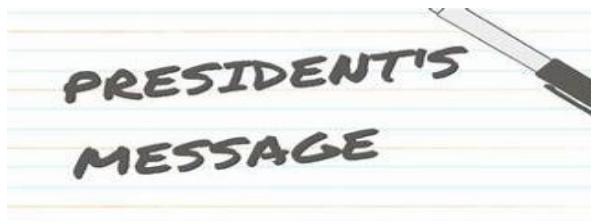


The **VOICE**

OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2025



by John Bengston

Hello St. Mark Family!

Back to school already? What a busy summer. Not even summer, just August...

The month kicked off with an additional worship option on the first Sunday of August where we partnered with Faith First Church from Genoa City for outdoor worship. How inspiring. We will continue to do this every first Sunday of the month through November.

The Finance Team and Trustees finalized a proposed 2026 draft budget and Council approved it at the August meeting. The 2026 budget needs all of you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving as we are seeking to add a part time Youth and Family Ministry Director and a Worship Technology Coordinator. These are positions where we need focused leadership.

The Elders, serving as the Nominating Committee, announced that nominations for Council positions are now open. One-year terms open for nomination include President, Treasurer and Secretary. Three-year terms open for nomination include Property and Management Liaison and Parish Education Liaison. Please prayerfully consider serving.

As a result of our Living into Our Mission and Vision Forum back in February, I am happy to report that our new Women's Fellowship ministry, The LIGHT of St. Mark! (Ladies in God's Holy Truth) is seeking opportunities for its first fellowship event. More LIGHT to come...

Our Constitution and Bylaws have undergone Congregational vetting at forums held August 13 and 21. Thank you to all who attended and prayed for the success of these meetings. The discussion we had was excellent and insightful. The Constitution Team is preparing the final drafts of the Constitution and Bylaws to seek Council approval prior to a Congregational vote.

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Harvest Fest

Saturday, September 20th
Noon - 5:00 PM



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ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 9th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, September 23rd @ 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 August Council meeting:

Motion approving reallocation of Endowment funds into potentially higher yielding accounts.

Motion approving the addition of Sharon Wick to the Finance Committee.

Motion approving members of the Audit Committee for the upcoming Audit in September. Members include Brock Millsop, Pam Preston, Lynn Wetterberg, Sharon Wick, Bonnie Wagner, Wendy Lord, Jerry Doran, Lou Korom, and Patty Lindholm.

Approval of the proposed 2026 Annual Budget for approval at the Congregational Meeting in November.

It takes a Church

We have learned from over 30 years doing the Rummage Sale that nothing is impossible when God is on your side. So earlier this year when our Rummage Team met and we decided to ask Him to help us reach the crazy goal of \$30,000 we should have had no doubts. We also should have known He has his own way of doing things. It started with us being offered almost a whole house worth of treasures 2 months before collection began. Normally we would have said no but something, or should I say someone, prompted us to say yes. This was the beginning of the many, many trips our awesome pickup team made. The treasures from this house were great, many being brand new and still in the box. It also was our first \$1,000 made as we presold some of the furniture.



When we actually started our collecting the donations kept rolling in. Our congregation and community really supported our sale. Then the fun began. We spent the next 4 weeks working with the best group of people ever to set up what we all say is definitely our best sale ever. They priced, unpacked, hung, folded, displayed, sold and then repacked and put on the truck everything that didn't sell. During the sale they helped the hundreds of shoppers find great treasures and bring them to their cars all with a smile and friendly words.

The saying goes it takes a village, well for us it took a church. By my count we had 96 people working on the sale from start to finish. Fifteen of those were first time rummage workers who I think will all be back next year. It was a lot of work, but we also had a lot of fun. There are so many I want to thank and, hopefully, I will be able to do that in person. Each and every one of you are loved and appreciated and this sale could not happen without you.

