

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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Interim Pastor Brian Metke

Church Council President John Bengston October 8, 2025

Dear St. Mark Family,

On November 9, 2025, we will have a single service at 9:30 am to allow time for our Annual Meeting which will follow the service. Copies of the Annual Report and Proposed 2026 Budget are available in the Narthex. I'm now providing notice of a Special Congregational Meeting to be held concurrently with our Annual Meeting. The purpose of the special meeting is to adopt a new Constitution and Bylaws. In addition to this communication, notices will be placed on the entry doors and announcements will be made at the services leading up to the November meeting. Copies of the proposed documents for adoption are attached to this communication and will be made available on our website.

On July 30, a side-by-side comparison document was sent to the Congregation reflecting our current and proposed Constitution and Bylaws. This was followed by four Forums that gave the Congregation opportunity to provide input and suggestions. Also, during this time many of you made personal inquiry and gave feedback. The Constitution Team worked hard to act on what was learned from Church Doctor, Transition Team Cottage Meetings, the Vetting Forums and personal inquiry and feedback. Thank you to all for your participation and input to finalize these drafts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Constitution Team: Laurie Kerns, Jerry Gass or me.

Thank you, and blessings to all,

John Bengston Council President

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