

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



# Scribe

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



## New Year Family Celebration for Little Ones

Help us countdown and welcome in 2026!  
Crafts, Activities, Snacks, and a special  
BALLOON DROP at 12...NOON!

**Wednesday, December 31**  
**11:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**St. Mark's Gym**

Noon Year is a free family event! Activities are designed for  
children 4 years – 4th grade; all ages are welcome!  
Children need to have a parent/adult chaperone for the event.  
Register at [www.stmarkseureka.org/ny26/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/ny26/)  
Registration closes December 29, 2025



SCAN ME



Hear  
our  
prayers.

### Can we pray for you?

Email your request to: [4prayer@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:4prayer@stmarkseureka.org)

Call: Joy Bohlmann at 636-938-5639

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

## Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

### Nursery Care

Loving adults will be available on Sunday morning to care for your child while you attend Bible Study. Register your child, then RSVP each week to Lauren Bates at [lbates@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:lbates@stmarkseureka.org) if you will need care.

Ages: Infant - 2 years old

Location: Room 103 (Hallway by the worship center.)

### Simply Loved

Helping kids to understand God's Word, love it, and remember it for a lifetime! Join us each week for a special Bible lesson, snack, activity or craft!

Ages: Preschool - Elementary

Location: Gym/School Hallway

### Not So Nice Bible Stories: Master Criminals Bible Study:

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, 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

Location: Room 104 (School Building)

## Join Us For A Weekday Bible Study!

Women's Study - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Betty Schrader

Women's Study - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Asylum

Leaders: Angie Hummel & Jeannine Liebmann

Adults - Tuesday Evening

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Room 203

(Hallway by the worship center.)

Leader: Pastor Bill Liebmann

Women's Study - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room

Leader: Pat Wehner

Men's Study - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Location: School Room 106

Leader: Mike Kennedy

### Women's Study - 2nd & 4th Monday

We will resume our Monday night Ladies' Bible Study with a new 4-part study on the topic Overcoming Anxiety.

"What if something bad happens?" "I'm scared." "What will they think?" "I'm not enough." In this series, we will learn how we can overcome these anxious thoughts through the power of God's word, cutting through the lies of our culture and our own messed-up thinking, so we can live in the peace God intends for us. Please join us January 12, 26, February 9, 23 in the Asylum.

Led by Jeannine Liebmann.

### Women's Study - 1st Wednesday

In January we'll resume our studies on the first Wednesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. We will continue our journey through Biblical times, studying some of the doors of life. Doors in the Bible often have literal meanings as well as providing us metaphorical lessons about life. All Ladies are welcome and bring a friend. Questions can be referred to Pat Wehner at 314-799-5530 (call or text).

## 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.

## Afternoon Program Coordinator

St. Mark's is looking for a caring, dependable, and energetic individual to join our Early Childhood team! This position oversees our afternoon program (1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, flexible 4-day option available). You will help in classrooms, support staff, and ensure our littlest learners are safe, happy, and loved in a faith-filled, play-based environment. For more information contact Principal Megan Deines at [mdeines@stmarkseureka.org](mailto:mdeines@stmarkseureka.org) or 636-238-7124. Fill out an application at [www.stmarkseureka.org/employment/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/employment/)

## Is a Lutheran High School in West St. Louis County Coming?

The Lutheran High School Development Committee of West St. Louis County is exploring the launch of a new Lutheran Christian private high school in our area. As they consider this opportunity and potential locations, they're seeking community-wide input. In an effort to hear as many voices as possible, everyone in the area is invited to complete a brief online survey.



Please consider sharing your thoughts with us by scanning the QR code and completing the survey or visit [www.newlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.newlutheranhighschool.com).

*Thank you for your time!*



Development Committee  
of West St. Louis County

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## Something NEW for the New Year?

