



“Settled” meeting – Sunday, June 26

Thank you to everyone who came to the informational meeting on *Settled* at Woodland Hills Church on May 24. Whether you missed that visit or not, please join us in considering next steps regarding St. Mark's involvement with this group that is working to alleviate homelessness in St. Paul ([settled.org/sacred_settlement/what-are-they/](https://settled.org/sacred-settlement/what-are-they/)). Following worship on Sunday, June 26, we will meet (Fireside Room). Bring your coffee, your questions, and your ideas! ~ *Eric Gustafson, Intern Pastor*

Pop-Up Choir – Sunday, June 26

Join us on Sunday, June 26 in a pop-up choir. We'll meet that morning at 8:45 am in the Choir Room and sing in the service at 9:30. We'll sing something beautiful in its simplicity and therefore no experience is required. People of all ages are welcome and this would be a great family activity.

Free Coffee for St. Mark's Youth Group – June 27 (3:30–5:00 pm)



I'll be posting up at Starbucks on White Bear Ave and County Rd B on June 27 (Monday) from 3:30-5:00 pm. Any Middle-or High-Schooler from St. Mark's is invited to stop in 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'll 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 8-10 members of the congregation to serve on a Call Committee. This committee will be tasked with identifying candidates for our pastoral staff.

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.

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) **no later than Monday, June 20.**

In our prayers...

We pray for peace and comfort for the family and friends of **Phyllis Peasley**, who passed away Monday night. A service at St. Mark's will be scheduled soon.

July Saturday Stewards *cancelled*

Due to the 4th of July holiday weekend, Saturday Stewards has been cancelled for July. See you August 6. If you are looking to help out....the Garden Team could use more hands on Thursday mornings (see next page)!

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.*

Special Congregational Meeting – July 10

Council President Mike Ericson and Pastor David Bjorklund have called a special congregational meeting to be held on July 10, 2022 following morning worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the Mission Investment Fund loan for our parking lot renovation, and to approve expenditures to replace the sanctuary HVAC system. Both of these projects have been reviewed and approved by the Property and Finance Committees, and the Church Council. These will be the only items on the agenda for this special meeting. A quorum of 100 members is required for the meeting. July 10th is also the morning of our outdoor worship service and picnic. We'll have a lively service with communion and two baptisms. Immediately after the service we'll have our brief congregational meeting and afterwards we'll break out the food to feast and have some fun!

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!

The St. Paul Area Synodical Women's Convention – July 16

"Strength and Dignity without Fear" will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2022. The host church is Bethesda Lutheran Church, 2855-47th Street E. Inver Grove Heights, MN. This is a one day convention with registration at 8 am and closing worship at 4 pm. Cost is \$35.00. This annual gathering includes Bible study, learning sessions, luncheon speaker, worship with communion, great food and fellowship with other Christian women. Bishop Patricia Lull will be leading us. We will be collecting new men's, women's and children's socks and underwear for a foster care and a shelter. Please leave your contributions in the Collection Cupboard in Rees Hall.

Sign up and registration forms are on the women's board. Please register by July 1. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please call Virginia Coller at 651-777-0584 with any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

Free! Pop-Up Produce Stand July 25, August 22, September 26

Volunteers needed

On the 4th Monday of the month, a variety of seasonal produce items are available to pick up from 4-6 pm at St. Mark's. 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.* **We need a crew of volunteers to help sort, bag, and distribute the food.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office at 651-777-7451 or email stmarks@stmarks-nsp.org. We'll start compiling a list for July. If you are interested in coordinating the volunteers for the Pop-Up, let us know.

Altar Care: 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: The Garden Team needs help taking care of the many gardens at St. Mark's. We meet **Thursday mornings at 9:00 am** on the Rees Hall side. We work for about two hours. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. If another day and time works better, you would be interested in adopting a garden or two, or perhaps connecting the sprinkler hoses, give Sherry Berry a call. We are flexible and open to other options and really need extra help. Contact Sherry Berry at 651-777-6704 or Wanda Hurtgen at 651-770-1905 with questions.

Snack donations requested for NSP Police & Fire Departments

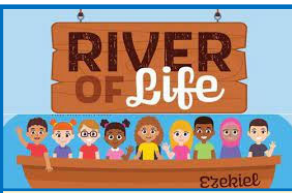
St. Mark's continues to provide portable snacks and water for the North St. Paul Police Department when they need to take a break during evening and overnight shifts. They are so appreciative of our hospitality! Currently, our stockpile is getting low. **We are asking for donations of individually packaged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



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If you like to use Instagram, please give us a follow [@stmarksnsps](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksnsps). We've been adding more content lately.

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



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** (6-12th graders) 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.)

Fun at the Twins Game on June 12



Next Week's Daily Lectionary Readings

Monday, June 20 Psalm 64 Job 18:1-21 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Wednesday, June 22 Psalm 64 Ezekiel 32:1-10 Luke 9:37-43a	Friday, June 24 Psalm 16 2 Kings 1:1-16 Galatians 4:8-20
Tuesday, June 21 Psalm 64 Job 19:1-22 Ephesians 2:11-22	Thursday, June 23 Psalm 16 Leviticus 9:22-10:11 2 Corinthians 13:5-10	

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 19 9:30 am – Usher Team 4 (10:30 Capt. Bonnie Meyers)	Sunday, June 26 9:30 am – Usher Team 1 (8:30 Capt. Jane Roy)
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Around the Neighborhood

North St. Paul Car Show – Fridays, 6 to 10 pm
No car show tomorrow night (Back to the 50s weekend)
 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.

Music at Casey Lake – June 16, 7-8:30 pm
 Listen to *Brio Brass* at Casey Lake Park. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the sounds of a 50 piece brass band.

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 19 9:30 am Worship Service, SC 10:30 am Settled Interest Mtg
Monday, June 20 1:00 pm Phoebe Bible Study, FS 6:30 pm Executive Team Mtg, offsite
Tuesday, June 21 9:00 am Tuesday Bible Study, 203/4 11:00 am Naomi Bible Study, FS 6:30 pm Intern Committee, FS
Wednesday, June 22 No ministry activities
Thursday, June 23 8:30 am Denny's Breakfast & Bible, offsite 6:30 pm Council Meeting, Zoom
Friday, June 24 – Office Closed Saturday, June 25 – Office Closed
Sunday, June 26 9:30 am Worship Service, SC 10:30 am Settled interest meeting, FS