

The **VOICE**

OF ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2026



by John Bengston

Dear St. Mark Family,

We are heading into the final part of the year and continue in transition. We are trusting in God's perfect plan and timing to find a new pastor. Last month, our Call Team recommended a candidate and Council approved the candidate. God's plan for this candidate drew him to another calling in Minnesota. When I made this announcement at the Church services in mid-July, I asked you all to continue to pray for God to reveal his plan for us and to offer prayers of encouragement to our Call Team. They are working so hard and I am confident that God will provide. I want to caution everyone that even though the search seems to be long, the Call Team is ever vigilant to find the right person to be our leader.

As Proverbs 19: 2 teaches: "It is not good to have zeal without knowledge, nor to be hasty and miss the way."

Please continue your prayers. God hears our prayers and will provide.

We continue to seek people to fulfill important ministry roles. The official nomination period for Council begins in September with many roles to be filled: One-year terms of President, Treasurer, and Secretary, a two-year term for Property and Facilities Management, and a two-year term for Youth and Family. We also need people to serve in a non-Council capacity for our Spiritual Development and Support Ministry Team. Please reach out to any Council member if you have any questions.

Please prayerfully consider serving.

God's Blessings,

John

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Harvest Fest

**Saturday,
September
19th**

Noon - 5:00 PM



**WE NEED
YOU YOU & YOU**

**Is God Calling you to serve?
See pages 4,7, & 11**

CHURCH EVENTS

www.smlc.info/events

Complete Details Inside or

Find Us Online@

www.smlc.info

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

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, September 8th @ 7:00PM
Next Committee Meetings: Tuesday, September 22nd @ 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 discussed the 2027 budget as modifications are necessary before approving the proposed final budget in September in anticipation of the annual meeting in November.

Council also discussed our interim ministry plan as it is becoming more difficult to secure pastors to fill an interim role.

Nominations are now being accepted for Council positions.



We Made It!

The 2026 Rummage Sale is over and happily we all made it through. Today the last of the furniture was hauled away and we can officially rest until next year. Around 90 volunteers put in over 1600 hours of work the whole month of July to put on another very successful sale. For three days we had a steady stream of shoppers take our many treasures to their cars with smiles and compliments on our set up and prices. This is all thanks to our wonderful dedicated volunteers. From unpacking the 1st box to putting the last box on the truck they all work hard to make our sale one that people want to come back to every year. There are not enough words for me to thank them. I am so grateful and appreciative of all they do, especially putting up with me. One group I would like to highlight this year is what I call my guy crew. A wonderful group of retired guys set up tables and racks, picked up truckloads of donations, staged furniture for the sale, carried tons of items to people's cars and helped pack up the truck. What was really awesome was they did all this with very little direction from me. But next year we are going to need some younger help to help these great guys with the heavy lifting.

This year many of our leftovers went to the following organizations. Shoes went to Souls for Jesus. Some clothes went to Antioch Traveling Closet. Needed furniture went to Veterans Path to Hope. Our office staff found many items needed for the church. The rest filled a Goodwill Semi. Thank you so much for all who helped in any way with the sale. We didn't break last year's record but we came close. Our total right now is \$33,324. We still have a few stragglers coming in. And adding to the rummage money but not from the actual sale is another \$12,000 we received selling gold and silver we have collected for the past 3 years. As Mike always says...God is Good All The Time!

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Greetings from the Call Committee!

We have had some pretty stormy days so far this summer! Hope everyone came through them safely.

The Call Committee is aware of the concern the congregation has regarding lack of updates on our Senior Pastor opening. We've had recent discussions with Vanderbloemen and they have committed to give us biweekly updates so we can better keep you in the loop.

We would like to share a little more information about the candidate who was discerning a call at St Mark. At the same time he was considering St Mark, he was also offered a call in another state. He and his family were so impressed with St Mark. Between the church, the grounds, the Ed Center, and the community, and our many wonderful ministries, it was a very difficult decision for him to make. Ultimately, he chose the other call due to proximity to family.

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 knows who this is.

