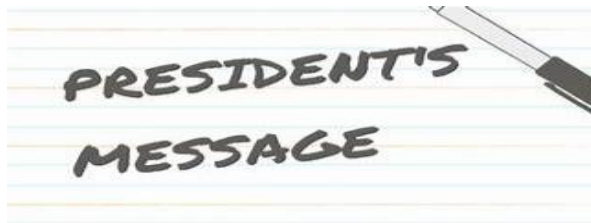


The **VOICE**

OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2025



by John Bengston

Hello St. Mark Family!

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. It seems to be going by quickly. At the end of May, we said goodbye to Pastor Steve and in July we said hello to Pastor Brian Metke. He will serve as our Interim Pastor through the end of January 2026. VBS in June was quite a success. Also in June, we had a good turnout for our Update Forums. As I write this, we are busy preparing for the Annual Rummage Sale. There has been a lot of hard work put into these ministry opportunities and I'd like to extend a big thank you to all who participated and prayed for their success.

Looking forward, there is much to be done. Council is currently finalizing the 2026 Budget for approval at the November 2025 Annual Congregational Meeting. Copies of the budget will be made available once finalized. In answer to recommendations made by Church Doctor and Transition Forums, a new Constitution and Bylaws have been drafted. Copies of these documents are available for review by all those interested.

Proverbs 15:22 says, "Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed." What great guidance we are given! And this is where you come in – your input on the new constitution and bylaws is needed to succeed. On August 13 and 21 at 1:30 and 7:00 pm, we will have forums to allow for input from the Congregation. These will be held in the Ed Center. These new operating documents will look to simplify how we get things done at St. Mark. Council reviewed these in early May and now it's your turn. Please consider coming to give input. The goal is to seek approval of these documents in November at the Annual Meeting.

Blessings,

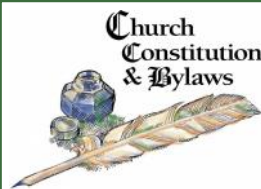
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**Sunday,
August 24th
11:00pm—2:00pm**



**Church
Constitution
& Bylaws**

**Forums to be held
August 13th & 21st
1:30 PM & 7:00 PM**

**Copies of the
Proposed Constitution are available on
our website and in the Narthex.
Please attend. We need YOUR input!**

CHURCH EVENTS

www.smlc.info/events

Complete Details Inside or
Find Us Online@

ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the **September** edition of *The Voice* is **August 12th**.
Please Email articles to:
stmarkcommunications@gmail.com.

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 12th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, August 26th @ 7:00PM

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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 Council meetings:

June

- Motion approving a single worship service for the day of our congregational Annual Meeting on November 9, to be held at 9:30.
- Motion approving the addition of Rod Lunkenheimer to the Evangelism Ministry Team and Cheryl Bengston to the Worship and Music Ministry Team.

July

- Motion approving a welcome sign to be placed outside the main entrance from the Carl Dunfrund Memorial Fund.
- Motion approving painting bid for exterior painting including the Church Steeple.

ST. MARK CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH / 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun as we gather for our church picnic! The Congregational Life Team will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and fried chicken. Just bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share potluck style. We've got some great activities planned and can't wait to make wonderful memories together! Kindly RSVP by August 17th with the number of adults and children in your group.

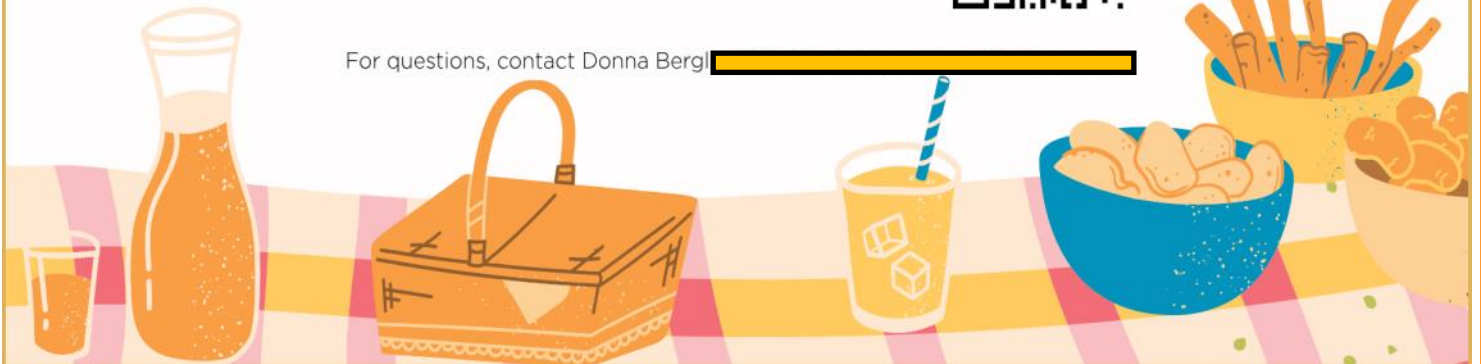
Please also let us know:

