

God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service – Sunday, September 12

St. Mark's is once again participating in the ELCA Day of Service. God's Work, Our Hands takes place this coming Sunday right after the 9:00 am service. **Workers at Southwood Park will be starting at noon. All others will begin shortly after the worship service.** We will be providing water and snacks for you before you start working or to take with you to your work site. Please wear your yellow GWOH shirts from previous years. If you need a shirt, we have a limited supply available. If you haven't signed up and are now available to help, we can still use you! We're expecting jobs to take a couple of hours so you should be done by noon (or 12:00-2:00 for Southwood.) If you are helping with gardening activities, feel free to bring your own gloves, kneeler pads, tools. All other jobs will have the materials there ready for you. Thank you SO much for participating in this great community outreach project!

Wednesday night Youth Education "Act(s) 2" starts September 15!

Register today!

All youth education (for 3-yr-olds through 12th grade) will be on Wednesday nights as part of our Act(s)2 Ministry, beginning September 15. As we learn in Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, the first Christians would gather together for food, community, learning, and worship. Through those gatherings they learned how to be faithful disciples and how to be the church. On Wednesdays, following dinner, served from 5:00-6:00 pm in Rees Hall, we provide an hour of education for youth of ALL AGES from 6:00 to 7:00 pm—Children's Church School (Pre-K to 6th grade), Confirmation (7th-8th grade) and High School Youth group (9-12th grade). From 7:00 to 7:25 pm we gather together as a large group for Sanctuary, a time for music, Word, and prayer. *Following our current policies, face coverings must be worn except while eating or drinking.*

A registration form is available at www.stmarks-nsp.org/resources or simply scan this QR code. Please download and fill out the form and then email it back to Pastor David at prdavid@stmarks-nsp.org. If you have questions, please contact Pastor David. *Sign up sheets will be available on Wednesday night for those have not yet registered, but would like to!*



Wednesday Night Dinners resume on September 15 in Rees Hall

What's for supper? Well, on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 pm we've got you covered. Volunteers prepare and serve a delicious, homemade meal for all who come to the table. Students will be done in plenty of time to attend Youth Education Act(s)2 Ministry. Suggested freewill offering of \$2 per person (\$10 max per family). *Following our current policies, face coverings must be worn except while eating or drinking.* September 15: Tator Tot Hotdish, September 22: Sloppy Joes, September 29: Lasagna

Fall Worship Schedule: Two Sunday Services resume on Sunday, September 19

You'll have the option to attend at either 8:30 or 10:30 am. Both services will be the same and include Holy Communion, congregational singing, reading & teaching from the Bible, and prayer. We will continue to post one service online each Sunday afternoon.

Adult Forum: LSS Circle of Welcome – Sunday, September 19 between services

As you probably know, our nation is in the process of making room for refugees from Afghanistan. How do you feel about that? Are you ready to welcome them with open arms, or do you have some reservations? However you feel, we invite you to join us for a meeting with Cate Duin from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) on Sunday, September 19 at 9:30 am (between services, Rees Hall classrooms 202-203) about LSS's Circle of Welcome program which helps place refugee families into American communities. St. Mark's has a history of welcoming and assisting refugees. It is time to consider it again!

Choir of St. Mark's Resumes September 15

The adult choir will begin meeting again and have its first rehearsal this Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 PM. Singers should pick up a music folder in the Music Room and then meet in the Chapel for rehearsal where we will be able to spread out. We are in the process of acquiring masks better suited for singing. Everyone is welcome, regardless of previous experience or ability to read music.

Music Crash Course – Sept. 19 or Oct. 3

If you're interested in joining the vocal or handbell choirs but are hesitant because you don't think you know enough about music, come to a music crash course. We'll cover the basic terminology and principles of music that will make you feel like a professional in just one short session. Two identical sessions are being offered between worship services, starting at about 9:35 am on Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 in the Music Room.

Joyful Voices Youth Choir – October 6

Choir rehearsal for youth in grades 2-12 will begin October 6 at 5:30 PM. All youth are welcomed and no experience is necessary. Come and have fun with your friends!

