

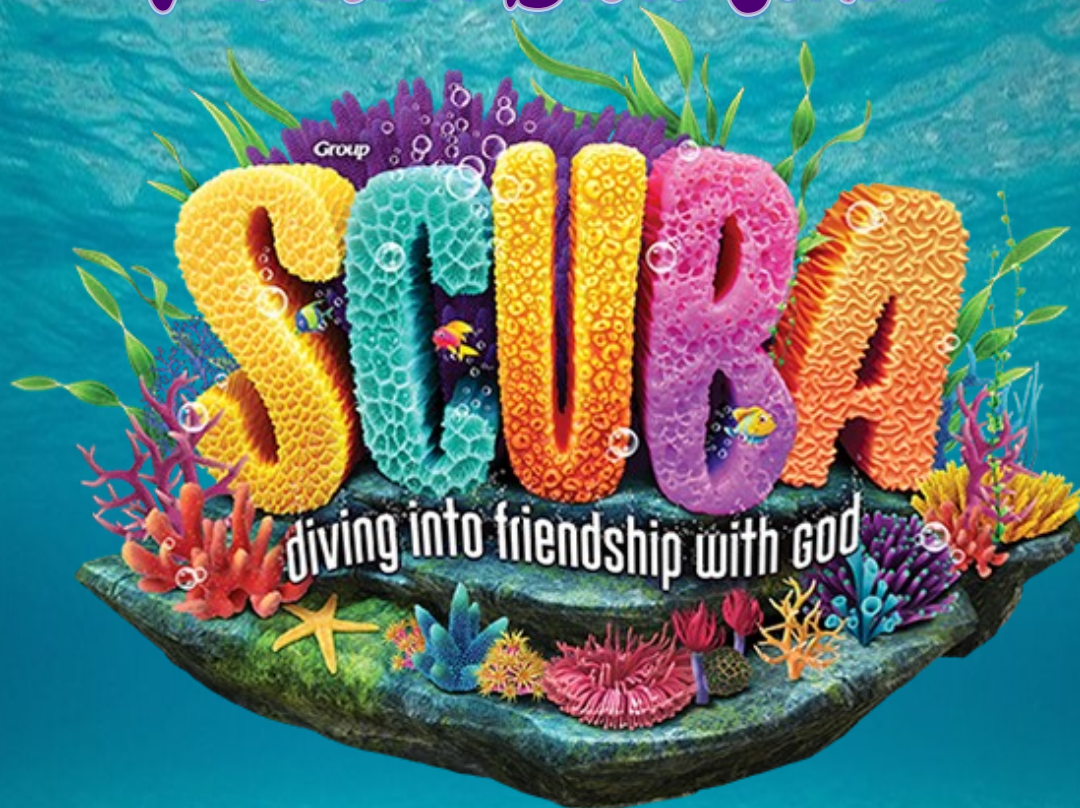
A Christ-centered family committed to loving God, loving others, and making disciples of all people.



# Scribe

A PUBLICATION OF ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Vacation Bible School



**Our Vision**  
Bringing  
Christ's  
compassion  
to life.

**Our Values**  
Word  
Worship  
Witness

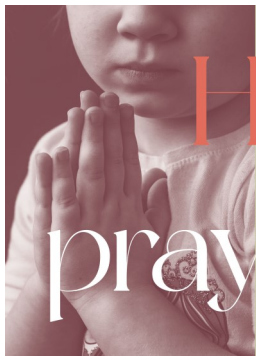
**Sunday  
Schedule**  
9:30 a.m.  
Worship  
Celebration

11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School  
for All Ages

**Monday  
Schedule**  
7:00 p.m.  
Worship  
Celebration

**June 3-7**  
**9:00 a.m.-Noon**  
**4-year-olds -5th Grade**

Join us for this exciting time at St. Mark's as children celebrate the love of Jesus through singing, story time, crafts, games, and snacks!



# Hear our prayers.

## Can we pray for you?

Email your request to: [4prayer@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:4prayer@stmarkseureka.org)

Call: Joy Bohlmann at 636-938-5639

For military: call Jill Tendler at 314-302-2281

## Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

### Bible Study for Adults/High School

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Jesus? Join us as we journey through the Gospel of Matthew. We will unpack the many ways Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophesy, consider just what it means when we say Jesus is the Christ, and examine what Matthew's narrative as a whole communicates about the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Dates: Now - June 2

Location: Worship Center

Leader: Pastor Josh Rusnak

### Play-N-Worship

During Play-N-Worship, children will interact with the stories! They will toss bouncy balls in the air to make rain for Noah's Ark. They will clang building blocks together to make thunder—and learn how God calms a storm. Each Sunday during Play-n-Worship we will use objects from a child's everyday world, plus play, fun, stories, and praise and worship songs.

