



Announcements

February 16, 2020

Welcome to St. Mark's!

Thank you for worshiping with us today! If you would like more information about St. Mark's, or need assistance, please stop by the Welcome Center. You may also contact the church office at 651-777-7451 or visit our website: stmarks-nsp.org.

February Adult Forum Schedule – 9:35 to 10:20 am in Room 102/103

The time between services on Sunday mornings is designated as a time for learning and enrichment. All are welcome and no sign up is necessary.

Today: Generation-to-Generation. This quarterly event connects generations through storytelling, activities and community building.
Topic: How do we live out God's love beyond Valentine's Day?

Feb. 23: Social Justice Book Study will discuss the book *A Good Time for the Truth - Race in Minnesota*.

Church Council Installation

Today we give thanks for the congregational members who have been elected to lead us in our mutual mission as a congregation: Karen Biedermann, Dan Colberg, Bob Engwer, Mike Ericson, Nick Glendenning, Josh Hirman, Beth Ingberg, Brian Larson, Carolyn Newell, Adam Reinke, Pam Simanski, Shannon Young, Erin Koppen (youth representative), Kelly Nickell (treasurer). May God guide and sustain you in your service!

Updating church photo directory! Sign up today!

You're invited to be a part of our new photo directory. Our last directory was printed in 2012. Look around you today at all the new families. Not to mention all of the marriages, babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes. Sign up will be available on Sundays in Rees Hall following services and Wednesdays before confirmation. You can also sign up online at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b6rq6p0/> (the link is on our website at www.stmarks-nsp.org). We'll be photographing all families, here at church, from April 6-11 and the directory won't be complete without you! Sign up today to schedule a photo appointment for your preferred time and date.

Bridging the Gap – February 18

Bridging the Gap: Questions and Conversations around Faith and Life meets monthly on the third Tuesday at the Tamarack Tap Room at 6:30 pm. This is a fun group of 20- and 30-somethings that's looking to add new people! Come alone or invite a friend. For more information, please contact Pastor Mary. *Question to consider for next gathering: Is Jesus the only way to God? or Will Christians be the only ones in heaven?*

BINGO Youth Trip Fundraiser – February 23

Join us from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm for a fun afternoon of BINGO! Concessions! Great prizes! All ages are invited. \$10/adults and \$5/children provides cards to play all the games. Additional cards can be purchased for \$1 each. Proceeds support the youth as they earn funds for their summer mission trip.

Wednesday Night Dinners: 5:00 to 5:50 pm

Each Wednesday night during the school year, we offer a homemade meal to anyone who comes to the table. The "cost" is a freewill offering of \$2/person or \$10 max/family. 2/19: Italian, 2/26: soup, 3/4: pork roast

~ In Our Prayers ~

Jack Gilbertson
Eric Strandquist
Butch (Brother-in-Law of Dan Colberg)

Family & friends of Natalie Anderson

Armed Forces:

Jonathan Moss
John Lamson
BJ Urban
Douglas Noreen
Nick Roth
Logan Stoerzinger
Mike Nelson
Isaiah Rizk
Nick Crayne
Tyler Birkholz
Blake Moylan
Cody Petsch
Nate Pearson
Brian Reimers
Jessica Folkerts
Westin Ericson
Connor Kennedy
Henry Francis
Nathan Solie
Peter Bolle
Ryan Richter
Jeremie Vaneke

Note: To add a name to the prayer list, please call the church office. To ensure that the list is up-to-date, names will remain for 2 weeks. Exceptions include those serving in the armed forces. **It is our intent that this list is for those in the hospital, recovering, or in hospice. Please note that those with chronic illness, or who are in need of long-term prayers, will be listed in the Community Prays email.**

St. Mark's Prayer Line & Community Prays Email

Prayer is Powerful. The *Community Prays* email is sent weekly to staff, council, the prayer line group, and anyone who would like to be part of this ministry! Contact the church office at 651.777.7451 or email prmaryf@stmarks-nsp.org to sign up, ask questions, or request prayers. You may also continue to contact Dawn at 777-7693 with Prayer Line requests.

