

The **VOICE**

OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Bengston

Dear St. Mark Family,

"And I heard the voice of the Lord Saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." Isaiah 6:8

Summer is winding down, vacations have been taken, we have been recharged with the blessings of summer. As we head into the fall, St. Mark needs you.

Do you feel you are being called to serve?

There are many opportunities available.

First and foremost – PRAY. God's glory is shining on St. Mark and His plan for us is gradually being revealed. We are blessed! Please thank God for His plan and continued blessings on us.

Council has spots available for Property (two-year term); Youth and Family (two-year term); President (one year term); and Treasurer (one year term). Not sure what Council is all about? We meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the library. All are welcome to attend. Council members also meet the fourth Tuesday of the month for the Ministry Team meeting night and the All-Team meeting that follows. Council Members are also available to answer any questions you might have.

Council not for you right now? We also need people to serve on Ministry Teams, especially our Spiritual Growth and Support Team.

In the coming days, we will highlight our Ministry Teams in our announcements. There are other areas as well. Just ask a Council member. Enjoy the rest of your summer,

John

FALL Worship Hours and Sunday School begin Sunday, September 13th.

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Harvest Fest

**Saturday,
September
19th**

Noon - 5:00 PM



**Sunday,
August 23rd**

CHURCH EVENTS
www.smlc.info/events

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Complete Details Inside or

Find Us Online@

www.smlc.info

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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Put type of request in title | StMarkCommunications@gmail.com

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 11th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, August 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 is a recap from the June & July Council meetings:

June:

Council approved Butterfly Endowment expenditure of \$3,719.37 to fund five campers to Camp Timberly this summer.

Council approved use of 2025 restricted Rummage Sale Fund for purchase of Bibles for Church distribution.

The Church will host Gambler's Anonymous as a Community Outreach ministry beginning in July.

July:

On the Call Committee recommendation, Council approved the recommendation to Call Pastor Christian Magnell as our new Lead Pastor. Negotiation on the Total Compensation Package to begin and Forums and Congregational Meeting to be set should Pastor Magnell accept the Call. * Call was not accepted.

Council Approved facility use by BiG Lake County from November 23 to 25.

Save The Date Sunday, August 23rd



A Vacation Bible School Thank you

We had a "WOW GOD" week in the Rainforest where we discovered God and finding a safe place in Him.

Many thanks to our VBS director and decorations creator, Beth Miller. Additional thanks to our adult and youth station and crew leaders and all Pre-K through 6th grade children who attended!



Greetings from the Call Committee!

Summer is here and we hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather!

We are happy to report that we have had interest expressed in the Senior Pastor position. We are in the process of scheduling discussions with the interested candidates and hope to have more information to share soon.

As always, thank you for your continued prayers, support, and patience during this process.

Deuteronomy 32:4

"He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he."

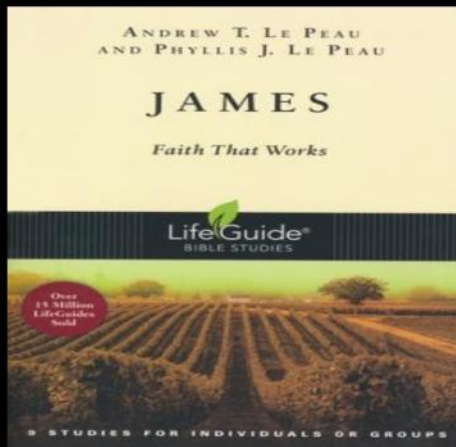
The Call Committee



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.



New Women's Bible Study starting:

- *Tuesday's at 10:00am**
- *Beginning August 4th**
- *Meeting at the Education Center**



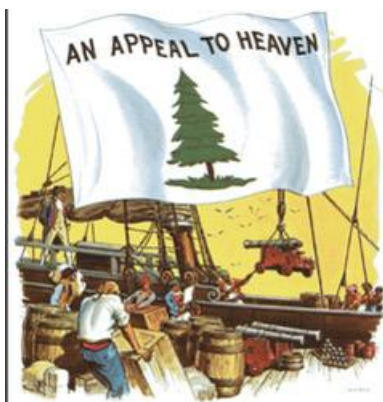
We will be attending all the concerts in the park this summer. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. You'll find our group by spotting the blue "Welcome Flag".