Rest up as next year will be here before we know it. And yes we made our goal..God is Good..with the help of a loving donation our total to date is \$34,215!!! And just so you know our goal for next year is just to survive the sale! Most of our workers are of the very mature age (I try not to say old) and we might have to fight over who gets to use the donated walkers!

Thank you all. Laurie Kerns

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Considering the Spiritual Discipline of Prayer

Solitude, Silence and the art of Silencing the Soul



In the 2025 August *The Voice* I pointed out the necessity of a structured time in a prayer closet facilitating the discipline of prayer. Why? This space provides for two additional disciplines, solitude, and silence setting the stage for one to listen for the whispers of the Holy Spirit. Solitude is moving away for a time from the lures and aspirations of the world, from the influence of peers and society, and into God's presence.¹ It was an indispensable practice in the life of the Lord Jesus. (see Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35). "Solitude transcends loneliness; whenever Jesus sought solitude, it was to be in the presence of the Father."²

Silence facilitates solitude. "it prepares the way for inner seclusion and enables us to listen to the soft voice of the Spirit."³ It involves the quieting of noises of our surroundings. Both practices of solitude and silence are fundamental, helping us to become more authentic people. Psalm 107:9 tells us God satisfies the thirsty and the hungry, filling them with what is good. "The problem isn't God's refusal to speak, but our refusal or inability to get quiet enough to hear. Silencing the soul is a learned art. The psalmist David spoke of this. 'Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; like a weaned child rests against his mother' (Psalm 131:2). When we quiet the soul, we can hear His voice in our hearts." In doing so we redefine ourselves in terms of what God thinks rather than what people think. As well as who we are in Christ instead of our own false self-image.⁴

Exercise: Find a moment, now or later for solitude. Spend 15 minutes simple sitting and enjoying God's presence. (Sitting next to you; take a walk with Him early morning or at dusk.)

Exercise: The next time you pray or read God's Word,

- take 3-4 deep breathes in and exhale slowly,
- second ask God to direct your prayers, thoughts and to set the agenda of your time together,
- take five to ten minutes of sitting in "quietness and trust" (Isaiah 30:15) before Him,
- when you mind wanders, picture yourself sitting quietly next to Him, listen,
- don't rush into your thoughts and requests,
- close with prayers of praise, gratitude and thanksgiving.

Vital - Make a daily appointment to be in the presence of your Father God. In 40 days it will be a fruitful habit. Seek the Holy Spirit's help to show up each day.

¹Boa, Kenneth, Stewart, Michael, Abel, Jenny, Conformed to His Image Study Guide, Biblical, Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation p.50.

²Boa, Kenneth, Conformed to His Image, Biblical, Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation, Revised Edition, Zondervan Academic, 2001,2020, p.76.

³Ibid. Kindle edition, p.83.

⁴Boa, Kenneth, Stewart, Michael, Abel, Jenny, Conformed to His Image Study Guide, Biblical, Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation p.51.

President's Message

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Our Rummage Sale was a great success. Not only did we raise money but also had an opportunity to work together serving God, the Church, and our community. We were all commissioned Evangelists for this event— feel the power of the Lord? Amen!

So many other things, too! Our own outdoor service and picnic at the end of the August; Rally Day in September; Harvest Fest as well.

Take a moment today and everyday to thank God for the energy for all that we do! As we know from Philippians 4:13, [WE] can do all this through him who gives [us] strength.

God blesses us to be so inspired to do all these things to His Glory!

John



**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.



Greetings from the Call Committee!

If you attended one of John Bengston's forums, you would

have heard that there is consideration to hire a consulting firm to assist us in our Senior Pastor search. It is early in the process and we must do our due diligence before making a decision. We will keep you up-to-date as more information becomes available.

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 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



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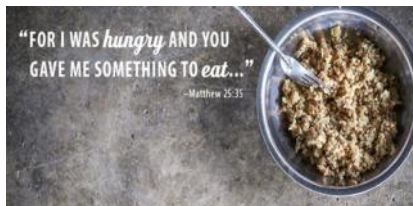


August 24th
at St. Mark

Archer Keith

Son of Rayna Sawall and
Joseph Holland

May the guiding presence of
God be with this individual as he
grows in the knowledge of
Jesus Christ.