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

Philippians 4:4

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

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



Church Council Nominations Open

We will be voting on open Council positions at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 8th. Nominations are now open.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in running for one of the open council positions, please contact one of the current members of council: John Bengston, Susie Soukup, Bill Renninger, Keith Niles, Robin Korom, Johnna Morton, Kathy Shelley, Todd Korth, or Nancy O'Connor.

This is a great way to meet new people, gain visibility into the day-to-day workings of the church, and impact decision making.

Positions open for Nomination:

Council Officers. Each has 1 year term (starting January 1, 2027)

President: The president presides over meetings of the Church Council and of the congregation, and an ex officio member of all Ministry Teams. Currently serving: John Bengston. John's term will expire at the end of 2026.

Secretary: The secretary keeps the minutes of the Church Council and of the Congregation and publishes and posts them within 15 days of each meeting.

Currently serving: Susie Soukup. Susie's term will expire at the end of 2026

Treasurer: The treasurer oversees and supports all financial planning, financial records and funds of the Congregation and publishes monthly financial statements. The treasurer also oversees the Bookkeeper.

Currently serving: Bill Renninger. Bill's term will expire at the end of 2026

Council Members. Each has a 2 or 3 year term (starting January 1, 2027)

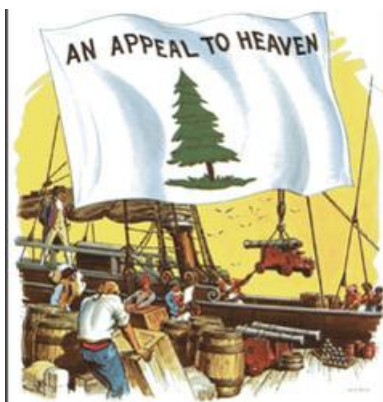
◇ Representative and member of Property and Facility Maintenance Ministry Team (2 year term)
Currently serving: Keith Niles. Keith's term will expire at the end of 2026.

◇ Representative and member of Youth and Family Ministry Team (2 year term)
Currently serving: Nancy O'Connor. Nancy's term will expire at the end of 2026.

◇ Representative and member of Fellowship Ministry Team (3 year term)
Currently serving: Johnna Morton. Johnna's term will expire at the end of 2026.

◇ Representative and member of Prayer, Worship and Music Ministry Team (3 year term)
Currently serving: Kathy Shelley. Kathy's term will expire at the end of 2026.





What would you say?

America's Christian Heritage: Fact or Fiction?

"Give 'em Watts, boys! Give 'em Watts!" Rev. James Caldwell shouted as he handed his church hymnals (filled with the hymns of Isaac Watts¹) to the Minutemen. They had run out of wadding for their muskets while battling British soldiers at the church doors. Running out of wadding was as disastrous as running out of bullets today. Without hesitation, Rev. Caldwell sacrificed the hymnals, tearing out the pages and handing them to the patriots with those stirring words. That day, the Minutemen—and Watts—won the fight!

Isaac Watts (1674–1748) was an English Congregational minister, theologian, logician, and one of history's most prolific hymn writers, credited with some 750 hymns. Among his best-known are *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *Joy to the World*, and *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*. Perhaps Watts's guardian angel inspired Rev. Caldwell's decisive act!

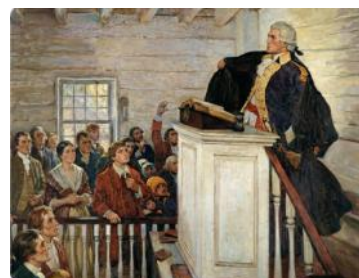
Years before rebellion was in the air, some New England clergy, like the watchmen on the wall (Ezekiel 3:17–21), recognized the threat to American liberty and boldly warned their congregations from the pulpit. These patriotic ministers became known as the Black Robed Regiment because of their black robes. Other colonists organized as Minutemen to defend their towns at a moment's notice. Most were laymen from the local church, often led by their minister or deacon, who conducted military drills after Sunday services.