**August 5th: "Blooze Brothers" at Lehmann Mansion
August 12th: "The Jolly Ringwalds" at Parkman Pavillion**

Contact Nancy O'Connor or Patty Lindholm for questions

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What would you say? America's Christian Heritage: Fact or Fiction

As noted in the *June/July Voice*, our Founders 250 years ago took from the writings of John Locke, on “Natural Laws” the key idea that human rights originated with God, not with government. Locke also made that argument that when people had tried everything humanly possible to experience those God-given rights and failed in doing so, there remained an option: “...where the body of the people or any single man, is deprived of their right, or is under the exercise of a power without right, and have no appeal on earth, then they have a liberty to appeal to heaven...”¹ This concept, *Appeal to Heaven*, would become a foundational philosophy in American society, alluded to even in the conclusion of the Declaration of Independence.

With the decision on the colonies' independence from England official, signed on July 2, 1776 by representatives of 13 colonies, delivered and read throughout the countryside: the spirit of freedom, liberty and pursuit of happiness declared - the war formally commenced. Congress was not a central government. Washington was to build an army and navy in the midst of battles. Colonies had no money for war nor a means to gain any. Patriots and supporters were outnumbered 3-1 by Loyalists including the disinterested.²

Unless Almighty God intervened, a realistic military solution was laughable. So the Appeal to Heaven was executed in the form of many intercessory prayers on and off the fields of battle.

The establishment of today's navy provides one historic example of colonists standing on their founding covenants, the teachings and outcomes of the Great Awakening and God's providence.

In 1775 the first directive General Washington faced was to free Boston from British occupation. But in early August, 1776 Continental Congress directed Washington to abandon the military attack - due to “the hazard, an amphibious assault attempt entailed the loss of men and the probable consequences of failure.”³ Although Washington had Boston under siege, British supplies, and soon Howe's reinforcements could flow in by sea, unchallenged.

On August 26, 1775, General Washington formulated a strategic tactic: assemble a flotilla of armed schooners, privateers. Their mission to intercept British ships bringing provisions to the British Army occupying Boston.

In October 20, 1775 Joseph Reed, Washington's military secretary, wrote to Stephen Moylan and John Glover (responsible for such a task) to “fix some particular Colour for a Flag, and a Signal by which our Vessels may know one another. ... “What do you think of a Flag with a white Ground, a Tree in the Middle, the Motto, “Appeal to Heaven? This is the Flag of our floating batteries.” (the schooners)⁴

Why the Pine Tree? Beginning in the 1600's the British Crown policy, *the King's Broad Arrow Policy*, claimed the tallest Eastern White Pines for Royal Navy masts. Colonists would often ignore these claims, leading to repeated disputes. Prior to the Lexington and Concord clash with the British in 1772, there was a Pine Tree Riot. A number of historians regard the Pine Tree Riot as one of the early acts of resistance leading toward the Revolution.

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Since late spring, good news to lift colonial army spirits evaded General Washington. Finally on November 29, 1776 a dispatch from privateer Captain John Manley amazingly, came bearing “glad tidings.” The *Lee*, flying the Appeal to Heaven flag, had captured an enemy supply ship, the brig *Nancy*, off Cape Ann, north of Boston. The ship was loaded with military materials - which the Continental Congress could not expect to supply for months. It was the first triumph for his fledgling ‘navy!’ George Washington wrote immediately to Joseph Reed, “ it was an “ ‘instance of divine favor, for nothing surely ever came more apropos.’ ”⁵

Within the historical context of the American Revolution, the Appeal to Heaven flag symbolized both political resistance and reliance on divine judgment. Today, the flag stands outside the door of Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson not in museums.

