



Saint Mark's
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Weekly Update

June 2, 2022

Greetings Friends!

This Sunday is the Day of Pentecost and it marks the beginning of a new season in the life of the church. The season of Pentecost is the longest season in the liturgical calendar, ranging between 22 and 27 weeks depending on when Easter happens to land on the calendar. During this season we will continue looking at Jesus' life in the Gospel of Luke. I hope you will continue to make worship a priority for your lives, especially during these summer months. Join us each week and learn about Jesus' hopes for your life so you may learn to live abundantly!



We have a great worship service in store for this Sunday as we celebrate Pentecost. My dear friend Zach Spirov will play special music for us. We will celebrate another child of God as they receive the gift of baptism. You will also get to see the beautiful new red banners decorating the sanctuary. I've heard the preaching will be pretty great too. *The color of the day is RED so be sure to wear RED on Sunday!*

I look forward in seeing you on Sunday! Be well, and God bless you!

Pastor David

Free Coffee for St. Mark's Youth Group – June 13 and 27

I'll be posting up at Starbucks on White Bear Ave and County Rd B on June 13th and 27th from 3:30-5:00pm. Any Middle or High Schooler from St. Mark's is invited to stop in at that time and enjoy a free beverage. Well, almost free. It'll cost you a conversation. The conversation could be short or long, serious or casual but that'll be the price of a beverage. My hope is stay connected, and to check in and see how life is going for you. I hope you will join me. Feel free to bring a friend or two. ~Pastor David

Members needed to serve on Call Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for members of the congregation to serve on a Call Committee. This Call Committee will be tasked with identifying candidates for our pastoral staff. We are looking for 8-10 people to serve on this committee. The Church Council would like a Call Committee to be established within the next month and hopes these positions will be filled quickly.

The Call Committee's primary objective will be to identify candidates for the lead pastor position. Our current associate pastor, Pastor David Bjorklund, has indicated he is willing to be considered for the lead pastor role. As internal candidate, Pastor David would initially be the only candidate for consideration.

Should the Call Committee put Pastor David's name forward, there would be special congregational meeting to vote on Pastor David for lead pastor. Should the congregation choose not select Pastor David for the lead pastor role, the committee would then move on to consider other candidates for the position. If the congregation were to choose Pastor David as lead pastor, then the Call Committee would transition to identifying candidates for the associate pastor position.

Our partners at the St. Paul Area Synod have been working with the Council during this time of transition and will continue to offer guidance throughout this process. If you have any questions about this process please contact Council President Mike Ericson at maericson@yahoo.com or (612) 790-5166.

If you would like to serve on the Call Committee please contact one of the members of our Nominating Committee: Dan Colberg, Committee Chair (drcolberg@comcast.net); Mike Ericson; Beth Jensen (elizabethcljensen@hotmail.com), or Mark McKenzie (kiltboarder@gmail.com).

North St. Paul History Cruze Car Show – Friday, June 3, 2022 6 to 10 pm

The first show of 2022! Enjoy the large display of classic cars along 7th Ave. E. in downtown North St. Paul. Enjoy street vendors and live music as you take in all the sights, sounds, and tastes.

Restock the shelves! The NSP Food Shelf has moved to a new location (2266 Second Street North). Volunteers will be accepting non-perishable food donations at the car show. *Look for the two Food Shelf delivery vans parked across the street from the Post Office to drop off your donation.*

Mark your calendars...

Outdoor Worship Services & Picnics – July 10 and August 14

We have dedicated two dates this summer to hold outdoor worship services (followed by church picnics). *(That second date is Intern Pastor Eric's last Sunday at St. Mark's).* Let's hope the weather cooperates. *Watch the Update for more information.*

Mark your calendars...

The Wurst Ride Ever – July 16 at 1:00 pm

While the Gasthaus closed this past December their Biergarten will be open weekends during the summer. That means the Wurst Ride Ever is back...so mark your calendars and tune up those bikes!

Pastor Mona Anderson Obituary

Please see the Star Tribune (online only) tribute to Pastor Mona at <https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000425938/>. There will be a visitation time and memorial service at Lyngblomsten Chapel but note that capacity in the chapel, and especially parking, is *extremely* limited.

Coffee hour in memory of Pastor Mona will be sponsored at St. Mark's on **Sunday, June 12** after the regular 9:30 am Sunday worship service. No formal program, come chat and share your memories! There will also be a card basket to share with her family.

Altar Care Volunteers Needed

We need about 5 volunteers to set up communion before worship and take it down afterwards. You can sign up for a monthly rotation or as a substitute on an as needed basis. Training provided. Contact Barbara McNeely (brmcneely4@comcast.net or 651-777-5711) if you are interested or if you have questions.

