

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



Palm Sunday

April 13

Children of all ages are invited to meet at the back of the church to participate in the Palm Parade during the opening song!

Chris' Cakes will be flipping' in the gym from 10:45 a.m. – Noon, come catch your breakfast! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for kids 12 and under. Purchase tickets at the door for an unlimited pancake breakfast. Money raised will go towards supporting youth mission trips.

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 7:00 p.m. service

Good Friday

April 18, 7:00 p.m. service

Easter

April 20

8:00 a.m. Service
9:00 a.m. Egg Hunt
9:30 a.m. Service

The following services will also be livestreamed:
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and 8:00 a.m. only on Easter Sunday.



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 Member Class

Dates: Now - April 27

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: Worship Center

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:

April 13, Pancake Breakfast

April 20, Easter

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



Student Success in Action

At St. Mark's, developing 21st Century Skills—critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity—is a key focus of our curriculum. Our Lion Leader, 8th grader Jacob Lockwood, has exemplified these skills by launching St. Mark's Chess Club.

Jacob initiated the club by proposing the idea to the principal, securing Thrivent Action Team funding, and creating advertisements. He manages communication with members and has tackled the challenges of teaching a class. There are currently over 20 eager learners participating in the chess club. The group includes students, teachers, the principal, and friends from St. Mark's Homeschool Co-Op. Jacob's leadership is making a lasting impact.



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! 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/

June 2-6
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Lent

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. 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.

Wednesday Lenten Services
Now - 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

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;

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

Rummage Sale

Thank you to the many St. Mark's volunteers who served during the rummage sale over the years. Thanks to those who have served, more than 35 years of Rummage Sale fun has taken place here at St. Mark's. As many of our volunteers have retired, St. Mark's does not have plans to host a Rummage Sale this summer. If you have saved items to donate, please consider donating them to the following partners who have worked alongside us in flood relief.

- St. Vincent DePaul
- Agape House
- Piece by Peace
- Stuff N More in House Springs



Food Drive

See the list below for items that are needed. Donations can be dropped off 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 | |

Pickleball

Gather your family and friends and join us on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for recreational Pickleball in the gym. Starting April 6, we will move to Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through May 18. All ages are welcome! Call Anita with any questions at 314-974-3810.

Basketball

Come join for fellowship and work up a sweat Tuesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in the St. Mark's gym. We have an open gym welcoming all men 18 or older, regardless of previous experience playing. We shoot around and have a few full court pick-up games. Please attend and feel free to bring a friend along!



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 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!



Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), enters its sixth year. But as noted by the Rev. Dr. James Baneck, director of *SAS* and executive director of the LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, what started out in 2019 as an “initiative” has become a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment “that is growing and permeating every family, congregation, school, circuit, district, Concordia university, seminary and entity of [the LCMS]. It is a culture of raising up boys and men to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as pastors and of raising up boys, girls, men and women to teach and share God’s Word in other full-time church work vocations.”

College

By Cheryl Magness

Concordia University Chicago (CUC), River Forest, Ill., has announced a new guaranteed tuition rate for full-time undergraduate students studying in one of CUC’s professional church work programs. Beginning Fall 2025, eligible students will pay a maximum of \$5,000 in tuition and mandatory fees each academic year. The new rate is available to incoming (freshman or transfer) church work students who enroll in one of the following programs: Classical Lutheran Educator, Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, Director of Parish Music, Lutheran Teacher Education, Pre-seminary

The new guaranteed tuition rate includes all CUC institutional scholarships, Illinois MAP grants and federal Pell grants for which a student may be eligible. Students may further reduce their out-of-pocket costs through external scholarships. Students must meet CUC admission requirements and make satisfactory academic progress for the award to be renewed.

“As a testament to [CUC]’s commitment to supporting church professionals, I am pleased to introduce the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee,” said Dr. Russell Dawn, CUC president. “What’s more, this guarantee is not the only way that CUC demonstrates the importance of making a truly Christ-centered university education affordable. In fact, every single one of our undergraduate students receives financial aid. We have also strengthened our commitment to students who are the first generation in their families to attend college; this year, we doubled the annual financial award that these students receive.”

The Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, CUC associate vice-president for Church Relations and Mission, said, “Concordia University Chicago recognizes the great need for church workers in the LCMS and is committed to encouraging and preparing students for a life of service while making such opportunities financially attainable.”

CUC’s goal of a Christ-centered education that is financially achievable for future church professionals is made possible by the generosity of its donors. To learn how you can support the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee, contact the CUC Foundation at foundation@cuchicago.edu or call 866-448-3867.

CUC’s commitment to supporting students in professional church work programs comes as *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, the church work recruitment initiative of The

To learn more about the tuition guarantee for church professional programs, visit cuchicago.edu/prepared-to-serve.

Christ's Care FOR CHILDREN: KENYA



On May 18, during the Bible Study hour, Jennifer Hummel, Program Coordinator for Christ's Care for Children, will speak about this ministry coordinated by the LCMS. Christ's Care for Children is a child sponsorship program that matches individuals, families or groups in the United States with children who are living in one of the Project 24 boarding facilities in Africa. These facilities are managed by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and one of our partner churches like the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. The children live at one of the Project 24 facilities while receiving the opportunity to attend school and church during the academic year.



Mulch

Support the youth group by ordering some mulch. Purchase by the bag or yard. Visit www.stmarkseureka.org/mulch to view prices and submit your order. Orders must be placed one week before the fulfillment date. Pick-up or have it delivered on Saturday, April 19 or 26. Pick-up times are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Delivery times will be scheduled. Proceeds go to the St. Mark's Youth Group and Boy Scout Troop #922. A charitable donation letter will be provided for your tax records. For questions, email mulch@stmarkseureka.org

Easter Flowers

Place your order for the flowers to be displayed around the altar for Easter Sunday! You can take your purchase home after the last service on April 20, or Monday, April 21. Pick up an order form at the Connections Center or order online at www.stmarkseureka.org/members/ Deadline to place your order is Sunday, April 6.

St. Mark's



May 27 - August 8

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

VBS Registration Closes May 25

Visit

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

NYG

Every three years we take a break from missions and attend the National Youth Gathering. The gathering is in New Orleans, LA, July 19-23. Boys and girls in 8th - 12th grade can attend. A parent/student informational meeting will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Pizza will be served! Please RSVP at www.stmarkseureka.org/nyg

Youth Fundraisers

Support the St. Mark's Youth Group by participating in the following fundraisers.

Culver's Night - April 8

Pancake Breakfast - April 13

Mulch Sales - April 19 & 26

(stmarkseureka.org/mulch)

Camilas Tex Mex Night - TBA

Monetary donation (stmarkseureka.org/nyg)

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.

Capital Campaign-Unite for Lights

The St. Mark's Worship Center was dedicated in 2002, and the 22-year old lighting and control system needed an upgrade. 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."



Financial Summary as of February 2025

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$527,288.60	\$514,332.00
Operating Income - School	\$851,779.12	\$886,449.74
Total Operating Income	\$1,379,067.72	\$1,400,781.74

Operating Expenses - Church	\$680,010.48	\$634,403.20
Operating Expenses - School	\$775,824.71	\$704,463.52
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,455,835.19	\$1,338,866.72

Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$(76,767.47)	\$61,915.02
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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.