

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

**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





## 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 Tandler at 314-302-2281

## Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

### No Classes

December 15 - Cantata

### Advent Series

Ages: High School - Adult

Dates: Now - December 8

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann

Location: Room 105

### 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: Now - December 8

Leader: Denise Kasten

Location: Room 106

### Christmas Study

Ages: Adult

Dates: December 22, 29

Leader: Pastor Bill Liebmann

Location: Worship Center

### Courage That Defies Death

It takes a lot of courage to live in today's world as a teenager: confidence in school, confidence to stand up to bullies, confidence to make the correct play in sports, and even the confidence to proclaim Christ as King. Who are our youth looking to for role models in courage? How can they find courage through Christ again in their increasingly busy lives? "Courage that Defies Death" shows youth that they can be, and should be, courageous because of Christ's courage on the cross.

Dates: Now - December 8

Ages: Middle School

Leader: Chris & Lisa Lockwood

Location: Room 104

### Play-N-Worship

Children will interact each week with the Bible story. 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 objects are used from a child's everyday world, plus play, fun, stories, and praise and worship songs.

Dates: Weekly

No Class: December 22, 29

Ages: Infant - 2 years old

Location: Little Lamb Room

Leader: Miss Rachel Landgraf

### Simply Loved

Kids will experience God's greatest gifts! Through Bible discovery, music, Bible buddies, and hands on stations.

Dates: Weekly

No Class: December 22, 29

Ages: Preschool - Elementary

Location: Meet in the church lobby



## Join Us For A Weekday Bible Study!

### Women's Study

TBA

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



Sunday, December 15

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you helping to bring Good News and great joy to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Millions of boys and girls will experience God's love through shoeboxes collected this year. St. Mark's donated 102 boxes!

### Angel Tree

St. Mark's will once again have an Angel Tree in the church lobby. Grab a tag from the tree and return it with the unwrapped gift. In order to distribute the gifts in a timely matter we ask that gifts are returned as soon as possible and no later than December 5. We are so excited to share Jesus' love with our neighbors this season!

### Artist

Members of St. Mark's church or school, are invited to submit a Christmas drawing to be used for the Christmas bulletin covers. The drawing must be 5.5 high by 4.5 wide. Ideas include a birthday party with a cross, the nativity, baby Jesus, etc. The deadline for submission is Monday, December 16. Contact Leslie at [lmartineau@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:lmartineau@stmarkseureka.org) with any questions.

### Advent Potluck

December 4, 18, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the church lobby. Sign up at the Connections Center to bring a dish.

## Above and Beyond

The Missouri Alliance for Life is a statewide organization dedicated to assisting Life agencies in Missouri. The AFL assists 71 affiliates in 104 locations which includes Pregnancy Help Centers, Maternity Homes, Adoption Agencies, and post-abortion recovery for men and women. AFL helps save and change lives. AFL provides for these affiliates training for boards, staff, and volunteers; development courses for clients; counseling, resources, and support during pregnancy and post-delivery. AFL also networks with our state legislators. The AFL accomplishes together what could never be done apart. Pastor Dar Karsten has served as AFL chairman for 9 years.

Each year at the AFL conference, a special award is given to a Pregnancy Center director and to a staff member. This year, the 2024 staff member Above and Beyond Servant Staff award was presented to Angie Geiler at the November AFL conference.

Angie is an RN who does ultrasounds on clients at the MyLife Medical and Resource Center in High Ridge. Clients who may have come to MyLife abortion-minded, often change their minds and choose life after they see their baby's heartbeat on the monitor. Here is just some of what her director expressed that was read prior to her receiving this award.

"Her servant heart goes above and beyond. When Angie hears of a need, she is all over it! Angie has a huge

heart. She takes steps to make sure clients are taken care of and have all they need, sometimes even purchasing items herself; she has a wonderful work ethic... She takes her job seriously. Angie is always on time, and goes the extra mile to be here early or stay

late to accommodate a client's schedule... Angie listens with a servant's ear; she listens with a compassionate heart, one that wants to help in every way possible... Our clients don't see all the hard work that Angie does for them – on the phone or computer to find something that one of the clients or even a coworker, is in needs of. Angie will search until she finds it... Our Angie is an all-around servant. Not only with the ministry of MyLife, but also with her church and her MOP's groups; All while raising 5 boys with her husband."

Congratulations Angie, for your servant heart that goes above and beyond...to God be the Glory. He has done through Angie & MyLife Medical and Resource Center for Life!



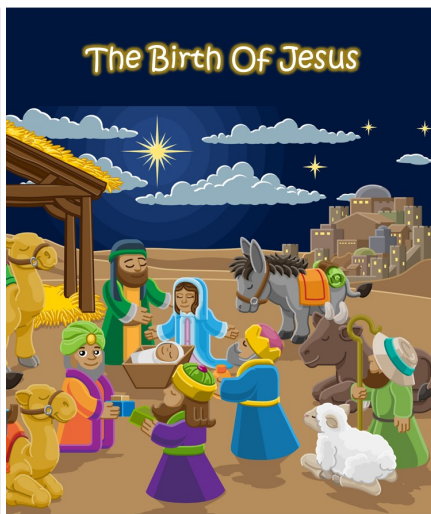
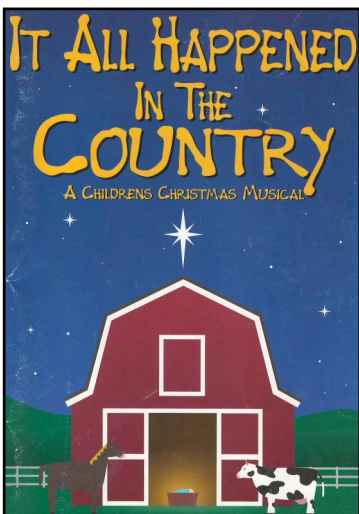
## St. Mark's School November Notes

Students, families and guests at St. Mark's Lutheran School gathered for a special chapel service to celebrate Veterans Day and honor the brave men and women who have served in our nation's military. Our chapel service was led by St. Mark's Quest students, the school community took time to reflect on the meaning of Veterans Day and express their gratitude for the sacrifices made by those in uniform.



