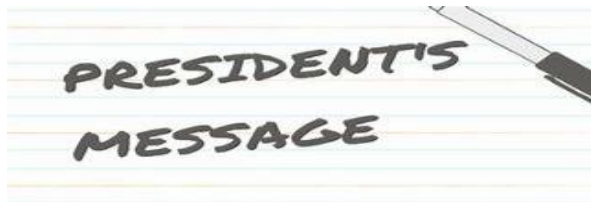


The **VOICE**

OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2026



by John Bengston

Dear St. Mark Family,

During the Rummage Sale this year, we were approached by representatives of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lake Villa. In appreciation for our Outreach, they presented us with a check for \$10,000 to go towards our new roof. The ministries of Good Shepherd and its congregation are not only a blessing to St. Mark, but to our community.

We continue in our journey to call a new Pastor. The Call Team and Vanderbloemen are working very hard, and we have seen an uptick in potential candidates. Please continue to pray for encouragement and support for our Call Team and for God to reveal our new Pastor to us according to His perfect plan.

We are still in need of people to serve in leadership capacities. Leadership is not limited to Council but to our Ministry Teams as well. There are forty or more of our members serving on Ministry Teams and Council. And that does not include all the volunteers that we have to implement and serve our individual ministries.

Please prayerfully consider serving. For Council, we need a person to serve as President and Treasurer. We also have regular Council positions open. Please see a Council member if you have an interest in serving. Council elections occur at our annual meeting in November. For those seeking to serve on our Ministry Teams we can put you in touch with the right folk to talk to – just call the church office.

As the year starts to wind down, let us give thanks for our personal blessings and God's blessings upon our church.

God's Peace,
John

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Sunday, November 8, 2026
Annual Meeting at 9:15AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Annual Reports and Proposed
2027 Budget are available in the
Narthex beginning October 10th.

CHURCH EVENTS

www.smlc.info/events

Complete Details Inside or

Find Us Online@

www.smlc.info

ARTICLE DEADLINE

The deadline for the **November** edition of *The Voice* is **October 12th**. Please Email articles to:

stmarkcommunications@gmail.com.

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Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, October 27th @ 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 August Council meeting:

Council approved the proposed 2027 Budget for Congregational approval at our November Annual Meeting.

Council approved the addition of Julie Rick to our Prayer, Worship and Ministry Team.

Council approved the Memorial Committee's Request List for memorials which include funding for the General Memorial Fund, Butterfly Fund, and Endowment Fund. Also specific memorials for our Youth and Family Ministries including Library Material (books and videos) and Nursery Items.



Greetings from the Call Committee!

As we welcome fall, let's be thankful for all of the good things this year has brought us so far. The wonderful supply pastors we have been blessed with, a great rummage sale, successful Harvest Fest, the restart of Sunday school, and so many more good things to look forward to as the holiday season approaches.

The Call Committee continues to be in close conversation with Vanderbloemen. They have been very busy seeking potential candidates and have reported that they have several to present to us for consideration for the interview process. As we have more information, we will definitely share it with you all.

We continue to prayerfully ask for God's hand in finding our new Pastor and we encourage you all to do so as well! God has this!

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

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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



HARVEST FEST 2026 was a big success! Thank you to everyone who supported the event in some way. Families had so much fun together making scarecrows,

playing bingo, petting animals, eating lunch, riding the train, and jumping in the bouncy



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MORE... FMSC Dates!!



First – if you get this soon enough, our next packing event is Saturday, October 3rd, at 8:45 in the morning (Sign Up Link for October). If you can't make it to this one, our next packing day will be Monday, November 2nd, at 8:45 am. We usually pack on Monday nights but I thought I'd give this a try to see if we can get some more and/or new people to help! (Sign Up Link for November). In December, we'll be back to our "normal" schedule and packing on Saturday, December 5th, at 8:45 am. (Sign Up Link for December).

If none of these dates works for you, please use this link to find a date that works for you, your family, your organization, your team, your neighbors and/or whomever!! Website To Sign Up (Click on "Illinois" and you'll find the Libertyville site info.)

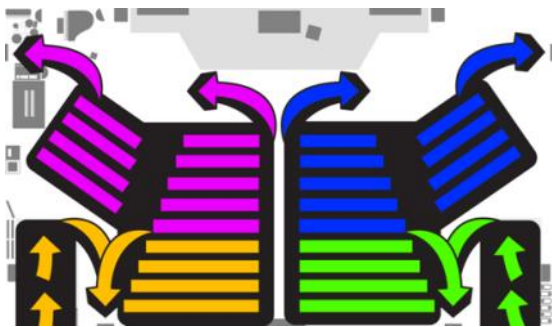
I'd like to point out a few special dates available for packing. We call them our "Pack & Pledge" sessions. On: Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, you can come in and pack at either 9:15 or 11:45, Sunday, December 20th, at 12:45, and/or Christmas Eve, December 24th, you can come in and pack at either 9:15 or 11:45.

