

Special Meeting of the Congregation – Sunday, December 11, after worship

On behalf of the church council and in accordance with the church by-laws, I do hereby call for a special congregational meeting on December 11 for the purpose of review and approval of the revisions to the St. Mark's Constitution which were last reviewed and revised in 2016. Beginning tomorrow, you may download the digital version at www.stmarks-nsp/resources. A limited number of hard copies of the changes will be available at the Welcome Center and in the Church office. ~Mike Ericson, Church Council President

Remember to “Fall Back” – Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6

Progressive Dinner – Sunday, December 11 (Sign up begins this Sunday!)

This year we will return to a more traditional “progressive” format. Appetizers will be served at homes (4 -5:15 pm), then we'll move to St. Mark's Rees Hall for dinner/desserts (5:30 – 6:45 pm), followed by entertainment (7-7:45 pm). **Sign up begins November 6. The cost is \$15/person.** We are looking for volunteers who would like to host the appetizer portion in their home. If interested let Julie (urbanja@comcast.net) or Suzanne (maericson@aol.com) know as soon as possible.

Soup Sunday – November 20

Homemade soup and bread will be served until noon in Rees Hall. Take-out is also available. Freewill offering. All proceeds benefit Thanksgiving meal grocery cards for those in need.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – November 23 at 7 pm

This year, St. Mark's once again gathers on Thanksgiving Eve to celebrate God's goodness, bounty, and mercy. Worship begins on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Bring a pie to share if you wish, and stick around after worship for the social hour (with pie, of course). **No dinner, youth education, or youth choir this night.*

Monday Night Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Monday Night Bible study has gone to Zoom for the winter and we have room for more people to join us. We are currently looking at Paul's letters to the Corinthians. There are about a dozen of us who meet Monday evenings at 6:30. It is a great space to make new friends, learn a little, and engage in discussion that can strengthen our faith. Copies of our study guide can be found at the church office or can be mailed out to you. Contact Eric Gustafson at egustafson002@luthersem.edu if you would like to check in for a week and see if it's a good fit for you! Peace.



Sunday School – Come to play and hear great Bible Stories

Head over to Preschool Sunday School right after Sunday morning worship. Children play and learn together in a comfortable, kid-friendly environment! We're located in the Children's Ministry Office, next to the main office upstairs. See you Sunday!

Mark Your Calendars

Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival – Saturday, November 19

The 2022 Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival will be held Saturday, November 19, beginning at 8 am at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury and also livestreamed on Facebook at @BegaKwaBega. Join past travelers, mission supporters and anyone interested in learning more about our global companionship with the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. Special guests include the Rev. Askali Mgeyekwa and the Rev. Jiskaka Lwila. The festival includes affiliate presentations, a keynote, breakout sessions and closing worship. Learn more and register at www.spas-elca.org/2022-bkb-fall-festival.

Craft Fair to Support Kihesa – December 3

St. Mark's is hosting a craft fair to support our sister congregation, Kihesa Lutheran, in Iringa, Tanzania on Saturday, December 3 from 9 am to 4 pm. Perfect timing for Christmas shopping. You'll find handmade candies, wreaths, jewelry, artwork, ornaments, doll clothes, jams and jellies, blankets, towels, bags, signs, apparel, and more! There are still vendor spots open. Download the form at www.stmarks-nsp.org/resources or pick one up in the church office. Questions? Please contact Sharon Tyman at 763-312-9224 or sabrinasharon@gmail.com.

Usher Schedule

Questions? Please contact Dan Colberg at 612-716-5969.

Sunday, November 6
9:30 am – Usher Team 1
(8:30 Capt. Jane Roy)

Sunday, November 13
9:30 am – Usher Team 2
(8:30 Capt. Carl Hurtgen)



Volunteer Opportunities

Ushers Needed!

We are in need of at least three new ushers. No experience necessary, you only have to usher once a month every other month at 9:30 am. Training will be available and you will be doing a great service for St. Mark's and the congregation. Contact Dan Colberg at 612-716-5969 to find out more or to sign up!

Gift Goes On – Community Christmas Project

Do you knit? Do you have time to share your gift and provide a warm hat or scarf for someone to stay warm this winter? St. Mark's will be collecting hats, scarves, and mittens to be given with Christmas gifts and grocery gift cards to families in our church and community. Please put each individual donation in a zip-lock bag marked with adult/youth and size and place in collection bin outside the church office. Hat, mitten and scarf donations will be collected through December 4. *Adopt-A-Family names will be available by Thanksgiving.* Questions? Contact Liz Elicerio-Nelson: lizelicario@gmail.com or 651-278-9049.

