

Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

MARCH 22, 2026

Pizza, Pi(e) and Puzzles – Rescheduled for TODAY after worship

This event was originally scheduled for last Sunday, but ...weather. So we'll be in Rees Hall TODAY after worship instead! Fun for the whole family. Try sitting at a table with someone that is less familiar you—you just might have something in common!

Blessing the Quilts

St. Mark's Quilters gathered in January, February and March to assemble, tie and sew more than 80 quilts for needy folks near and far. Many will be sent overseas by Lutheran World Relief. Quilts are also used within our community by Head Start, Hope for the Brave, a Hospice Program and the North St. Paul Police. One thing that all the quilts have in common is that they are a gift of hope made with love by caring hands. St. Mark's is blessed to have a dedicated group of quilters that give of themselves to help others. Quilts are Tied in Peace, Sent in Hope and Wrapped in Love. Please contact Shirley Pickett at 735-0016 or Darlene Dent.777-1657 with questions. Thank You Quilters for making a difference in people's lives.

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast – March 29

All are invited to head to Rees Hall after worship next Sunday for a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage. This is a big fundraising opportunity for our youth. This year's proceeds collected will benefit camp scholarships as well as funds for the 2027 Youth Gathering!

Red Cross Blood Drive – Mon. March 30, 1-7pm Christ Lutheran Church (NSP)

Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter NorthStPaulChurchesMN to schedule an appointment. Christ Lutheran is located at 2475 E 17th Ave, North St. Paul.

Mark your calendars!

Watch for more details about these events in your weekly announcements and eNews:

- **Mar. 22: Pizza "Pi" and Puzzles** after worship
- **Mar. 29: Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**
- **Apr. 19: Church-wide Potluck** after worship

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. Mark's

Palm Sunday (March 29) – 9:30 am

Service followed by pancake breakfast youth fundraiser afterwards in Rees Hall
Choir of St. Mark's and Jubilee Handbell Choir

Maundy Thursday: Living Last Supper

(April 2) – 7:00pm

During this recreation of DaVinci's *Last Supper* we will witness the events of that fateful night and learn the fate of those called to be Apostles. (Sanctuary)

Good Friday: Tenebrae Service

(April 3) – 7:00pm

This powerful service of light and shadows retells the Passion of Jesus. (Lundquist Chapel)
Choir of St. Mark's; Corinna Peterson, clarinet; Betty Wolf, cello

Easter Sunday (April 5)

6:37am Sunrise Service

Begins outside at the Columbarium and ends in the Sanctuary

9:00 & 10:30am Easter Sanctuary Services
Choir of St. Mark's; Jubilee Handbell Choir; East Metro Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet

Sign up for Holy Week & Easter Worship Assistant opportunities at the Welcome Center.

Easter decorating request forms

If you would like to contribute to the decorating fund for Easter, please complete the form in your bulletin and submit it with your donation by **Sun. March 29.**

Wednesday Community Dinners – 5-6pm

All are welcomed to the table for this homemade meal offered Wednesdays during the school year. Freewill offering gladly accepted. Mar 25: Swedish meatballs, Apr 1: (*Holy Week*) no dinner, education or worship, Apr 8: sloppy joes, Apr 15: baked potato bar

Next Week's Ushering Schedule

March 29 Team 5, Capt. Mike Clasen

Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Music & Worship

March is Women's History Month, honoring the contributions, achievements, and culture of women in arts, science, politics, and beyond. As we worship, we'll incorporate readings from women theologians, poets, leaders, and composers to help us all more deeply understand their contributions, much as we did in February, Black History Month.

Roberta Rowland-Raybold, who wrote our postlude, was an insurance agent who simultaneously served as a director of music for Lutheran, Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. I like her music because she never directly quotes the hymn directly, but rather uses its tunes, rhythms and harmonies to create something new.

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979) is renowned for her ability to seamlessly weave lush harmonic landscapes, captivating melodies, and evocative melodies. She offers a unique blend of artistic sophistication and universal appeal, and O Love (That Will Not Let Me Go) is a perfect example.

Meta Herrick Carlson is a Twin Cities based Lutheran pastor and poet. Her work is rooted in a love for meaningful ritual, accessible language, healthy communities, and the gospel. Meta is the author of five books that proclaim God's delight for our ordinary lives.

Thank you to our worship assistants:

Ministry Assistant: Mike Ericson

Usher Team 4: Bonnie Meyers, Joe & Diane Danko, Matthias Engh

Greeters: Suzanne Ericson, Sherry Berry

Communion: Jim Allen, Mike Ericson

Altar Care: Marsha Hoyer, Barbara McNeely

Multimedia: Gary Martin, Josh Hirman

Palm Sunday Path, Informational Meeting – Today after worship in the Sanctuary

Congregations across Minnesota and the country are invited to participate in The Palm Sunday Path, in a nationwide event on Sunday, March 29. **Pastor David will be holding an informational session TODAY following worship in the sanctuary.** A description of the Palm Sunday event is below as well as a link for more info and registration. "*Christians stand for loving our neighbors. We stand for healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger. We stand for telling the truth and honoring the dignity and worth of every child of God.*"

<https://www.palmsunday2026.com>

VBS Registration is now open!

Vacation Bible School will be July 7, 8, 9. All children ages 4 and up are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School from 9am-12 noon where we will be exploring the theme Saints and Holy Helpers. Our sessions will be filled with a variety of activities that dive into our theme, including storytelling, games, crafts, and snacks! There is no charge for VBS. Kids in grade 6 and above are welcome to register to be youth helpers! Please use the QR code to sign up.



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News from the Foundation

As we experience the 40 days of Lent, one meaningful way to share love during Lent is through the generous grants provided by St. Mark's Foundation. These grants support individuals and organizations in need, reflecting the Foundation's commitment to making a positive impact in our community. By offering financial assistance, St. Mark's Foundation helps spread compassion and hope, embodying the spirit of giving that defines this season. Grant request guidelines and the submission process is available on the Foundation website at: www.stmarksnspfoundation.com

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 22

9:30 am Worship Service, SC
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Pizza Pi(e) and Puzzles, RH

Monday, March 23

10:30 am Caring Ministries Mtg, FS
1:00 pm Women's Board Mtg, FS
6:30 pm Monday Bible Study, offsite
7:00 pm Marksmen, LC

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 am Morning Bible Study, FS
6:30 pm Girl Scout Leader Mtg, #203
6:30 pm St. Mark's Strummers, SC

Wednesday, March 25

5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner, RH

5:15 pm Jubilee Handbell Choir, SC

6:15 pm Lenten Service, SC

6:15 pm Faith Formation

7:15 pm Choir of St. Mark's, SC

Thursday, March 26

8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study, offsite

6:30 pm Anne Bible Study, FS

Friday, March 27 – Office Closed

1:00 pm Quilting, FH

Saturday, March 28 – Office Closed

9:00 am Saturday Stewards

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

9:30 am Worship Service, SC

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Pancake Breakfast, RH

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Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9:30 am

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