What makes these sessions special is that it is usually families that come in, supply the kids with a food donation but also a financial donation. It costs \$63 per person (larger families do get a discount).

If you haven't seen in the Fellowship Hall, St. Mark has helped pack 231,336 meals – that comes out to feeding 634 kids a meal a day for a year!!!

And the number of Bibles that St. Mark has donated and have been picked up for free at the Libertyville site is now up to 1968!!!! God is good all the time! And all the time, God is good!!!

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



Just a friendly reminder to check the Emergency Cards in the pews every now and then so that you are prepared.

Safety & Security

Have you changed where you are sitting lately?
(Well, probably not – we are Lutherans!!)

But in case you have, do you know
where to go in case of an emergency?

Did you realize that the National Fire Prevention Month in the United States takes place every October?? .Hmmm might be a good time for a ...





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

Ideas have consequences; do good ideas have blessings? What ideas interacted during the making of the 1787 Constitution's foundation and framework? Why was and is the American Constitution an exceptional framework—first for a fledgling, upstart republic and, 250 years later, for an exceptional nation, economically robust, a beacon for

immigrants, and a military powerhouse?

This month's **"The Rest of the Story"** series presents a few of the background stories reflecting 18th-century ideas of classical republicanism and Enlightenment philosophy, along with strong biblical precepts about God, the sinfulness of human nature and government, Christian moral teachings flowing out of the Great Awakening, and the covenants cited in the Mayflower Compact—a political covenant—and the Puritans' *A Model of Christian Charity: living in loving relationship with their neighbors while being faithful and accountable to God*.

In May 1787, the Annapolis Convention sought to address the shortcomings of a weak, broke, and divided government under the Articles of Confederation. By June 1787, the hot and muggy Convention was badly divided. Large and small states were quarreling over representation in the new united government. The pace was slow going. Delegates went around and around in circles for weeks. Tempers flared. Some delegates left—prematurely and permanently. Bitter conflicts over slavery also existed between the North, which despised the practice, and the South, which relied on it for its economic viability. In a note, George Washington despaired of even being part of a "favorable issue," as the Convention had deteriorated so badly that he was beginning to regret being there.

On June 28, "A Georgia delegate, William Few, described that morning as 'an awful and critical moment. If the Convention had then adjourned, the dissolution of the union of the states seemed inevitable.'" ¹ *Gibbs, 158. But something happened—a breakthrough.*

Fearing the Convention might collapse, 81-year-old Ben Franklin, a Pennsylvania delegate, supporter, and friend of George Whitefield, preacher of the Great Awakening, made an impassioned speech. He reminded his fellow delegates "that God had always answered their prayers as a nation, even when they were at war. Now that things were going so badly, should they not again turn to the Lord for help?... I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God Governs in the affairs of men... We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writing, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it.' ² ..."

Franklin therefore begged leave to move "that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business," and requested a clergy of the city to officiate in that service. The delegates did not adopt Franklin's motion because the Convention lacked the funds to pay a clergyman, and because they were afraid that news of outside clergymen coming to assist in services would start rumors that dissension was breaking out in the Convention. ³

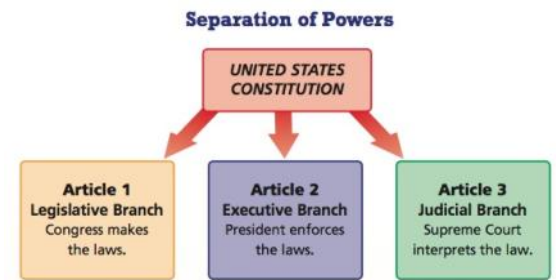
However, although not officially adopted or rejected, the spirit of Franklin's request was carried out when, on July 2, delegates met again and much of the acrimony was gone. Within a week, on the Fourth of July, the entire assembly worshiped together at the Reformed Calvinistic Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. Difficulties did not go away, but the delegates never returned to the fruitless acrimony that had preceded June 28.

