A Christ-centered family committed to loving God, loving others, and making disciples of all people.

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Christ's compassion to life. **Our Values** Word Worship

Our Vision Bringing

> 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

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May 2025



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.

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Matthew

Dates: May 11, June 1 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

No Classes: May 25: Memorial Day Weekend

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

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: May 4, 11 Leaders: Mr. Andy Bates, Pastor Bob Liebmann, Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood

Not So Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals Bible Study

Location: Room 104

Why are these stories of bad-to-the-bone crimes in the Bible? And what do they have to do with your life today? This criminally good Bible study, geared towards middle schoolers, explores Bible stories that are often excluded from other studies. Every story points back to Christ and His ultimate heist—stealing our sin and giving us His righteousness instead! Ages: 5th - 8th grade

Dates: May 18 – August 17 Location: Room 104

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



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, June 2-6, 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/





Closed

The office will be closed on May 26 for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.



Support the St. Mark's youth on Sunday, May 4 by picking up a sweet treat following the service. Sales will support the youth who are attending this year's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

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) June TBA: "The Bletchley Girls" by Tessa Dunlop

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



While having fun playing yard games and feasting, share your thoughts on the St. Mark's Youth Ministry! What events and spiritual growth opportunities would **YOU** like to see planned?

Pickleball

Gather your family and friends and join us on Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for some exciting family fun! No experience necessary. Games run 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!

THE FORGE

Life Team Event



Family movie night for pre-teens to adults on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Join us for an evening of fun at the showing of the movie, "The Forge." A year out of high school with no plans for his future, a boy is challenged by his single mom and a successful businessman to start charting a better course for his life. Through the prayers of his mother and biblical discipleship from his new mentor, he begins discovering that God's purpose for his life is so much more than he could hope for or imagine. This movie is rated PG. Bring your friends!

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. May 5 has been canceled due to Cinco de Mayo.

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." Drop off in the office.

St. Mark's Showcase Night

St. Mark's students would like to invite you to join us for a joyful evening that highlights the incredible talents and hard work of our students. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mark's gym.

You'll enjoy:

- Student Projects & Artwork
- Performances & Presentations
- Classroom Displays
- A Glimpse into Faith-Filled Learning

This night is a celebration of how our students are growing—not just academically, but in their faith, character, and confidence!

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.



A Story That Tells The WHY

The Pregnancy Clinic, Kansas City, Kansas, provided this story. Names and minor details have been changed to protect privacy.

Rachel came into a pregnancy center and wanted an abortion. When she learned the pregnancy center didn't offer abortions, her mother left angrily. Rachel stayed to learn more about the risks of abortion and the services that could be provided to her on-site. Rachel left still undecided. A week later, she came back for a follow-up appointment, a

pregnancy test, and an ultrasound. When she saw her child on the ultrasound screen, she said, "It has fingers . . . and toes. It's a baby!" Rachel chose life, and her mother ultimately came around and was supportive of her decision.

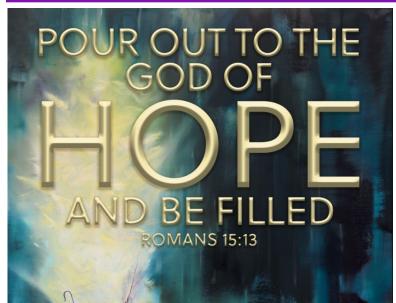
Our Life Team chose to share this story to emphasize the support and help a pregnancy center can give when an unplanned pregnancy happens. It is a story that shows a life was saved because people cared. God says that all of life He has created begins in the womb. If you have ever wondered what you can do to help save a child, support a pregnancy center. Financial support, volunteering, prayer, and donating needed items are some of the ways to support a pregnancy center. When you have the opportunity, refer someone to a pregnancy center where caring people will walk with the mom and dad in crisis and be Jesus with skin on. MYLife Medical & Resource Center in House Springs is a local pregnancy center close to our community that St. Mark's supports. Call Angie Geiler at 314-791-1221 for specific ways for ongoing support. St. Mark's LIFE Team is also a place to ask questions and get direction for supporting life.

HAPPY

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:"

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31:28-29



THE 74TH ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025



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What was the name of B. Lydia the wealthy merchant of purple cloth who met Paul and his companions, was baptized, and became a leader in the Philippian church?

A. Priscilla

- C. Dorcas

D. Joanna

Answer:

See Acts 16:11-15, 40

Financial Summary as of March 2025

FY 2025	Budget 2025
\$611,621.68	\$578,242.25
\$934,400.40	\$976,459.99
\$1,546,022.08	\$1,554,702.24
\$751,189.36	\$719,332.35
\$860,218.79	\$793,970.21
\$1,611,408.15	\$1,513,302.56
	\$934,400.40 \$1,546,022.08 \$751,189.36 \$860,218.79

Net Operating Income (Loss) \$(65,386.07) \$41,399.68

2025 St. Mark's Leadership Contacts

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> Early Childhood Assistant Director Jennifer Brevard

School Ministry Teachers:

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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 schoolrelated need. AmeriGass 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 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.