One notable member of the Black Robed Regiment was Rev. Jonas Clark, whose Lexington, Massachusetts congregation included many of the Minutemen attacked in the opening battle of the Revolutionary War. On April 19, 1775, many of his people—young and old—gave their lives on the Lexington Green defending their homes and paying the ultimate price for liberty.

One of the Revolution's most dramatic calls to arms took place in a Lutheran church in Virginia on January 26, 1776. Rev. John Peter Muhlenberg preached from Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8: "To everything there is a season..." Then he declared, "There is a time to preach and a time to pray... but there is also a time to fight—and that time has now come!" Removing his robe, he revealed the uniform of a Continental Army officer. Leaving the ministry, he served until the war's end, eventually attaining the rank of Major General. Inspired by his example, many German colonists joined the Patriot Cause. Today, a statue of Muhlenberg stands in the U.S. Capitol.

Rev. Jonathan Mayhew (1720–1766) was one of the Black Robed Regiment's leading intellectuals and among New England's strongest advocates for liberty. He argued that government derives its authority from the people and that rulers who become tyrants forfeit their right to govern. He preached, "...be loyal also to the supreme RULER of the universe, by whom kings reign and princes decree justice." On January 30, 1750, preaching from Romans 13:1–7, Mayhew defended addressing politics from the pulpit:

"It is hoped that but few will think the subject of it (politics) an improper one to be discoursed on in the pulpit... Why, then, should not those parts of Scripture which relate civil government be examined and explained from the desk, as well as others?"



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Because God's Word speaks to every area of life, including civil government, Mayhew concluded that "...the affairs of civil government may properly fall under a moral and religious consideration."

Historian George Bancroft called these ministers "the memorable divines." Their sermons taught the "rising generation" to continue walking "in those right ways of the Lord wherein their fathers walked before them." Referring to the Pilgrim and Puritan covenants, Bancroft observed that they preached political liberty every Sunday, at days of fasting and thanksgiving, military musters, and election sermons held twice a year for their courts, civil administration and military appointments. Those in office and seeking positions would receive a copy of the local election sermons.

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“What Would You Say?” America’s Christian Heritage: Fact or Fiction, *Continued from page 5*

"Their exhaustless armory was the Bible, whose scriptures furnished sharp words to point their appeals, apt examples of resistance, prophetic denunciations of the enemies of God's people, and promises of the divine blessings on the defenders of his law."

Two themes stand out. First, the Black Robed Regiment taught that defending liberty and resisting tyranny were acts of obedience to God's law. Second, their sermons were widely published throughout the colonies, greatly magnifying their influence and spreading biblical principles of liberty.

In summary, these ministers preached resistance to tyranny, promoted covenant theology, interpreted political liberty through biblical principles, and supported republican self-government. Many also served as military chaplains, legislators, educators, and recruiters while faithfully shepherding their congregations. "And most importantly these New England clergy along with their faithful Minutemen, helped to provide the moral and spiritual, as well as the actual, force, needed for America to choose liberty and achieve it. 'To the Pulpit, the Puritan Pulpit, we owe the moral force which won our independence.'"

What do you conclude about the Black Robed Regiment’s role in the American Revolution? As a Christian, what difference does it make today regarding the role of the church in the preservation of the nation?

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.

Cole, Franklin P., Editor, They Preached LIBERTY, Coral Ridge Ministries, P.O. Box 40, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 33302. An anthology of timely quotations from New England ministers of the American Revolution on the subject of Liberty: Its source, nature, obligations types, and blessings.



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SCAN OR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

harvest FESTIVAL

September 19, 2026
12:00-5:00pm

1822 East Grand Avenue • Lindenhurst, IL 60046

The poster features a QR code, a cartoon owl saying "this is a hoot", and illustrations of pumpkins and autumn leaves.



Attention Confirmation Students and Parents

Confirmation Orientation
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
September 9th
At Church

Rally Day & Sunday School Begins
9:20 a.m.
September 13th

First Confirmation Class
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
September 16th
Education Center

Questions?
Contact Johnna Morton
stmarkconfirm78@gmail.com
(847) 245 - 4809

The poster includes a dove icon and a cross in the corner.