Are you a Special Education Teacher looking for a new calling and challenge? Are you a retired Special Education Teacher seeking to use your gifts and experience in a ministry setting? Consider working for LASE Specialized Education. LASE (Lutheran Association for Special Education) has part-time and full-time Educational Specialist positions available working in our Lutheran Schools to share Jesus' love and provide excellent services to children with unique learning needs. Contact Rev. John Jameson (LASE Executive Director) at 636-515-0501 (text/call) or Dr. BJ Wiemer (Program Administrator) at 314-952-4251 (text/call) for more information.



## Cardboard Arcade Brings Creativity and Joy to St. Mark's!

Our school was buzzing with excitement as students proudly showcased their creativity and engineering skills at the Cardboard Arcade! Students designed, built, then presented their arcade games at the Cardboard Arcade.

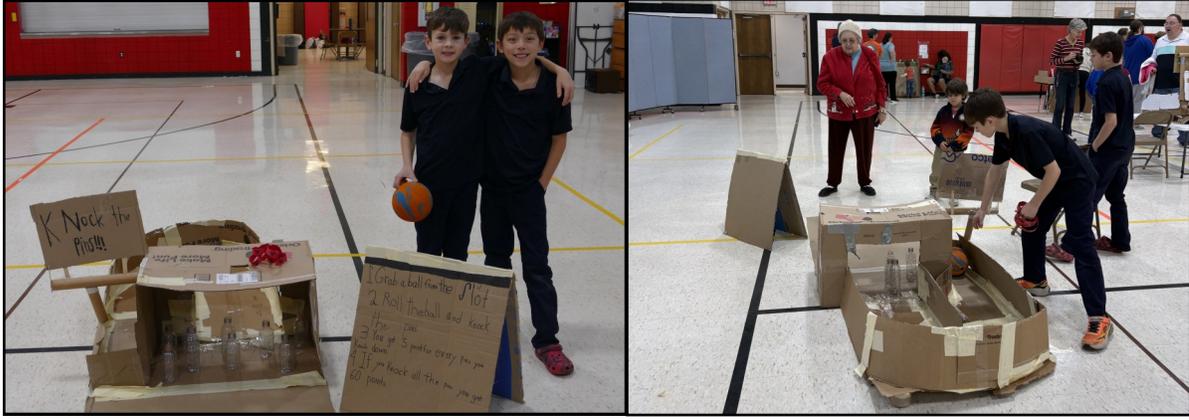
From creative designs to clever game mechanics, each reflected the creativity and problem-solving skills of its creators. Even more special was listening as students explained their games, cheered each other on, and combined math, language arts, science, and social-emotional skills to bring their own arcade games to life. It was truly inspiring and a joy to see.

The Cardboard Arcade was a wonderful reminder of what makes St. Mark's so special - students using their God-given gifts to create, collaborate, and bring joy to others. We are so proud of our students for their hard work and can't wait to see what they imagine next!

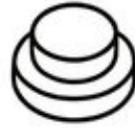


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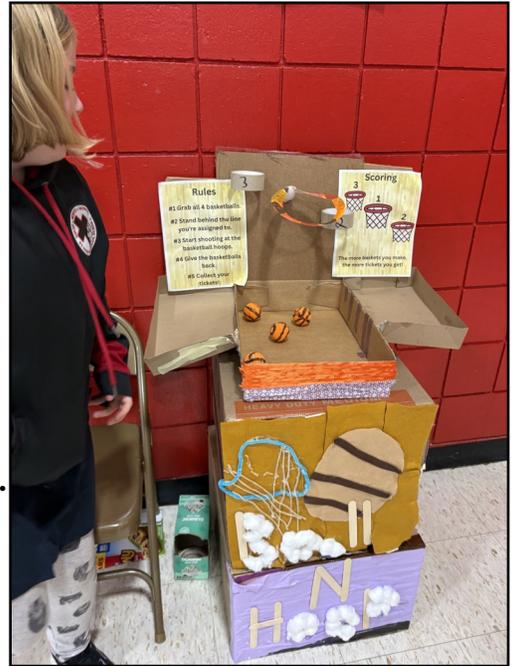