Even though the request came from a Deist, Ben Franklin, did God make a difference in the affairs of men on that fateful June 28? From a secular/practical perspective, a political convention requires compromise, deliberation, and rational negotiation. Today, Congress begins the day's business with prayer, a practice established in September 1774. ⁴

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“What Would You Say?” America’s Christian Heritage: Fact or Fiction, *Continued from page 4*

The foundational idea shaping the Constitution was the biblical understanding of the sinfulness of man.⁵ This idea was put into a framework developed by Montesquieu, reflecting an Enlightenment idea of the separation of powers—legislative, executive, and judicial. This also reflects James Madison’s view of human nature, stated in *Federalist No. 51*: “If men were angels, no government would be necessary.” This leads to the idea of “checks and balances” in the Constitution. Note here that Madison was also drawing on Enlightenment political philosophy concerning separation of powers and political theory, as well as Christian theology concerning man’s sinful nature.



Power to the people, as in “We the People.” This idea is based upon the example of self-governing compacts, covenants, and constitutions previously drafted in Puritan New England. The drafters of our Constitution also believed the best government rests in the authority of the people—the consent of the people.⁶ Not a democracy where the people hold all the power directly, but a republic in which the government functions through elected officials. The republic is an empire of laws and not of men, where a minority cannot concentrate power and dictate to the majority. It is a structure in which government can deal effectively with deep-seated disagreements of opinion.

Because power rests in the people, our Founders knew that a constitutional government grounded in the hands of the people would ultimately require a virtuous people in order to succeed. Therefore, the Black Robed Regiment¹⁰ was expected to assume an important role.⁷

In 1780, upon the unveiling of the Massachusetts state constitution, Rev. Samuel Cooper of Boston delivered a sermon entitled *A Sermon on the Day of the Commencement of the Constitution*. He noted, “Virtue is the spirit of a republic; for where all power is derived from the people, all depends on their good disposition. If they [are] impious, factious and selfish; if they are abandoned to idleness, dissipation, luxury, and extravagance, if they are lost to the fear of God, and the love of their country, all is lost.”⁸

Rev. Cooper predicted a great future for America if she pursued a godly course: “...We seem called by heaven to make a large portion of this globe a seat of knowledge and liberty, of agriculture, commerce, and arts, and what is more important than all, of Christian piety and virtue.”

And most importantly, today are we a virtuous people?⁹

America’s Christian Heritage: Fact or Fiction? If a fact, why does it make a difference?

¹ Gibbs, David C. with Newcomb, One Nation Under God, Ten Things Every Christian Should Know About the Founding of America, Christian Law Association, P.O. 4010, Seminole, FL. 2005, pp.157-8

² Ibid., p.159.

³ Ibid. p.160.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid. p.146

⁶ Gibbs, p.152.

⁷ Ibid. p.154.

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ Ibid.

See September *Voice* for the role of the clergy, the Black Robed Regiment, in the American Revolution.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday, October 29th
1pm - 6pm
Fellowship Hall

Here's the link to sign up:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=STMARKLINDENHURST>



Blood donation facts



Why patients need blood

- Cancer
- Childbirth complications
- Trauma
- Sickle cell disease
- Surgeries
- Transplants



A single blood donation may help save more than one life.

You can give blood
every 56 days, up
to 6 times a year.



1 in 7

patients entering a hospital
will need a blood transfusion.

Blood can't be manufactured.
It can only come from generous donors!



Every **two seconds** someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

Fact: You don't need to know
your blood type to donate.
All blood types are needed!



Type O blood is most requested
by hospitals and is often in short supply.

Only 3 out of 100

Americans donate blood.
That's not enough.

Quick community service:

Blood donation only takes
about an hour.

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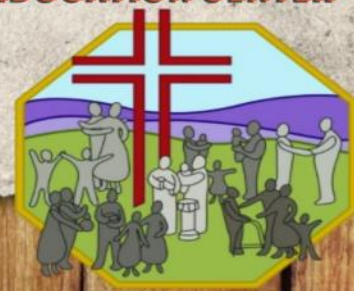
"ALL THINGS ST. MARK"

Church Council

OCTOBER 22 2PM & 7PM

FORUM

EDUCATION CENTER



ElderCARE has been around since 1998, yet so many people have not heard of this amazing volunteer-driven group in Lake County! Their impactful work is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers and community partners who provide these **FREE SERVICES** to older adults (60 +) in Lake County.

Their mission: to support older adults in living independently for as long as possible by facilitating community connection, promoting dignity and autonomy, and combating isolation and loneliness.

COME AND JOIN US TO FIND OUT MORE!