Help Us Grow the Faith of Our Children



Begins:
Sunday, Sept 13th
at 9:20am
with Rally Day!

Contact:
Parish Ed or Barb Griffith

Join our St. Mark Sunday School Team

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: St. Mark Office Manager, 1-847-356-8140.



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



A Few FMSC Updates AND Numbers!!!

Because math was everyone's FAVORITE subject in school, here are some numbers for you!!

Even though St. Mark has been going to Feed My Starving Children for a number of years, we "officially" started going once a month in August of '22. Since then, we have packed 716 boxes of food, which is 231,336 meals, but more importantly, we have saved the lives of 634 kids -- God is good!!

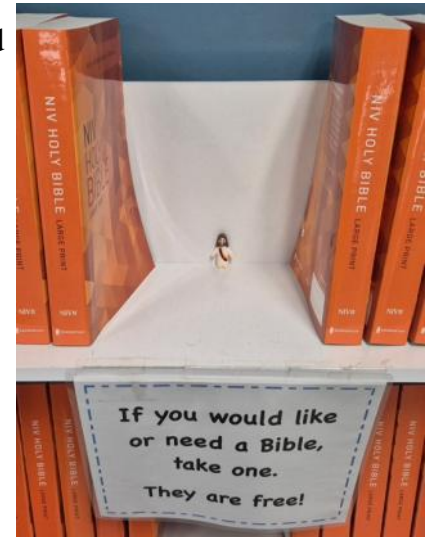
We also have been donating Bibles to FMSC since August 15th, 2023 and so far, with a little help from our little friend, 1922 Bibles have been taken -- God is good all the time!!!

If you would like to join us to save more kids' lives, here are our next scheduled packing dates:

- **MONDAY**, September 14th, at 7:00 to 8:45 pm ([September's Sign Up](#))
- **SATURDAY**, October 3rd, at 8:45 to 10:45 am ([October's Sign Up](#))
- **MONDAY**, November 2nd, at 7:00 to 8:45 pm ([November's Sign Up](#))
- **SATURDAY**, December 5th, at 8:45 to 10:45 am ([December's Sign Up](#))

As a reminder, there are three different jobs at FMSC:

- 1) There is a sit down job putting labels on the bags we use to pack the food.
- 2) There is the job of actually packing the food.
- 3) There is a warehouse job for those of you who would like to get their exercise.



If you have any issues signing up, have questions about these events, and/or questions about FMSC in general, please contact Mike Mol.



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?

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

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 ...

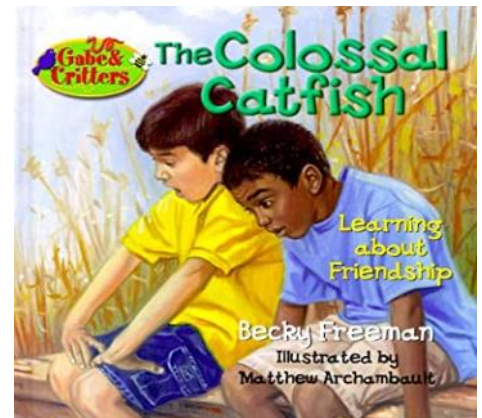


Gamblers Anonymous Support Group meets at 7:00pm every Thursday in Multi-purpose room



The Colossal Catfish: Learning About Friendship

Since school is back in session and it's the time to meet and make new friends, this month's book is a picture book for young people. *The Colossal Catfish: Learning About Friendship* by Becky Freeman focuses on the relationship between two young boys and their strong interest in animals, a large catfish in particular. The boys come to the realization that their friendship is a gift from God as is any good that comes into their lives including a very large catfish in the nearby pond that they have come to love. You can find this book under call number E FRE.



**WIDOWS/WIDOWERS INSPIRING NEW GROWTH & STRENGTH
IF YOU ARE A WIDOW /WIDOWER,
PLEASE JOIN US!**

We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month

**Our next meeting is: Sept. 3rd
10:00am -Church Library**



**Our next craft retreats will be
October 2nd and 3rd and
November 6th and 7th. More
details coming.**

Intercessory Prayer: Stop, Look & Listen

Are you missing God's daily call to pray?