GAME OVER



HIGH SCORE

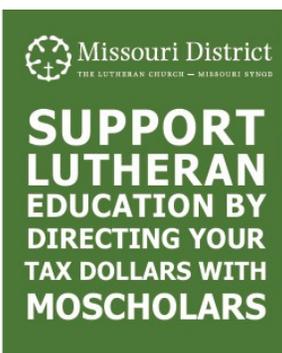


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## New Member Class

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 January 25 – March 22 (No Class: February 1) in Room 203 (Hallway by the worship center.) 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/](http://www.stmarkseureka.org/church/)



## MOScholars a Unique Opportunity

Taxpayers to the state of Missouri, both individuals and businesses, have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The summer of 2022, the Missouri State Treasurer's Office launched a new tax credit program called MOScholars. The program allows organizations like the Missouri District to convert these tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state.

Different than a charitable donation, taxpayers participating in MOScholars are simply agreeing to prepay a portion of their state taxes so that funds may be used for Lutheran education. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. The Missouri District website ([mo.lcms.org](http://mo.lcms.org)) contains even more information on MOScholars, as well as the links to get the process started. Leah Sieveking at the District office can be reached at 314-590-6211 or [leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org](mailto:leah.sieveking@mo.lcms.org) with any other questions.

At no additional cost and with minimal effort, MOScholars allows taxpayers to decide how their tax dollars should be spent. Directing these tax dollars for scholarships to attend Lutheran schools is a blessing to children and families that will make an eternal difference. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District.

## The Novel Seeker's Book Club

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](mailto:dogwalker304@gmail.com)

Upcoming book for discussion;

January 17: "The Little Liar" by Mitch Albom

## Connecting Faith and Finances

If you are a Thrivent member, you have a choice about how you can direct your allocated "Choice Dollars." Support your favorite mission or ministry! Choice Dollars designated during the calendar year can be directed until March 31 of the following year. Learn more about Thrivent Choice Dollars at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) You can designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars online or by phone at 1-800-847-4836.

## Office Hours

The office will be closed December 31 - January 2.

## 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!

## Christianbook GIVEBACK

Give back every time you shop at Christianbook! Christianbook Giveback is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Mark's every time you shop, at no cost to you. Link your Christianbook account to benefit St. Mark's Lutheran Church. When you shop at christianbook.com, Christianbook will donate a portion of your merchandise total to St. Mark's. Visit [Christianbook.com/giveback](http://Christianbook.com/giveback) or use the QR code to get started!



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## Scripture Keys to a Joyful New Year

- H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18)
- P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
  
- N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
- E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
  
- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11,16)
- E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- A**im at sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)
- R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15, 16)

## 2025 St. Mark's Leadership Contacts

### Staff

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## Church Ministry Staff

### Pastor

Bob Liebmann

### Pastor

Josh Rusnak

### Director of Christian Education

Lauren Bates

### Office Administrator

Shawn Stuart

### Accountant

Donna Riendeau

### Communications/Media

Leslie Martineau

### Music Director

Laura Falls

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Megan Deines

### Early Childhood Program Coordinator

Jennifer Brevard

### School Ministry Teachers:

#### Day School Teachers:

Janet Landgraf  
Lisa Lockwood  
Angela Montgrain  
Susan Mueller

#### Early Childhood Teachers:

Jennifer Brevard  
Kiley Eversole  
Glenda Gastler  
Anne Knollmann  
Michelle Lindner

## Financial Summary as of November 2025

	FY 2025	Budget 2025
Operating Income - Church	\$292,098.11	\$328,716.65
Operating Income - School	\$525,480.76	\$556,525.42
Total Operating Income	\$817,578.87	\$885,242.07

Operating Expenses - Church	\$357,320.21	\$375,504.30
Operating Expenses - School	\$439,246.48	\$447,325.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$796,566.69	\$822,829.30

<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$21,012.18</b>	<b>\$62,412.77</b>
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## Scribe

Printed copies of the Scribe are available at the Connections Center.

## Submissions

Sent to:  
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The deadline for the Sunday Announcements is 3:00 p.m. each Tuesday.

The Scribe deadline is the 8<sup>th</sup> of every month.