

Wanted: volunteers to help on Sunday Mornings

St. Mark's is in need of a group of volunteers to rotate Sundays, helping with opening and closing the church, turning on lights, coffee service, checking for any issues to be passed onto the office. It could also be done as a team. Training is provided! Experience is not needed. This is not every Sunday. We are hoping to get plenty of members signed up to help. We all love our church home. Please consider helping out. Interested? Contact Pastor Mary (651-777-7451 or prmaryf@stmarks-nsp.org) or Julie Urban (urbanja@comcast.net or 651-777-0346).

In sympathy...

- Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Vern Docken**, who died early Thursday morning. We pray for comfort and peace for Vern's family and friends and the assurance of God's presence.
- We recently learned that Sue Emerson's husband **Kent Emerson** passed away on December 14. There will be no service until spring. We pray for peace and comfort for his family and friends.
- Our prayers are with the family and friends of **Rosemarie Mancheski** who passed away December 31. Her obituary will be in the newspaper on Sunday.

May all who mourn the loss of loved ones find comfort in the presence of God and the promise of the resurrection.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation – Sunday, January 30

The meeting will be held after ONE combined worship service at 9:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary and there will also be a Zoom option for those unable to attend in person (more details on how to log on will be coming soon.) Everyone is encouraged to attend—in-person or online. We need a quorum of 100 people to vote on the budget, so it is especially important for members to attend.

Staff Contact Information

Staff members will be working from home as much as possible for the next few weeks. If you need to reach any of the St. Mark's staff, contact information is below:

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Our congregation is part of a much larger church body...

both in the St. Paul area (our Synod) and nationally (the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). St. Mark's encourages you all to connect with the Synod and the ELCA to stay informed about the good work we are a part of beyond our immediate community. You will be surprised and encouraged! Check out the Annual Report of the St. Paul Area Synod (SPAS) at spas-elca.org.



You can also sign up for weekly updates from 🗜 the SPAS about educational, worship and ministry opportunities. Maybe there is something you would like to participate in

beyond our congregation. The weekly newsletter can be found at spas-elca.org/our-synod/news-events/ To subscribe and receive this email in your inbox, click the link in the opening paragraph of that page and select the "General Interest" option.

Don't want to receive giving envelopes in the mail?

If you are giving online and still receiving envelopes, please contact Helene Doran in the church office to let her know if you would like to cancel them. Helene can be reached at helened@stmarks-nsp.org or call 651-777-7451, ext. 238.

Interested in ushering?

If you are interested in ushering, please contact Dan Colberg at drcolberg@comcast.net or call 612-716-5969.

Upcoming Usher Schedules

Sunday, January 9 8:30 am – Usher Team 2 (Capt. Carl Hurtgen)

Sunday, January 16 8:30 am – Usher Team 3 (Capt. Larry Dent)

10:30 am – Usher Team 2 (Capt. Terri Borrowick)

10:30 am – Usher Team 3 (Capt. Bob Engwer)

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 9 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Foundation Meeting 10:30 am Worship Service

All scheduled meetings and Bible studies will need to be done via Zoom through the end of January.

Monday, January 10 6:30 pm Mon. Night Bible Study 6:30 pm SAS meeting

Tuesday, January 11

10:00 am Tues. Bible Study 5:30 pm Finance Meeting 6:00 pm Property Meeting 6:30 pm Executive Team 7:00 pm St. Mark's Foundation Wednesday, January 12 No Wednesday night dinner, youth education or worship

Thursday, January 13 8:30 am Denny's Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Meeting

Friday, Jan. 14

Saturday, Jan. 15

Sunday, January 16 8:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship Service

Coffee this Sunday...

is sponsored by Marsha Hoyer in memory of Ruby Erickson.

If you would like to sponsor Sunday coffee, add your name and message to the sign up sheet on the Rees Hall bulletin board.