A promotional graphic for ElderCARE. It features a large, stylized logo for "ElderCARE" in blue and green, with the tagline "neighbor helping neighbor vecino ayudando al vecino" below it. To the left, a list of services is provided: "FREE medical transportation & grocery shopping," "FREE technology assistance," and "Friendly in-person visits and Reassurance phone calls." Below the main logo, the word "CARES" is written in large green letters, followed by "Quality Time Matters" in blue and orange. At the bottom, a blue banner reads "Volunteers providing services to adults aged 60 + in Lake County".

Nancy will present for us!

Join us on:

Friday, October 16th at 1:00pm

Fellowship Hall

coffee & dessert

Informational Meeting

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Knowing the Importance of Prayer In God's Eternal Work

Appealing to the Holy Spirit 24/7

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you^[b] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. John 15: 7-8

Your St. Mark prayer team thank each of you for listening and answering our continuing call to pray as one corporate body to seek the Holy Spirit's blessings for St. Mark Church to:

- be a House of Prayer,
- faithfully engaging in the Great Commission, so we pray for;
 - ◊ a GREAT REVIVAL, a third great awakening,
 - ◊ continuing OBEDIENCE by St. Mark's Church to be faithful to the work of prayer, and
 - ◊ Being a living sacrifice today because of all Jesus has done for me.

We must continue and not waver in faithful prayer. This is the time to be lead by the Holy Spirit focusing on prayer needs for St. Mark, our community and the nation. For prayer is God's solution for our morally lost culture. We see in the parable of the wheat and the tares: *"While men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way..."* (Matthew 13:25) As the Church we must stay awake, stay on our knees and ask God to move in the hearts and minds of our church (and all our sister churches) leaders and attendees.

As a praying people, we are the watchmen who can hinder our adversary from sowing further destruction. (James 5:16; *The effective prayer of a righteous person has great power.*

Colossians 4:2 *Don't be weary in prayer; keep at it; watch for God's answers, and remember to be thankful when they come).*

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



On Going Opportunities for Prayer at St. Mark Church

- **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.** *2026 St. Mark Church Prayer Guide.**
- **Church council/teams** - *2026 St. Mark Church Prayer Guide.**
- **Prayers for building up young saints** - *2026 Interactive Children's Prayer Booklet** (Timely resource for parents/grandparents, other family members and significant others).
- **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: Julie, St. Mark Office Manager, 1-847-356-8140.



***All Prayer Guides are in the Plastic Wall Holders by the Administrative Office.**



WHEN:
FRIDAY, OCT 2
4:00PM - 10:00PM

SATURDAY, OCT 3
8:00AM - 4:00PM

COST:
\$20 Per Person for Both Days
\$10 For One Day
(Includes a meal both days)

ALL INDOOR CRAFTS WELCOME!

We'll provide you with your own work table, power, cutting mat/iron, and fellowship

Please be prepared to pay cash when you arrive at the event. Your payment will be donated to BiG Great Lakes. We plan to donate to local charities after each retreat. Next month will be Midwest Veterans Closet.

Includes:

- Dinner on Friday
- Main dish lunch on Saturday
- Water provided throughout

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

What to Expect:

- Your own table to work on (or share if preferred)
- Power available — please bring an extension cord
- Cutting mat and iron available 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 workspace
- Clean up will start at 3:30 p.m. Please do your best to clean up your area. We need to return the room to the way that it was before we set up for crafting.

Bring a Friend! Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just curious, this retreat is all about fellowship and fun. Come for one day or both and feel free to invite a friend to join you! Please sign up.

Contact:

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We are preparing for a busy Autumn in the nursery by providing care for infants - 4 year olds during weekly Sunday morning worship services as well as the Sunday School hour.

In addition, we are pleased to host our free monthly Parents' Morning Out (PMO) events for children ages 5 and under. These events are open to church members and the community, and will take place from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the following Fridays:

October 23rd, 2026
November 27th, 2026

We encourage you to invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors!

Please also "Save The Date" for our next Parents' Afternoon Out (PAO) on Saturday, December 5th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This free event is available for children ages 12 and under which includes lunch, games, crafts, and age appropriate activities. Attendees are also welcome to bring friends! (Registration is required for all PMO and PAO events.)

We are looking forward to an engaging, active and uplifting Autumn ahead!

God's richest blessings,

Deb Heide



Do you play an instrument, sing, or have a heart for helping lead worship? The St. Mark Worship Bands are looking for new members!