Winter Coat Drive through Nov. 14

St. Mark's is partnering with students and teachers at North High to collect new and gently-used winter coats (also boots, mittens, and other winter gear) for those in need. Look through your closets to see what you can donate or purchase. Racks will be set up in Rees Hall for donations. Distribution to the community will be at St. Mark's on Thursday, November 17 from 2-6 pm.

Wednesday Dinners – 5:00-6:00 pm

What's for supper? On Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm we've got you covered. Volunteers prepare a delicious, homemade meal for all who come to the table. Bring your family. Invite your friends. Let us do the cooking for you! Suggested freewill offering of \$2 per person (\$10 max per family). *If you are interested in helping with cooking, set up, or clean up, please contact Julie at urbanja@comcast.net.*

A new Children's Menu option each week is designed to appeal to our younger diners. This meal option will be served from the little "house" in Rees Hall. Regular Menu (subject to change): Nov 2: pulled pork, Nov 16: chili, Nov 23-no dinner (pie social after Thanksgiving Eve service at 7 pm)



Loving God. Loving Others 2023 Fall Stewardship Appeal

November is traditionally stewardship month at St. Mark's. It's a time to talk about how we share God's blessings with each other and with our larger community.

You will soon be receiving a brochure outlining the initiatives for St. Mark's 2023 appeal and an intent card. Please prayerfully consider how you will respond to this invitation to participate in what God is doing through St. Mark's.

Last week, we heard from **Jennifer Arsenault** during worship. Jennifer is a newer member of St. Mark's and talked about what it means to be good stewards of our unique gifts and blessings. She used the examples of being asked to join the handbell choir and coordinate VBS— it would have been easy to say no. But she has learned that we are always blessed by the relationships we build with God and one another when saying yes. You may be surprised by how much you gain from giving of yourself to your church and community. If you were unable to attend worship last Sunday, you can see Jennifer's talk at www.stmarks-nsp.org.

This coming week, we'll hear from **Tyler Ronsberg** about blessings – how he has shared his blessings *with* the St. Mark's community, and how he has been blessed *by* the St. Mark's community.

Stewardship Sunday is November 20, at which time you are encouraged to return your intent card. We hope you will catch the excitement of our 2023 initiatives and respond with gratitude as you are able. *As always, your gifts to our shared ministry are very much appreciated!*

From the Call Committee...

The Ministry Site Profile was submitted to the synod office and has been approved by Bishop Lull. If you'd like to see the profile, a copy is available in the church office. If you'd like a copy emailed to you, contact bonniemeyers@comcast.net. Please keep St. Mark's and the Call Committee in your prayers during this time of discernment.

Thank you,
Bonnie Meyers on behalf of the Call Committee:
Sherry Berry, Mike Clasen, John Haley, Joanie Henriksen, Meg Hirman, Martha Klopp, Judy Larkins, Myrna Meek, and Candy Petersen

All Saints Day Hymn Fest

On Tuesday evening, over 75 people attended St. Mark's service of readings and music in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away. The contemplative service, where names were read and candles were lit, was healing for all those who have suffered a loss. Special thanks to those who provided such beautiful music for the service.



Trunk or Treat 2022

A good time was had by all last Saturday night at St. Mark's!



In the Community

Serving at North St. Paul Food Shelf

The North St. Paul Food Shelf depends on volunteers to serve its clients. Every weekday the Food Shelf needs two or more volunteers to assist with receiving and shelving food between 10 am-1 pm. **Our last service week of 2022 is Nov. 28-Dec.2.** Please contact Pastor David (prdavidb@stmarks-nsp.org) to sign up. *Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

Fare for All – Nov. 14 (3:30-5:30 pm) at Redeeming Love Church in Maplewood

Just in time for Thanksgiving! 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. All are welcome to shop! Redeeming Love Church is located at 2425 White Bear Ave N. Upcoming sale dates include: Dec 5. To find out more visit fareforall.thefoodgroupmn.org.

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 6

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
10:30 am Sunday School, CE Office

Monday, November 7

6:30 pm Monday Bible Study, FS
6:30 pm SAS meeting, LB
7:00 pm Handbell Choir, SC

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 am Morning Bible Study, #203
5:30 pm Finance Mtg, Zoom
6:30 pm Personnel Mtg, LB
7:00 pm St. Mark's Foundation, 203-4

Wednesday, November 9

10:00 am Polar Ridge Service
5:00 pm Dinner, RH
5:30 pm Joyful Voices, MR
6:00 pm Act(s)2 Youth Education
7:00 pm Sanctuary Service, SC

Thursday, November 10

8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study, Denny's
6:00 pm Call Committee, #203-4/Zoom
7:00 pm Adult Choir, MR

Friday, November 11 – Office Closed

Saturday, November 12 – Office Closed

12:00 am Confirmation Moonlight
Madness, offsite

Sunday, November 13

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
10:30 am Sunday School, CE Office