

Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

May is Mental Health Month

Mental Health Matters! Everyone is invited to stop by the Mental Health Ministry table in Rees Hall after worship to check out their growing book collection.

Mother-Daughter-Friend Brunch – Sat. May 13

Women of all ages are invited to this annual event at 10:00 am featuring good food, a fun program and wonderful fellowship. Pati Kachel, a well known singer and storyteller, will present *Father Knows Best, But Mom Knows Better*. Please bring a photo of your Mom and Dad, you and your parents, etc. to display. Sign-up on Sundays May 7 in Rees Hall, or contact Virginia Coller at 651-777-0584 or ginnacoller@hotmail.com. Cost is \$12 (\$8 for age 10 and under.) Please sign-up by Wed. May 10.

VBS: Operation Restoration – June 13-15

The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is *Operation Restoration*. Kids are invited to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life. We will have multi-sensory activity centers: art, music, science and nature, service learning, and storytelling! Free of charge! For any questions, or if you'd like to help out in any way please contact Kate at katel@stmarks-nsp.org. All kids Pre-K (potty-trained) through 5th grade are invited! Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/32f9uu45> or use this QR code.



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Wednesday Community Dinner – 5:00-6:00 pm

On (most) Wednesdays during the school year, volunteers prepare a meal for all who come to the table. Suggested freewill offering of \$2 per person (\$10 max per family). May 10: sloppy joes, May 17: last dinner of the season!

East Metro Symphony Orchestra concert at St. Mark's – Sun. May 21 at 3 pm

The East Metro Symphony Orchestra is pleased to present *Tchaikovsky's Fifth* at St. Mark's. Admission is free and donations are always appreciated. For more information, visit EMSO's website at www.emsorch.org.

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 21

9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate the ministries and volunteers at St. Mark's. We are planning an outdoor service at 9:30 am followed by a BBQ picnic, fun, and games. Free popcorn, cotton candy, and giveaways. And a ministry fair to help you discover which opportunities might be right for you! *The party moves indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate.*

Noah's Party – May 21

The family of Noah Linder invites the St. Mark's community to Noah's Party, a celebration of Noah's life. Noah was a confirmed member of St. Mark's and died by suicide last summer at the age of 23. His party will be held at the Nordic Center at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve on Sunday, May 21, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, with a program at 2:00. You can find more information by searching "Noah's Party" on Facebook or using the following link: <https://fb.me/e/Zcppx5im>. Call Steve Linder at (651) 398-9547 or Sarah Linder at (651) 398-9546 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Lawn care volunteers needed

If you are interested in helping out on a grass cutting team to maintain St. Mark's grounds this summer, please contact Doug Ronsberg at ronsbergd@gmail.com or the St. Mark's office at 651-777-7451. We'd like to recruit a group of 5-6 volunteers to share the duties. This does not have to be an every week commitment – we can share, schedule or take turns. Cutting days are flexible. This is a great way to help out at church and enjoy the outdoors.

Part-time Janitor needed

St. Mark's is looking for a part-time janitor to work 10-15 hours per week. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Julie Urban at urbanja@comcast.net or Pastor David at prdavidb@stmarks-nsp.org.

Registration open! MN Twins vs. Baltimore — Sunday, July 9 at 1:10 pm

We provide the bus, so no worries about navigating downtown or parking. Our seats are in right center field under an overhang for shade. Pricing: \$25 (adults) or \$20 (children under 12). The bus leaves St. Mark's at 11:30 am. We will return around 5 pm. **Sign up deadline is June 15.** Contact Alan Wyman at manofwy@gmail.com with questions. *Scan the QR code to register online:*



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Update: Tanzania Mission Trip Opportunity - November 2023

St. Mark's members have the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Tanzania with a group led by Pastor Karsten Nelson of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of St. Paul. The trip is scheduled for November 1-14, 2023. The estimated cost is \$4,500 - \$4,750 per person. **The trip is limited to the first 10 people who apply. Applications are due no later than May 24th when a \$500 deposit is necessary to reserve your spot on the trip.** Pastor Nelson is inviting members of several other churches in St. Paul to join in with their trip. Pastor Nelson is an experienced group leader and traveler to Tanzania. There will be opportunities to be with our companion churches, Kihesa and Mtwivila, as well as experiencing the Day of Grace meetings with Tanzanian pastors, which Tom and Beth Hansen coordinate. The trip will include a two-day safari to Ruaha National Park. At this time, St. Mark's is not planning a separate mission trip by itself in the near future. For more information, please contact Jim Wolf at jimwolf5708@msn.com or by cell 651-274-3261.

Ushering Schedule

Sunday, May 7

Usher Team 1

Capt: Jane Roy

Sunday, May 14

Usher Team 2

Capt: Carl Hurtgen



Showing kindness...

During this month of graduations, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day it would be a kind gesture to honor or remember a special person with a donation to the Foundation. Don't forget our church staff, youth, military friends, and home bound folks as well. Visit the Foundation website at www.stmarksnsfoundation.com to learn more about the mission of the Foundation.

Garden Gift cards

Mother's Day is right around the corner and the Garden Team will be selling gift cards on Sundays until May 28 in Rees Hall! We have \$25 Bachman's cards – good for any products they sell. We also have \$25 Gertens cards that are good for green and growing products. If you need cards at other times, please call Sherry Berry at 651-777-6704 or Wanda Hurtgen at 651-770-1905 and we can make arrangements for you to get the cards. The Garden Team receives 15% of the proceeds to improve and maintain the gardens at St. Mark's. Thank you for your support.

Graduation Memory Books

St. Mark's scrapbookers will again make a personal memory book for the high school graduates. We invite each grad/parent/grandparent to provide \$15 (for basic materials), 10-15 photos (to be inserted in the book), and memories to go with the photos. Contact Karyn at karynmikel@comcast.net or 612-414-2317 to obtain the form. **Pictures and form are due by 4/30.**

Livestream the worship service

If you are unable to attend worship on a Sunday morning, try the livestream at 9:30 am!



1. Go to www.stmarks-nsp.org
2. Click on the picture of the Sanctuary cross with the red livestream logo. This will take you to the "live" section of our YouTube channel.
3. Once the service begins, you'll be able to watch it live.
4. If you get there a little late, you can just rewind and start from the beginning. It will continue to be available at anytime after the service.