We would love to talk with you about using your gifts in worship:

**Vocalists
Acoustic Guitar & Electric Guitar
Bass Guitar
Drums & Percussion
Piano, Keyboard
Strings**

Interested in Joining? See Wendy Weidner

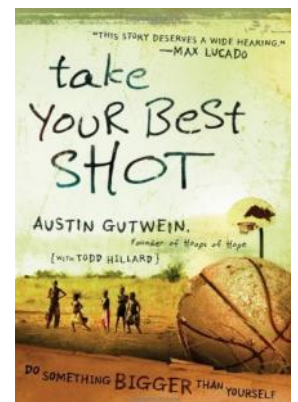


Take Your Best Shot

Discover how you can respond to God's call in your own life, whether it's in your own town or on the other side of the world.

Teen Austin Gutwein has taken his best shot several thousand times to help AIDS orphans in Africa and in the process has built a school and a medical clinic! Take Your Best Shot tells how one boy made an incredible difference in the lives of those without hope while challenging the reader to do the same.

The interactive dialogue will leave space for the reader to respond. By the end of the book, the reader will know the testimony of Austin and other teens from around the world who are committed to a life of sharing Christ's love, and will have begun to search for God's voice in their own lives. The book will also equip and challenge readers with information on a variety of ministries and organizations around the world to help people, animals and the environment.



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Lay Readers & Media Assistants For October



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, October 3 rd	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, October 4 th	8:00 AM	Lynn Wetterberg
Sunday, October 4 th	10:30 AM	Penny Smith
Saturday, October 10 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, October 11 th	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert
Sunday, October 11 th	10:30 AM	Deb Zuchowski
Saturday, October 17 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, October 18 th	8:00 AM	Carl Norlin
Sunday, October 18 th	10:30 AM	Gary Olson
Saturday, October 24 th	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, October 25 th	8:00 AM	Bonnie Millsop
Sunday, October 25 th	10:30 AM	Kevin Graul
Saturday, October 31 st	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton

Saturday, October 3 rd	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, October 4 th	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, October 4 th	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, October 10 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
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Saturday, October 24 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, October 25 th	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingsen
Sunday, October 25 th	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, October 31 st	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser

BUNCO TIME!



IT'S BACK !!!

LADIES PLEASE JOIN US ON A FALL PRAYER WALK

LAKE HASTINGS FOREST PRESERVE
Gelden Rd Entrance

SAT, OCT. 17

MEET AT 10:00AM

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**Sponsored by..
LIGHT**



Our next packing event is: Saturday, October 3rd 8:45 to 10:45am

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 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 see 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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LINDENHURST COMMUNITY

St. Mark-et

Holiday Palooza

Lindenhurst Holiday Kick off & Tree Lighting



Friday, December 4 | 4-8:00 PM



St. Mark Church | 1822 E Grand Ave. | Lindenhurst, IL

Celebrate the Season with Family Fun!

TREE LIGHTING • VISIT FROM SANTA • CAROLERS
ARTISAN MARKET • MAKE & TAKE GIFTS
ORNAMENT MAKING • HOT COCOA BAR • DINNER AND TREATS!

Holiday Market

Discover Homemade
Creations, Personalized
Keepsakes &
One-of-a-Kind Treasures

Santa's Workshop

Make & Take
Homemade Creations

Kids & Grown Ups Create
Your own Personalized
Gifts & Treats at our
Holiday Workshops

Photos with Santa!

Visit Santa & Capture
Holiday Memories!

Ornament Decorating

A fun activity for
kids and families!

Food & Drink Vendors

Come join us for
dinner & dessert!

Hot Cocoa Bar

Warm up with
delicious cocoa with
all the fixings!

Holiday Music & Carolers

Enjoy the sounds of the
season with carolers who
will have you singing
along to all your
holiday favorites!

FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Free Parking • Free Admission
Bring Your Family & Friends • Everyone Welcome

Community Tree Lighting
6:00 PM



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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.
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Share with your friends and family.

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DATES: Second Tuesdays
10/12/2026, 11/10/2026



THIRD THURSDAY EACH MONTH!

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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
10/15/2026, 11/19/2026

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.

This year we will be packing 100 shoeboxes for children in need around the world!

You can "Adopt a Box" and fill it with items that we have, as well as some things of your own. We will provide you with a list of items to purchase. The boxes will be available in the Narthex soon!



We will be having a "Packing Party" on Nov 16th to ship them abroad, so boxes need to be returned no later than Sunday, Nov. 15th.

This is our Final Year!

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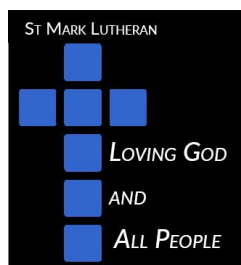
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