Two FMSC Updates!!

First – if you get this soon enough, our next packing event is **TUESDAY**, (YES - TUESDAY) night, September 2nd, at 7 in Libertyville. We usually pack on Monday nights, but because of Labor Day, FMSC will be closed that day. If you can make it this Tuesday night, here is the link to sign up ([TUESDAY, Sept 2, at 7](#)). If you can't make it to this one, our next packing day will be Saturday, October 4th, at 9 in the morning and here is the link to sign up for that day ([Saturday, Oct 4th, at 9](#)). If you haven't seen in the Fellowship Hall, St. Mark has helped pack 142,416 meals – that comes out to feeding 390 kids a meal a day for a year!!!



Second – another way to help is to look on your calendars and see if you could help pack at [Hope Filled Holidays](#) at Pathway Church in Arlington Heights on December 11 – 14. This is what FMSC calls a Mobile Pack. In those four days they “only” want to pack over 850,000 meals!!! Open registration starts in mid-October so please consider joining a lot of people feeding

starving kids. (FYI - the church is about 40 minutes south of St. Mark.)

As always, if you have any questions, please ask Mike Mol.



Attention Confirmation Students and Parents

Important dates:

*Orientation is Wed.,
August 27th at 6:30pm

•First night of class will be Wed.,
September 10th at 6:30 p.m.

•Rally Day & Sunday Classes begin **Sept 7th & Sept 14th**, 9:20 a.m.

Questions, please contact the Parish Education Team.

THANK YOU MIKE MOL!!

St. Mark cannot thank you enough for all the love, time and planning you have contributed to our Youth Program. You have a God given gift with the youth and you have guided and influenced many young people over the years. Thank you, especially, for stepping up to fill this need for the past 2+ years. Best Wishes for your next ventures.

Thanks again and many blessings,

St. Mark Church



BEFORE



DURING #1



DURING #2



DURING #3



AFTER



MISSION TRIP 2025

We are back!! After safely – *thank you God* - putting 1935.6 miles on the van, Ayla Appelt, Avina Doty, Abbey Johnson, Leah Koslosky, Erin Pasdiora, Joey Reimer, Lori & Jeff McKenzie, and myself have memories (and some pictures) of a very worthwhile and eye-opening mission trip to Spindale, NC.

Spindale is a town of about 5000 people that is about 10 miles off the South Carolina boarder. It had 4 big factories close about 20 to 25 years ago and it still hasn't recovered. Rutherford County, where Spindale is located, is one of the poorest counties in NC. We went down there thinking we would be doing Hurricane Helena relief, but the town and area needed just plain help!

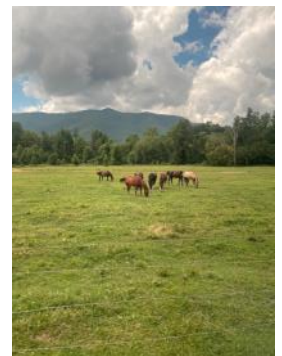
The 9 of us were split into 3 groups – the Tree Huggers (Jeff's group), the Mountaineers (Lori's group), and the Pathfinders (my group) – and then mixed together with 3 other church groups. One was from a church in Yorkville, IL, one from Walworth, WI, and one from my hometown of Elkhorn, WI!! Each group had different "missions" to do each day that ranged from weeding a community garden, helping the Salvation Army, working at a monastery, making a hiking trail, cleaning, painting, and organizing at a couple of different thrift shops, and handing out food at a drive-up food pantry.

In Spindale, even though they are going through some rough times, we saw the beauty of God all around us. Being in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, we saw His handy work almost every day. On the way down and on the way back, driving through Great Smoky Mountains National Park or Daniel Boone National Forest, we witnessed first-hand the wonders of His works. If you are ever visiting Lexington, KY, we highly recommend going through the Nada Tunnel on the way to the Sky Bridge Trail, or if you are in the Knoxville, TN, area, make a day trip to see Cades Cove.

