

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

Looking to Jesus,
the founder and
PERFECTER
of our faith,

who for the joy
that was set before
him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
**and is seated at the
right hand of the
throne of God.**

Hebrews 12:2, ESV

The season of Lent begins on March 5, Ash Wednesday.

Lent is a time in the church calendar when we, followers of Jesus, are encouraged to reflect upon our struggles with sin and our need for a Savior. This reflection should also lead to repentance, acknowledging the sins that we struggle with and turning away from them. This turning includes turning toward God, asking for His forgiveness and His help so that we do not give in to the temptations that lead us to miss the mark of our calling as a follower of Jesus. This Lent we will be reflecting upon the Ten Commandments. This reflection will begin on Ash Wednesday and flow through the Wednesdays and Sundays of Lent, ending on Wednesday, April 9. We encourage everyone in the St. Mark's community to participate in this time of reflection, repentance, and ultimately renewal as we turn toward our God who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and forgiveness. Join us as we take a closer look at what following God's commands truly looks like and how living the covenantal life that God calls us to is far better than the alternative.

Wednesdays | March 5 - April 9

11:30 a.m. Traditional Service
5:30 p.m. Service For Kids
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal
7:00 p.m. Traditional Service



Hear
our
prayers.

Can we pray for you?

Email your request to: 4prayer@stmarkseureka.org

Call: Joy Bohlmann at 636-938-5639

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

Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon On The Mount

The Sermon on the Mount contains some of Jesus' most well-known teachings. He speaks about the nature of how the kingdom of God works, what He has come to do, and what His followers will do as a part of the reigning acts of God. Jesus also helps us understand the fullness of how our actions impact our lives and the lives of others. Join us for a 5-week study on the teachings of Jesus found in Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount. We will reflect on how deeply being a follower of Jesus impacts every aspect of our lives.

Ages: High School - Adult

Dates: February 9 - March 2

Leader: Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Worship Center

New Member Class

Dates: February 23 - April 27

No Class: April 13, 20

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann, Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Room 105

Journey With Jesus

Take an amazing journey through God's Word with "Journey With Jesus." As we go through each lesson, students will encounter Jesus on His journeys and the journeys of His people in the Old and New Testaments. These journeys have the same purpose—they lead God's people to our Savior and our home in heaven.

Ages: 5th - 8th grade

Dates: Now - February 23

Leaders: Mr. Andy Bates, Pastor Bob Liebmann, Mr. and Mrs. 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

Ages: Infant - 2 years old

Leader: Miss Annie, Miss Lilly, Miss Maria

Location: Little Lamb Room

Simply Loved

Kids will experience God's greatest gift through Bible discovery, music, Bible buddies, and hands-on stations.

Dates: Weekly

Ages: Preschool - Elementary

Leaders: Mrs. Armbruster, Mrs. Cara, Mrs. Landgraf, Miss Lianna

Location: Meet in the church lobby

No Classes:

February 2

Potluck Fellowship Meal

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

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 will have a fellowship meal following the service on Sunday, February 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the gym. This will be a potluck-style meal, so plan to bring something tasty to enjoy. Did you know St. Mark's has 671 individual members representing 293 households? We encourage you to take this opportunity to get to know your family better! To help you mix it up when you arrive, we will assign individuals to the table they will sit at. We hope that everyone will join us for this special event. To help us prepare additional food, drinks, and seating, please RSVP at www.stmarkseureka.org/potluck/. The kitchen will be open before the worship service to drop off items that need to be refrigerated. Chicken will be provided.

True North - VBS 2025

At True North we will point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Adults and kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As we trek the tundra, we will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing everyone toward Jesus, He's our True North!

June 2-6

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Students 4 years old - 5th grade. (Fall 2025)

Registration opens March 1, and closes May 25

Many volunteers are needed during VBS, help for a day or the entire week! Contact Lauren Bates for more information at lbates@stmarkseureka.org or sign up at www.stmarkseureka.org/vbsvolunteer/



Help financially support
True North VBS.
Cut out a tag,
attach your donation,
drop it in the offering plate
or the office.
Thank You!

Donation Amount:
\$ _____

Book Club

The Novel Seeker's Book Club has been meeting for 21 years, which is amazing! If you are a fan of reading thought-provoking novels, then our book club is for you. We explore many genres, including women's literature, general fiction, historical fiction/non-fiction, memoirs, biographies, autobiographies, Christian nonfiction, and science fiction. Meetings take place at the Eureka Hills Library on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Alene Lewis at dogwalker304@gmail.com

Upcoming books for discussion;

February 15: "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

March 15: "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D Vance

April 5: "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir (Science fiction)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

DADDY daughter DANCE

Saturday, March 1
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Gymnasium

Tickets are \$30 per couple, \$10 for each additional girl.
(daughter, niece, granddaughter, or goddaughter)



For questions email: eurekalutheran@gmail.com
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Scan the QR code or register at www.stmarkseureka.org/DDD/
Registration closes February 27.



Ticket Includes:
Entrance to the dance with
D.J., corsage, refreshments,
portrait, and games.



Easter Baskets

Help build baskets for local families in need for Easter. See the list below for items that are needed. Donations can be dropped off at the display in the church lobby.