What do you say regarding the role of Divine Providence found in America’s founding documents, military documents and personal correspondence? Now after 250 years, how might this foundational philosophy of appealing to heaven look like in praying for America today?

¹ “Right of Revolution”: John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government* (1689).

² McClay, Wilfred, McBride, John D., *Teacher’s Guide to Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story, Vol. 1.*, Encounter Books, 2024, p.112.

³ McCullough, David, *1776*, Simon and Schuster Paperbacks, New York, London, Toronto, Sydney, 2005, p.53.

⁴ *Naval Documents of the American Revolution* (published by the U.S. Navy) — contains Reed's October 20, 1775 letter and the October 21 reply.

⁵ McCullough, David, *1776*, p. 64.





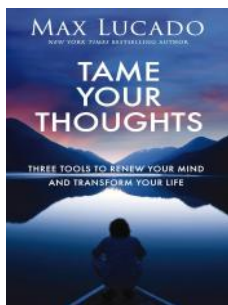
Every Month
2nd Saturday

7:00am Breakfast / 8:00am Training /
9:30am Adjourn

God loves up 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.



MAKE A GIFT OF ALTAR FLOWERS

Help us beautify our
worship space with a gift of
altar flowers. Call or email the
office for more information
Price \$40.00

On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

Prayer Literature located in plastic wall holders outside office.*

- **For yourself** - confession, praise, thanksgiving, petitions, protection, your personal relationship with God. *2026 St. Mark Church Prayer Guide*
- **Pray the Call Committee Prayer for a new pastor.**
- **Church council/teams** - 2026 *St. Mark Church Prayer Guide*. **Plastic Wall Holders.**
- **Prayers for building up young saints** - 2026 Sunday School Prayer Booklet (Timely resource for parents/grandparents, other family members and significant others). **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, and answered praises of God's glory. 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, or call the office, if you want to join.
- **Love Notes** - Updated weekly from St. Mark Prayer Chain and sent out on Wednesdays of each week - leave an encouraging note at the round table in front of sanctuary double doors.
- **Circle of prayer (pink sheets inserts/ handout)** - young adults, health concerns, homebound, and loss - 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.
- **Intercessory Prayers for the Nation** - Utilize the **2026 National Day of Prayer Brochure** and/or **Bookmark** for our Education, Business, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment and Media. Available in the Narthex.
- **ZOOM Weekly Prayer Meeting** - Come, pray and be blessed. Currently Thursday until further notice from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. we will be meeting on Zoom praying over the previous week of Prayer Chain requests, St. Mark Church and each other. Contact Person: St. Mark Office Manager, 1-847-356-8140.





Our next scheduled packing session will be Monday, August 3rd at 7 pm.
We changed the “normal” August date to not conflict with the Rummage Sale AND the Lindenfest Parade.

Please consider helping kids around the world who are starving. After the Venezuela earthquakes, the FMSC partners there requested 3.8 Million addition meals – YOU CAN MAKE A

DIFFERENCE!!!! Here is the link to sign up for that Monday night -- [Monday, August 3rd, at 7 pm](#)

Do you know that in only 4 years, we at St. Mark have saved over 600 children’s lives and have been a part of saving almost 3000 kids! COME HELP US SAVE MORE!!!

If that time slot doesn’t work for you, please consider helping out ANY time that week!! Just use the QR Code below and it will take you to FMSC’s volunteer sign up site directly. Feel free to pick any time slot (or slots) available that week!! Give me a call if you have any questions and/or problems.



**CHURCH WEEK
AUGUST 3–8**

TIA – Mike Mol



Friday, August 28th

Parents' MORNING OUT!

