

Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Wednesday Community Meals resume Sept. 16

Join us for a homemade meal on Wednesday nights in Rees Hall from **5-6pm** during the school year. There is no set charge for the meal, however freewill donations are always appreciated.

Sept 16: pork loin dinner, Sept 23: baked potato bar, Sept 30: hamburger bar, Oct 7: beef bowls

Wednesday Night Kickoff – Sept 16

The following is the schedule for Wednesday nights. We hope to see you there!

5-6pm – Community Meal (Rees Hall)

5:45-6:40pm – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6-6:45pm – Education Hour (all ages)

6:45-7:15pm – Communion Service (Chapel)

7:15-8:30pm – Choir of St. Mark's Rehearsal (Chapel)

It's not too late to register students for CYF Education registration

Register your kids for CYF education programs, which begin in September. There is **no fee** for our program, however advanced registration is helpful for planning purposes. We are excited for the upcoming program year! Go to

www.stmarks-nsf.org and check out the Children & Youth tab for more information and a registration link or scan this QR code to complete the form.



Women's Synodical Bible Study Enrichment – Sat. Sept. 19

The event will be in Rees Hall with registration from 8:30-9:00am. The study, from the Gather magazine, will include a journey with women of the Bible – Hagar, Ruth and Mary Magdalene – whose bold faith transformed their unexpected stories. The study, led by Pastor Carrie Johnson Stiles our former youth leader, will also include a session on Prayer. Lunch and fellowship will follow at 12:30pm. Cost is \$20.00 and registration information is on the bulletin board in Rees Hall. ALL women are welcome. Contact Virginia Collier 651-777-0584 for information and copies of the Bible Study lessons. See you there!

Church doors locked beginning Sept 9

During office hours, please follow the instructions on the digital keypad next to the door and staff will unlock it for you. Doors 12N and Door 8W now both have keypads.

NSP Fall Roundup Parade – Thurs. Sept. 17, 6pm

Come along with St. Mark's in North St. Paul's annual fall parade which begins at 6pm. We would like as many people as we can get! Starting position is still TBD. Avoid downtown and plan to park at St. Mark's. *More details to come.*

Shobi's Table Fundraiser—Thurs. Sept. 24

You're invited to be a part of this magical evening (*The Daring Table*) and ensure that at this table, all are fed with a good meal, connection, and healing. The event is held at Gustavus Adolphus Church (1669 Arcade Street) and includes 4:30pm social hour, 6:00 pm dinner, and program. Tickets are \$75/person. Register by September 18 at shobistable.org/give/scratch/

Produce Giveaway – Mon. Sept. 28, 4-6pm

Invite your friends and neighbors to our last giveaway event on September 28...there's always PLENTY. We're also collecting plastic and paper bags. Bring them to the Rees Hall collection cabinet.

Free! KidsFest – Oct. 9, 4-6pm

Bring your kids and invite some friends for a fun afterschool event with face painting, balloon animals, bounce house, bubble artist and treats! A great way to kickoff the weekend! We will set up in the parking lot at St. Mark's. Come for as long as you'd like. *Free of charge.*

Spiritual Gifts Retreat – Sat. Oct. 10

Curious about what your spiritual gifts are? This retreat will provide you with an opportunity to look deeply at who you are and how God has uniquely blessed you with certain gifts. Get all the details at spas-elca.org/event/spiritual-gifts-retreat-fall-2026/ If you are interested in attending this Synod event please contact Pastor David. *Members of St. Mark's who attend will have the registration cost covered by the church.*

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's – Mon. Oct. 12

St. Mark's is hosting the Red Cross blood drive in Rees Hall on Monday, October 12 from **12-6pm**. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: NorthStPaulChurchesMN to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill up quickly.

Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Music & Worship

What an amazing summer of music we have had in worship! Everything from opera to hootenanny! That diversity of music affirms that St. Mark's is a dazzling bouquet, and that a broad variety of music in worship is simply the representation of all the people welcome at God's table, and in St. Mark's worship. One of our favorite songs asks, "Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?" Apparently our answer is a resounding yes!