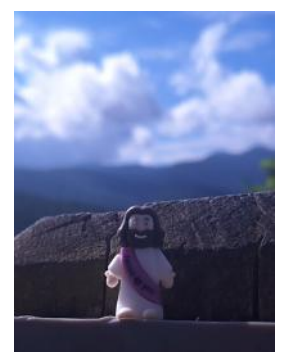
I hope you had a chance to see our presentation during the service on August 17th. If not, please talk to any of the mission trippers and ask them about their experiences. Personally, I'd like to thank Lori and Jeff for putting up with me and helping as much as they did - they were wonderful. I'd like to thank the kids (and their parents for trusting me and letting them go on the trip) for an awesome trip – you were fantastic. But I truly need to thank you St. Mark for all your support – financially and spiritually. We couldn't have done it without you. God is good all the time and all the time, God is good!!

Mike Mol

Cades Cove



Blue Ridge Mountains



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On **Sunday, September 7th**, 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.

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





**Summer
Open Arms
Food Pantry**

**Please donate these items in
September**
Toilet Paper
Coffee
Tea

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

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

*We missed
you!*



**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!*



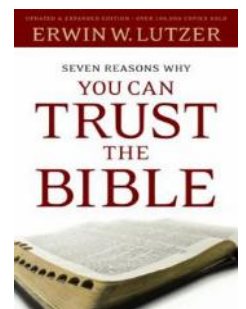
Can you trust the Bible?

Many answer this question with a staunch *No!* Critics increasingly attempt to poke holes in the authority of Scripture and deflate faith among believers. But ask Dr. Erwin Lutzer if you can trust the Bible, and he'll give a resounding *Yes!*

In this revised and expanded edition of the popular book *7 Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible*, Dr. Lutzer offers seven foundational arguments for the reliability of Scripture. In clear, easy-to-follow language, he explores:

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- The claims of Christ concerning Scripture
- The harmony between science and the Bible
- The providence of God in preserving Scripture
- The power of the Bible to change lives

In the court of truth, the Holy Spirit testifies to the authority of Scripture, and all the evidence lines up. Read *7 Reasons* and let your confidence in God's Word increase. You can find this book under call number 220.1 LUT.



On *Sunday, August 24th*, St. Mark Lutheran Church had an outdoor service, followed by the annual picnic. It was a joyous event, worshipping outside on a beautiful day! We enjoyed delicious food, games, and fellowship together.



Fall Service Schedule Starts on Sept 6/7

Saturday's
5:30pm Traditional Worship

Sunday's
8:00am Traditional Worship

9:00-9:20am Fellowship

9:20-10:20 Sunday School/
Adult Bible Studies

10:30am Contemporary Worship



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Saturday, September 27th

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring
friends!

**PARENTS
NIGHT OUT**

New
games,
crafts, &
activities!

This event is FREE for ages 12 and younger



Join us this week at

DIVORCE Care

A new session begins:

Monday, Sept 15th

6:30pm - 8:30pm

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Meeting in Library

This session runs through early December.



Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Begin Sept. 7th
9:20 am



***Classes will meet on Sundays at
9:20am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm
starting the week of Sept 7



>>> **Music Ministry @ Saint Mark** <<<



Come join the St. Mark
"Ringers & Singers"
Starting September 9th

Bell Choir @ 5:00 p.m. in the Bell Rehearsal room
Senior Choir @ 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Contact Paul @ paul@smlc.info
OR - Stop by the organ bench after worship!

• ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



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Thursdays, Sept. 25 - Nov. 13
6:00 - 8:00pm

WHAT IS ALPHA?

IT'S A PLACE TO EXPLORE THE
CHRISTIAN FAITH WITH OTHERS.

THIS CLASS IS PERFECT FOR
NEW MEMBERS!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Includes: Dinner, Video, Pastoral Teaching on
Faith, Table Discussions, Questions for Pastor Brian



Got Faith Questions?

