

Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

OCTOBER 27, 2024

Wednesday Community Meals

Join us for a homemade meal on Wednesday nights from 5-6pm during the school year. All are welcome. Meals are always free, although donations are gladly accepted. Oct 30: pork loin, Nov 6: baked chicken

Trunk or Treat – Today from 4-6pm

We hope to see lots of you at the Trunk or Treating event this afternoon! Bring your family and friends! If you are planning to give out candy at the event, please note that we are setting up on the other side of the West parking lot this year—the side closest to North High. Thanks to everyone who generously donated candy to cause.

Godspell Auditions! Sign up by October 31

Auditions are coming to St. Mark's. We need those interested in being a part of this show to fill out an audition form by October 31. Third grade thru adults are welcome. All important information you need to know is on the audition form.

Questions? Contact Diane Sell at shidi1964@gmail.com or Mandy

Papenguth at mpapen@comcast.net.



Godspell

Marksmen Dinner – Nov. 1, 6-8pm

Men of St. Mark's are invited to the Marksmen Dinner on November 1. This will be a chance for us to gather in fellowship and share a meal together. Because November marks the start of Movember, which focuses on men's physical and mental health, we've invited Pastor Seth Perry to join us as our keynote speaker, to share some of his story with us. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



Marksmen RSVP

All Saints Service of Comfort & Remembrance – Sun. November 3, 6:00 pm in the Chapel

On All Saints Sunday you, your family and friends are invited to a special service remembering those who have died, especially those in the last year. Led by the Choir of St. Mark's, Pastor David and Deacon Kate, this service will include music, prayers, scripture and poetry to remember, to comfort, to pray, and to ponder God's gift of life. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one, and offer your own prayers. All are welcome.

Upcoming Sermon Series: A Place at the Table

This 4-week series will raise up the ways in which all God's people are invited to take their place at Jesus' Table:

Nov 3: **This Man Welcomes**

Nov 10: **Give Them Something to Eat**

Nov 17: **Let the Children Come to Me**

Nov 24: **That My Home May Be Filled**

Caregiver Support Group Formation Meeting – Sun. Nov. 10 at 10:45am

Caring for a spouse or aging relative is sacred work but it can be hard for the caregiver. St. Mark's is looking to form a Caregiver Support Group in order to care for those who are caring for others. If you are a caregiver we invite you to attend our formation meeting in the Music Room in Rees Hall on November 10th at 10:45am. The purpose of this initial meeting to bring caregivers together to identify times for meeting and name our hopes for this group. If you have questions please contact Pastor David.

Soup Sunday – November 24

Join us for delicious homemade soup and bread after Sunday worship. Free will offering. Proceeds go toward grocery gift cards for those in need. Take out also available.

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social – Wed. Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm

All are invited to gather at St. Mark's on Thanksgiving Eve to celebrate God's goodness, bounty, and mercy. Bring a pie to share if you wish, and stick around after worship for the social hour. ***No dinner, education, or choir this night.**

Annual Progressive Dinner – Sun. December 8

Sign ups begin Nov 10th. Music will be provided by Bend in the River Band. *More details coming soon.*

Next Week's Ushering Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 3

Team 1: Capt: Mike Ericson

Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Worship & Music

My first real job was music and worship director at Incarnation Lutheran in Shoreview. Rev. Dr. Gary F. Anderson was Senior Pastor at that time, and he became one of my best mentors. He would call Reformation and Confirmation a "Red Letter Day," a day or event worth remembering for happy or joyful reasons. I agree, and like to take it a step further referring to Confirmation and Reformation as the big picture, or Christianity from 10,000 feet. Today is not a day for examining doctrines or minutia; today is a day to examine what it means to be a follower of Jesus in big picture ways – who were are, whose we are, and who we're called to be in this world.

I see a certain logic in this confluence - celebrating the great reformers of the church, (especially for us Martin Luther, but many others also) on the same day as our young people are affirming the promises made for them when they were baptized. One flows directly from the other, and back again.

This is a day to see our faith in as complete a picture as we can, admittedly not an easy job. So we sing, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing," and "God of glory, Lord of love... Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away." And we end worship singing "The Lord now sends us forth, with hands to serve and give, to make of all the world a better place to live." So let us celebrate on this red letter day, let us affirm the big picture of this faith that we all share, and renew our commitment to making this world a better place to live. It is who we're called to be in this world.

Upcoming worship music

Sun. Nov. 3, 9:30am: Choir of St. Mark's and Anna Bjorklund/Susie Lenz/Missy Lillie

Sun. Nov. 3, 6:00pm: All Saints Service of Comfort, Healing, and Hope – Choir of St. Mark's and Anna Bjorklund/Susie Lenz/Missy Lillie

Sun. Nov.10, 9:30am: Worship Band

News from the Foundation...

The St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation will be meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, November 12. **Grant requests should be submitted 2 weeks prior to November 12, due by October 30 to be considered by the board of trustees.** This allows the Grants Committee to review requests and make recommendations to the board. Requests are always welcome that support the Foundation's mission. During 2024 a variety of requests have supported our congregation, the local community, and global needs. Continue to follow the work of the Foundation by visiting www.stmarksnsfoundation.com.

2024 Global Mission Craft Fair – Sat. Dec.7 Crafters needed!

Are you interested in participating in our annual craft fair from 9am-3pm? Do you have any questions? Contact Sharon Tyman (sabrinasharon@gmail.com) for more information or stop by the church office and fill out a registration form.

Calendar

Sunday, October 27

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
10:35 am Sunday School, RH#206
4:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat, West Parking Lot

Monday, October 28

10:30 am Caring Ministries Mtg, #203
1:00 pm Women's Board Mtg, FS
6:30 pm Monday Bible Study, Zoom
7:00 pm Foundation Exec Board, LB

Tuesday, October 29

9:00 am Morning Bible Study, FS

Wednesday, October 30

5:00 pm Community Meal, RH
5:45 pm Jubilee Handbell Choir, SC
6:00 pm Education Hour
7:00 pm Chapel Worship
7:15 pm Choir of St. Mark's, RH#102

Thursday, October 31

8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study, Perkins

Friday, November 1 – Office Closed

6:00 pm Movember Marksmen Dinner, RH

Saturday, November 2 – Office Closed

9:00 am Saturday Stewards

Sunday, November 3

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
10:35 am Sunday School, RH#206
6:00 pm All Saints Service, Chapel

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