



# Scribe

A PUBLICATION OF ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**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

# CHRISTMAS

*beginning with* Christ

**DING, DONG, DING, DONG!**

**Christmas Bells Are Ringing!**

It's time to start thinking of Christmas music! If you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or older, join our choir to share the meaning of Christmas through song and narration this year. Rehearsals for "The Worship of Christmas" will be October 6 - December 8 during Bible study hour. Our cantata will be during the service on Sunday, December 15.

If you are interested, please contact Laura Falls  
at [laura.james12@gmail.com](mailto:laura.james12@gmail.com).

Come join us in song - we would love to have you!



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.

### Passing On The Faith

This class will teach caregivers how to encourage their children to grow in their faith with the hope that they will be lifelong followers of Jesus. If you are a caregiver raising kids of any age, this course is for you. This class will be an opportunity for caregivers to share what they are currently experiencing, to dream about what could be, and to have an idea in mind of how to close the gap between the current situation and the desired future.

Dates: September 8 - October 27

No Class: 9/29, 10/20

Leader: Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Room 105

Register at

[www.stmarkseureka.org/adult-bible-study/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/adult-bible-study/)

### Bible Study

Ages: High School - Adult

Dates: September 8, 15, 22  
October 6, 13

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann

Location: Worship Center

### Life Sunday Study

Ages: High School - Adult

Dates: September 29

Leader: Guest Pastor

Location: Worship Center

### 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: September 8 - 22

Leader: Hope Rusnak

Location: Room 104

### Your Unshakable Identity

Teens and preteens spend a lot of time wrestling with how to figure out their identity. While their true value is as a forgiven and cherished child of God, outside influences constantly push and pull them in other directions. Staying on track is a difficult journey. During this six-week course, students will see how six biblical characters - Noah, Bezalel, Jonathan, Elisha, Daniel, and Peter - built their identity around Christ and gathered their strength from Him.

Dates: September 8 - October 13

Ages: Middle School

Leader: Chris & Lisa Lockwood

Location: Room 103

### 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 - Elementary

Location: Meet in the church lobby

### 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

## Join Us For A Weekday Bible Study!

### Women's Study

Wednesday (8/7, 9/11)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Pat Wehner

### 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

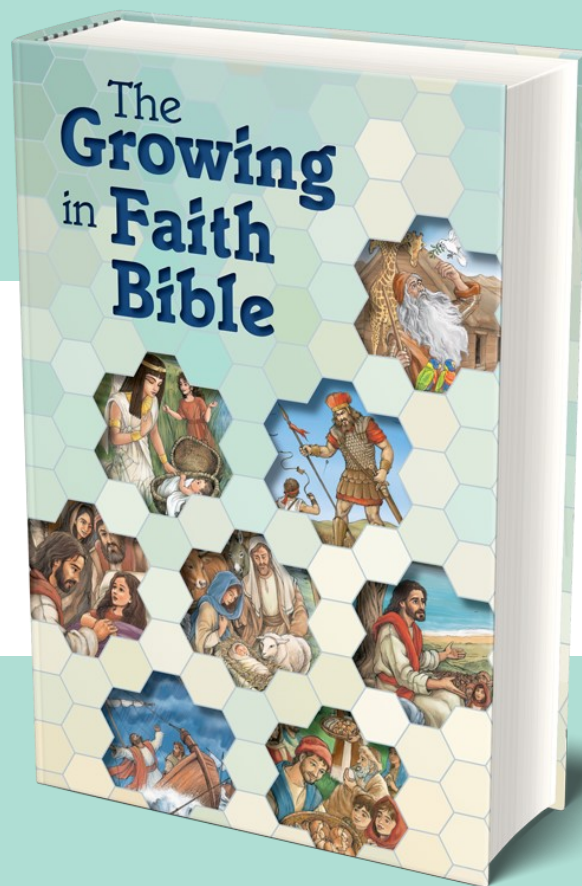
## Bible Presentation

1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> grade students

Register online at:

[www.stmarkseureka.org/bible-presentation/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/bible-presentation/)

Children will receive their own special CPH's "The Growing in Faith Bible" on this day. Parents will choose a special Bible verse for their child as we continue to support and grow in God's Word together!



## Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

### The Gift Of Work

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot considered work a gift and a blessing. Ponder the following quotes of hers as you celebrate Labor Day. How do they mesh with your own views of work? "This job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift. Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness." "Work is a blessing. God has so arranged the world that work is necessary, and he gives us hands and strength to do it. The enjoyment of leisure would be nothing if we had only leisure. It is the joy of work well done that enables us to enjoy rest, just as it is the experiences of hunger and thirst that make food and drink such pleasures."

### Life Team Event

St. Mark's Life Team is sponsoring a team to raise awareness and support for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention event on Sunday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us as we reach out to the community to support life. Flyers are available at the Connections Center listing the ways you can join the team for this life event: walk, pray, make a financial donation, or donate your time to manage the water/witness table. Choose your place on the team. More information is coming soon!

## 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).

## 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.

## St. Mark's Starts A New School Year!

On August 12, St. Mark's welcomed families from our Early Childhood and Elementary School to our Opening Celebration. Families enjoyed meeting their teachers and an Ice Cream Social.



The new school year officially started on August 14. St Mark's sees each child as God's unique masterpiece, at St. Mark's, we create a personalized learning approach for each student and work together in a project-based approach to equip them as future Christian leaders. Come take a tour at St. Marks and see our newly remodeled classrooms.



## YAV Needed For 2025 Gathering

Applications are now open for those interested in serving as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) at the 2025 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Youth Gathering. YAVs are adults 19–25 who serve as role models and servant leaders throughout the Gathering. There are also opportunities to apply for leadership positions with the YAV team.

YAVs commit to:

- Paying a \$400 volunteer registration fee
- Staying in assigned Gathering hotel accommodations
- Attending volunteer training July 17–18, 2025, in New Orleans
- Serving at the Gathering July 19–23, 2025, in New Orleans

The registration fee is used to supplement Gathering hotel costs. In addition, YAVs pay for their own transportation and most meals. Some YAVs seek additional financial support, such as from their local congregation, to help with travel, registration and meal costs.

The YAV application period opened July 15 and will remain open through Dec. 31. YAVs must arrive by midday on July 17 to attend the first night's training. YAVs who arrive prior to July 17 or who want to stay later than July 23 will need to make their own arrangements.

The 2025 Gathering will bring over 1,000 loving, energetic and faithful volunteers to New Orleans to provide a crucial element of the Gathering experience, one essential to its overall success. Please consider applying and join us next year at "ENDURE." For more information, visit [lcmsgathering.com/volunteer](http://lcmsgathering.com/volunteer).

## 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:

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

## Homeschool Co-op

The St. Mark's Homeschool Co-op Mondays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. with an optional lunch time at 12:00 p.m.. The first term runs from September 9 - November 25. The classes for the first term are chapel, art, music, and P.E. Parents and students are involved in the daily processes. We also have monthly family fun nights and parent education nights twice per term.

Register at <https://stmarkseureka.org/church/homeschoolco-op/>  
Contact [homeschoolco-op@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:homeschoolco-op@stmarkseureka.org) for more information.

Serving to help youth in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade reach out to others, get connected, and hear the Gospel of Jesus!



Join us for **FUN, FOOD, and CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.**

Register at [www.stmarkseureka.org/club-456/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/club-456/)

Sunday, September 15 | Noon - 1:30 p.m. | St. Mark's Gym

## First Communion Training

Students entering 6th grade and untrained 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students can register for the October 2024-25 First Communion classes at [www.stmarkseureka.org/first-communion/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/first-communion/).

## 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)

All Students and Church Members are invited to participate in the  
“Take Me Out To The Ballgame!” Eureka Days Parade.

