

# Upcoming Events @ St. Mark's

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

## **New Member Class – Nov. 20**

### **New Member Sunday – Nov. 24**

St. Mark's will be welcoming new members during morning worship on Sunday, Nov. 24. Those interested in joining are invited to attend a new member class on Wed. Nov. 20 at 6pm in the Library. To become a member or learn more about St. Mark's please contact Pastor David at [prdavidb@stmarks-nsp.org](mailto:prdavidb@stmarks-nsp.org) or call 651-777-7451.

## **Soup Sunday – November 24**

Join us for delicious homemade soup and bread after Sunday worship. Free will offering. Proceeds go toward grocery gift cards for those in need. Take out also available.

## **Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social –**

### **Wed. Nov. 27 at 6:30 pm**

All are invited to gather at St. Mark's on Thanksgiving Eve to celebrate God's goodness, bounty, and mercy. Bring a pie to share if you wish, and stick around after worship for the social hour.  
*\*No dinner, education, or choir rehearsal this night.*

## **Partnering with North High to Provide Thanksgiving Turkeys**

Once again, we are partnering with North High to provide turkeys for families in need. Looking for 40 turkeys to include in Thanksgiving baskets. If you could donate turkeys 10-12 lbs, please contact Julie at [urbanja@comcast.net](mailto:urbanja@comcast.net) or sign up at the Welcome Center. Turkeys need to be at church by Sunday, Nov. 24. *Check your grocery stores for sale prices!*

## **Wednesday Community Meals**

Join us for a homemade meal on Wednesday nights from 5-6pm during the school year. All are welcome. Meals are always free, although donations are gladly accepted. Nov 20: sub sandwiches, Nov 27: *no meal (Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social)*

## **2024 Global Mission Craft Fair – Sat. Dec.7**

Join us from 9am to 3pm for this fun day of shopping and supporting local crafters and our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. Wide variety of items. 10% of all profits are donated to our sister congregations in Tanzania.

## **Annual Progressive Dinner – Sun. December 8**

Join us for this annual social event. Appetizers at 4pm at host homes, dinner at 5:15pm at church, followed by 6:30pm dessert. Bend in the River Band is providing the entertainment. Cost is \$20/person. You may also sign up to be a appetizer host! Sign up at the Welcome Center or online using the QR code:



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## **EMSO Holiday Concert at St. Mark's**

### **Sun. Dec. 8, 2024, 2pm**

East Metro Symphony Orchestra is presenting a new holiday concert featuring music that embraces the spirit of the season including a popular sing-a-long. Admission to this concert is free. Donations are always appreciated.

## **Sing the marvelous music of Christmas!**

### **Join the Choir of St. Mark's for the Season**

Come to rehearsals 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18, 7:15-8:30 pm, then sing for Christmas Festival Sunday (Dec. 15), Sun. Dec. 22, and Christmas Eve (Dec. 24, 10:00 pm). You'll be glad you did!

## **Women's Advent Brunch – Sat. Dec. 14, 10:00am**

All women are invited to a morning of delicious food, a musical program with a sing-a-long and a message about the Advent/Christmas season. The program is presented by Rick and Sue Cunningham who are back by popular demand. Sign-up on Sun. Dec. 1 & 8 in Rees Hall. Cost is \$15.00. Call Virginia Collier for more information or to sign-up-651-777-0584. A freewill offering will be collected for the North St. Paul Food Shelf.

## **Cutting Fleece Blankets – November 22, 10am**

We are making blankets that are given at baptism as a sign of love and support from the congregation. All are welcomed to help cut the fleece or learn how to make the blankets. We are meeting again on Friday, Nov. 22 from 10:00 am to noon in Fellowship Hall. The youth will tie and bless them later. Bring a sharp scissor and ruler or if you have a rotary cutter, cutting mat and ruler. Contact: Wanda Hurtgen (651-399-2696)

**Next Week's Ushering Schedule**

**Sunday, Nov. 24 – Team 4: Capt: Bonnie Meyers**

## Music Notes

Tom Paulson, Director of Worship & Music

"Nothing in nature lives for itself. The rivers do not drink their own water; the trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is. Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you." (Pope Francis?)

