

Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Caregiver Support Group – Sun. Feb. 9 at 10:45am

St. Mark's has a new support group for those caring for others. If you are a caregiver, you are welcome to attend anytime. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10:45am in the Fireside Room.

Refresh, Renew, Remember Retreat – February 15

This retreat is sponsored by the Women's Ministry of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights on Sat. Feb. 15, 8:30am-1:00pm. The cost is \$30 includes breakfast, music, worship, group sessions, lunch and fellowship. Registration information on the women's board in Rees Hall. Deadline is February 11. Plan to carpool from St. Mark's.

Chili Cookoff – Sunday, Feb. 16 after worship

The annual chili cook-off might get spicy with a little friendly competition. Bring in a crock of your best chili on for Sunday, Feb. 16 to compete for bragging rights. We'll serve it in small bowls so everyone gets a chance to taste several kinds and vote on their favorite! Prizes will be given to top 3 vote getters! Note: if you want to offer any toppings, you'll have to provide those yourself. Crock pots need to be dropped off in Rees Hall before worship. Remember, they will only have an hour to heat, so make it is warm before you drop it off. Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Ordination Service for Jeanette Perrault – Sat. Feb. 22 at St. Mark's

All are invited to attend the service of Holy Communion with the Rite of Ordination for Jeanette Perrault on February 22 at 11:00am here at St. Mark's Church. Jeanette will be ordained in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. It's a day to celebrate God's church, the Body of Christ, and the relentless and resilient power of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to attend and wear red, the color of the day. A meal will follow the service.

Wednesday Night Community Meal – 5-6 pm

All are welcomed to the table for this homemade meal offered Wednesdays during the school year. *Freewill offering gladly accepted.* Feb 5: burger bar, Feb 12: Italian dinner, Feb 19: baked potato bar, Feb 26: meatloaf. The complete menu through April may be found at www.stmarks-nsp.org/resources.

Epiphany Sermon Series: Living Our Baptism

This series explores the covenantal commitments we make in the affirmation of baptism:

Jan. 12: Baptism of Our Lord

Jan. 19: To Live Among God's Faithful People

Jan. 26: To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord's Supper

Feb. 2: To Proclaim the Good News of God

Feb. 9: To Serve All People

Feb. 16: To Strive for Justice and Peace

Feb. 23: Affirmation of Baptism

Friday Quilting Sessions

St. Mark's has a very faithful group of quilters who assemble and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and our community. Everyone is invited to help. Plan to attend a quilting session on FRIDAY afternoons - Feb 14 a& 28, and Mar 14 & 28 in Fellowship Hall from 1-5pm. Come for an hour or stay for the entire time. Quilting Coordinators: Shirley Pickett (651-735-0016) and Darlene Dent 651-777-1657.

First Responder snack donations needed

We are in need of the following for the NSP/Maplewood Police/Fire Dept snack area: bottled water/juice, individually wrapped cookies, frozen dinners, beef jerky snacks, yogurt, cheese, etc. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall kitchen or the church office.

East Metro Symphony Orchestra (EMSO) presents Peter and the Wolf – Sun. March 15 at St. Mark's

The concert will begin at 3:00pm with spotlight performances from small ensembles of orchestra members. In the second half, the orchestra will present Sergei Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, the Russian folk tale told through the music with different instruments representing each character in the story. Admission to this concert is free. Donations in support of the orchestra's work in the community are always appreciated. For more information, visit EMSO's website at www.emsorch.org.

Church Potluck – Sun. March 23

The hospitality team is hosting a church-wide potluck after worship on March 23—gather together for good food and good fellowship. Bring your appetite and your favorite dish to share! Last names beginning with A-L: cold dish, M-Z: hot dish.

Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Music & Worship

A very special welcome to Billy Johnson, to worship today. "Billy is a singer/songwriter from Minneapolis. He has 12 albums of original material, and was frontman 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 played, and continues to play, bars, clubs, theaters, backyard hangs, hospital bedsides, breweries, wineries, birthday parties, and everything in between. Billy likes to play."

Billy has been in worship here several times, most recently August 4, 2024 singing You are the Light of the World from Godspell, This Little Light of Mine, and Testify to Love, and November 26, 2023 singing Carry Me On and Hope is on the Horizon. His musicianship and passionate singing are infectious. The Star Tribune calls him, "one of the Twin Cities best feel-good, blue-collar, barroom-rousing tunesmiths." More information at billyboymusic.com.

Upcoming engagements include:

Thurs. Feb. 6 Molly's Bistro, 8516 Kennedy Memorial Drive, St. Bonifacius, MN 55375, 5:30-7:30pm

Fri. Feb. 7 318 Café, 318 Water Street, Excelsior, MN 553312, with (our friend) Zach Spirov and Kate Snyder, 8:00-10:00 pm

Sat. Feb. 8 Chankaska Winery, 1179 E Pearl Street, Kasota, MN 56050, 2:00-5:00 pm.

Upcoming in Worship

Sun. Feb. 9 – Choir of St. Mark's; Jubilee Handbell Choir; Marissa Frye, violin

Sun. Feb. 16 – Worship Band; Tom Michel, soloist

Sun. Feb. 23 – Choir of St. Mark's; Anna Bjorklund, Susie Lenz & Missy Lillie, trio

Youth Summer Camp Opportunity at Camp Wapo— Only 2 weeks left for priority registration!

St. Mark's has partnered with Camp Wapo in Amery, WI to reserve 15 spots for youth currently in grades 4-9 to register for camp! Our week is Aug. 10-15.

These spots are saved from now until Feb. 15 – any unclaimed spots will be opened back up for general registration. The registration fee is \$150, the camp costs \$700/student. Fundraising over the next six months will help make camp affordable for any child who wants to attend. Learn more at: lakewapo.org/programs/wapo-youth-camp/

Registration can be completed at:

lwlbc.com/stmarks-nsp now through Feb. 15.

Please reach out to Deacon Kate in the meantime if you have any questions!

Next Week's Ushering Schedule

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Team 2 Capt: Carl Hurtgen

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 2

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
10:35 am Sunday School, #206/207

Monday, February 3

6:30 pm Monday Bible Study, Zoom

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am Morning Bible Study, LB

Wednesday, February 5

5:00 pm Community Dinner, RH
5:15 pm Handbell Choir, SC
6:00 pm Youth Education Hour, SC
6:00 pm Adult Convo Hour, FS
7:00 pm Worship Service, LC
7:15 pm Choir of St. Mark's, #102

Thursday, February 6

8:30 am Breakfast and Bible Study, offsite
6:30 pm Mental Health Min. Plan. Mtg, FS

Friday, February 7 – Office Closed

Saturday, February 8 – Office Closed

Sunday, February 9

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
10:35 am Sunday School, #206/207
10:45 am Caregiver Support Group, FS

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Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9:30 am

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