Dates: Weekly

Ages: Infant-2 years old

Location: Little Lamb Room

Leader: Miss Rachel Landgraf

### Women's Bible Study

Equipped to Serve. Spiritual Gifts - What are they, and how do we use them? Did you know that when God gifted you with salvation and redemption through His grace, He also blessed you with the gift of the Holy Spirit to be your helper? And through the Holy Spirit, He also gifted you with spiritual gifts. Join us to discover what spiritual gifts are and how to use your gifts to love, serve, and support the body of Christ.

Dates: Now - June 23

Leader: Hope Rusnak

Location: Room 104

### Simply Loved

Join us for Simply Loved Sunday school where kids experience God's greatest gifts! Through Bible discovery, music, Bible buddies, and hands on stations, children will journey through God's loving Word each week!

Dates: Weekly

Ages: Preschool - Middle School

Location: Meet in the church lobby

### New Member Class

Dates: June 23 - August 11

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann & Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Room 104

### No Classes

May 19 - Family Meeting

May 26 - Memorial Day Weekend

June 9 - VBS Celebration

## Join Us For A Weekday Bible Study!

### Women's Study

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Sandra Canida

### Women's Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Betty Schrader

### Men's Study

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Location: School Room 106

Leader: Mike Kennedy

### Adults

Tuesday Evening

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: School Room 106

Leader: Pastor Bill Liebmann



## Holy Trinity

Trinity Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, May 26, 2024. The Athanasian Creed, which was written by an anonymous author in the 5th century, is the Church's confession of the Holy Trinity. On Trinity Sunday, the Church proclaims the Christian faith through the words of the Athanasian Creed.

"The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are 'the catholic faith.'" In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation."

The altar will be adorned with white, which is the color of purity and completeness. This color assists in bearing the message that "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow." Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection Day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

## Are you curious about joining St. Mark's Lutheran Church?

This series is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective and it can serve as a membership course for those who desire it.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS**  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Sunday  
June 23 - August 11  
11:00 a.m.  
Led by  
Pastor Bob Liebmann and  
Pastor Josh Rusnak

RSVP at [www.stmarkseureka.org/church/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/church/)

## Diaper Drive

Lutherans for Life Annual Diaper will be held between Mother's Day and Father's Day at St. Mark's. We appreciate donations of all-size diapers. Diapers will be distributed to Christian pregnancy centers that help support those in need. You may bring diapers to the designated baby crib in the lobby beginning on Mother's Day. Are you an online shopper? Consider purchasing your diapers online and having them shipped to St. Mark's (500 Meramec Blvd. Eureka, MO 63025.) Monetary donation envelopes are also available at the baby crib in the lobby. Money collected will be used to purchase additional diapers. Thank you for your kindness and concern for others in difficult circumstances.



## Early Childhood Education

Come join the team at St. Mark's Lutheran School and cherish a Christ centered environment for children. Help create a safe place for children to learn and grow during these important developmental years. Benefits include: weekends and major holidays off, tuition discounts for your children, flexible shifts. Download an application at [www.stmarkseureka.org](http://www.stmarkseureka.org).

## Summer Programs

Spend your summer with us! Registration is open for St. Mark's Summer Camps, Summer Childcare, and VBS. Learn more at [www.stmarkseureka.org](http://www.stmarkseureka.org).



## May Family Meeting

Don't miss our next regularly scheduled family meeting on Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. There will be no adult classes, but we will have Sunday School for children.



The St. Mark's Church and School Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 25, at Kircher Park. Head over to the park after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The Board of Directors will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and water. Please bring a side dish to share. Both pavilions have been reserved, please consider bringing additional lawn chairs or blankets.

## St. Mark's Lutherans For Life Message

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Psalm 139:13. How did it feel to hear mom say, "I love you"? How did it feel when your mom carried you? Did she ever tell you how you moved and stretched while she carried you during those nine months? Did she smile as she changed your diaper or when you blew out your birthday candles? Your mom spoke the first words you heard. She said, "I love you. You are mine." If you were baptized in the first days or weeks after delivery, you also had the Word of God spoken to you. Your faith was given to you, and you began to grow in Christ as it says in Romans 10:17 "...faith comes from hearing...the Word of God." You were adopted into God's Kingdom and His family as a forgiven child.