- What dish you'll be bringing
- If you can lend a hand with setup, grilling, or cleanup
- If you have a cornhole set you could bring for the picnic



Please use this QR code to sign up!

For questions, contact Donna Bergl [REDACTED]



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Considering the Spiritual Discipline of Prayer

The Practice of Secret Prayer The Prayer Closet vs the Cell Phone Scenario



What would you say, if I asked you, “What does your practice of prayer look like?” Does it reflect the model Jesus practiced during his time with his disciples? “Men ought *always* pray, and not to faint.” Luke 18:1 Do you have a sense of urgency to pray? Where do you place prayer on your list of daily duties? What does your practice model to family, friends, neighbors?

God is always ready to hear your call; He is attuned to the call of His child. But you can never get to know Him, if you use the vehicle of prayer as you use the cell phone. You cannot develop a relationship with Him with brief, fragmentary, and thoughtless repetitions of intercessions requesting personal favors and nothing more. Charles Spurgeon, an English preacher, notes “The goal of prayer is the ear of God.”¹ E.M. Bounds adds this goal can only be reached by:

- habitual waiting upon Him in the silence of the prayer closet;
- pouring your heart out to Him;
- listening to Him speak to you.

Only by doing so can you come to know Him better. Increasing time in His presence will be a constant and an ever-growing delight. A heart in tune with God’s spirit always returns to Him like a bird to its nest, when its task at hand is done.²

“Be sure you look to your secret duty (prayer); keep that up whatever you do. The soul cannot prosper in the neglect of it. Apostasy³ generally begins at the closet door. Be much in secret fellowship with God. It is secret trading that enriches the Christian. Let prayer be the key in the morning and the bolt at night. The best way to fight against sin is to fight it on our knees.” - Philip Henry, English clergyman.³

¹ Bounds, E.M., E.M. Bounds on Prayer, Whitaker House, New Kensington, PA., 1997, p.46.

² Ibid., p.47.

³ Apostasy - An abandonment of what one has professed; a total desertion, or departure from one's faith or religion.

⁴ Ibid., p.46.



**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.

Prayer Pals Needed!

As we prepare to welcome our new Confirmation students, we are looking for Prayer Pals.

Prayer Pals are assigned a confirmation student to pray for during the three years of Confirmation, and participate in activities 2-3 times a year.

If you have any questions or are interested in being a Prayer Pal, please contact the Confirmation Ministry Team at stmarkconfirm78@gmail.com.





Greetings from the Call Committee!

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After reaching out to several seminaries and other media outlets, we are pleased to announce we are seeing more interest in the Senior Pastor position. An interview was conducted with a potential candidate, and we are in the process of reviewing our notes and determining a path forward.

Also, as part of the call process, we are developing questions to perform reference checks on names provided by potential candidates so that we can be ready when that time comes.

We are focused and staying positive that we will have continued interest and we will provide you with information as we have it.

This is a very exciting time for all of us and 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 the 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

On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church



- **Pray for the Call Committee and the Prayer** for a 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.

Opportunities to Pray with Fellow Members

- ***Praying at the Communion Rail*** - after service on the South Side.
- ***Pray for Revival*** - Pray according to Proverbs 9:10 that America's moral slide, both inside and outside the Church, will fill God's people with holy fear and a burning desire to seek him.
- ***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 Pam Burke and Barb Ewert for Zoom link.