I came across this quote on Facebook 3 years ago or so, and was so taken by it I set it to music in one morning. After doing a little more research, I began to realize that these words didn't really originate with Pope Francis, but are more credibly Hindi. Since Francis often uses them in his speeches and sermons, he is sometimes given credit for them. That is one of the problems with social media. Nevertheless, these words strike me as true.

And they are good words to ponder as we consider our Stewardship theme, A Place at the Table. Who is invited to Christ's table? Who should be excluded? Who has been excluded and so needs special attention? What is our role in making this world a better place, a Beautiful City? Perhaps our faith calls us to *Build a Longer Table*, *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*, and hear their stories.

## Upcoming worship music

**Nov. 24:** Intent/Soup/New Member Sunday

Choir of St. Mark's; Betty Wolf, cello

**Wed. Nov. 27, 6:30pm:**

Thanksgiving Eve Service, Choir of St. Mark's

**The church office is closed on  
Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving.**

## Garden Team Gift Card sales

St. Mark's Garden Team sells Bachman's and Gerten's gift cards. Bachman's cards can be used for anything they sell. Gerten's cards can be used for green and growing including wreaths, garlands, and trees. The sale dates are Nov. 17, & 24 and Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22. The proceeds are used to maintain and purchase items for the gardens. If you need cards at other times, please call Sherry at 651-777-6704 and we can arrange a time to get them to you.

## Gift Goes On – Holiday Sponsorship

This year St. Mark's will partner with Head Start, located in our own building, to provide gifts and food gift cards for children and families in need this holiday season. A "Giving Tree" with ornaments, each having the name of one individual and gift ideas will be located in Rees Hall beginning Nov. 24. You may also purchase grocery gift cards in the amount of \$20 (include the receipt with each card to confirm their value for the recipient.) *Detailed instructions to come.*

## Job Search for a Facilities Coordinator

St. Mark's is currently searching for a Facilities Coordinator to provide for the care of the physical property of St. Mark's buildings and grounds. This includes: maintaining building systems and equipment, including the boiler; ordering supplies; maintaining grounds; overseeing cleaning; providing administrative oversight of property needs; and room setups/takedowns for events. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact Pastor David at [prdavidb@stmarks-nsp.org](mailto:prdavidb@stmarks-nsp.org) or call the office at 651-777-7451, ext 222.

### Calendar

#### Sunday, November 17

9:30 am Worship Service, SC  
10:35 am Sunday School, RH#206

#### Monday, November 18

1:00 pm Phoebe Bible Study, FS  
6:30 pm Monday Bible Study, Zoom

#### Tuesday, November 19

9:00 am Morning Bible Study, FS  
10:00 am Naomi Bible Study, FS  
6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg, FS

#### Wednesday, November 20

5:00 pm Community Meal, RH  
5:45 pm Jubilee Handbell Choir, SC  
6:00 pm Education Hour  
6:00 pm New Member Class, LB  
7:00 pm Chapel Worship  
7:15 pm Choir of St. Mark's, RH#102

#### Thursday, November 21

8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study, Perkins  
1:00 pm Elizabeth Bible Study, FS  
6:30 pm Church Council Mtg, #203/Zoom

#### Friday, November 22 – Office Closed

7:30 pm Century College Band Concert, SC

#### Saturday, November 23 – Office Closed

#### Sunday, November 24 –

**Stewardship Intent Sunday, SC**  
**New Member Sunday, SC**  
**Soup Sunday, RH**  
9:30 am Worship Service, SC  
10:35 am Sunday School, RH#206



### Ministry Staff

Rev. David Bjorklund, *Lead Pastor*  
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### Office Hours

Mon–Thurs: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Ph: 651-777-7451

### Weekly Worship

Sundays: 9:30 am

### Guest WiFi

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