

The **VOICE** OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2025



by John Bengston

Dear St. Mark Family,

God has a PLAN:

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

God gives us HOPE!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13

God wants us to EMBRACE THE NEW:

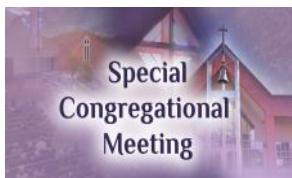
Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

Wherever we are and whatever WE will be is because of God's perfect plan and timing for us. I pray that we as a congregation do not lose sight of this.

Please pray for God's blessings as we move forward. Please pray for the Call Committee as we partner with Vanderbloemen Consulting. Please pray that the fruits of this partnership will bring us a new pastor. Please pray that we can realize our goals of developing a robust Youth and Family ministry and improving our Worship technology. Please pray that we can accomplish our capital improvements as expeditiously as practical. Please pray that we have the means to do all these things while growing in our faith. And please pray that the Holy Spirit is with each one of us to reveal how we can personally help succeed in these goals.

We are blessed!

John



Sunday, November 9, 2025
One Service at 9:30 AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Annual Mtg/Special Congregational Mtg at 10:30AM/Potluck
Annual Reports & Proposed 2026 Budget are available in the
Narthex beginning October 13th.

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CHURCH EVENTS
www.smlc.info/events

Complete Details Inside or **Find Us**
Online@www.smlc.info

ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the Dec/Jan edition of *The Voice* is **November 12th**.
Please Email articles to:
stmarkcommunications@gmail.com.

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MEET THE TEAM

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 11th @ 7:00PM

Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, November 25th @ 7:00PM

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St. Mark Council News

To keep you better informed about Church Council decisions Council Minutes, Committee Minutes and monthly Financial Statements can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Below are important decisions from the October Council meeting:

Council approved the Audit report and will present a timeline at the November Council Meeting for implementation of the recommendations made in the report.

Got Faith Questions?



Join Us for Alpha
Thursday's
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 nonjudgemental 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. Each week begins with dinner at 6:00pm.

Topics:

November 6th "What about the church?"

November 13th "How can I resist evil?"

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm



**Stephen
Ministry**

Bear one another's burdens

in most circumstances. If you, or someone you know, becomes overwhelmed by challenging problems, please contact Pastor Brian, Deb Zuchowski, or the church office at 847-356-8140 to see if a Stephen Minister might help.

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Pastor's Appreciation



We celebrated both of our pastors at our services October 25th/26th. During fellowship, we presented our faithful servants with gifts, cards, and a cake to be enjoyed by all.

Thank you to both of our pastors for all you do for St. Mark Lutheran Church!



Angel Tree is Back!

Angel tree tags will be available beginning Nov. 29/30th in the narthex. Please support a family this season by supplying a gift of clothing or toys (not more than \$25-\$30 in value). Return the gifts wrapped with the Angel tree tag attached to the tree in the narthex no later than Dec. 14th.

Thank you to everyone that helps with this ministry.

Stephen Ministers prepare to serve by studying and training over a period of several months, guided by experienced fellow Stephen Ministers using materials created to teach how to help individuals facing loss, illness and difficulty of all sorts. Following installation, continuing education is held monthly to expand, reinforce and enhance their focus on providing listening, support and prayer. All help is confidential, free and continues as long as may be needed.

There are times we may feel alone in facing life's losses, disappointments and frustrations. Although we know God loves us, in the midst of pain or loss, we may lose sight of His comfort and healing. It is at times such as this that a Stephen Minister can provide help.

St. Mark Church is blessed to have a team of Stephen Ministers trained and prepared to serve. Weekly face-to-face meetings at a mutually agreed upon time and place have proven to provide effective results



November



A Time of Thanksgiving Through Prayer

Praying without ceasing is not a burden as it becomes a part of your journey through the day. The practice of *thanking* God frequently makes it possible. If you are serious about learning to pray continually, the best strategy is to thank God in every situation. These thankful prayers provide a solid foundation on which you can build all your other prayers. An additional blessing is a grateful attitude makes it easier for you to communicate with God.