9am - Noon/ Ages 5 and under

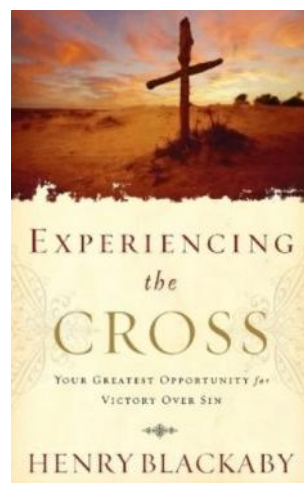
Register online: www.smlc.info



Experiencing the Cross

This month's book selection is *Experiencing the Cross: Your Greatest Opportunity for Victory Over Sin* by Henry Blackaby. Although the cross is God's decisive deed in human

history, the full meaning of it is far too much for a mere human mind to grasp. But through Henry Blackaby's careful examination, the cross becomes not a doctrine, but an experience. You'll be overwhelmed with the utter significance of Christ's death, leading you to a stronger sense of God's power in your daily life. Steeped in the Blackaby distinctive of constant encouragement toward your personal experience of God, and firmly rooted in Scripture, this book exposes the tragic result of a casual attitude toward the sin in our lives that made the cross necessary. Learn to surrender to the deeper dimensions of the cross, so that nothing can block the Lord's presence and power in your life! You can find this book under call number 232.4 BLA.



**The Lindenfest Parade is Saturday,
August 8th at 10:30am.**

**We need volunteers to walk next to our float handing
out water bottles, flyers, and frisbees!**

Time: TBD

See Fred or Rod with questions

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Sunday, September 13th

*Welcome back
to
Sunday School!*

8:00-9:00am
Traditional
Worship

10:30-11:30am
Contemporary
Worship



**9:20-10:20am
Activities**



Please contact the
Youth and Family Team
with any questions.

St. Mark's Children need you.

Would you be willing to bless our Sunday School
and Youth with your help?

Below are the areas that our children need you.

- _____ Sunday School Co-teacher
- _____ Sunday School Assistant
- _____ Prayer Pals for 6-8 grades

If God is moving in your heart to serve in this way.
Please email the group at
stmarksunschool@gmail.com.



**C3 YOUTH
Schedule TBD**



**Attention
Confirmation
Students 6th-8th
and Parents**

Here are **important dates** for now:
Complete 2026-2027 Confirmation information
will be coming soon.

•Confirmation Orientation
Wed., 6:30 p.m. **September 9th**

•First night of Class
Wed., 6:30 p.m. **September 16th**

RALLY DAY
Sept 13th 9:20am

***First Sunday Class**
Sept 20th 9:20am



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Opens August 7th

Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/sunschool> or QR code

For more information, please contact our Sunday School
Coordinators (Denise Schaufel and Barb Griffith) at
stmarksunschool@gmail.com

St. Mark's Program provides

- * Confirmation program for **6th—8th grade.**
- * Sunday School for **Preschoolers (3 years of age)**
through 5th grade

The interactive, faith-building lessons focus on building a
strong relationship with God through games, discussion,
songs, and crafts.

Sunday School meets in the Education Center on
Sundays from 9:20am – 10:20am

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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
8/11/2026, 9/8/2026



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
8/20/2026, 9/17/2-26

TIME: All Day (Breakfast until Close)

LOCATION: 370 S US Highway 45, Lindenhurst

Present this flyer when ordering!

Paper flyer or electronic image of flyer (on a phone/tablet) is required when order is placed. Only valid on date at location specified above. Wendy's gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Drive-thru, carry-out (place inside the dining room at the counter) and dine-in orders when and where available qualify. Owned and operated by **HAMRA** Enterprises, a Wendy's franchisee www.hamrafundraising.com.

Join us for worship at Stades!

Sunday, August 2nd at 10:30am



Services are held outdoors at the farm at 3709 Miller Rd, McHenry, IL 60051.

Praying in Unprecedented Times



“And the sons of Issachar, men who *understood the times* with knowledge of what Israel should do...” 1 Chronicles 12:32

Understanding the times (culture) is what we’re about as Christians. There are unprecedented things that we have never experienced. As noted above, we are to know, how we ought to live and what to do in such a times as these.

