

# Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

## 2026 Budget Review – Today & Wednesday

These sessions are open to the congregation after worship TODAY and on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30pm. Both sessions are in the Library. You will be able to review the 2026 budget and ask questions prior to the Annual Meeting.

## Wednesday Community Dinners, 5-6pm

All are welcomed to the table for this homemade meal offered Wednesdays during the school year. Freewill offering gladly accepted.

Jan 21: soup/sandwich/salad, Jan 28: Mexican chicken with rice, Feb 4: Chili, Feb 11: Burger bar

## “A Day for Making Comfort” – Sat. Jan. 24

### Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Stillwater

All are welcome to come from 9am-3pm and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for the needs of local organizations. No experience necessary and supplies are provided. Come for an hour or stay for the day. Please bring your lunch if you plan to be there over the lunch hour. Our Savior's Lutheran Church: 1616 W. Olive St. Stillwater, MN.

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Soup Sunday – January 25

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting following worship at about 10:40am. Enjoy a bowl of hot soup (takeout also available) and purchase some tasty baked goods to support global missions.

## Global Mission Bake Sale – January 25

Please bring baked goods packaged 6 per plate to Rees Hall before church services on Sun. Jan. 25 to sell at the Global Missions Bake Sale during the Annual Meeting. Proceeds will go towards St. Mark's India and Tanzania missions.

## Paper bags needed for Soup Sunday – Jan. 25

Paper bags are needed for people who are getting take-out. Bags may be dropped off at the collection cupboard in Rees Hall located in Rees Hall.

## Quilting Ministry

St. Mark's has a very faithful group of quilters who assemble and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief as well as for those in our community. Everyone is invited to help make quilts. You qualify if you can tie a knot! Plan to attend one or more quilting sessions on Friday afternoons - Jan. 23; Feb. 13 & 27, and March 13 & 27. We meet in Fellowship Hall from 1-5pm. Quilting Coordinators: Shirley Pickett (651-735-0016) and Darlene Dent (651-777-1657).

## Red Cross Blood Drive – Jan 28, 1-7pm

### North Presbyterian Church

Give Blood, Save Lives. The next blood drive is at North Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall, 2675 E Hwy 36, North St. Paul). Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: NorthStPaulChurchesMN to schedule an appointment.

## Cabin Fever Game Day – Sat. Jan. 31

Join us from 1-4pm, in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of fun. We'll have board games, card games, fellowship, laughter and snacks! Come in out of the cold weather and spend time with us! Feel free to bring your favorite game or we will have a variety of games to choose from. Sign-up on the Women's Board in Rees Hall. Call Virginia Coller 651-777-0584 for more information.

## Upcoming Mental Health Events

Take full advantage of our relationship with Mental Health Connect and attend one or more of the following events. attend

- From Isolation to Belonging: Moving through Depression & Addiction to Community –Tues. Jan. 20, 6 – 8pm at Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Community.
- I Am Safe: Mind-Body Practices for Promoting Mental Health – Tues. Feb. 10, 7 – 8:30pm (Zoom)
- Breaking through Loneliness – Tues. Feb. 17, 6 – 8pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Some events may require registration or/and a fee. Go to [www.mhconnect.org/find-mhc](http://www.mhconnect.org/find-mhc) for more Details.

## Next Week's Ushering Schedule

Jan. 25: Team 4, Capt: Bonnie Meyers

## Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Music & Worship

We Shall Overcome became a prominent theme song in the early day of the Civil Rights Movement. This song was often referenced in the speeches and sermons of Dr. Martin Luther King (1929-1968.) While the origins of this song are not clear, it is speculated that the opening melodic phrases of the song were inspired by the African American Spiritual No More Auction Block for Me. Portions of the text were likely derived from Charles Albert Tindley's (1851-1933) gospel song I'll Overcome Some Day. The day after the funeral of Martin Luther King, Blacks and Whites held hands in the streets of Atlanta and sang this anthem of unity and social justice. (Rollo Dilworth, arranger, and Professor of Choral Music Education at Temple University, Philadelphia.)

**Black History Month** (February) honors the vital contributions, achievements, and culture of Black Americans in arts, science, politics, and beyond.

**Women's History Month** (March) honors the vital contributions, achievements, and culture of women in arts, science, politics, and beyond. As we worship in February and March, we'll specifically incorporate readings from black and women theologians, poets, and leaders, and music of black and women composers and musicians to help us all more deeply understand their contributions.

## Upcoming in Worship

**Jan. 25:** Worship Band, Jubilee Handbell Choir

**Feb. 1:** Choir of St. Mark's

**Feb. 8:** Choirs of St. Mark's Tune Up, children and adults, with Dr. Jennaya Robison

## National Lutheran Choir Tune Up – Sat. Jan. 31

The Choir of St. Mark's will be joined by 450 of their closest singing friends Saturday morning January 31 at Roseville Lutheran Church for 2026 National Lutheran Choir Choral Tune-Up, Making Music across Generations. We'll enjoy a morning of singing with acclaimed composer Elaine Hagenberg and NLC Artistic Director Dr. Jennaya Robison. We'll sing alongside members of the National Lutheran Choir learning 4 choral selections. This annual festival promises to be an invigorating morning of making music together. If you would like to attend, see Tom Paulson, Director of Music and Worship, or any choir member for more details. Robeson invites "singers of all backgrounds, or none, to join us."

## Choirs of St. Mark's Tune Up – Sun. Feb. 8

The Choir of St. Mark's will be led by Dr. Robeson and a quartet from the NLC on Sunday February 8 in the St. Mark's Choral Tune Up. (The January 31 event is specifically for the choir singers, while this is more focused on the needs of St. Mark's Music Ministry.) There will also be a children's choir. If you would like to sing, please see Tom Paulson, Director of Music and Worship, or any choir member for more details.

## Mark your calendars!

Watch for more details about these events in your weekly announcements and eNews:

- **Jan. 18:** Budget Review Session
- **Jan. 25:** Annual Meeting, Soup Sunday & Bake Sale
- **Jan. 26:** Men's Book Study Group
- **Jan. 28:** Red Cross Blood Drive – North Presbyterian
- **Jan. 31:** Cabin Fever Game Day
- **Feb. 8:** National Lutheran Choir Tune-Up

### Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, January 18

9:30 am Worship Service, SC  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:40 am Budget Review Session, LB

5:45 pm Jubilee Handbell Choir, SC  
6:00 pm All Ages Faith Formation  
6:30 pm Budget Review Session, LB  
7:00 pm Prayer & Praise Service, LC  
7:15 pm Choir of St. Mark's, SC

#### Monday, January 19

11:00 am Archives Inventory, FH  
6:30 pm Monday Bible Study, zoom

#### Thursday, January 22

8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study, offsite  
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting, #203

#### Tuesday, January 20

9:00 am Morning Bible Study, FS  
10:00 am Naomi Bible Study, FS  
6:30 pm St. Mark's Strummers, #102

#### Friday, January 23 – Office Closed

1:00 pm Quilting, FH

#### Wednesday, January 21

11:00 am Polar Ridge Service  
5:30 pm Wednesday Dinner, RH

#### Sunday, January 25

9:30 am Worship Service, SC  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:40 am Annual Meeting & Soup Sunday

### Ministry Staff

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### Office Hours

Mon –Thurs: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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### Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9:30 am

### Guest WiFi

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