

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



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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



ST. MARK'S TRUNK or TREAT

- PETTING ZOO • BOUNCE HOUSE •
- INFLATABLE SLIDE •
- LIGHT LUNCH • BUBBLE BUS •
- TRUNKS • AND MORE •

Sunday, October 20
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Church Members and School Families sign up to host a trunk,
at www.stmarkseureka.org/trunkortreat/



Can we pray for you?

Email your request to: 4prayer@stmarkseureka.org

Call: Joy Bohlmann at 636-938-5639

For military: call Jill Tandler 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: Now - October 27 No Class: 10/20

Leader: Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Room 105

Register at www.stmarkseureka.org/adult-bible-study/

Bible Study

Ages: High School - Adult

Dates: October 6, 13

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann

Location: Worship Center

Women's Study: Crazy Love

Do contemporary believers live the radically committed life Jesus calls his followers to live? This wake-up call, challenges church members to take responsibility for their apathy, engage in honest self-examination, and totally surrender to God's purpose. The God of the universe is crazy about you! His love is the most powerful thing in the world and He wants to give it to you, so you can live for Him. If you have committed to follow Christ, join this Bible study to be reminded and challenged in your walk.

Dates: October 6 - December 8

No Class: 10/20

Leader: Denise Kasten

Location: Room 106

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: Now - 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

No Classes

October 20, Trunk or Treat

November 17, Family Meeting

Join Us For A Weekday Bible Study!

Women's Study

November 6

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Pat Wehner

Women's Study

3rd Tuesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Betty Schrader

Men's Study

1st and 3rd 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

**St. Mark's
2024 COLLECTION
October 7 - November 14**



**SEND A
GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX
IN JESUS' NAME**



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with the Good News of Jesus Christ as expressions of God's immense love for a child. So, be sure to make them ...

FUN: Include a quality "wow" item (and other new toys) to delight the child.

FULL: Add school supplies and personal care items to fill empty spaces.

PERSONALIZED: Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer. Prayerfully packed shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world.



**Find
packing tips
and ways
to give.**

A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, shipping, and evangelism training and materials. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.



Pumpkin Prayer

In *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, Liz Curtis Higgs uses kid-friendly analogies for the Christian life. Many parents now use a Pumpkin Prayer while carving jack-o-lanterns in October. What a great reminder about everything God has done for us!

- While cutting off the pumpkin top, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me shine your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

Display your carved pumpkins as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)



First Communion Training

Students entering 6th grade and untrained 7th/8th grade students can register for the October 2024-25 First Communion classes at 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 or 314-791-1221)



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.

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.

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

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 for more information.



St. Mark's Lutheran School
Invites You

to our
Culver's Fundraising Night

Monday, October 21

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Culver's of Eureka

Dine in or drive thru and St. Mark's will receive 15% of sales.

All Saints Day

On November 3, we will observe All Saints Day by having a special prayer during the worship service honoring and thanking God for our loved ones who passed away since the last All Saints Day (November 1, 2023). If you would like your loved one to be included in those honored that day, please email Shawn Stuart at ss Stuart@stmarkseureka.org, letting her know you would like your loved one to be included. Please send the full name of your loved one as you would like it to be mentioned on that day.



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.

Flu Vaccine

The flu season is unpredictable. It can begin as early as October and last as late as May. St. Mark's member Wade Weibrecht will be administering the flu vaccine on Sunday, October 13, for those 7 and older, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.. No reservations are required. If you have insurance, please bring your insurance card.



Personal Hygiene Drive

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study group is collecting personal items for the Eureka Food Pantry during the month of October. A donation box is located by the office. The pantry is in need of shampoo, toilet paper, dishwashing soap, and bar soap. Please donate as you can. This collection is separate from and in addition to the food donations. If you have any questions, contact Pat Wehner.

Voter Information

Election Day is fast approaching this November 5th. While most of our attention is probably focused on the presidential race, there is another issue on the state ballot that is profoundly important for us in the church, as we seek to show God's love to unborn children. Amendment 3 of the Missouri ballot, also known as "The Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative," would forbid any government restrictions on a person's "reproductive freedoms," a term intentionally left vague and broad that includes the permissance of abortions.

As King David writes, before we were born, we were fearfully and wonderfully made by God (Psalm 139:13-16), and we, as children of God, are called to show His love to these unborn babies. In the face of Amendment 3, we can show God's love to these babies by using our votes to protect them.



Likewise, we are called to show love to the mothers of these unborn babies. Instead of working to drive an irreversible wedge between mother and unborn child, loving them may instead look like helping parents to appreciate their child as the God-given gift that they are. Loving them might also look like praying for and supporting them as they face the challenges of pregnancy and motherhood.

A "No" vote on Amendment 3 would serve as a means of showing Christ's love to both babies and mothers who are in the midst of a pregnancy. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Bob or Pastor Josh, or to any member of the St. Mark's Life Team: Carla Bommarito, Holle Gilbert, Pastor Dar and Jan Karsten, Alene Lewis, and Pat Wehner.



Ding, dong, ding, dong! Christmas Bells Are Ringing!

It's time to start thinking of Christmas music! If you are in 8th 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. Come join us in song - we would love to have you!

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.

Road Closures

The Great Go race in Eureka is scheduled for Sunday, October 19 &20 Please visit www.gostlouis.org/halloween to view road closures on Hwy 109 and throughout Eureka.

Poinsettia Update

St. Mark's will not be holding the Poinsettia fundraiser for Christmas this year due to the company going out of business.

Financial Summary as of August 2024

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$89,099.21	\$129,820.50
Operating Income - School	\$333,777.10	\$321,588.92
Total Operating Income	\$422,876.31	\$451,409.42

Operating Expenses - Church	\$161,103.39	\$163,783.30
Operating Expenses - School	\$226,341.45	\$176,523.38
Total Operating Expenses	\$387,444.84	\$340,306.68

Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$35,431.47	\$111,102.74
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Bible Quiz

When Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink, at which site related to the ancient Israelites is he resting?

- A. the edge of the Jordan River
- B. beside the Red Sea
- C. Jacob's well
- D. the Pool of Bethesda



Answer: See John 4:6

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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 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.

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!

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

Submissions

Sent to: Leslie Martineau at lmartineau@stmarkseureka.org. The deadline for the Sunday Announcements is 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. The Scribe deadline is the 8th of every month.