Join Us for Alpha
September 25
6:00 - 8:00 pm

- Free Meal
- Video Presentation
- Group Discussion
- Pastoral Teaching

Bring a friend or two or three!
It's a new experience and it's FREE!

Contact (847) 356-8140



Each session includes a time to connect with others, hear a talk on some element of faith, and then a chance for people to share their own questions and perspectives with the group. If you want to listen that's okay, too. We create a non-judgemental and open environment where it's easy for anyone who is an atheist, skeptic, or simply curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends.



Done with Small Talk?

Try Alpha!



Introduction:
Thursday, 6:00 pm
September 25



Topics:

Is there more to life than this?
Who is Jesus?
How and why should I pray?
How and why should I read the Bible?
How does God guide us?
What about the Holy Spirit?
What about the church?
How can I resist evil?

The Alpha Course

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FREE ♦ FREE ♦ FREE ♦ FREE ♦ FREE ♦ FREE ♦ FREE ♦

PARENT'S morning out

Friday
September
26th

9am-Noon

Ages 5 and Under

STORIES * GAMES * ACTIVITIES *
SNACK * FUN *

Women's Wednesday Bible Study



When: Begins Sept. 17th
Time: 9:30am - 11:00am
Place: Church Library

*Workbooks will cost \$17.00

Anyone can sign up by contacting:
Connie Saunders csauntea@aol.com



Souls
For
Jesus

Just a quick update!

Another AWESOME outcome from the rummage sale was that **ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY (YES - 170!!!!)** pairs of shoes were donated to Souls for Jesus! Way to go St. Mark!

If you didn't bring in your shoes for the rummage sale, the donation box is still in the coatroom nearest the Fellowship Hall.

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 one another** as the opportunity arises.
- **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 or Barb Ewert for Zoom link.



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Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Contact: Barb, Denise, or Jane if interested!

Jesus
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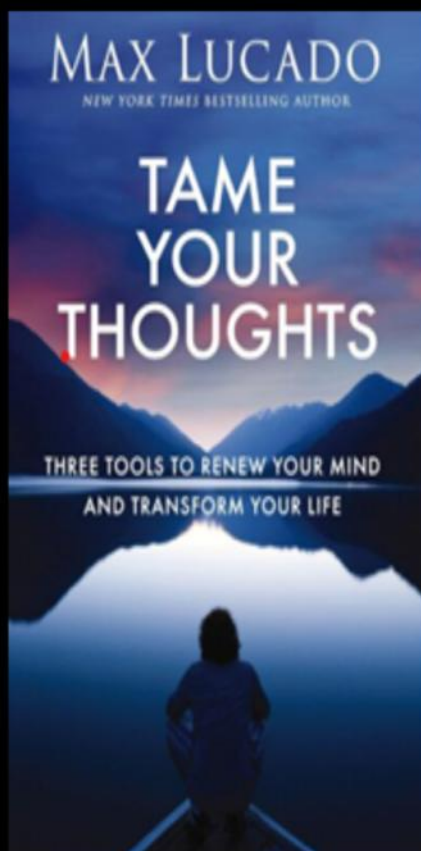
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harvest FESTIVAL

September 20, 2025

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD TRUCKS
CRAFTERS • PETTING ZOO
HAY RIDES • GAMES
PUMPKINS • AND MORE!

6 Sessions
Once a month



Saturday, September 13th
7am Breakfast
8am Training



God loves us too much to let us be stuck with “stinking thinking.” Learn 3 key thought-management tools to help deal with thought problems like worry, guilt, anxiety, and other types of mental quicksand.

*Books and Breakfast are already paid for, but we accept free will offerings.

