



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

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

## St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

**September 8, 2024**

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

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup>for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy" 1 Peter 1. *God's expectations for our life are for our good; stay rooted in His love.*

### **Glorify & Grow: Sunday September 8**

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

9:15 Sunday School (meet in Chapel)

9:30 Bible Discussion for All Ages

Monday Worship Sept 9 at 6:30 pm(Chapel)

### **Scripture Readings for September 8 & 15**

Isaiah 35:4-7a / 1 Kings 18:21-39

Acts 3:1-10 / Ephesians 6:10-18

Mark 7:31-37 / Mark 9:14-27

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

Spiritual guidance direct from God – let your fingers do the walking through the Bible ...

*This Week – Diligence ... Romans 12:11*

**New Choir Season ...** Do you love to praise God with your voice? Think about joining our church Choir! Choir is a great way to serve God's Church and beautify worship. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the church balcony. The new season begins on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Reading music is not required. We hope to see some new faces. Questions? Contact Rosemarie Boushek.

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### **Growing in Grace Opportunities**

#### **Sunday Bible Study ... Main Area**

Sometimes we Christians hesitate to get involved in discussions of religious questions. This may be because of apathy, fear of potential negative reactions to our Biblical convictions (fear of confrontation), or simply because we do not feel qualified to speak clearly and correctly on the topics in question. Have you ever felt that a discussion of an important Christian question was "out of your league"? Are there other "excuses" that we might give? Scripture tells us that we should not hesitate to give a clear testimony to others whenever we have the opportunity to speak the truth and express our faith. *Let's grow together in our ability to provide some answers.*

#### **St. Mark's Youth/Teen Bible Study ...**

starting a new Sunday Morning series on September 8. *Defending the Faith* is a WELS-produced six-lesson apologetics Bible study to help our members thoughtfully and lovingly engage in conversation with skeptics of the Christian faith. We do this using God's gift of reason which is rooted in gentleness and respect. All this with the goal of love towards our neighbor. Apologetics is a ministry of caring! Each lesson has a video component followed by a handout with discussion points. The course will be co-led by Mike Rausch and Ryan Miller on Sundays at 9:30 am.

#### **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.

### **New Starting Point Session**

For those interested in reviewing the basic truths of the Bible, as well as for those interested in making St. Mark's their church home, our fall Starting Point Session begins on Saturday, September 14 at 9:30 am in the church. If you have questions about this, contact Pastor Kolander. Information about this is found in the church Lobby.

### **Prayer Warriors**

*"Christians, while on earth abiding, let us never cease to pray... (CW 408). Lord God, give me strength and willingness to say with your Son, "Not my will but your will be done." Make me cheerful and trusting to bear whatever you let happen to me. From your hand I am willing to take the good and the bad, the joy and the sorrow. Keep me from sin, gracious Father, and comfort me with your kind Word.*

### **Church Connect 'Go' Opportunities**

If you will be attending '**Sunday Funday' at Rusch Park** on September 22 from 11 am -3 pm, check out our St. Mark's School set up. If you can volunteer some time on that day, see the sign-up sheet in the Lobby. Questions: Contact Tyler Wahl.

**Grief Share Invitation** ... This is an opportunity to find help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, family member, or friend. This is a 13-week journey from mourning to joy, to how to deal with any guilt, to how one can move forward as life now is going to be different. We start on Tuesday, September 10, but feel free to attend when you can. We meet from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. **To learn more, and to register, go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) and enter the Zip Code 95610 by "Find a group," scroll down to find the St. Mark's box, click on 'More info.'** If you

have a question on this, please speak with Pastor Kolander.

### **LWMS Corner – Missions & You**

FYI: Our Home and World Missionaries appreciate hearing from you, and not just on birthdays and holidays. See the LWMS Board for more information. Thanks.