St. Mark Lutheran Church is praying for the government, nations, and its leaders every Sunday. Are you faithfully praying during the week ...for kings and all others who are in authority, that we may live a quiet and peaceful life with all reverence toward God and proper conduct?

Is not this command vital to live tranquil and peaceful lives as cited in 1 Timothy 2:2? If we DON'T pray for governmental leaders this will NOT happen. Good intentions and human wisdom, even by the godly are not adequate when it comes to leading a nation. Reread the Lord's Prayer line, "...thy kingdom come thy will be done." God is asking us to be part of an ordained partnership. Our prayers are the keys to releasing God's activities both in the heavens and here on earth.

In the Old Testament, David and his son, Solomon, needed God's spiritual help in establishing David's throne, and both father and son to govern with God's chosen nation with wisdom and justice.¹ America's calling to spread the Gospel to the New World was established in the world's history long before Columbus set sail in 1492.

What is the golden thread woven into the foundation of America? Is it not intercessory prayer of the Pilgrims, the Puritans, Jonathan Edward, George Whitefield and the Great Awakening from which the spiritual foundations for the American Revolution grew? And the appeal to heaven for liberty fanned by the preaching and prayers by the Black Robed Regiment to both civic leaders and citizens prior to and during the revolution? Is this not the working of ordained partnership between the church and the Holy Spirit? Is our current state of moral decay, loss of common sense and cultural upheaval due to the nation's Churches failure to provide moral clarity, spiritual guidance and the Good News in their communities?

In conclusion, America is in urgent need of your prayers in these challenging times. Be alert, set aside a quite time to listen for the voice in your heart. Lift up your intercessory prayers today for our national, state, and local Government and leaders. Established by the Constitution based on biblical principles for a moral people. As members of a House of Prayer we pray for:

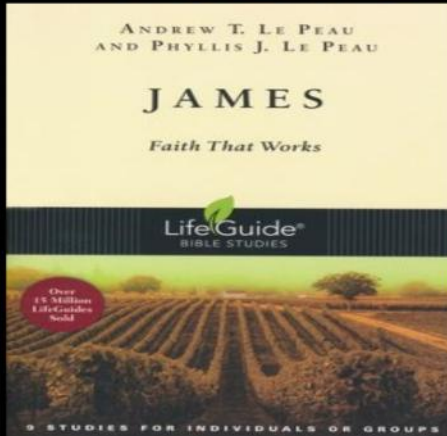
- Spiritual guidance at all levels of national, state, and local governments and their leaders;
- Moral clarity in all levels of national, state, and local governments and their leaders
- Righteous governmental authority of national, state, and local governments at all levels;
- Binding the evil spiritual forces in government who seek to undermine and destroy America and her calling to spread the Gospel.
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And to praise and thank God for all His blessings, past, present and future for America!

So because of all that You have done for me, I present my body to You as a living sacrifice for this day. I want to be transformed by the renewing of my mind, affirming Your will is good for me and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

¹ 1 Chronicles 12:1, 32,38 and 1 Kings 3:9

Women's Tuesday Bible Study



Come and Join Us!
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am
Place: Education Center

You can purchase a book at class.

Anyone can sign up by contacting:
Wendy Rohlwing churchlady51@aol.com



Friday, Sept. 25th from 9:00am - Noon
Free for children 5 years and under!

Register at smc.info

Join our Women's Group

September Quilting Days:
Sept 3rd and 17th
9am - Noon

Quilting
GROUP

Meet in
Church Library
Contact Sharon Tatro

We share
Christian
fellowship
and teach
each other
new ways of
quilting.
Some of our
quilts are
donated to
charity. Come
learn and
grow with
us!



+
KEEP
CALM
AND BECOME
ALTAR
SERVER!

Altar
Servers



We are in need of altar
servers for every service. This
is a very special way to serve
and our ministry program will
provide the training.