TRUE NORTH VBS 2025!

This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) focused on TRUSTING JESUS in a wild world! We had 38 kids (ages 3 through 9) and 31 volunteers visit our version of the Alaskan frontier. The Bible lessons and scriptures focused on the gospel of Matthew. Our daily Bible point, Bible buddy, songs, games, and crafts reminded us:

Day 1: When we wonder, we can trust Jesus!

Day 2: When we are alone, we can trust Jesus!

Day 3: When we are powerless, we can trust Jesus!

Day 4: When we need hope, we can trust Jesus!

Day 5: When we need help, we can trust Jesus!



Thank you to our congregation members that supported VBS in prayer, through donations, and by participating in Adopt-A-Prop!

Thank you to our VBS staff for your time and your commitment to teaching God's kids about His son, His grace, and His love for us.

DON'T MISS VBS 2026! RAINFOREST FALLS

June 22nd to June 26th



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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On **Sunday, August 3rd**, St. Mark Lutheran Church will help host an *additional* Sunday Worship Service at Stade's Farm & Market, beginning at **10:30 AM**. Join us for joyful worship, uplifting music, heartfelt messages, and fresh farm air at 3709 Miller Rd, McHenry, IL. The service features Vern's Farm Report and complimentary donuts and coffee. Hosted by Pastor Brian Metke, Vern Stade, and St. Mark Lutheran Church. This outdoor, family-friendly gathering includes lawn chairs and umbrellas—provided for your comfort. Rain or shine, we'll be worshipping together.

(9:30a Traditional Service will also be held at St. Mark.)





**Summer
Open Arms
Food Pantry**

**Please donate these items in
August**

Baby Food
Canned Pasta
Cereal

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

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

YAY! IT'S



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7th 2025

8:00-9:00am
Traditional
Worship

9:20-10:20am
**Meet and Greet
Activities**

10:30-11:30am
Contemporary
Worship

*Welcome back
to
Sunday School!*

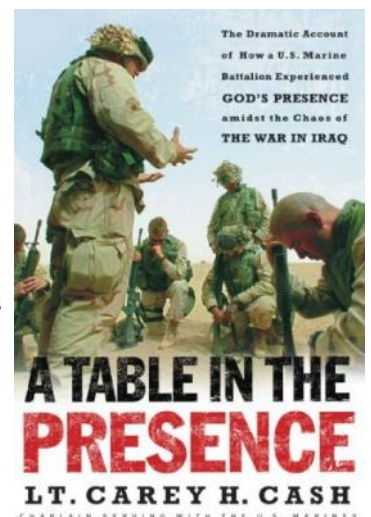


A Table in the Presence

This month's book selection, *A Table in the Presence*, by Lt. Casey H. Cash illustrates how God is present and working in even the most chaotic and frightening environments.

There are some places where you just don't expect to find God. For the men of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, downtown Baghdad was one of those places. Moving into the heart of Iraq and ever deeper into enemy territory, they found themselves face-to-face with the ruthless Iraqi Republican Guard and Fedayeen militia. But when the smoke cleared, God's touch was clearly visible. Serving as a chaplain to the U.S. Marines, Lieutenant Carey Cash had witnessed the miracles that began in the desert of northern Kuwait, and found their culmination in one of the fiercest battles of Operation Iraqi Freedom. With vivid detail and gripping emotion, Lt. Cash gives a firsthand account of this amazing story—how the men of an entire battalion found God in the presence of their enemies.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”
—Psalm 23:5 You can find this book under call number 956.7 CAS



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PARENT'S morning out

Friday
Aug 22

9am-Noon

Ages 5 and Under

STORIES * GAMES * ACTIVITIES *
SNACK * FUN *

If you need additional seating for a gathering at your home, we have 5 tables and up to 50 chairs available to “rent” with a \$25 deposit, which you will get back when returned timely and in good condition. Please contact Gae Michal to reserve!



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 don't 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 to and ask to be directed to the Stephen Ministry team. 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.

