

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.

Ash Wednesday
March 5
11:30 a.m. Traditional Service
7:00 p.m. Traditional Service

Wednesday Lenten Services
March 12 - April 9
11:30 a.m. Traditional Service
5:30 p.m. Service For Kids
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal



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 Tandler 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: Now - March 9

Leader: Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Worship Center

New Member Class

Dates: Now - April 27

No Class: April 13, 20

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann, Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: Conference Room

How To Witness

In this class we will be discovering the many methods of witnessing in our lives. We will hear about God's expectation for us to witness, study examples of different ways to witness, and learn how to be prepared to explain God's plan of salvation in a clear and organized way.

Week 1: What does it mean to witness?

Week 2: Constantly planting seeds - habits that invite significant conversations.

Week 3: Speaking your witness - being prepared to give an answer.

Dates: March 16 - April 6

Leader: Pastor Bob Liebmann, Pastor Josh Rusnak

Location: TBA

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 - March 30

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

Join Us For A Weekday Bible Study!

Women's Study

1st Wednesday

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



Fashion Show

Please join your LWML sisters from St. Mark's and other St. Louis West Zone Lutheran Churches for a "Spring Fashion Show" at Zion Lutheran Church in Valley Park on Saturday, March

15, from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Their program will include a speaker from Monarch Jewelry, a company that encourages others to join in the fight to end child abuse and sexual exploitation. Please bring unwanted/broken costume jewelry that will be redesigned to help this organization. A light breakfast and refreshments will be served with a devotion from Zion's pastor. In addition to Monarch Jewelry, CFNA, Christian friends of New Americans will be in attendance selling their handmade items. Sign up at the Connections Center. Call Joanie Deuschle for more information at 636-399-5350.



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:
\$ _____

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/

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;

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

May 3: "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir (Science fiction)

Gather your family and friends and join us on Saturdays for recreational Pickleball in the gym. The fun starts March 8 and runs through May 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All ages are welcome! Call Anita with any questions at 314-974-3810.



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 | |

Weekly Lenten Prayer for Life

Our culture is moving away from affirming human life from the womb to the tomb. Only God can change people's hearts to think differently. God hears and answers the prayers of His people – please join us during the weeks of Lent in prayer for Life. Each Sunday's bulletin will have a suggested prayer thought for the following week. Read God's Word and then pray during the week. God bless you for joining us in prayer. -- St. Mark's Life Team

- Week One (March 9)
 - ✠ Psalm 139:13-14; Matthew 19:14
 - Pray for the preborn that they may know life and be loved and cared for in a family and come to know Jesus as their Savior!
- Week Two (March 16)
 - ✠ Romans 12:10; Jeremiah 29:11
 - Pray for our culture to value the sanctity of life, from womb to tomb!
- Week Three (March 23)
 - ✠ Hebrews 13:6; Galatians 5:13-14
 - Pray for pregnancy resource centers, their staff and their clients!
- Week Four (March 30)
 - ✠ I Timothy 2:1-2; Romans 13:1
 - Pray for state legislators and for God-pleasing legislation that supports life!
- Week Five (April 6)
 - ✠ Exodus 20:13; Psalm 25:4-5
 - Pray for abortion clinics that God would change their purpose and for abortion clinic workers that God would change their hearts!
- Week Six – Holy Week (April 13)
 - ✠ Matthew 11:28; John 13:34
 - Pray that women with unplanned pregnancies would find help and support!



Visit

www.stmarkseureka.org/camps
for camp details and prices.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

Summer Camp 2025

May 27 - August 8

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Before/After Care Options

Camp: Students entering 1st grade - 6th grade Fall 2025

VBS: Students 4 years old - 5th grade. Fall 2025

Registration Opens March 1
VBS Registration Closes May 25

VIP

Formerly Grandparents Day, Very Important Person Day at St. Mark's Lutheran School will be held on Friday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:20 p.m. It will be an exciting day for all! If you are available to be a VIP for a student on this day, contact Shawn Stuart at 636-938-4432.



9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Arrival of VIPs beginning in the Worship Center

9:15 a.m. Welcome from the Principal

9:30 a.m. Chapel

10:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. Variety of activities

We are excited to share some incredible news from St. Mark's! After a year of transitioning to our new student-centered learning approach, our NWEA MAP scores reveal exciting results! Most St. Mark's students are demonstrating high-average achievement in Math, Reading, and Language Usage. Even more encouraging, students who previously scored in the low-average range have shown significant growth! One student was in the 97th growth percentile which signifies they made more progress than 97 percent of their peers! This is a testament to the strength of our K-2 program and the impact of our Quest program, which fosters student-centered learning and continued academic growth.

St. Mark's is also committed to making a Lutheran education accessible to families in our congregation. Tuition assistance for Kindergarten–8th grade is available through the Lutheran Elementary Schools Association (LESA), and thanks to a generous donor, we've established the Light of Christ Scholarship Fund for St. Mark's students.

If your family would like to learn more about the wonderful Christian education St. Mark's has to offer, please visit our website at stmarkseureka.org or contact our principal, Megan Deines, at mdeines@stmarkseureka.org or 636-238-7124.



Operation Barnabas

A huge thank you to the students of St. Mark's School and to Principal Deines! At the Chapel service on February 5, Rick Hinkson was presented with "goodie bags" to distribute with his Welcome Home kits. Rick is the Chairman of the Veterans Committee of the Eureka Elks. Because the Lord has blessed our church family with generous hearts, we have been able to gift "Welcome Home" with over \$2,000! While thanking the students, he explained that only the essentials were provided and that their treats would be a happy surprise for the Vets.

May God continue to bless our school with leadership and students committed to His service.
Jill Tendler, Operation Barnabas

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.

Banquet

The MyLife Medical Resource Center will hold its annual banquet/silent auction on April 10 at Andre's Banquet Center, 211 S. Old Hwy 141, Fenton, MO. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The St. Mark's Life Team will host two tables with 16 seats. This is a fun evening and a wonderful way to support MyLife Resource Center financially. Contact Jan Karsten 314-221-6059 or Carla Bommarito 314-223-8363 if you want to attend by March 15.

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.



Financial Summary as of January 2025

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$476,202.60	\$450,221.75
Operating Income - School	\$792,466.00	\$797,839.49
Total Operating Income	\$1,268,668.60	\$1,248,061.24

Operating Expenses - Church	\$617,185.75	\$560,349.05
Operating Expenses - School	\$680,888.53	\$617,756.83
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,298,074.28	\$1,178,105.88

Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$(29,405.68)	\$69,955.36
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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.