KUDOS and MANY THANKS to our many talented and willing summer musicians! Their music inspired our hearts, challenged our minds, and encouraged our spirits. They brought joy, empathy, thoughtfulness, courage, faith, mercy, justice, and most of all, love, to our worship. They encouraged us all to become better followers in the ways of Jesus.

Please express your heartfelt gratitude to Corinna Petersen, The Handbell Choir, Jennifer Arsenault, Susan Borowick, Rachel Danko, Suzanne Ericson, Iren Hastings, Sandy Leach, Rosanne McCann, Andy Petersen, Tyler Ronsberg, Kathy Voss, Anna Bjorklund, Lindsay Samelian, The Worship Band, Billy Johnson, Zach Spirov, Ken Inderlie, Russ Payne, Steve Feltowski, Diane Sell, Missy Lillie, Tom Michel, Mackenzie Lyon, Lenora Lyon, Viola Lyon, Coda Duo (Scott Dorf, Sax; Malcolm Anderson, keyboards), Shari Durden, Lauren Lammers, The St. Mark's Strummers, Cory Engwer, Kim Engwer-Moylin, Richard Mead, Bonnie Meyers, Carol Perrault, and Rachel Wyffels. (If I missed your name, I apologize. Please let me know, and know that it was purely unintentional.)

Next Week's Ushering Schedule

Sept 13 Team 2: Cpts: Terri Borowick & Carl Hurtgen

Choir Rehearsals begin Wed. Sept 16

The Choir of St. Mark's (7:15-8:30 in the Chapel) and the Handbell Choir (5:45-6:40 in the Sanctuary) will begin rehearsals for the fall season on Wednesday evening September 16. New members and all returning members warmly welcomed. Contact Tom Paulson, Director of Worship and Music, for more information.

Upcoming in Music

Sept 13 Worship Band
Sept 20 Vocal Quartet

Mental Health Event

Take full advantage of our relationship with the Mental Health Connect collaborative and attend an event. Go to www.mhconnect.org/find-mhc for more details:

- **Chronic Procrastination & Its Toll on Mental Well-Being**, Tues. Sept. 8, 7– 8:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and also via Zoom.
- **Curiosity Leads to Discovery: How Experience Shapes Our Hearts & Lives**, Thurs. Oct. 8, 6:00-7:30 pm, Lumen Christ Catholic Community, 2042 Bohland Avenue, St. Paul.
- **Facing Shattered Dreams with Honest Hope**, Sun. Oct. 11, 2-3:00 pm at Valora Senior Living of St. Anthony, 2540 Kenzie Terrace, St. Anthony. No registration required, all are welcome.

Mark your calendar

- **Sept 13:** Sunday School Kickoff
- **Sept 16:** Wednesday Night Kickoff (dinner, education, worship, choir rehearsals)
- **Sept 17:** North St. Paul Fall Round Up Parade
- **Sept 28:** Free produce giveaway
- **Oct 4-10:** Foundation Week
- **Oct 9:** KidsFest, 4-6 pm (N. parking lot)
- **Oct 12:** Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's
- **Oct 25:** Trunk or Treat, 4-6 pm (W. parking lot)

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Worship Service, SC

Monday, September 7 – Office Closed

Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8

5:30 pm Finance Mtg, Zoom

6:00 pm Property Mtg, FS

6:30 pm St. Mark's Strummers, LC

Wednesday, September 9

11:00 am Polar Ridge Service, offsite

Thursday, September 10

8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study, offsite

6:00 pm Intern Committee Mtg, #203

7:00 pm Foundation Exec Mtg, FS

Friday, September 11 – Office Closed

Saturday, September 12 – Office Closed

9:00 am Foundation Workshop, offsite

9:00 am Saturday and Garden Stewards

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am Worship Service, SC

9:30 am Sunday School, SC/205/206

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Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9:30 am