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| Toilet Paper | Meal In A Can |
| Detergent | Peanut Butter (not jelly) |
| Paper Towels | Mini Marshmallows |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Jello |
| Pasta and Sauce | Cake Mix |
| Fruit In A Cup | Frosting |
| Fruit Snacks | Bag Of Jelly Beans |
| Rice | Box Cereal (Regular or Sweet) |
| Chili Beans | |

New Member Class

Interested in hearing more about St. Mark's? What does it even mean to be Lutheran? Want to get connected to a church but haven't found the right one? Have you been attending St. Mark's for a long time, but haven't had time to come to a class? Please join us for at our new member class Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. from February 23 - April 27 (No Class: April 13, 20) in room 105. 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. RSVP at www.stmarkseureka.org/church/

ST. MARK'S

BINGO & PIZZA FAMILY NIGHT



Thursday, February 20 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Gym



RSVP at www.stmarkseureka.org/bingo
or scan the QR code.

Challenges for LIFE in 2025

This is an update from your St. Mark's Life Team! These are some of the challenges for the Pro-Life Movement in the coming year – reasons for care, prayer, and sharing!

- Chemical pill abortions are becoming more and more common:
 - ⇒ In 2023, 60+% of abortions were by the abortion pill; in 2024, nearly 80%; and the percentage will probably rise in 2025.
 - ⇒ Therefore, the closest “abortion clinic” for abortion-minded women is their mailbox, website, and possibly soon a local pharmacy.
 - ⇒ Complications are 4x more likely with the pill than with an abortion procedure.
- Mis-information is prevalent:
 - ⇒ “Abortion is health care”.
 - ⇒ Women are being told to tell hospital emergency rooms when complications require medical attention, “I’m having a miscarriage, **not** I took the chemical abortion pill”.



These are just some of the reasons for us who care about “affirming life at every stage” to pray; and to reach out and care for those who are struggling with life issues. Be alert to these opportunities.

If you have any questions about these things, contact a St. Mark's Life Team member – Carla Bommarito, Alene Lewis, Holle Gilbert, Pat Wehner, Pastor Dar and Jan Karsten.

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. Register through the office by calling 636-938-4432 or online at www.stmarkseureka.org/griefshare

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. As of January 27 we have raised \$31,816.88.

How to make a donation:

Drop in the offering plate on Sunday, mark “lighting.”

Visit www.stmarkseureka.org > “online giving.”

Drop off in the office.

Lusopaloozo

Check out Lutheran South's new Jubel Center for the Arts and join us for the Grand Opening Celebration with Lusopaloozo on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. The night will be led by Adam Countryman, Musical Director for the LCMS National Youth Gathering, and include music by Ariel McMahon and an alumni reunion of the 90's band, "The Rock." The Lutheran South pep band, concert choir, and some surprise guests will also make appearances. Tickets are \$25 each if purchased before February 1. We can't wait to celebrate with you! Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/Lusopaloozo>

Lutheran South Make-A-Wish

Middle Schoolers are invited to join us on Friday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. for the Make-A-Wish basketball game at Lutheran South. The boys varsity team is partnering with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant a wish for the ninth year in a row! RSVP by February 7, at www.lslancers.org/events to get your free shirt at the entrance to the game.

Lutheran South Lancer University

Middle School parents are invited to our next Lancer University when Cardinal Glennon physicians discuss "Recovering social skills for the post-pandemic generation." Because of the limited in-person interaction with peers and teachers during the pandemic, many students' communication and social skills have been impacted. Students missed out on opportunities to observe and practice nonverbal cues, learn conflict resolution, and navigate group settings. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, as two doctors, who specialize in pediatric development, will teach us what we can do to help our students recover well. Register at www.lslancers.org/events for this free event.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to fill in the boxes. Then write those letters on the correct numbered lines below to complete 1 John 4:16 (NIV).

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1 John 4:16, NIV

Answers: house, light, friend, wave, man; God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16, NIV

International Student Ministry

ISM-STL is hosting a Winter Warm-up on February 15 from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Webster Gardens Lutheran Church. Come and hear how you can participate in foreign missions without a passport! Enjoy an afternoon of international student stories, international appetizers, and an international speaker all without the cost of airfare! Register by calling or texting your name, phone number, and the number of attendees to: 314-452-6406 by February 9.

Weather Notice

In the event of inclement weather, Sunday morning closing notifications will be available on Facebook, St. Mark's website, television stations, and an email will be sent.

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.

Christian Symbols

A censer (or thurible) is a vessel for burning incense during worship. Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, as well as some Protestant ones, often do this on special occasions. Censers come in many sizes, shapes and designs. A worship leader may swing a chain censer to waft the fragrant smoke over the congregation during a procession or benediction. As incense burns in a censer and smoke wafts upward, it symbolizes prayers of the faithful, floating to God. "May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:2, NIV).



Financial Summary as of December 2024

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$370,382.71	\$383,961.50
Operating Income - School	\$703,025.63	\$698,721.24
Total Operating Income	\$1,073,408.34	\$1,082,682.74

Operating Expenses - Church	\$551,809.14	\$486,724.90
Operating Expenses - School	\$603,147.42	\$528,300.14
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,154,956.56	\$1,015,025.04

Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$(81,548.22)	\$67,657.70
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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!

Scribe

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.