Question? “How Then Shall We Live?” The answer is found in Philippians 2:15-16.

“...that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach.” (In other words, your *character*).

“...in the midst of a *crooked and perverse generation*,” (the *culture*),

“among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life,” (your *calling*),

so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory...” (*coming of Christ*)

So how do we live this out each day? We live with character, integrity, purpose, calling, and hope. Christ is to be the center of our life, not the self. In this roiling, crazy time more than ever we need to understand that our need for security, being significant, and having satisfaction comes not from this world, but from God.

Living this out begins with prayer (Philippians 4: 6-7). When you are overcome with emotions, seek to train yourself to refocus and catch that emotional concern with your mind. Ask “Why am I anxious, why am I in despair, why am I despondent, why am I angry, or any of these things?” Think of your emotions as a diagnostic tool are telling you something’s wrong. Ask yourself, “What is wrong with my thinking?” Then realize I’m allowing something that I shouldn’t be is ruling my thoughts. So Paul writes “be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving...” make request be made known to the Lord. So I turn the anxiety, fear, concern into a prayer and send it back to Him with a (hard) thanksgiving. So instead of taking it on and bear the weight that only God can bear, I give it to Him. Note, it (being anxious) will come back, but then I give it back and the more I give it back, I am training myself to where it (being anxious) stays up there more and more. Over time as you make this a habit, you find true peace which guards your heart and mind even while living in a world of fear.

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

For more information contact Barb Ewert, bewert@colsonfellows.org

¹The Second Commandment and 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 (the Message) ¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

Resource, Ken Boa, Questions & Answers 3/17/23

<https://youtu.be/kTZONqyA6is>



A Christians Guide For This Civilizational Moment

Truth Rising: The Study is built around four key themes—Hope, Truth, Identity, and Calling—**this free study** equips you to understand the times, ground yourselves in God’s truth, and step boldly into your role in history, and move from awareness to action. This study is your next step toward living with intentionality and influence.

<https://www.truthrising.com/the-study/>

**Time: Monday evenings 7:00 pm
in late August.**

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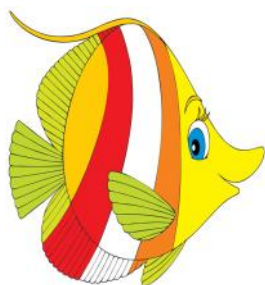
Lay Readers & Media Assistants For August



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.**

Saturday, August 1 st	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, August 2 nd	9:30 AM	Bonnie Millsop
Saturday, August 8 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, August 9 th	9:30 AM	Page Wolf
Saturday, August 15 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, August 16 th	9:30 AM	Penny Smith
Saturday, August 22 nd	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, August 23 rd	9:30 AM	Gary Olson
Saturday, August 29 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, August 30 th	9:30 AM	Deb Zuchowski

Saturday, August 1 st	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, August 2 nd	9:30 AM	Johnna Morton
Saturday, August 8 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, August 9 th	9:30 AM	Johnna Morton
Saturday, August 15 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, August 16 th	9:30 AM	Johnna Morton
Saturday, August 22 nd	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, August 23 rd	9:30 AM	Johnna Morton
Saturday, August 29 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, August 30 th	9:30 AM	Mel Ellingsen



Fin Facts

Did you know?

- 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 \$427,419 in checking and savings accounts, which is \$64,986 less than what was in the accounts at this time in 2025. The decrease in checking and savings is due to the \$109,155 cost for roof replacement. There is \$60,000 in a contingency account and \$92,315 in Endowments.