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Stephen Ministry



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



A Vacation Bible School Thank you

We headed north to Alaska on our VBS adventure where we found the path to always trust Jesus. Many thanks to our VBS coordinators Beth Miller, Julie Rick, and Stephanie Flores and our Music Directors Wendy Weidner and Charlie Burke. Additional thanks to our adult and youth leaders and the Pre-K through 6th grade children who attended!



Attention Confirmation Students and Parents

Complete 2025-2026 Confirmation information will be coming soon.

Here are **important dates** for now:

- Confirmation Orientation Wed., 6:30 p.m.
August 27th
- First *night* of class will be Wed., 6:30 p.m.
September 10th
- Rally Day & Sunday Classes begin, 9:20 a.m.
Sept 7th & Sept 14th

Questions, please contact the Parish Education Team.

WE ARE BACK!!!!



★ Designed by TownMapsUSA.com

Please keep your eyes and ears open for an announcement of when and where we'll have our Post-Trip Review Night! You'll hear stories from the trip and see pictures of what we did and saw.

**We'd love to see you
and thank you face-to-face!!**

***Our next packing session will be
Saturday, August 2nd at 9 am.***

***YES - I KNOW THIS CONFLICTS WITH
THE RUMMAGE SALE but***

***If you are not helping St. Mark at the
rummage sale, please consider helping
kids around the world who are starving.***



[Click here to reserve a spot!!](#)

***Do you know that in only 3 years, we at St. Mark have saved 390
children's lives and have been a part of saving 2030 kids!***

COME HELP US SAVE MORE!!!

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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 an "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.

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



Soles For Jesus

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.

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.

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

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The Mission Continues: A Journey of Faith and Calling



From Persecution to Purpose

Surjit and his wife Sucheta were born and raised in one of the most persecuted regions of India. In 2008, their lives were forever altered by the Kandhamal violence—a brutal wave of persecution targeting Christians. Their family endured unimaginable suffering: Surjit's brother-in-law was martyred for his faith, their home was looted and burned, and they were forced to flee for safety. For days, they found shelter under trees and in the jungle before eventually reaching a refugee camp.

Yet through the fire of affliction, their faith remained unshaken. What the enemy intended for harm, God used to forge a deeper calling.

Ministry in India: Discipleship That Multiplies

Out of the ashes of persecution, a vibrant ministry was reignited. For over two decades, Surjit and Sucheta dedicated themselves to discipleship—training and equipping more than 1,600 young men. Many of these disciples have become church planters and frontline workers, now serving across India, Nepal, and Myanmar. Their ministry has been marked by multiplication, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to the Great Commission.

A New Mission Field: Reaching the Indian Diaspora in the USA

After faithfully serving in central India for 20 years, Surjit, Sucheta, and their son Sofick sensed a new calling: to reach the growing Indian diaspora in the United States with the message of Christ.

The Indian community in the USA is expanding rapidly, with many immigrants coming from Hindu backgrounds. Recent data shows there are over 1,300 Hindu temples in the USA—135 of them in New York alone, most built within the last 30 years. This reality stirred Surjit's heart deeply. After a year of prayer and with the support of RIMI in processing their documents, the family arrived in the U.S. at the end of January 2025.

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The Mission Continues: A Journey of Faith and Calling

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Their mission is clear: **to make Christ known among the Indian diaspora—and beyond.**

Their guiding verse is:

“For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!” (1 Corinthians 9:16)

Mission Strategies in the United States

Surjit and Sucheta have adopted a relational approach to ministry, using the **friendship method** to connect with Indian communities in Lake County and neighboring areas in Wisconsin. They intentionally go where people gather—public places like Walmart, Costco, restaurants, and Indian grocery stores. They are also exploring participation in social and cultural gatherings to build trust and relationships.

They continue to pray for new and creative ways to connect with the diaspora community.

A Burden That Remains: Strengthening the Church in South Asia

Even as they embrace their new mission in the USA, Surjit and Sucheta carry a deep burden for the church in India and Nepal. Many pastors in these regions are untrained—some barely able to read or write—yet they faithfully shepherd their flocks. Equipping these leaders remains a vital part of their long-term vision.

A Costly Calling: Sacrifice and Support

Immigrating to the United States was not an easy decision. Leaving behind their widowed mothers and extended family was a painful sacrifice. Adapting to American culture and lifestyle has brought its own challenges. Yet through it all, the guidance of the Holy Spirit has been a constant source of strength.