Some women cannot conceive or bear children, but, even in these painful circumstances, God can work miracles. He has often used these women's gifts to reach, raise, and serve the children of loved ones, friends, and even strangers. Children are among the defenseless without a voice in this world. We have all grieved over the loss of a loved one, and the loss of a child or grandchild can often feel particularly difficult. Some people suffer silently from an abortion in their past. God hears the voices of those in pain, He knows the emotions being felt, and He offers comfort, forgiveness, and His love. God says in Deuteronomy 31:6 "...never will I leave you nor forsake you," and in Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted." To those who have been broken by abortion, Word of Hope, an organization established by Lutherans for Life to bring healing found in Christ, is a resource available to help. ([word-of-hope.org](http://word-of-hope.org))

On behalf of St. Mark's Lutherans for Life and the Life Team, thank you for the role you play in God's plan for life. Thank you for standing for life, speaking the Word of God, and sharing the love of God. We pray that eyes and hearts will be opened to hear and share the words of God's mercy.

May the Lord be with you and your families this Mother's Day.



# LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 Samuel 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



## Open Hands

Liturgical scholar Balthasar Fischer (1912-2001) shared an "a-ha" realization about the significance of praying with open, outstretched hands, an ancient practice. The opposite gesture, a closed fist, is used to threaten others or even inflict violence. We also grasp things in closed fists, refusing to let go, to share, to hold gently or loosely.

When we pray with open hands, Fischer explained,

we're saying before God that we renounce "all highhandedness, all pride in [our] own sufficiency, all violence." We hold up our empty hands to God, saying, "I have nothing that I have not received from you, nothing that you have not placed in my empty hands. Therefore I do not keep a frantic hold on anything you have given me; therefore, too, I desire not to strike and hurt but only to give and to spread happiness and joy."

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## Book Club

The Novel Seeker's Book Club welcomes anyone who enjoys reading all types of genres and having thought-provoking discussions. We meet every six weeks at the Eureka Hills Library from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For more information, you can contact Alene Lewis at [dogwalker12@att.net](mailto:dogwalker12@att.net).

Following is the list of books that we will be reading in 2024:

5/18: "Horse" by Gwendelin Brooks

7/06: "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" By Mitch Albom

8/03: "House of Living Stones" by Katie Schiermann

9/14: "Odd Child Out" By Gilly MacMillan

11/9: "Cinder and Glass" by Melissa de la Cruz

12/14: "The Christmas Hummingbird" by Davis Bunn

## Chair Exercise

Would you like to keep in shape and exercise, but you're unable to "jump around." Well, here's the solution - Chair Exercise! These classes are offered at St. Mark's on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. in the church lobby. For more information, contact Diane at 636-938-4932. No class on April 3.

## Closed

The office will be closed Memorial Day, May 27 to honors those who lost their lives while defending our country.

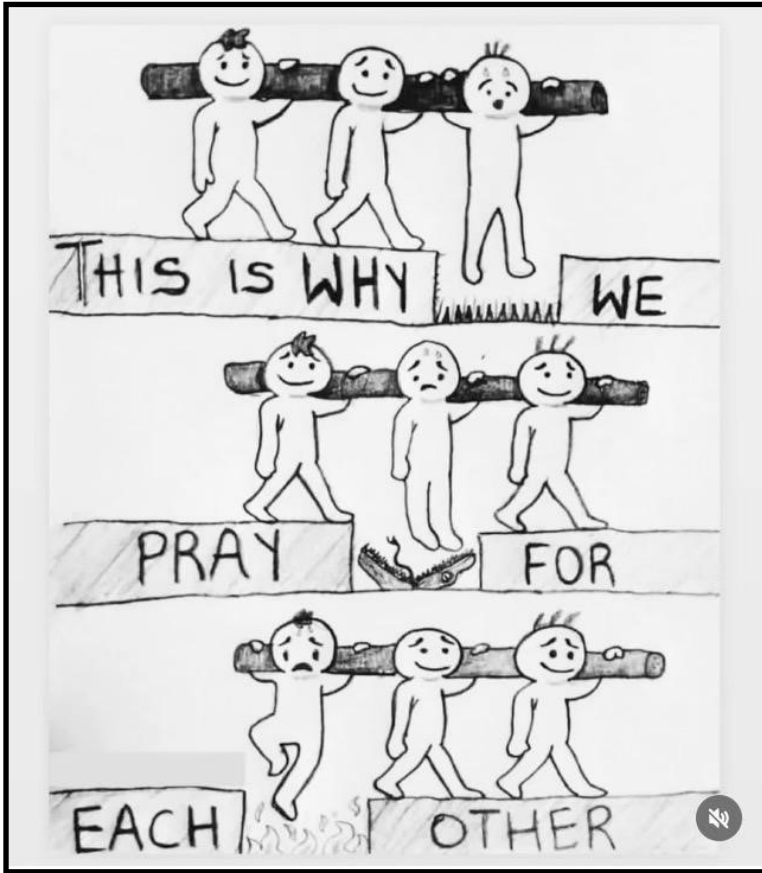


## Dine to Donate

Join us at Camila's Mexican Restaurant in Eureka to raise funds for Guatemala! Mark your calendars for the first Monday of each month. You can come for lunch, dinner or carry-out. St. Mark's will receive 10% of all sales which will go towards providing food for the people in LaFragua as well as supporting future Guatemalan mission trips.

