



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

**Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel**

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

July 28, 2024

### **Ponder This For A Moment**

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him" Deuteronomy 18. *God keeps His Word – Jesus, the Prophet of prophets, has come and carried out the plan of our salvation. His Word continues to testify to who He is and what He has done (and still is doing) for us. We do well to keep listening to Him through His Word.*

### **Glorify & Grow: Sunday July 28**

8:00\* & 10:45 Worship (\*live streamed)

9:15 Sunday School (meet in Chapel) –

**not today**

9:30 Bible Discussion for All Ages

Monday Worship July 29 at 6:30 PM (Chapel)

### **Scripture Readings for July 28 & August 4**

Exodus 16:1-15 / 2 Kings 6:8-17

2 Corinthians 9:8-11 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Mark 6:35-44 / Mark 6:45-56

**Connection Cards** ... Thank you for filling out the blue Connection Cards each week and placing them in the basket on the Cabinet in the Entry or in the wall boxes with the thank offerings which are placed by the side doors to the Sanctuary. Please encourage our Guests to fill one out. *Also, you can use the Card to update contact information.*

### **From God's Yellow Pages**

Spiritual guidance direct from God – let your fingers do the walking through the Bible ... *This Week – Abundant Life* ... John 10:10

### **Growing in Grace Bible Studies**

**Sunday Bible Study** ... **Main Area** ... Topic for July: The Gospel of Mark --- Providing the proof

Jesus is who He says He is, evangelism and apologetics thanks to inspiration. This Sunday --- Jesus shows His power over demons and death.

**Personal Bible Study Idea** ... Looking for a way to study the Bible a few times a week but don't have much time in your week? Looking for a Bible Study discussion starter with family or friends? "5-Minute Bible Studies" are available in paperback book form from Northwestern Publishing House. There are three studies per week yet designed to be flexible with your schedule. Go to [nph.net](http://nph.net) to place your order and stay connected to the Word in addition to weekly worship and studies offered through our church.

**Chance to add to your reading list** ... From August 1 - September 30, St. Mark's will be sponsoring a virtual book fair through Northwestern Publishing House. Visit [nph.net/virtualbookfair](http://nph.net/virtualbookfair) to make an account and shop for books, and use code V165C600955 to get 20% off your order.

### **Prayer Warriors**

*"Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408).* O Holy Spirit, come to me with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away my doubts. Direct me to my Savior, Jesus, that I may trust in him with my whole heart.

**LWMS Corner – Missions & You** ... Mission Box next Sunday (4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Many Hands - Campus Spruce Up Day**

We have a campus workday scheduled for August 10 starting at 8:00 am. We will be putting down mulch in the playground area, along with cleaning up the various planting

areas on campus, washing windows and brushing down the buildings and light fixtures. Stay for as long as you can (even 30 minutes of help adds up), we will have cleaning supplies available. If you would like to help but cannot make the 10<sup>th</sup>, contact the church office and we can track what you have done beforehand or provide you with a list of what still needs to be done. Thank you!

**Who Is Serving Our Church?** ... President: Mike Rausch; Recording Secretary: Jason Scheib; Treasurer: Dan Cummins; Elders: Mike Rostad (chair), Dan Cummins, Greg Meyer, Ryan Miller (Callers: Steve Ennis, Ed Heinitz); Child Discipleship: Justin Lewis (chair), Shannon Burke, Jake Rettig; Stewardship: Mark LeMay (chair), Carl Goette, Bill Halfhill, Chuck Klueker; Outreach: Jim Oswald (chair). Also serving Outreach: Shawn Butler and Erin Donoho (website), Melissa Hioco (Jesus Cares), Ruth Vogt & Linda Lane (mornings w mommies), Cameron Rowe (events), David & Cheryl Skultety – Reyna Stanley – Kitty Falk (welcome team), Bentley Mymka (buildings & grounds coordinator); Keith Williamson & Frank Beaushaw & Curtis Roth (worship audio-visual); Donna Williamson & Fran Schmidt & Julie Bartlow (worship arts); Clara Jackson & Ellie Ennis & Kitty Falk (LWMS leaders); Penny Beaushaw & Stacie Malone (worship greeter coordinators); and then there is the Altar Set Up Team (don't have to be named 'Barb' to be on it ... Barb L, Barb G, Connie, Judy, Laurie G); Ellie Ennis (prayer chain leader); and the worship Ushers, along with the grounds crew (faithful week in and week out). We could go on... **A big thank you to all the Volunteers (YOU)** who in a variety of ways get involved (office help, events, music, etc) and may not be recognized for the time and effort you put in to help with our ministry – making relationships and building up those relationships especially in Jesus. Again, so many people to thank, not all the names listed

here ... Please take the time to thank your fellow members because in some way, with or without an official title / role / name in print, they are helping our ministry move forward to the glory of our great God.

### **Ministry Financial Plan Update**

Offerings received since July 1, 2024: \$41,370  
Goal for July 2024–December 2024: \$287,500

### **Lion's Legacy Endowment**

The Gift that just keeps on giving! The Lion's Legacy Endowment Fund does this and you are being a good steward to boot! So far, we have \$75,000 in the fund with the goal of getting to \$100,000 (then we can begin to use the annual dividends for ministry-related activities). You can direct your legacy gift to be used for the following purposes: campus improvements, outreach, tuition assistance, and / or general purposes outside of the church's operating fund. For more information on how you can leave your legacy here at St. Mark's, contact Mark LeMay or Pastor Kolander.

### **Dates/Events to keep in mind at St. Mark's ...**

*July 28 – Installation of Teacher, Elise Matthies*  
*August 1 – Digging Deeper Study, 6:30 PM*  
*August 10 – Campus Spruce Up Day, 8:00 AM-?*  
*August 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School at St. Mark's*

**Something else to ponder ...** "Trusting God does not mean throwing caution to the wind. Trusting God does not mean ignoring the wise advice of other people. Trusting God does not mean insisting on doing what we want to do regardless of what the results might be for us and others. Trusting God doesn't mean being foolish—like jumping off a building!—and expecting God to save us. That's not trusting God. That's trusting us and testing God."



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