

Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2025

Welcome Rev. Justin Grimm

Please welcome Rev. Justin Grimm as our guest preacher today. Justin joined the synod staff in 2015. Prior to this call, he served as pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Lake Ann, Mich. Justin came with 10 years of experience as a mission developer in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod where he was instrumental in developing Advent Lutheran from its inception. Justin and his wife Anna, a licensed marriage and family therapist, live in Shoreview with their daughter, Payton, and sometimes Logan (a student at Carthage College). They have three dogs, two cats and a bearded dragon. Justin is an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Welcome Billy Johnson

Billy is a singer/songwriter from Minneapolis, and has 12 albums of original material. He was the front man for The Hillcats, BJ's Roadshow, and B-TEAM. Billy has played with The Bodeans, Bob Schneider, Five for Fighting, Train, Navarro, and others. Billy has been in worship here several times, most recently in February. His musicianship and passionate singing are infectious. Upcoming engagements include Sun. July 6, 1:00-4:00 pm at Dancing Dragonfly Winery, St. Croix Falls, WI; Wed. July 9, 7:00-9:00 pm at Carbones on Cedar Ave, Minneapolis; and Thurs. July 10, 5:30-7:30 at Molly's in St Bonifacius. For more information see billyboymusic.com.

Outdoor Worship & Picnic – July 13

Let's try this again! Weather permitting we will have an outdoor service and picnic. On the menu: brats, hotdogs, homemade coleslaw, chips, fruit, and dessert. If weather doesn't cooperate, we'll bring it all inside.

Are you interested in the ukulele?

We hope to form a ukulele group to play for fun, and occasionally play and sing in worship. If you already play the ukulele, or are interested in learning to play this happy little instrument, please contact Susan Borowick (sborowick@msn.com) or Tom Paulson (tomp@stmarks-nsp.org). All ages, levels of ability and experience (including none!) are welcome!

Registration is open!

Vacation Bible School – August 5, 6, and 7

Children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School from 9am-Noon where we will be exploring the theme *At the Table*. Our sessions will be filled with a variety of activities that dive into our theme, including storytelling, games, crafts, and snacks! Kids in grade 6 and above are welcome to sign up to be helpers! Scan the QR code to sign up. It's free!



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Saturday Stewards will not meet July 5

Due to the holiday weekend, Saturday Stewards will take the day off. See you again on August 2!

MN Twins outing cancelled

Due to rising costs, we have decided to cancel the Twins outing this year. We hope you'll find another opportunity to head to the ballpark for outdoor baseball this summer.

Summer Sunday Worship & Music Schedule

- July 6** Harpsichord Trio: Karin Holmberg (cello); Jennifer Arsenault & Suzanne Benson (flutes)
- July 13** Outdoor Worship & Picnic with St. Mark's Worship Band
- July 20** Zach Spirov & Friends; Amy Reddy (gospel storyteller)
- July 28** Mackenzie Lyon (mezzo soprano)
- Aug 3** Lauren Lammers (soprano)
- Aug 10** Coda – Scott Dorf (saxophones) and Malcolm Anderson (keyboards)
- Aug 17** Outdoor Worship & Picnic with St. Mark's Worship Band
- Aug 24** Tom Michel (tenor); Diane Sell (gospel storyteller)
- Aug 31** Miranda Hirsch (saxophone)

Wednesday Summer Campfire Services

July 9 & 23, Aug 13 & 27

Join us on the second and fourth Wednesday for worship at 6:30pm. This is a casual (30-45 minute), faith-filled evening around the campfire (outside, behind the chapel). Singer/songwriter Zach Spirov will provide guitar music all summer! Bring your own chairs and invite your friends. *If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll gather in the chapel.*

Next Week's Ushering Schedule

Sun. July 6, 2025: Team 1 Capt: Mike Ericson

Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Music & Worship

*Not enslaved, but set free! From now on we will be
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free.
(ELW 453)*

This hymn, our Opening, and our Galatians reading (For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery) are "big picture" words. They remind us who we are, whose we are, and who we're called to be in this world. Paul goes on to talk about how people can be enslaved by "licentiousness, idolatry, strife, jealousy, anger" etc. But God has created us to be above those destructive emotions, to make this world a better place by our actions and our very being. It is a high and holy calling, and with freedom comes responsibility. Deep breath!

Mark your calendars for Summer...

- **Outdoor Services & Picnics:** July 13, August 17
- **Free Produce Giveaways:** July 28, August 25, September 22 (4-6pm)
- **Vacation Bible School:** August 5, 6, 7, 9am-noon. Registration now open (see front page)

Help distribute free produce to local families

St. Mark's is once again hosting three free produce giveaways (July 28, Aug 25, Sept 22) in partnership with Second Harvest Heartland. This is a great way to meet some of our neighbors and provide good food for families. We need a crew of volunteers to help distribute the food from 4-6 pm outside the church. Volunteers should plan to show up at 3:30pm to help sort and set up. If you are interested, contact Julie at urbanja@comcast.net or call the church office at

651-777-7451.

Women's Summer Bible Study – Sat. July 26, 10am

We are happy to have Emily Ronsberg, a daughter of St. Mark's, lead us in our Bible Study on Saturday, July 26 at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. Emily is a recent graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary and is currently working as a chaplain. Registration will be from 9:30-10:00am followed by Bible Study at 10am and lunch at 12 noon. The lessons are in the June/July/August *Gather* magazine, and copies will be available at registration on Sundays, July 13 & 20 in Rees Hall. Cost is \$15.00. Call Virginia Collier at 651-777-0584 for more information or to register. All women are welcome and please bring a friend!

Blood Drive at Church of St. Peter – Wed. Aug 6

The drive will be from 1-7pm in O'Reilly Hall (2600 Margaret St N, North St. Paul). Call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED CROSS) to schedule an appointment or visit RedCrossBlood.org and search North St Paul Churches. You may also scan the QR code here. Special promotion going on during the drive. \$15 e gift card & successful donations get A1C testing. Terms of offer at: rcblood.org/Test



Red Cross

Where are the handbells?

The four cases of handbells, about 194 lbs., were packed and shipped UPS to Green Lane, Pennsylvania to be refurbished by the company that made them Schulmerich. Refurbishment includes disassembling, cleaning, replacing broken parts, new clappers, new discs, new handles, polishing, tension adjustments, tuning and more. St. Mark's bought these bells in 1986, and there is no record of any professional maintenance since. This maintenance is necessary and costly. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Tom (tomp@stmarks-nsp.org) or

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 29

9:30 am Worship Service

Monday, June 30

No ministry events scheduled

Tuesday, July 1

No ministry events scheduled

Wednesday, July 2

No ministry events scheduled

Thursday, July 3

8:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study, offsite

Friday, July 4 – Office Closed

Happy Fourth of July!

Saturday, July 5 – Office Closed

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am Worship Service



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Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9:30 am

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