## Meal Train

Do you like to cook? Would you enjoy bringing a meal to someone after a new baby, surgery, etc.? Consider being a part of the St. Mark's Meal Train. Contact Angie Geiler, Meal Train Coordinator, if you would like to be on the list to make and deliver a meal to someone. ([s.geiler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.geiler@sbcglobal.net) or 314-791-1221)



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### Financial Summary as of March 2024

	FY 2024	Budget 2024
Operating Income - Church	\$615,571.91	\$490,193.74
Operating Income - School	\$1,025,341.36	\$1,003,897.11
Total Operating Income	\$1,640,913.27	\$1,494,090.85

Operating Expenses - Church	\$642,648.36	\$623,307.65
Operating Expenses - School	\$830,585.39	\$859,645.23
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,473,233.75	\$1,482,952.88

<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$167,679.52</b>	<b>\$11,137.97</b>
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## Evening Worship

Out of town or working on Sundays? You can still worship with us on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## Food Pantry

To all the generous people who regularly bring food to the Food Pantry, they have expressed a need for jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, shampoo, and deodorant. Inflation has devastated many home budgets this past year, and many are suffering. God bless your thoughtfulness a bunch!

## Cookbook

We still have a few St. Mark's Cookbooks available for purchase! This book contains favorite recipes from our St. Mark's members and school families and would be a wonderful keepsake or gift. Each book is \$10.00 and can be purchased online at [www.stmarkseureka.org/cookbook/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/cookbook/). You can pick up the cookbook in the office during normal business hours or on Sunday morning. Contact Donna Riendeau with any questions at [driendeau@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:driendeau@stmarkseureka.org).

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## School Ministry Staff

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Jennifer Brevard

### School Ministry Teachers:

*Day School Teachers:*  
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Jennifer Brevard  
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## School Days Program

AmeriGas partners with local schools to help support them, and the community. The School Days Program will give your school up to \$2,000 per year to purchase items for any school-related need. AmeriGas will tally up the total gallons tied to the specified school and pay \$0.02 per gallon at the end of the School Days program. Schools will receive a check the following September, just in time for the school year. Go to [amerigas.com](http://amerigas.com) and click on the "In the Community" link at the bottom of the page to discover more about the program and how to enroll.

## Box Tops for Education

You can use the Box Tops app to scan your receipt. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. Please note that some Box Tops products are not labeled; check our product list for a complete list of participating products or for help with the app at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).

## Martha's Heart

Martha's Heart provides: hospital visits, pre-post surgery phone calls, funeral luncheons, and homebound visits. Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers who serve God and others in this ministry. If you have a need or would like to get involved please contact the church office at 636-938-4432.

## Member Marketplace

Are you looking for someone who you can trust? Would you like to support the businesses of your fellow Christians? Do you need an electrician? plumber? roofer? babysitter? Do you have a service that you would like to offer? There is a bulletin board in the hallway where you can advertise your services or put up a note if you need a service. If you have furniture or appliances that you don't need any more, someone else may want them. Put up a note! Tacks are provided.

## Soda Tabs/Eyeglasses

We continue to collect soda tabs and eyeglasses. If you would like to donate, you may take items to the office and put them on the table. The eyeglasses go to the Lions Club who recycles them for the Recycle for Sight program to provide glasses for low to middle-income families. The Tab Top Program invites people of all ages to collect aluminum tabs from beverage cans to support The House that Love Built! Thanks to our friends at Didion Orf Recycling, the tabs are recycled and turned into a monetary donation for Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis.

## Simply Giving

Simply Giving is a convenient, safe and simple way to give offering and donations through electronic funds transfers (EFT) directly from your checking with no fee. Sign up today! Forms are available at the Connection Center. Just fill out and drop it off in the office.

## Greeting Cards

Our care ministry is in need of new or unused greeting cards and envelopes. (holiday, sick, birthday, etc.) Please drop off in the office.

## Cross Wall Plaque

A replica of the cross that hangs above the altar is available for purchase for \$25 each. You can purchase the crosses through the office during normal operating hours. They make great gifts!

## Scribe

Printed copies of the Scribe are available at the Connections Center.

## Submissions

Sent to: Leslie Martineau at [lmartineau@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:lmartineau@stmarkseureka.org). The deadline for the Sunday Announcements is 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The Scribe deadline is the 8<sup>th</sup> of every month.