When your mind is occupied with thanking God, you have no time for worrying or complaining. Negative thought patterns will gradually grow weaker and weaker, if you practice thankfulness consistently by reflecting on a daily scripture. As you draw near to God with a grateful heart, His presence will fill you with Joy and Peace.¹

Utilize the suggested scripture in November calendar below through reading, reflecting on the Word, responding through prayer, set aside time to listen for God's response to you. Journaling will help you process your walk. Note, growing your own relationship with Jesus¹ through scripture- based prayer is the cornerstone to personal spiritual maturity as well as to St. Mark church's spiritual transformation.

The fruit of the Spirit is the manifestation of St. Mark's CHURCH's REVIVAL! It is harvest time! Pray first, then ACT upon on pathways laid down by the Holy Spirit.

Note: There have been visitors trickling into our worship services. Several have been returning, please make time to greet and provide hospitality to each.

¹ Young Sarah, Jesus Calling, Enjoying Peace in His Presence, , with Scripture References: (A 365-Day Devotional) Thomas Nelson, 2004, pp.344-345.

Questions, thoughts contact Barb Ewert, bewert@colsonfellows.org

Gratitude Challenge

				1 God's Good Deeds Psalm 9:1	2 All Circumstances 1 These. 5:18	3 Whatever you do Colossians 3:17
4 <i>God is Good</i> Psalm 107:1	5 <i>God's Kingdom</i> Hebrews 12:28	6 <i>Do not be anxious</i> Philippians 4:6	7 <i>God's Love</i> 1 Chron. 16:34	8 <i>Overflow with Thanks</i> Colossians 2:6-7	9 <i>God is your strength & shield</i> Psalm 28:7	10 <i>Enter His gates with Thanks</i> Psalm 100:4
11 <i>God has compassion</i> Psalm 145:9	12 <i>God is a refuge</i> Nahum 1:7	13 <i>God is good</i> Psalm 136:1	14 <i>God works for your good</i> Romans 8:28	15 <i>Good gifts</i> James 1:17	16 <i>Taste and See</i> Psalm 34:8	17 <i>God's faithfulness</i> Lament. 3:22-23
18 <i>Good things</i> Psalm 31:19	19 <i>Dwell in God's House</i> Psalm 23:6	20 <i>God is forgiving</i> Psalm 86:5	21 <i>God's Blessings</i> 2 Corinth. 9:8	22 <i>Blessings in Christ</i> Ephesians 1:3	23 <i>Forget Not</i> Psalm 103:2	24 <i>Do not worry</i> Matthew 6:31-33
25 <i>God will meet all your needs</i> Phil. 4:19	26 <i>God gives good things</i> Psalm 84:11	27 <i>God's grace</i> John 1:16	28 <i>It is good to give thanks</i> Psalm 92:1-2	29 <i>Thanksgiving to overflow</i> 2 Corinth. 4:15	30 <i>Proclaim His Name</i> Isaiah 12:4-5	

Ladies In God's Holy Truth

Yes, the time has come! We have a new women's group at St Mark! We are the LIGHT of St Mark!

All ladies are invited to our inaugural St Mark women's group get-together on Saturday, November 15th at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Breakfast will be served as we brainstorm together what this new group will look like!

We are excited to get this group underway!

If you have any questions please reach out to any one of us: Pam Preston, Bonnie Millsop, Johnna Morton, Cheryl Bengston, Patty Lindholm, Stephanie Flores, Nancy O'Connor, Jill Decker, Libby Adams



Greetings from the Call Committee!

Fall is here! We hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather and colors of the changing leaves!

First of all, we would like to thank all of you who participated in the survey from Vanderbloemen, gathering information and, more importantly, your input for our new Lead Pastor. We really appreciate you!

The official launch for Vanderbloemen was October 15th. The Call Committee completed several questionnaires and provided detailed information to Vanderbloemen so that they have a good understanding of who we are seeking for our future pastor.

We will continue to keep you updated with the progress we hear. As we reported previously, this process will take some time and, as we know, good things come to those who wait!!