Garden helpers needed

The Garden Team needs more people to help with the gardens at St. Mark's. The majority of the work is currently being done by a couple of women in their 70s and one is retiring. It is their prayer that several folks will come forward to help and rebuild the Garden Team. The gardening takes place weekly on **Thursdays at 9:00 am**. We meet on the Rees Hall side and spread out. Depending on the amount of work, we are done in 1-2 hours. We also need help with watering – basically connecting a hose to the sprinkler/soaker hoses placed in the gardens. Contact Sherry Berry at 651-777-6704 or Wanda Hurtgen at 651-770-1905 with questions.

Vacation Bible School – August 9-11 (9 am to 12 pm)

St. Mark's is hosting *River of Life*, ELCA World Hunger's VBS program for pre-K to 5th graders. Together we'll journey down the river to learn about God's gracious gift of water. From the waters of baptism to the waters that sustain farms and gardens, water is life. Kids will learn about the importance of water and have a lot of fun with games, crafts and more! Free of charge. Sign up by Aug. 8 at www.stmarks-nsp.org or scan the QR code here:



VBS Volunteers Needed

VBS is right around the corner and we want to be ready to offer a great experience for the kids ...and we need great volunteers to make it happen! **Youth volunteers**, between 6th and 12th grades, are needed to help run games, assist with crafts and music, and act in skits. **Adult volunteers** are needed to help organize and run the different activities and to shepherd the kids to their rotations. We also need adults to help out with food prep and service. Please sign up to volunteer by using the VBS registration link at www.stmarks-nsp.org or scan the QR code (*shown above.*)

Garden Gift Cards

The Garden Team will be selling gift cards in Rees Hall on Sundays, **through June 5**. Bachman's cards are available in \$10 and \$25 and are good for any items purchased at the store. Gertens cards are available for \$25 and can be used to purchase any green and growing items. The Garden Team earns 15% with funds used for improving and maintaining the church gardens. If you need cards at other times, please call Sherry at 651-777-6704 and we can get them to you. *Thank you for your support!*

Snack donations requested for NSP Police & Fire Departments

St. Mark's continues to provide portable snacks and water for the North St. Paul Police Department when they need to take a break during evening and overnight shifts. They are so appreciative of our hospitality! Currently, our stockpile is getting low. **We are asking for donations of individually packaged snacks and bottles of water.** Donations may be dropped off (labeled NSP PD) in the Fellowship Hall kitchen or in the church office.

Fare for All – June 13 (3:30-5:30 pm) at Redeeming Love Church in Maplewood

Fare For All is a cooperative purchasing program that offers affordable groceries and packages of produce and meat for up to 40% off retail prices. They buy fresh produce and frozen meat in bulk from wholesalers and manufacturers to find the best deals. Pre-assembled "packs" are available for sale from \$10 to \$30. All are welcome to shop! Redeeming Love Church is located at 2425 White Bear Ave N. Upcoming sale dates include: Jun 13, Jul 18, Aug 15, Sept 12, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 5 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. To find out more about the types of packs available, monthly featured packs, and other locations, visit fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org. *Open to everyone...pass it on to someone you know!*

Interested in ushering once a month?

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

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, June 5

9:30 am – Usher Team 3

(10:30 Capt. Bob Engwer)

Sunday, June 12

9:30 am – Usher Team 4

(8:30 Capt. Brent Diamond)



Coffee this Sunday...

is sponsored by Wayne Lehmann, in memory of Doug Ernst and Dennis Anderson.



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If you like to use Instagram, please give us a follow @stmarksnsp. We've been adding more content lately.

Anything you would like to see more of? Contact annm@stmarks-nsp.org.

Next Week's Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, June 6

Psalm 48
Joel 2:18-29
1 Corinthians 2:1-11

Wednesday, June 8

Psalm 48
Numbers 24:1-14
Luke 1:26-38

Friday, June 10

Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:19-26
Ephesians 4:1-6

Tuesday, June 7

Psalm 48
Ezekiel 11:14-25
1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Thursday, June 9

Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:13-18
Ephesians 1:17-19

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 5

9:30 am Worship Service, SC

Monday, June 6

6:30 pm SAS Meeting, FS

Tuesday, June 7

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study, 203/4

Wednesday, June 8

No ministry activities

Thursday, June 9

8:30 am Denny's Breakfast & Bible, offsite

Friday, June 10 – Office Closed

Saturday, June 11 – Office Closed

Sunday, June 12

9:30 am Worship Service, SC