

## Outdoor Worship Service this Sunday, August 1

Join us for an **outdoor** parking lot service at 9 am (weather permitting). You may bring lawn chairs or remain in your car and listen to the service over our FM transmitter. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the service into the Sanctuary.

## Helen Berg's Birthday Celebration – August 1

In gratitude for the love and care she has received from her St. Mark's family over the years, the family of Helen Berg invites everyone to enjoy cake and refreshments in Rees Hall following worship on August 1 to celebrate Helen's 90th birthday.

## Welcome! Pastor David and Anna Bjorklund and their children

Pastor David will be starting with us on Monday, August 2, and will be installed on Sunday, August 8. Deacon Krista Lind from the Synod Office will be with us for this service and we will have a brunch reception following the service. Assuming cooperative weather, we will have lots of outdoor activities and games, so bring your children and grandchildren to meet the Bjorklunds.

## A Birthday to Celebrate

On August 6, **Gladys Peterson** will be turning 100! We invite you to send her a card at 8131 4th St. N. Apt. A-224, Oakdale, MN 55128. She would enjoy hearing from her church family as she celebrates this milestone birthday!

## Welcome! Intern Eric Gustafson

Intern Eric Gustafson will be joining our ministry team on August 16. His first Sunday will be August 22, and we will find a way to welcome him and his family as well! As we prepare for Eric's year with us, we are putting together an Internship Committee. This committee will be responsible for making Eric feel welcome, meeting with him on a regular basis to offer support and address concerns, filling out the forms that assess his ministry, and being an encouraging presence for him and his family during the time they are with us.

## Extending St. Mark's Hospitality to NSP Police & Fire Departments

St. Mark's will be opening up once again to offer our space and hospitality to the North St. Paul Police and Fire Departments. We'll provide portable snacks and water to take a break during evening and overnight shifts. **We are asking for donations of individually packaged snacks.** Donations may be dropped off (labeled NSP PD) in the Fellowship Hall kitchen or in the church office. This is just one more way that St. Mark's can partner with the North Saint Paul community.

## FREE Pop-Up Produce Stand – August 23 and September 27



**We had a great turnout for this first giveaway on July 26. There was a good variety of produce items including potatoes, watermelon, cucumbers, tomatoes and sweet corn. There were 32 volunteers and we served 194 people. Thanks to everyone who showed up!** The next date is Monday, August 23. No registration or income requirements—just good food shared with neighbors. Pickup is available from 4-6 pm in the St. Mark's parking lot (on the sanctuary side). A variety of seasonal produce items are available to pick up. Please bring your own bags. Tell your friends and neighbors about this EASY way to get FREE, delicious fresh produce. *Provided in partnership with the North Saint Paul Food Shelf and Second Harvest.*

## Interested in serving on a new Community Outreach Committee?

Community outreach was identified as one of the three initiatives for St. Mark's Lutheran Church and its Stewardship for All Seasons for 2021. More specifically, an effort by volunteer members of the church to go door to door with the dozens of new homes in North St. Paul and share informational materials inviting the new residents to visit our church. The Church Council agreed to form the committee after the school year and it is time to solicit volunteers to serve and develop an outreach plan including a budget. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Mike Ericson who will serve as chair. He can be reached at [maericson@yahoo.com](mailto:maericson@yahoo.com) or call 612-790-5166 (cell) or 651-704-0397 (home/office). Please contact Mike if you have questions and/or want to serve. Thank you for your interest.

## Phased return to in-person worship

- **Sundays August 1 (outdoors), 8, 15, 22, 29, and September 5** we will have **in-person** worship at 9:00 am. Masks encouraged.
- **Sunday, September 12** will be Rally Day and we anticipate a return to a full schedule of worship, education, and fellowship.

## Online worship

Although we are back to worshipping in person, we are also committed to maintaining an online presence for folks who can't make it to the church. Online services will be available by 3:00 pm at [www.stmarks-nsp.org](http://www.stmarks-nsp.org), via Facebook, or simply use the email link sent to you.

## Interested in sponsoring Sunday coffee?

In our ongoing efforts to be good stewards of our resources for ministry here at St. Mark's, we invite you to consider sponsoring coffee on a given Sunday. \$30 will cover the cost of the coffee for our fellowship time for one week. Maybe you'd like to choose a week to sponsor in honor of a significant event in your life or in memory of a special someone. Or maybe you just love coffee and want to share the love! You can send checks to St. Mark's with "coffee sponsor" in the memo line. Sign up in Rees Hall (thru the end of 2021) on Sundays. You may also email [annm@stmarks-nsp.org](mailto:annm@stmarks-nsp.org) with your information.



## School Tools Drive

### Last weekend to donate!!

This year we are partnering with Interfaith Action to help students from families with low-income start school with the essential tools for success. The supplies are distributed through ten different programs in the Greater Saint Paul Area.

**Drop off:** Collection tubs are located in the narthex and Rees Hall—**August 1 is last day to donate!**

### Supplies needed:

Backpacks  
3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper and folders  
Calculators  
Spiral and composition notebooks  
Pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners  
Glue sticks & bottles  
Scissors & rulers  
Facial tissue  
School boxes  
Hand sanitizer  
Reusable masks

**Monetary donations are also welcome.** Checks may be made payable to Interfaith Action with "school tools" in the memo line.

## Wednesday Hymn Time at 7 pm

On Wednesdays this summer, join pianist Trevor Wolter Ternez in person in the church sanctuary as he continues our journey through all the hymns in our hymnal, the Evangelical Lutheran Worship. This will be an ongoing series throughout the summer on the **second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month.

## Interested in ushering?

If you are interested in ushering, please contact Dan Colberg at [drcolberg@comcast.net](mailto:drcolberg@comcast.net) or call 612-716-5969.

## Upcoming Usher Team Schedule

### Aug 1 (outside)

#### Team 4

Bonnie Meyers-Capt.  
Gordy Peterson  
Joe & Diane Danko  
Dave Smith

### Aug 8 - Team 4

Brent Diamond-Capt.  
Paul Koniar  
Craig Sterling