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

Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship

We will be having our mid-week Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm.

And yes, there will be a time of pie-eating fellowship following the service!

We will need lots of help as well as pie donations. Watch for the sign up to come.

Remember, confirmands are encouraged to help!

Order a Poinsettia SAVE THE DATE

We will be taking orders for poinsettias, beginning Sat. Nov 22nd—Sun. Dec. 7th

6" pot = \$13.00



Two (or 3) FMSC Updates!!

First – if you get this soon enough, our next packing event is Monday, November 3rd, at 7 at night and here is the link to sign up for that session ([Monday the 3rd at 7](#)). If you can't make it to this one, our next packing day will be Saturday, December 6th at 8:45 am and here is the link to sign up for that day ([Saturday the 6th at 8:45](#)). If you haven't seen in the Fellowship Hall, St. Mark has helped pack 169,200 meals – that comes out to feeding 464 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.)



A Special "Thank You"
Paul Cramer, Musical Director
St. Mark Lutheran Church

Our congregation is very thankful and so grateful to have Paul Cramer as our musical director. Paul believes music plays a vital role in the life of a Christ follower, as music enables each believer to know the Truth of God's Word, praise HIS faithfulness and memorize scripture. In addition, Paul believes God's gift of music comforts us in sorrow and affliction, unites the Body of Christ together, and brings us closer to Jesus.

Congratulations on your "Affirmation of Vocation" here at St. Mark Lutheran Church.



Hanging of the Greens!

Join us on Monday, December 1st at 6:00 PM

to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Confirmands are WELCOME, along with their parents, to help. Many hands make light work!

STADES FARM OUTDOOR SERVICE

On **Sunday, November 2nd**, 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 worshiping together.

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



Be on the lookout for St. Mark's Mitten Tree!

We will be collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for individuals within our community who are in need. They can be new or home-made.

This is an opportunity for families to support this local program and help a child, adult, or senior stay warm during the winter months.

The tree will be in the narthex.

Contact Shannon Lunkenheimer



Fall Open Arms Food Pantry

Please donate these items in November:

Baby Wipes, Cereal, Dish Soap

All non-perishable food is accepted always!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE FALL BACK

Sunday
Nov. 2nd



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

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 states "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. 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

Here is a video about the program: [Souls for Jesus Promo Video](#)



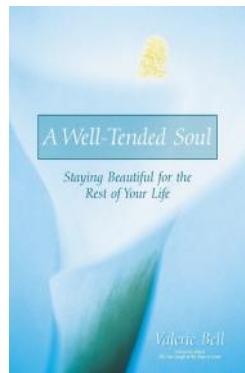
Soles
For
Jesus



A Well Tended Soul

This month's selection is for the ladies. You can go to a mirror to find out how your body is doing, but how can you get a picture of your soul? *A Well-Tended Soul* by Valerie Bell holds a mirror up to your life for a refreshing, unabashedly feminine look at spiritual formation.

Valerie shows how to start building a life of incredible richness as you become more internally focused, forming your soul to God's own heart. A well-tended soul is a woman's beautifier. Soul-care weeds out what is malignant and false and builds in what is lovely, worthy, and redemptive. With refreshing candor, empathy, and earthiness, Bell uses her own experiences to help you - Live a deeper, more genuinely connected life - Pursue your truest dreams - Shape the world around you with an authentic spirituality - Discover the power of thankfulness to uproot envy and loss - Build confidence, joy, and beauty into your life - Transcend the fears and losses of aging . . . and much more. You can find this book under call number 248.8 BEL.