Offerings are \$39,933 under budget through the first half of the year and \$39,213 below 2025 giving. Due to staff vacancies, instead of an anticipated budgeted loss of \$58,605, the church is running a net loss of \$2,373.71 for the first half of the year.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/Under</u>
	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	<u>Unrestricted Offerings</u>	
2025 Fiscal Year (Jan.– June)	\$ 315,380	\$ 275,447	\$ 39,933

**NEW MINISTRY COMING TO ST. MARK! AN INFORMATION MEETING
ON AUGUST 19TH AT 10:00AM IN THE LIBRARY FOR COFFEE,
FELLOWSHIP, AND IDEAS. IF YOU ARE A WIDOW/WIDOWER
PLEASE JOIN US!**



WIDOWS/WIDOWERS INSPIRING NEW GROWTH & STRENGTH



**Summer
Open Arms
Food Pantry**

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

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



Dish Soap



Canned Pasta

August Items:

**Open Arms
Mission**



Cereal



Canned Pasta

**THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO
OPERATION DROP BOX.**

Together we collected over 571 lbs of food!

**HONORING
VETERANS**

**Thank
you!**

Thank you to
all our Rum-
mage Sale
Volunteers!
We had a lot
of helpers un-
loading boxes, pricing, setting
up tables, hanging clothes,
sorting shoes, etc. We could-
n't do it without you!

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Women's Fellowship



**New Women's Bible Study
starting:**
*Tuesday's at 10:00am
*Beginning August 4th
*Meeting at the
Education Center

The Women's Bible Group that meets on Tuesdays at 10am at the Education Center will be starting a new study on August 8th.

See Wendy Rohlwing for more information and purchasing a study book.



New Women's Bible Study, begins Sept. 16th on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the St. Mark library. Topic is yet to be determined

Contact Connie Saunders to sign up and get a book.



LIGHT: Ladies In God's Holy Truth

A group of women who collaborate and strengthen our community & congregation with our ministry.

See Stephanie Flores for information

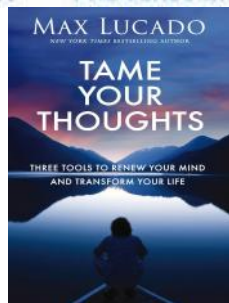
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



BYOB “Bring Your Own Breakfast”

This group of men meet every Thursday morning from 8-10am downstairs in fellowship hall.

Please join us!



H.I.S. Ministry

This men's group meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at St. Mark Church in person or via zoom. This is for men ages 15+. We start with breakfast at 7:00am/Training at 8:00am/Adjourn at 9:30am.

Contact Jerry Doran for information

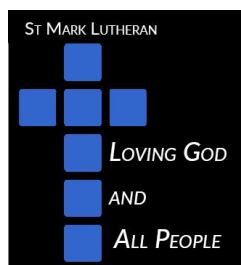


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00AM Men's Group 9:00AM Rummage Sale 3:00 PM Rummage Sale Clean Up 5:30PM Worship
2 9:30AM Summer Worship 10:30AM Stades Worship on the Farm, in McHenry	3 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	4 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center	5 9:30AM Bible Study	6 8:00AM Men's Discuss Grp BYOB 6:00PM Stephen Min. 6:30PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Gambler's Anonymous	7	8 7:00AM HIS Ministry 10:30AM Lindenfest Parade Time to Meet: TBD 5:30PM Worship
9 9:30AM Summer Worship	10 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	11 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 7:00PM Council Mtg <i>Antioch Pizza Tuesday</i>	12 9:30AM Bible Study	13 8:00AM Men's Discuss Grp BYOB 6:30PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Gambler's Anonymous	14	15 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
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23 9:30AM Summer Worship 11:00 AM Church Picnic 	24 10:00AM AL-Anon 7:30PM AA	25 8:30AM Men's Group 10:00AM Bible Study Ed. Center 8:00 Committee Meetings	26 9:30AM Bible Study	27 8:00AM Men's Discuss Grp BYOB 6:00PM Stephen Min. 6:30PM Arise Practice 7:00PM Gambler's Anonymous	28 9:00AM Parent's Morning Out	29 7:00AM Men's Group 5:30PM Worship
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