



Founded on the Word ... Focused on the Cross

Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Go with the Gospel

St. Mark's Lutheran Weekly Newsletter

March 30, 2025

Ponder This For A Moment

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? ... God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple" 1 Corinthians 3.

Glorify & Grow: Sunday Mornings

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

9:15 Sunday School (*meet in Chapel*)

9:30 Bible Discussion for Teens / All Ages

****No Monday Worship in March until otherwise notified*

Scripture Readings for April 6

Psalm 32:1-5

Philippians 3:4b-15

Luke 20:9-19

Growing in Grace Opportunities

Apr 1 - GriefShare Group @ 1pm

Apr 2 - Lenten Supper @ 5:30pm, Service @ 6:30pm & Adult Choir @ 7:30pm

Apr 3 - JOL Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire Soon!!!

Direct your 2024 Thrivent Choice Dollars- by the **March 31st Expiration date!** You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to either St. Mark's church or school by logging into thrivent.com If you are interested in learning about becoming a Thrivent member or need help directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars, please contact Ashley Tangeraas 916-621-5320 or at ashley.tangeraas@thrivent.com Ashley can also help you create a Thrivent Action Team which provides a \$250 micro-grant to support our volunteers. Thrivent members receive two Thrivent Action Teams per year which can help St. Mark's many outreach

activities such as Summer movie nights, Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat or the Nativity event.

Name Tags!!!

Please join us in wearing your church name tags that can be found in the back corridor by the men's restroom hanging on the wall. We want to try and help our vacancy Pastor get familiar with our names and faces. So the more of us that wear them, the better for Pastor Wright & Susan to get to know us. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt!!!

Join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 12. Registration begins at 10:00 am, followed by the reading of the Easter story, the egg hunt, and food. We are in need of individually-wrapped candy to fill the eggs; if you can help, please drop this off in the church lobby in the purple box designated "Candy for Easter Egg Hunt." We are also looking for volunteers to help hide eggs, supervise children, and help with food. Sign up to volunteer or register to attend on our website by going to "Connect," then "Special Events," then "Easter Egg Hunt," and clicking the appropriate button. You can also register by filling out a registration form in the lobby, located under the big TV. If you have any questions, talk to Jim Oswald.

Prime Timers Event

April 13th @ 4:30pm @ Sutter Street Theatre located at 717 Sutter Street, Folsom, CA 95630 916.353.1001. After the show, we will meet at a local restaurant (TBD) for dinner & informal meeting. Tickets for seniors (60+) \$24. If we get enough people to go, we can get a group discount of an extra \$2.00 off, but we won't know until we get everyone's responses if

they are going, so please respond to this ASAP!!! The show runs about 2 hours with a 15 minute intermission. They have concessions available during intermission. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime. Any questions, please contact Kathy Edwards @ 817.707.6916 or at kathyledwards@verizon.net

EASTER BRUNCH! COME JOIN US!!!

An Easter brunch will be held Easter Sunday between the 1st and 2nd services from 9:15am-10:30am. We are asking members, who are able, to provide brunch and/or Easter-themed food items. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the list in the church lobby and indicate whether or not you can bring a breakfast casserole, Easter-themed dessert, fruit, or other brunch items (examples are listed on the sign up sheet). We also need kitchen help, so please contact Donna Williamson, if you would like to volunteer to help on Easter Saturday and/or Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Williamson.

Join Us for Dinner for 8!

We're excited to announce a new fellowship opportunity at St. Mark's - Dinner for 8! This intimate gathering brings believers together to share meals and meaningful conversation in host homes, following the beautiful example of early Christians in Acts 2:46-47 who broke bread together with glad and sincere hearts. These small group dinners create the perfect setting for developing deeper connections within our church family while enjoying fellowship over a shared meal. Whether you're interested in hosting or attending as a guest, we welcome your participation.

Want to sign up? Find the QR code in the narthex or pick up a paper interest form and complete. As we launch this new program, we appreciate your patience while we coordinate groups and schedules. For more information,

please contact Kaisa Miller at (916) 207-4287 or email miller.kaisa@gmail.com

The 62nd LWMS Annual Convention will be in Tulsa, OK June 26-June 29. The theme is "Sowing The Seeds of Faith." The convention verse is 1 Corinthians 3:6-9. Our home and world missionaries will share how they are sowing seeds of faith. Registration information materials will be on the LWMS shelf when received.