Congregational Life Team



Operation Christmas Child

100 OCC boxes will be packed on Sunday, Nov. 16 during Sunday School hour. Thanks to the monetary donations received during our Christmas in July promotion, we will be able to purchase all of the items needed to fill the boxes. Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **This program is much more than just a box filled with toys.** Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has provided an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift to more than 220 million children in over 170 countries and territories. Local ministry partners hand out these tangible expressions of God's love at child-friendly, Gospel-focused outreach events. Afterward, many of the boys and girls are invited to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship program. Through 12 Bible lessons, children learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. They tell friends and family what they are learning, and more people put their faith in Christ—and go on to tell still others. Through these dynamic evangelism and discipleship efforts, believers and churches are multiplying! *Thank you for helping make this program a success!*

Potluck Luncheon After Congregational Meeting

Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 9 in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30am Congregation Meeting. The Congregational Life Team will provide a hot main entrée item. Potluck-style sides are requested from the congregation using the SignUpGenius link that was shared in the Wednesday weekly announcements.



Holiday Thanksgiving Dinner in a Bag

Food donations are due Wednesday, Nov. 19 in the church kitchen. Please use the SignUpGenius link that has been previously shared to let us know what you would like to donate and to participate in the delivery of the meals. Meals will be delivered on Sunday, Nov. 23 directly after the 10:30am church service.

Advent Soup Suppers

Please join us for fellowship, food & fun at our three weekly Advent Soup Suppers on 12/3, 12/10 and 12/17. Each Wednesday the Congregational Life Team will lead the Advent Soup Suppers. We will provide the makings for salad, sandwiches, and all the fixings. St. Mark Members are asked to sign up to bring soup and desserts. The sign up will be posted towards the middle of November. The Wednesday suppers will start at 5:30 p.m and will be followed with an Advent service at 7:00 p.m.



For More Information Contact Your Congregational Life Team

Donna Bergl ♦ Tricia Cholewinski ♦ Shawn Frank



Nursery News!

Autumn is upon us and harvest time and nursery activities abound! 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 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Friday, November 28th and Friday, December 26th.

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

The next Parents' Afternoon Out (PAO) is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

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**SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14th**

We will be celebrating Jesus' birth with a Sunday School nativity program during the 10:30 service on December 14. Thank you to Cindy Zwicke for volunteering to direct the program. Play part sign ups will be in November, more information to follow.



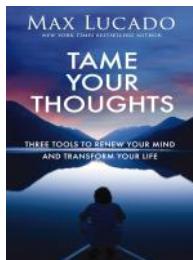
Every Month
2nd Saturday

7:00am Breakfast / 8:00am 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 provided. Free will offering.

We always have room for one more man. (15+) Send your contact information to Ministry2EveryMan@gmail.com.



HELP NEEDED

We have two openings for you to serve! Both are for setting up communion for the 10:30 service. This can easily be done immediately following the 8AM service, or just before the 10:30 service, so it does not matter which service you attend! This service entails making sure the communion trays are filled and positioned and setting up the elements on the altar.

It is a VERY simple procedure and you will get training and back up. This is a perfect opportunity to quietly serve... plus it takes only 10 minutes to do! Openings are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Please consider this simple gift to your church.



Register
Here:



Cost:

\$20 per person for both days
\$10 for one day

Includes:

Pizza dinner Friday
Main dish lunch on Saturday
Water provided throughout
Everyone is invited to bring a snack, side, or dessert to share! Bring a friend!

What to Expect:

- *Your own table to work on or share
- *Power available— bring extension cord
- *Cutting mat and iron for quilters
- *All indoor-appropriate crafts welcome! (Knit*crochet*scrapbook*paint*diamond paint*quilt*sew*jewelry-making*etc.)
- *Painters: please bring drop cloths for your work space

Contact: Laurie Kerns/Robin Korom

On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

Prayer Literature located in plastic wall holders outside office.

- **Pray for yourself** - confession, praise, thanksgiving, petitions, protection, your personal relationship with God.
- **Pray the Call Committee Prayer for a new pastor.**
- **Church council/committees** 2025 *Three Days of Prayer* Handout. **Plastic Wall Holders**
- **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.
- **Love Notes** - Updated weekly from St. Mark Prayer Chain and sent out on Wednesdays of each week - round table in front of sanctuary double doors.
- **Circle of prayer (pink sheets inserts/ handout)** - college students, prayer chain, homebound - pray for highlighted individuals in your insert/handout during the week.
- **Pray at the Communion Rail - after service on the south side.**
- **Pray for one another as the opportunity arises.**
- **Prayers 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.
- **Pray for** our communities, Illinois, our elected National, State and Local officials, America and the world.
- **ZOOM Weekly Prayer Meeting** - Come, pray and be blessed. Currently Thursday until further notice from 6:30 to 7:30 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 847-356-8140.