## Saturday, September 28

Arrive 10:40 a.m. parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

Students are asked to wear red shirts. All adults and students walking in the parade will be gifted a St. Mark's Baseball cap to wear. Students will also receive a special goody bag with treats. Students will need to have a parent walk with them. Strollers and wagons are welcome! Don't forget your water bottle. Please arrive at the St. Mark's float by 10:40 a.m. look for the trailer decorated red, with baseballs signed by our students. Students can walk and pass out candy, and some can ride in the truck; space is limited.

RSVP by September 15 at [www.stmarkseureka.org/eurekadays](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/eurekadays)



### Serving the Lord in Romania

Vicar Jesse Liebmann serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Braşov, Romania. As a vicar on the international mission field, Jesse assists in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities; helps provide pastoral care; and is active in many aspects of congregational life, such as visitation, catechesis, preaching, liturgy, music and the mentorship of lay leadership. Jesse also focuses on reaching out to the Ukrainian refugee community using his Russian language skills.

Jesse's hometown is Eureka, Mo., and his home congregation is St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka. He has a bachelor's degree in Russian and Political Science from Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., and he is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Prior to serving in Romania, Jesse worked in a variety of jobs, including as a substitute teacher, summer camp counselor, salesman and waiter. He has taken several short-term mission trips with his congregation to Guatemala and a Navajo reservation in the United States, and he spent a

summer studying Russian language, culture and history in Moscow, Russia. In his spare time, Jesse enjoys following the St. Louis Cardinals, studying history and singing.

Pray for Jesse as he serves in Romania. Ask God to give him good health and safety, and to help him adjust to life in a new country. Pray also for the people that Jesse meets, especially the Ukrainian refugees in Braşov, that their hearts would be open to hearing the message of Jesus Christ. Give thanks to God that Jesse is serving God's children in this part of the world.



#### Financial Support

Partner with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod by making a gift restricted in use to the support of Jesse Liebmann, missionary serving in Romania at

[www.lcms.org/givenow/Liebmann](http://www.lcms.org/givenow/Liebmann)

To learn more about how the LCMS

respects your intent for each donation and administers all voluntary charitable gifts, visit [lcms.org/makeagift/faqs](http://lcms.org/makeagift/faqs).

## Golf Tournament

Join us at the 2024 MyLife annual golf tournament on Saturday, September 28, at Meramec Lakes golf course. Grab your group and come on out to benefit the great work happening at MyLife Medical & Resource Center. Call 636-495-6566 for registration details.

## Evening Worship

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

## 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.

## Food Pantry

To all the servant hearts who contributed to the grocery collection, I thank you. Despite the rain, our groceries were delivered to the Eureka Food Pantry. More people are in need than people are able to give. God's blessings on all of you. The current need is tomato sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, spaghetti's and ravioli, pasta, and canned protein. Thank you so much for your attention and participation. Love in Jesus.

## 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.

## Family Meeting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 17.

### Financial Summary as of April 2024

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$43,135.50	\$65,910.25
Operating Income - School	\$250,302.52	\$209,166.67
Total Operating Income	\$293,438.02	\$275,076.92

Operating Expenses - Church	\$94,583.57	\$87,029.15
Operating Expenses - School	\$102,805.42	\$89,866.69
Total Operating Expenses	\$197,388.99	\$176,895.84

<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$96,049.03</b>	<b>\$98,181.08</b>
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## Bible Quiz

What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves



Answer: See 1 Kings 17:2-6

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## Church Ministry Staff

**Pastor**  
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**Music Director**  
Laura Falls

## School Ministry Staff

**Principal**  
Megan Deines

**Consultant**  
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**Early Childhood Director**  
Tonya Cuneo

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Jennifer Brevard

### School Ministry Teachers:

*Day School Teachers:*  
Janet Landgraf  
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### Early Childhood Teachers:

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.