

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

Open HOUSE

**JANUARY
26
11:00 A.M.
TO
1:00 P.M.**



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

**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 - 8TH GRADE



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.

New Year's Resolutions

Let's start the New Year by reflecting on God's word concerning our health and wellness. This four-week study will focus on common New Year's Resolutions: Studying God's Word, Exercising, Eating Well, and Taking Care of Your Mental Well-Being. We will look at what the Bible has to say about those topics as we try to start the year off on the right foot.

Ages: High School - Adult

Dates: January 5 - 26

Leader: Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Worship Center

Usher/Greeter Training

Date: January 19

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann

Location: Room 105

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: January 5 - 26

Leader:

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

January 8

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.

God's Constant New Work

From the beginning of time, God's pattern has been to continually do new things and make things new. Though we can celebrate this every day, the New Year's season is especially fitting to pause and recognize God's work of renewal.

Consider the following scriptures (all NIV) and how God is making them real in your own life right now.

- [God] has granted us new life to rebuild ... and repair (Ezra 9:9)
- If [a tree] is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail. (Job 14:7)
- He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. (Psalm 40:3)
- See, I am doing a new thing! ... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. (Isaiah 43:19)
- You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. (Isaiah 62:2)
- [God's] compassions ... are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. (Ezekiel 36:26)
- [Jesus] took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)
- Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:4)
- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)



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 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/

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

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.

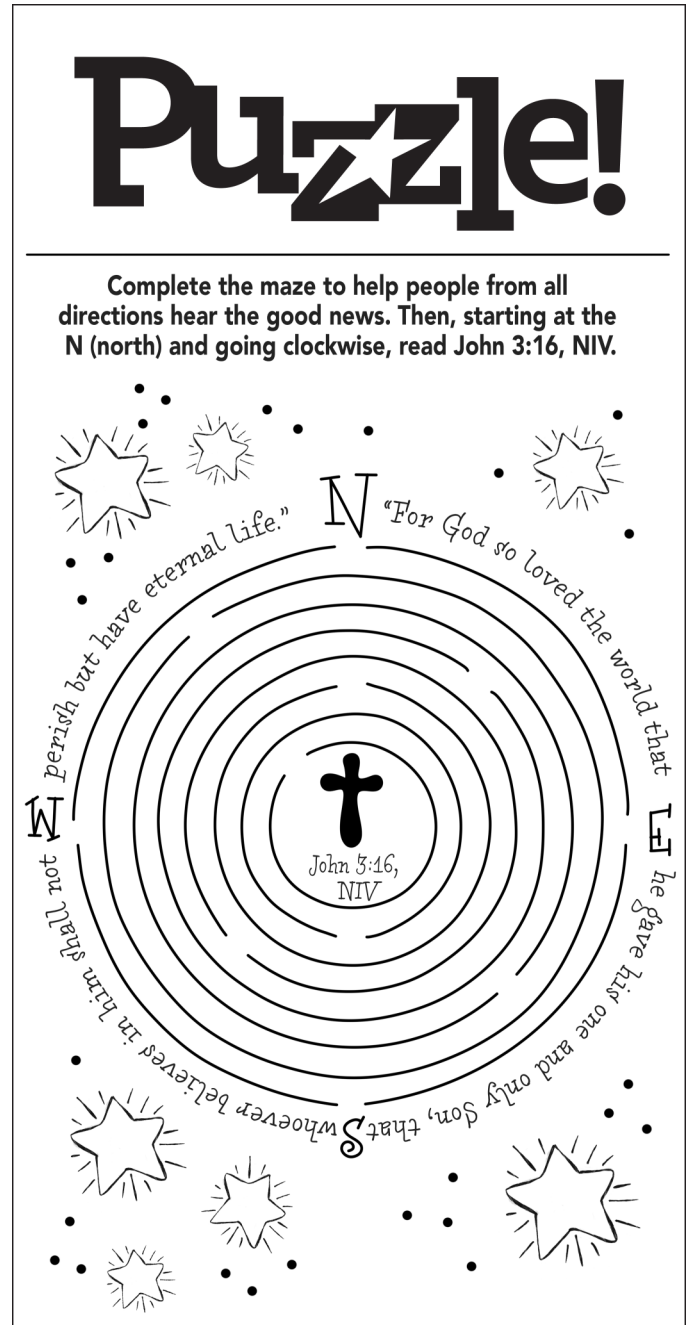
How to make a donation:

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

Visit www.stmarkseureka.org > "online giving."

Scan the QR code.

Drop off in the office.



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.

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.

Mission

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.

Financial Summary as of November 2024

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$262,151.21	\$321,551.25
Operating Income - School	\$614,261.65	\$610,110.99
Total Operating Income	\$876,412.86	\$931,662.24

Operating Expenses - Church	\$436,994.06	\$400,595.75
Operating Expenses - School	\$516,524.77	\$442,193.45
Total Operating Expenses	\$953,518.83	\$842,789.20

Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$(77,105.97)	\$88,873.04
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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.