St. Mark Crafter's Retreat

Friday, November 7 6:00—10:00PM
Saturday, November 8 8:00AM—4:00PM

Join us for a weekend of creativity, connection, and community at our crafters retreat!

Cost:

\$20 per person for both days
\$10 for one day

Includes:

Pizza dinner Friday

Main dish lunch on Saturday

Water provided throughout

Everyone is invited to bring a snack, side, or dessert to share! Bring a friend!



Lay Readers & Media Assistants For November



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, November 1st 5:30 PM Johnna Morton
Sunday, November 2nd 8:00 AM Bette Oesterle
Sunday, November 2nd 10:30 AM Deb Zuchowski

Saturday, November 8th 5:30 PM Taylor Houser
Sunday, November 9th 8:00 AM Bonnie Millsop
Sunday, November 9th 10:30 AM Kevin Graul

Saturday, November 15th 5:30 PM Lynn Johnson
Sunday, November 16th 8:00 AM Carl Norlin
Sunday, November 16th 10:30 AM Deb Zuchowski

Saturday, November 22nd 5:30 PM Kathy Kurth
Sunday, November 23rd 8:00 AM Cliff Ewert
Sunday, November 23rd 10:30 AM Kevin Graul

Saturday, November 29th 5:30 PM Taylor Houser
Sunday, November 30th 8:00 AM Lynn Wetterberg
Sunday, November 30th 10:30 AM Kevin Graul

Saturday, November 1st 5:30 PM Aleea Houser
Sunday, November 2nd 8:00 AM Johnna Morton
Sunday, November 2nd 10:30 AM Jerry Gass

Saturday, November 8th 5:30 PM Taylor Houser
Sunday, November 9th 8:00 AM Johnna Morton
Sunday, November 9th 10:30 AM Julie Rick

Saturday, November 15th 5:30 PM Taylor Houser
Sunday, November 16th 8:00 AM Johnna Morton
Sunday, November 16th 10:30 AM OPEN

Saturday, November 22nd 5:30 PM Taylor Houser
Sunday, November 23rd 8:00 AM Mel Ellingson
Sunday, November 23rd 10:30 AM Jerry Gass

Saturday, November 29th 5:30 PM Taylor Houser
Sunday, November 30th 8:00 AM Johnna Morton
Sunday, November 30th 10:30 AM OPEN



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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 fun planned activities while parents and guardians may peacefully prepare for the upcoming Christmas festivities!

Enjoy these pictures of our kids crafting and playing at the last Parents' Night Out on September 27th!

Also, a shout out of thanks to the volunteers who helped represent the Nursery and the upcoming PMO/PNO events at our Harvest Festival. Thank you!

As demonstrated, we will go into this next season full of activities, fun and fellowship 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
1856 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst

DATES: Second Tuesdays
11/14/2025, 12/9/2025



Divine Signs is Lake County's premier yard message creation company, dedicated to spreading joy and love in an extraordinary way!

We are excited to announce that we will **contribute 10% of our proceeds to St. Mark Lutheran Church** in Lindenhurst, IL. Simply mention St. Mark Lutheran Church, it is that easy! Tell your family and friends and let's get your next congratulatory event in the schedule!



This promotion is offered for everyone. Contact us directly or visit our sites to learn more about us...

Kevin and Tracy Graul

Phone or text: (224) 223-2786
Facebook.com/DivineSigns3.16
Instagram@Divinesigns3.16
DivineSigns.godaddysites.com



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
11/17/2025, 12/18/2025

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

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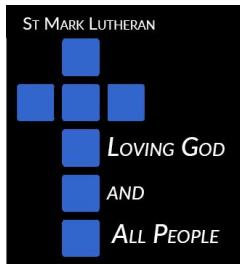
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