Contact Carl Norlin for information

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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.**

Saturday, September 5 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 6 th	9:30 AM	Carl Norlin
Saturday, September 12 th	5:30 PM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 13 th	8:00 AM	Bonnie Millop
Sunday, September 13 th	10:30 AM	Deb Zuchowski
Saturday, September 19 th	5:30 PM	Lynn Johnson
Sunday, September 20 th	8:00 AM	Jim Schranz
Sunday, September 20 th	10:30 AM	Rhonda Doran
Saturday, September 26 th	5:30 PM	Kathy Kurth
Sunday, September 27 th	8:00 AM	Cliff Ewert
Sunday, September 27 th	10:30 AM	Lynn Wetterberg

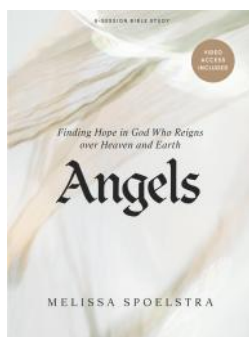
Saturday, September 5 th	5:30 PM	Aleea House
Sunday, September 6 th	9:30 AM	Johnna Morton
Saturday, September 12 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, September 13 th	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 13 th	10:30 AM	Johnna Morton
Saturday, September 19 th	5:30 PM	AleeaHouser
Sunday, September 20 th	8:00 AM	Johnna Morton
Sunday, September 20 th	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass
Saturday, September 26 th	5:30 PM	Aleea Houser
Sunday, September 27 th	8:00 AM	Mel Ellingsen
Sunday, September 27 th	10:30 AM	Jerry Gass

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Morning

We will be starting on Wednesday, September 16th in the church library and will meet from 9:30-11:00 am. Our study is titled Tame Your Thoughts, and it is by Max Lucado. It

is an eight-week study and there will be no charge for the books. Sign up on the poster in the narthex or by contacting Connie Saunders (847-899-2777 or csauntea@aol.com).



Sunday Morning

Join the Sunday Women's Bible Study starting September 20th as we explore Angels! We will be going through Melissa Sproelstra's study of angels from Genesis to Revelation. Learning about angels - who they are, what they do, and what they have to do with you.

We will meet in the East Chapel of the Education Center. You can order the book through Lifeway, Christianbook.com, or Amazon. Make sure you get the 8-session study that includes video access. We plan to take the entire fall to go through the study. If you are unable to obtain a book, come and we will help.

Pam Preston is the facilitator if you have any questions.

Join the "St. Mark Ringers!"
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Handbell

CHOIR

Contact Paul Cramer

Tuesdays @ 7pm, beginning Sept. 15th
in the Bell Rehearsal Rm

Join us for worship at Stades!

Sunday, September 6th at 10:30am



Worship On The Farm

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

SEPTEMBER ITEMS NEEDED:



Toilet Paper
Adult Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Tuna



If you or a family member are currently serving in any branch of our Armed Forces or any First Response Unit, would you please let me know. I would like St. Mark to honor them and pray for them by making a photo gallery that we all can see at St. Mark. Once you tell me who they are and how they serve, I will let you know how big of a picture I would like. Thank you and please thank them for their service.

CHOIR

REHEARSAL

Join the "St. Mark Singers!"
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Starts
Sept. 15th

Tuesdays @6:00pm
in the Sanctuary

Contact Paul Cramer

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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
9/8/2026, 10/12/2026



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
9/17/2-26, 10/15/2026

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.

**2ND SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH**
Sept 12th

**MEN'S
MINISTRY**
'AS IRON SHARPENS IRON SO ONE MAN
SHARPENS ANOTHER' PROVERBS 27:17

AGES 15+

**LONE WOLVES...
BE MORE EFFECTIVE...
TRAVEL IN A PACK!**



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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUN + 30	MON 31	TUE Sep 1	WED 2	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5
9:30am Worship 10:30am Sunday	10am Al Anon 7pm Christian Stu 7:30pm Alcoholic	8:30am Men's Gr 10am Women's B		8am Men's Discu 9am Quilter's Gr 10am WINGS Wic 6pm Arise Practi 6:30pm Stephen 6:30pm Gambler		5:30pm Tradition
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