*To get plugged in on Zoom, or learn more about HIS Ministry, contact Jerry Doran

We always have room for 1 more man! (age 15+)

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Lay Readers & Media Assistants For September

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, September 6 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 7 th	8:00 AM	Carl Norlin
Sunday, September 7 th	10:30 AM	Kevin Gaul
Saturday, September 13 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, September 14 th	8:00 AM	Bonnie Millsop
Sunday, September 14 th	10:30 AM	Gary Olson
Saturday, September 20 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, September 21 st	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert
Sunday, September 21 st	10:30 AM	Bill Blecke
Saturday, September 27 th	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, September 28 th	8:00 AM	Betty Oesterle
Sunday, September 28 th	10:30 AM	Kevin Gaul



Saturday, September 6 th	5:30 PM	Alecia Houser
Sunday, September 7 th	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 7 th	10:30 AM	OPEN
Saturday, September 13 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, September 14 th	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 14 th	10:30 AM	Charlie Burke
Saturday, September 20 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, September 21 st	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 21 st	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, September 27 th	5:30 PM	Taylor Houser
Sunday, September 28 th	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingson
Sunday, September 28 th	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass



We are gearing up to be very busy in the nursery this Fall! While continuing to cover the weekly Sunday morning worship services and Sunday School hour, we will also continue to host the FREE monthly Parents' Morning Out (PMO) events. These events are for children 5 and under for our church members and the community from 9 am - 12:00 pm on the following Fridays: September 26th, October 24th, November 28th, and December 26th.

We look forward to seeing your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors there!

*****Save The Date*****

The next Parents' Night Out (PNO) is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This FREE event is for children 12 years and younger. The children are encouraged to bring friends with to check out some new games, crafts and planned activities!

A shout out of thanks to the volunteers who helped clean EVERY TOY and piece of furniture during our annual August thorough cleaning endeavor! Thank You!

As noted, we will go into our next season full of activities, fun and unity with our children!

God's richest blessings,

Deb Heide

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
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DATES: Second Tuesdays
9/9/2025, 10/14/2025



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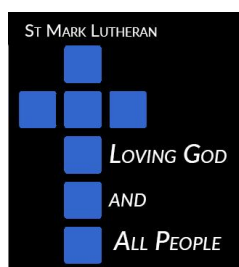


September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Office is closed	2 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 7:00pm FMSC	3	4 8:00AM Men's Dis- cuss Grp BYOB 9:00AM Quilter's Grp 6:00PM Stephen Min. 6:30PM Arise Practice	5	6 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
7 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:20AM Rally Day!! 10:30AM Contemporary Worship 10:30AM Outdoor Worship at STADE's	8 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	9 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 5:00PM St. Mark Ringers 6:00PM Choir Practice 7pm Council Mtg <i>Antioch Pizza Tuesday</i>	10 6:30PM Confirmation Class	11 8:00AM Men's Dis- cuss Grp BYOB 6:30PM Arise Practice 7PM Adult Bible Study	12	13 7:00AM HIS Ministry 5:30PM Worship
14 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:20AM Sunday School 10:30AM Contemporary Worship	15 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA	16 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 5:00PM St. Mark Ringers 6:00PM Choir Practice	17 9:30AM Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation Class	18 8:00AM Men's Dis- cuss Grp BYOB 9:00AM Quilter's Grp 6:30PM Arise Practice 7PM Adult Bible Study <i>Wendy's Thursday</i>	19	20 7:00AM Men's Group 12-5PM Harvest Fest 5:30PM Worship
21 8:00AM Traditional Worship 9:20AM Sunday School 10:30AM Contemporary Worship	22 10:00AM AL-Anon 6:30PM Divorce Care 7:30PM AA	23 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 5:00PM St. Mark Ringers 6:00PM Choir Practice 8:00PM All Teams Meet	24 9:30AM Bible Study 6:30PM Confirmation Class	25 8:00AM Men's Dis- cuss Grp BYOB 6:30PM Arise Practice 7PM Adult Bible Study	26 9:00AM Parent's Morning Out	27 7:00AM Men's Group 5:00-8:00PM Parent's Night Out 5:30PM Worship
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