Ash Wednesday Services – February 26

Ash Wednesday ushers us into the season of Lent, the 40 day period where we intentionally walk with Jesus on his way to the cross. Worship services in the Sanctuary will be at **11:00 am and 7:00 pm**. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. *Coffee, treats, and good conversation will be available between dinner and worship.*

Lent 2020: Sacred Encounters

On **Sunday mornings starting March 1**, our scripture readings will lead us to consider life changing encounters with Jesus. The Devil, Nicodemus, the Samaritan Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and Lazarus, all had an interaction with Jesus that challenged and changed them.

On **Wednesday evenings, starting March 4**, we will use the Holden Evening Prayer format and hear from members of our congregation about Sacred Encounters they have experienced that challenged and changed them. Following the evening service they will be available to continue the conversation in the Fireside Room. Thanks to Shirley Pickett, Steve Yahr, Cyndi Johnson, Paige Ericson, and Mark McKenzie for their willingness to share their stories with us.

Seeking Thrivent Action Grants!

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, do you know that you might be eligible to apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant for \$250 which could be used towards some of the special events and community building we do at St. Mark's? We've collected a list of potential projects which we could partner with here at St. Mark's and are available to help you throughout the process. If you are looking for ideas or need help, talk with Pastor Ivy, Jim Wolf (jimwolf5708@msn.com) or Chuck Leonhart (612-741-3118) or call the church office at 651-777-7451.

Interested in Quilting Ministry?

St. Mark's quilting group assembles and ties quilts for Lutheran World Relief as well as for those in our community. All are invited to help make quilts—you qualify if you can tie a knot! Remaining quilting sessions are on **Thursday afternoons: February 13 and 27, and March 12 and 26** from 1:00-5:00 pm. Come for an hour or stay for the entire time. Please contact our quilting coordinator Shirley Pickett at 651-735-0016 with questions.

Church clean up and potluck lunch – March 7

Please join us around 9:00 am on Saturday, March 7 to "deep clean and polish" the interior spaces of St. Mark's. There will be projects available for everyone - from dusting and vacuuming to deep cleaning and paint touch up. We invite you to bring something to share for lunch as a potluck will follow. This is a great opportunity for service and fellowship - we hope to see you all there! Please contact Mark McKenzie (651-231- 5600) or Sherry Berry (651-777-6704) if you have questions or suggested projects.

January Financials			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	
Income	\$49,207	\$51,283	
Expense	\$47,359	\$52,919	
Net difference	\$1,847	(\$1,636)	\$3,483
<i>Thank you for supporting St. Mark's Ministry!</i>			

St. Mark's Ministry Events:

Sunday, February 16

8:30 am Worship, SC
 9:35 am Adult Forum, #102/103
 10:30 am Worship, SC
 10:30 am Children's Church
 11:30 am Young Adult Brunch, offsite
 1:00 pm Hot Buttered Popcorn, RH

Monday, February 17

6:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study, #102
 6:30 pm Phoebe Bible Study, FS
 7:00 pm Handbell Choir, SC

Tuesday, February 18

8:30 am Morning Bible Study, FS
 6:30 pm Bridging the Gap, offsite
 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, FS

Wednesday, February 19

4:45 pm Joyful Voices, MR
 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Dinner
 6:00 pm Worship, SC
 6:30 pm Children's Church, RH
 6:30 pm Confirmation/HSYG
 7:00 pm Choir of St. Mark's, MR

Thursday, February 20

8:00 am Denny's Bible Study, offsite
 10:30 am Ramsey Care Center Service
 1:00 pm Elizabeth Bible Study, FS
 6:00 pm Hot Buttered Popcorn, RH
 6:30 pm Church Council, #207

Friday, February 21 – Office Closed

Saturday, February 22 – Office Closed

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am Worship, SC
 9:35 am Adult Forum, #102/103
 10:30 am Worship, SC
 10:30 am Children's Church
 11:30 am BINGO Fundraiser, RH
 2:00 pm Hot Buttered Popcorn, RH

ATTENDANCE – Feb. 5 & 9

6 pm: 120 8:30 & 10:30: 113 (snow)

Coffee Hour Sponsorship

Members of the congregation are invited to consider sponsoring coffee on a given Sunday. \$30 will cover the cost of the coffee for our fellowship time for one week. A new set of sign up sheets for 2020 can be found on the bulletin board in Rees Hall. **This week's sponsor: Chuck Leonhardt.**