They are especially grateful to **St. Mark’s Lutheran Church**, whose warmth and support have made them feel at home. The St. Mark’s family has been a tangible expression of God’s love in this new season of ministry.



Journey in Faith

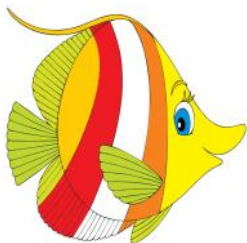
Lay Readers & Media Assistants For August

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, August 2 nd	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, August 3 rd	9:30 AM	Carl Norlin
Saturday, August 9 th	5:30 PM	Pastor
Sunday, August 10 th	9:30 AM	Bill Blecke
Saturday, August 16 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, August 17 th	9:30 AM	Betty Oesterle
Saturday, August 23 rd	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, August 24 th	8:00 AM	Kevin Graul
Saturday, August 30 th	5:30 PM	Pastor
Sunday, August 31 st	9:30 Am	Bonnie Millsop

Saturday, August 2 nd	5:30 PM	Aleca Houser
Sunday, August 3 rd	9:30 AM	Mel Ellingsen
Saturday, August 9 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, August 10 th	8:00 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, August 16 th	5:30 PM	Aleca Houser
Sunday, August 17 th	9:30 AM	Julie Rick
Saturday, August 23 rd	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, August 24 th	9:30 AM	Charlie Burke
Saturday, August 30 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, August 31 st	9:30 AM	Johnna Morten



Fin Facts

- When giving online, you save the church money by processing your donation as a check direct from your checking account rather than through a credit card.
- When giving online you can give a one time donation, or set up automatic payments.
- When giving online you can select general giving or special giving for designated funds like flowers, memorial gifts, building fund, etc.

As of June 30th St. Mark had \$492,404.63 in checking and savings accounts as well as \$60,000 in a contingency account . Giving is \$18,258 over budget through the first half of the year. Due to staff vacancies, instead of the budgeted net loss, the church is running a net income for the first half of the year in the amount of \$63,206.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	
2025 Fiscal Year (Jan.– June)	\$ 296,505	\$ 314,763	\$ 18,258

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
8/12/2025, 9/9/2025



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
8/21/2025, 9/18/2025

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

Present this flyer when ordering!

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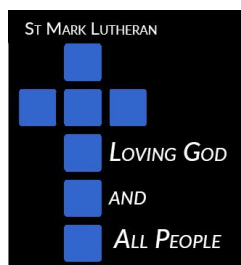


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00-7:00 Rummage Sale <i>Sunday School Registration Open On-line</i>	2 7:00AM Men's Group 9:00AM FMSC 9:00-3:00 Rummage Sale 3:00-5:00 Clean Up 5:30PM Worship
3 9:30AM Traditional Worship 10:30AM Outdoor Worship at STADE's	4 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	5 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center	6	7 6:00PM Stephen Min. 7:00PM Arise Practice	8	9 7:00AM HIS Ministry 5:30PM Worship
10 9:30AM Contemporary Worship	11 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	12 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 7:00PM Council Mtg.	13 Forum <u>Proposed Constitution/By-law</u> 1:30p & 7:00p	14 7:00PM Arise Practice	15	16 7:00AM Men's Group 9:00 PM Garden Club 5:30PM Worship
17 9:30AM Traditional Worship 6:30PM Youth Group	18 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	19 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center	20	21 Forum <u>Proposed Constitution/Bylaw</u> 1:30p & 7:00p 7:00PM Arise Practice <i>Wendy's Thursday</i>	22 <i>9:00AM Parent's Morning Out</i>	23 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
24 9:30AM Contemporary Worship Church Picnic 11:00AM—2:00PM	25 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	26 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 8:00PM All Teams Meet	27 <i>6:30PM Confirmation Orientation</i>	28 7:00PM Arise Practice	29	30 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
31 9:30AM Contemporary Worship		<i>Ringers & Singers Meet Sept 9th</i>	<i>Information on Fall Bible Studies coming soon .</i>		<i>Rally Day is next Sunday —></i>	

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