Women's Fall Luncheon: "Together Again" – September 25 at 11:00 am

"Together Again" is a Fall event for all women of the church. We have missed being together, sharing stories, talking, and laughing. We invite you to get reacquainted at a women's luncheon on Saturday, September 25 at 11:00 am in Rees Hall. We will play a game and have a safe lunch with wrapped sandwiches, etc. There is no charge for this event. Actually - we will pay you to come! We will also reveal our Prayer Sisters that we have had for 2 years. Sign up on the Women's Board in Rees Hall or by calling Virginia Coller at 651-777-0584 or email ginnacoller@hotmail.com. Please reserve your spot by September 20 so we will have plenty of food! All women are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!

Garden Gift Cards

As the days get cooler and fall is on the way, a reminder that the Garden Team has Bachman's and Gerten's gift cards for your planting purchases. Fall is an excellent time to plant perennials, trees and shrubs. Plus, you may find reduced prices on what you are looking for. To purchase the cards, please contact Sherry at 651-777-6704 or Wanda at 651-770-1905. Thank you for supporting the Garden Team.

In Sympathy

- We extend our love and prayers to our organist and choir director, Trevor Wolter Ternez, on the death of his husband **Fabian Nunez**, who died unexpectedly last Thursday. A memorial service will be held for Fabian at St. Mark's on Sunday, September 12, at 3:00 pm. We hold Fabian's friends and family in our hearts during this difficult time.
- Prayers are offered for the friends and family of **Gladys Kleppe**, who died peacefully on Monday, September 6. A funeral service for Gladys will be held at St. Mark's on Friday, September 10, at 6:00.
- A memorial service for **Maggie Vick** will be held at St. Mark's on Saturday, September 11 at 1:00 pm. Maggie passed away on December 7, 2020.
- A memorial service for **Ginger Jensen** will be held at St. Mark's on Friday, September 17, at 11:00. Ginger died in April 2021.

May God comfort all who mourn with the promise of the resurrection.

From the St. Mark's Restoration Team

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is advising masks be worn in large indoor gatherings. **This guidance applies even to those who are fully vaccinated.** St. Mark's is once again requiring that masks be worn during worship services and receptions (masks may be removed for eating and drinking).

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, via Facebook, or simply use the email link sent to you.



Coffee this Sunday...

is sponsored by Pat Kuhlman, who is so glad to be back in church!

Interested in sponsoring Sunday coffee?

We invite you to consider sponsoring coffee on a given Sunday. A gift of \$30 will cover the cost of the coffee for our fellowship time for one week. Send checks to St. Mark's with "coffee sponsor" in the memo line. Sign up in Rees Hall (thru the end of 2021). You may also email annm@stmarks-nsp.org with your information.

Significant Dates in September

Sunday, September 12 – 9:00 Service

Rally Sunday and God's Work our Hands service day
Sign up at www.stmarks-nsp.org.


Wednesday, September 15 – Wednesday programming begins – supper, education, and adult choir.

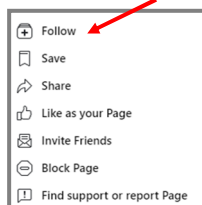
Sunday, September 19 – Return to two Sunday worship services, 8:30 and 10:30. Special programming opportunities between services.

Thursday, September 23 – North St. Paul Fall Round-Up Parade. Walk with church friends for a fun way to participate in our community.


Monday, September 27 – Last Free Produce Giveaway from 4-6 pm in the St. Mark's parking lot.

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Interested in ushering?

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

Upcoming Usher Team Schedule

Sept. 12 – Team 5

Dan Colberg-Capt
John Haley
Terry Kapaun
Dave Smith

September 19

8:30 – Usher Team 3
(Capt. Larry Dent)
10:30 – Usher Team 3
(Capt. Bob Engwer)

August FINANCIALS		
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$371,648	\$372,402
Expense	\$311,521	\$384,490
Net difference	\$60,127	(\$12,087)
<i>Thank you for supporting St. Mark's Ministry!</i>		