

*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

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.

**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





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

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

## Disaster Response

You can be part of helping the hurting amid disaster. “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod’s Disaster Response ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters. They work through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners. To learn more about LCMS Disaster Response and how to volunteer visit: <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response>

## Bible Quiz

What musical instrument is mentioned in the final poem of Psalms as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above

Answer: See Psalm 150:3-5



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 and Summer Childcare. Learn more at [www.stmarkseureka.org](http://www.stmarkseureka.org).

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



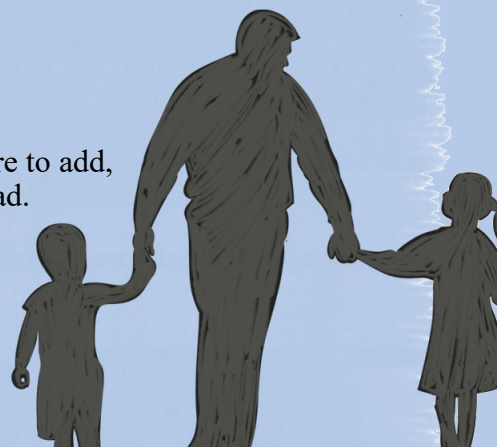
## An Ode To Dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree,  
the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night,  
the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed,  
the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add,  
He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.



Sunday, June 16, 2024

## Don't Be Root-Bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggenbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Riggenbach

wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it's easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can't reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!

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## Marriage Advice Across The Ages

June is the beginning of a popular wedding season. So here's some marriage advice from across the centuries. Clearly, sometimes it depends on context.

- “It is impossible to keep peace between man and woman in family life if they do not condone and overlook each other's faults but watch everything to the smallest point. For who does not at times offend?” (Martin Luther, 16<sup>th</sup> century)
- “Watch yourself, be the first to ask pardon if you both err, and guard against the little piques, misunderstandings, and hasty words that often pave the way for bitter sorrow and regret.” (Louisa May Alcott, 19<sup>th</sup> century)
- “The ear is the center of all relationships. It's not the heart, it's not the mind, it's the ear. Listening is the beginning and the end.” (Henry Winkler, 21<sup>st</sup> century)

On the other hand ...

- “In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf.” (Evelyn Ginsburg, mother-in-law of a Supreme Court justice, 20<sup>th</sup> century)

And above all:

- ✠ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (St. Paul, 1<sup>st</sup> century, in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV)

# ST. MARK'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE

**Clean out those closets!**  
**Sale is July 25-27, 2024.**



Set up will take place on Wednesday, July 24.

You can bring your rummage to the church gym beginning July 21.

All proceeds will support our ministries at St. Mark's.

Specific dates and times will be coming soon - details will be in the bulletin.

Questions? Please call Joanie Deuschle 636-399-5350 or Denise Kasten 314-952-2916.

No large furniture or appliances will be accepted.

## 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:

- 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.

## Closed

The St. Mark's office will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



St. Mark's is starting a homeschool ministry this fall. Starting in September, the St. Mark's Homeschool Co-op will begin meeting. This ministry serves members of the church and members of the community from Eureka and surrounding areas. This ministry will be led by Hope Rusnak.

The Co-op will meet on Mondays. The class periods will run from 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. and there will be an optional lunch period starting at 12:00. We will have two class terms that will be 12 weeks long. Our first term will begin on September 9 and end on November 25. The second 12 week term will begin on January 27 and end on April 14. The classes for the first term are music, art, and P.E., we will also have chapel and an optional lunch period each week.

The schedule will be:

12:00 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. Lunch (Optional attendance)

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Chapel

1:35 p.m. -2:20 p.m. Block A-- Music for younger group and Art for older group

2:25 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. Block B-- Art for younger group and Music for the older group

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Block C-- P.E. all groups

Nursery care will be provided for babies 6 weeks—2 years old, and a pre-school class will be offered for kids ages 3-5.

The structure of the co-op will serve and engage the whole family. Parents who are not teaching will serve by caring for the nursery kids, playing and learning with the preschool class, being a teacher's assistant in the classes with older kids, or leading a parent Bible study.

There will be a family fun night each month. Twice per term, a parent education class will be held with provided childcare. We will have social events in December and January, during the time with no class terms. Throughout the year, we will plan other events like educational outings, park dates, and other social activities.

Registration is currently open at <https://stmarkseureka.org/church/homeschoolco-op/>

For more information, email [homeschoolco-op@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:homeschoolco-op@stmarkseureka.org)



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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

Inflation continues to devastate many home budgets, and many are suffering. Thank you to those who regularly contribute to the food pantry donation box. God bless your thoughtfulness a bunch! If you would like to donate, the drop box is located outside the office door.

## Cookbook

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).

## While You're Away

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity.

Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

## LWML

St. Mark's Women's Ministry is a part of LWML. Lutheran Women in Missions, supports our mission service to our community and other parts of the world. Putting mites (monetary coins) in our purple/white box under the dove helps us provide for others who don't have as much.

## Ushers Needed

Ushers make people feel welcome at church, assist the pastor and teachers, assist with seating, collecting offering, and maintaining a safe environment. To volunteer, contact Shawn Stuart at [ssuart@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:ssuart@stmarkseureka.org).

## 2024 St. Mark's Leadership Contacts

### Staff

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### Financial Summary as of April 2024

	FY 2024	Budget 2024
Operating Income - Church	\$674,206.91	\$544,604.16
Operating Income - School	\$1,107,646.69	\$1,107,292.74
Total Operating Income	\$1,781,853.60	\$1,651,896.90

Operating Expenses - Church	\$703,555.53	\$697,118.10
Operating Expenses - School	\$918,696.64	\$954,596.82
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,622,252.17	\$1,651,714.92

<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$159,601.43</b>	<b>\$ 181.98</b>
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## Church Ministry Staff

**Pastor**  
Bob Liebmann

**Pastor**  
Josh Rusnak

**Director of Christian  
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Lauren Bates

**Office Administrator**  
Shawn Stuart

**Accountant**  
Donna Riendeau

**Communications/Media**  
Leslie Martineau

**Music Director**  
Laura Falls

## School Ministry Staff

**Interim Principal**  
Diana Meers  
NEW PRINCIPAL

**Early Childhood Director**  
Tonya Cuneo

**Early Childhood  
Assistant Director**  
Jennifer Brevard

### School Ministry Teachers:

#### *Day School Teachers:*

Janet Landgraf  
Lisa Lockwood  
Angela Montgrain  
Susan Mueller

#### *Early Childhood Teachers:*

Jennifer Brevard  
Kiley Eversole  
Glenda Gastler  
Anne Knollmann  
Ellen Strausbaugh

## 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.