**Fall LWMS Rally:** The rally will be held Saturday Oct. 19th at the Springs Lutheran Church, Sparks, NV. Sign up by October 6<sup>th</sup> on the sheet under the Bulletin Board. Continental breakfast is at 9:00 am. Rally begins at 10:00 am. Guest speaker will be Pastor Brian Doeblner from King of Kings in Garden Grove, CA. King of Kings is the ministry center for three mission efforts: Spanish, Vietnamese, and English. If you are planning to spend Friday night prior to the rally, contact Marianne Foster, secretary at (775) 848-0022 or [foster.marianne@gmail.com](mailto:foster.marianne@gmail.com). as soon as possible. She is looking into getting a hotel deal. Marianne is our secretary. She would like to fill the treasurer position if anyone would like to fill her secretary position.

**Kids c.a.r.e.** This is the 20th anniversary of kids c.a.r.e. Kids c.a.r.e. serves children in pre-school through grade 6. Materials can be used by teachers, parents, grandparents and others. The 2024-2025 project is Antigua: St. John's Church and School. For more information and to copy materials check out the red folder on the shelf next to the teddy bear. (kids c.a.r.e. teddy bears can be ordered from LWMS Central Office for \$12.00.)

As the Fall Rally (Oct. 19th) approaches, we will be collecting Mission Box Offerings on **all** the Sundays and Mondays of September. With that in mind, you may bring your filled small mission boxes and leave them on the shelf under the LWMS bulletin board or deposit cash donations into the black LWMS boxes found on the shelf

where you find the service folders. Thank you for remembering our missionaries with your generous offerings and your continued prayers.

**Community Cook-off** ... On September 28 from 5 - 7 pm, we will be hosting our annual 'neighborhood block gathering.' Grillers are welcome to enter a grilling contest for prizes and enjoyment, there are three categories (see our website under 'Connect: Special Events' for details and rules). We are putting together a panel of judges; we will have food for everyone who attends. CHPD and Metro Fire have been invited to join us. We will also have bounce houses and a Cornhole Tournament. If you would like to volunteer for food set up, be a judge, or help with campus security, speak with Cameron Rowe. *Invite your neighbors!*

**Trunk or Treat Recruitment Event** ... The T&T Team is looking for people who are willing to decorate their vehicle 'trunks' and hand out candy for the trunk or treat event on October 25. You can sign up online ([churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com](mailto:churchadm@stmarkslutheran.com)) or in the back of the church. Bags of candy donations are appreciated, drop off in the church Lobby.

**Live Nativity** ... December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Save the date for now and tell your neighbors about it. In the coming weeks our Live Nativity Event Team will be asking for Volunteers to help make the annual event another great success. So, start thinking about volunteering as one of the 'scene characters' or helping with campus security or singing with the angel choir or with set up/take down. This is another great opportunity for us to make connections and build relationships rooted in the Savior. In the meantime, if questions, speak with Pastor K or Mark LeMay.

### **You Benefit, School Benefits**

"On the 2nd Sunday of every month, a table will be set up in the lobby between services to promote our Scrip program, which benefits the school. You will be able to purchase gift cards as well as learn more about the program, how to set up an account, and pay online or through the app. Scrip cards are also great Christmas gifts for friends and family as well as for our school." *Scrip proceeds go toward our Tuition Assistance Fund.*

### **WELS Connection**

**50<sup>th</sup> for a Church in Reno** ... We are now a couple weeks away from the 50th anniversary celebration at Shepherd of the Mountains in Reno. Here are the details: Sunday, September 22 ... Service at 4:30 pm ... Light meal and entertainment to follow.

### **Ministry Financial Plan Update**

Offerings received since July 1, 2024: \$110,482  
Goal for July 2024–December 2024: \$287,500

**Dates/Events to keep in mind at St. Mark's ...**  
*September 10 – GriefShare, 1:00 pm*  
*September 21 – ConnectStMarks Event, 5:00 pm*  
*September 22 – Sunday Funday Recruitment*  
*September 28 – Community Cook-off*



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