We are looking forward to our students sharing the birth of our Savior this Christmas season.

- ✦ Students in Kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grade will present "It All Happened in the Country", a Christmas Musical on December 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- ✦ Student in our Early Childhood will present "The Birth of Jesus" on December 12 at 6:00 p.m.



## GriefShare

Our Father tells us to “rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). We want to support our brothers and sisters who are grieving the loss of a loved one by offering another GriefShare support group this coming spring. Your loss may be recent, or it may have been years ago; it does not matter. Grief is a unique journey for each of us, and all are welcome to our group, even if you have gone through GriefShare before. We will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in room 106, from February 17 – May 12. If you have any questions or know of someone outside of St. Mark’s who might be interested, please contact Jeannine Liebmann at 314-537-3548. Please register through the office by calling 636-938-4432 or online at [www.stmarkseureka.org/griefshare](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/griefshare)



December 4 & 18

### **Early Advent Service**

11:00 a.m.

December 4 & 18

### **Advent for Families**

5:30 p.m.

December 4 & 18

### **Potluck**

6:00 p.m.

December 4 & 18

### **Traditional Advent**

7:00 p.m.

December 11

### **Christmas Program (K-8)**

*“It All Happened In The Country”*

6:00 p.m. and Live Stream

December 12

### **Christmas Program (EC)**

*“The Birth Of Jesus”*

6:00 p.m.

December 15

### **Christmas Cantata**

*“The Worship of Christmas”*

9:30 a.m.

Cookies and Chestnuts following.

December 24

### **Birthday Party for Jesus**

4:00 p.m. and Live Stream

December 24

### **Candlelight Service**

7:00 p.m.

December 25

### **Christmas Celebration**

10:00 a.m. and Live Stream

## 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.

## 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:

12/14: “The Christmas Hummingbird” by Davis Bunn

## Mini Camp

Join the Lutheran South Lancerettes for a basketball halftime performance! Lancerette Mini Camp is on Sunday, December 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Girls from kindergarten through 8th grade will learn a routine to perform at our first basketball home game on Thursday, December 12 at 6:45 p.m. between the JV and Varsity games. The cost is \$30 and includes a T-shirt to wear for the big performance! Register at <https://www.lslancers.org/events>

# Happy New Year 2025

## Family Celebration for Little Ones

Help us countdown and welcome in 2025!  
Make your own Party Hat and Noisemaker, Games, Snacks,  
and a special Balloon Drop at 12...NOON!

**Tuesday, December 31**  
**11:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**St. Mark's Gym**

Noon Year is a free family event! Activities are designed for  
children 4 years – 4th grade; all ages are welcome!  
Children need to have a parent/adult chaperone for the event.

Register at [www.stmarkseureka.org/ny25/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/ny25/)  
Registration closes December 29, 2024



**Come and see why  
St. Mark's  
is a place where our students  
LOVE TO LEARN  
and  
LEARN TO LOVE.**

Meet our teachers and administrators!  
Find out about St. Mark's innovative  
approach to learning and how we  
empower and equip students to live  
lives of Christian service.

We encourage new families and our  
congregation to come and take a peek  
at all the amazing happenings at  
St. Mark's School!



**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
INFANT - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## 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.

## Evening Worship

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

## Capital Campaign-Unite for Lights

The St. Mark's Worship Center was dedicated in 2002, and the 22-year old lighting and control system is in need of an upgrade. Switching to LED lighting for over 100 lights will allow us to conserve energy and save money. The project cost is \$130,000. Consider making a donation between now and June 30, 2025.

How to make a donation:

Drop in the offering plate on Sunday, mark "lighting."

Visit [www.stmarkseureka.org](http://www.stmarkseureka.org) > "online giving."

Scan the QR code.

Drop off in the office.



### Financial Summary as of October 2024

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$198,304.21	\$257,641.00
Operating Income - School	\$530,880.49	\$521,000.74
Total Operating Income	\$729,184.70	\$778,641.74

Operating Expenses - Church	\$367,081.68	\$325,941.60
Operating Expenses - School	\$424,099.99	\$356,086.76
Total Operating Expenses	\$791,181.67	\$682,028.36

<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$(61,996.97)</b>	<b>\$96,613.38</b>
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## Guatemala 2025

The Guatemala Mission Trip 2025 is scheduled for February 1-8, 2025. It will cost approximately \$1200-\$1300 for the week. We currently have a team of 7 going! If you are interested in joining our team or have any questions, please contact Sheri at shaas@stmarkseureka.org or 314-313-5599.

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Tonya Cuneo

**Early Childhood  
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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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Glenda Gastler  
Anne Knollmann  
Anna Richardson  
Ellen Strausbaugh  
Maria Sutton

## 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.