LWMS Spring Rally

Redwood Circuit Spring Rally will be held April 26, 2025 at St. Peter in Clovis. A sign-up sheet will be on the LWMS board. Guest speaker is Pastor Paul Jordan who served as missionary in Pakistan.

At the rally we will be voting for new board members. Positions open for nomination are President, Treasurer, Spiritual Growth Woman, and Spiritual Growth Pastor.

The Clovis Rodeo is also going on that weekend. For more information Friday through Sunday check the website at: clovisrodeo.com

An informal dinner may be held at the church, depending on numbers. We will need a headcount. Please let us know if you are going on Friday night prior to the rally and indicate that in the "Note" column on the sign up sheet.

Kids C.A.R.E. Project for 2024-2025 in Antigua continues until May 25, 2025.

St. John's Lutheran Church in Antigua serves children in preschool through grade 6. Our children learn about a mission, pray for the mission, and bring offerings. They learn that they too have an important role in sharing the good news about Jesus. There are 3 lessons for each of the three teaching levels: pre-school-grade 1, lower level, grades 3-5 and upper level grades 6-8. The lessons are supported by Sunday schools, other church groups, and family members. More information and lessons for you to copy are on the shelf in the red folder.

SCRIP - Gift Cards thru Raiseright.com

We will be offering Scrip in the Church Lobby every first and second Sunday of the month. We will be placing orders monthly on the 15th. Scrip gift cards arrive within a week or less. If you need scrip at any other time, please don't hesitate to check with us in the office about placing orders. Every rebate we get back helps towards a student that might need tuition assistance to hear the word of God in school. Gas, Groceries, gifts for others...Scrip carries it all and it doesn't cost you anything extra to spend money you already planned to spend.

Ministry Financial Plan Update

Offerings received since July 1, 2024: \$440,820
Goal for July 2024-June 2025: \$575,120

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

April 2 - Lenten Supper @ 5:30pm

Lenten Service @ 6:30pm

April 9 - Lenten Supper @ 5:30pm

Lenten Service @ 6:30pm

April 12 - Easter Egg Hunt

April 13 - Prime Timers Event @ 4:30pm @
Sutter Street Theatre "Guys & Dolls Musical"

April 20 - Easter Services 8am & 10:45am

CONGREGATION UPDATE!!!

Welcome Pastor Wright. We are blessed to have you and Susan here with us and serving together with us. For any who might have missed the meet+greet, which included Pastor Wright giving us an overview of his ministry so far, that's available from the web page.

Calls status. As was announced on March 22, Pastor Rob Guenther and his wife Becky have returned our calls to serve as Pastor and Grades 3-4 Teacher. We also announced at that time that we will have a call meeting on March 30 to call again. On Wed, March 12, we called Mr. Kurt Maciejczak who is currently serving at Salem Lutheran school in Milwaukee, as our Principal and 8th grade teacher. We pray the

Lord's blessing on deliberations for these called workers.

Ministry Event Coordinator Position

We have a need and an opportunity to fill this position. Cameron Rowe has been filling this job but will be stepping away at the end of March. We have some really important upcoming Easter ministry events and we could use help with these. Please contact Cameron if you'd like to learn more about the position, or the Office, or any of our ministry leaders if you're interested in helping out in this way.

Mornings with Mommy (MWM) Coordinator.

We have a need and an opportunity to fill this position. Ruth Vogt has been filling this job but will be stepping away at the end of March. This ministry is well documented and established and serves about 10 kids today. Please contact Ruth if you'd like to learn more about the position, or the Office, or any of our ministry leaders if you're interested in helping out in this way.

St. Mark's Leadership team. Especially during these times of transition, members are encouraged to speak with our elected leaders about any questions or concerns they might have. This group of volunteers is dedicated to serving the ministry of St. Mark's and to communicate as much as is possible, knowing that this can be a challenge with all that is going on here right now. This is also a good time to speak words of encouragement to our leaders and to be in prayer for them.

FAKE EMAIL AWARENESS

Heads up to all of our congregation members, please be cautious when you receive emails. Double check the email address it was sent from before you reply as we already have someone pretending to be Pastor Brad Wright asking for gift cards and such. Please know that we would never solicit gift cards via email to any of you. Pastor Brad Wright's correct and only email we

should see and respond to is:

bwright@stmarkslutheran.com

If you receive anything other than this email,
from Pastor Brad Wright, DO NOT RESPOND!
Any questions, let us know in the office. Thank
you.

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