

# LEAVE YOUR MARK



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ST. MARK'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

ELCA



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YOUR  
MARK

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**

To grow in faith, love and peace? To spread the word to the next generation of Christ's disciples? To become part of a community committed to mission work, close to home and around the world?

However you seek to leave your mark, you'll find opportunities to learn, grow and give of your time and talents at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Join our dynamic, loving church family and discover all the ways you can make a difference here — in your own life and in the lives of others.

## OUR VISION

To be a dynamic and loving church growing in faith and discipleship.

## OUR MISSION

We proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, with the help of God, through a loving and caring ministry to each other, our communities and the world. Offering the full ministry of Word and Sacrament, we welcome all to strive with us to live daily as disciples of Jesus Christ, to experience the Love and Peace of God and to care for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all people.

## OUR MINISTRIES

The St. Mark's family strives to fulfill our mission by committing our time, talents and financial resources to the fulfillment of six primary ministries. These ministries embody the mission, vision and values of St. Mark's.

### Worship

Plan, prepare and conduct regular and special worship services, including the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion

### Outreach

Extend our generous support to local, regional and global benevolences

### Discipleship

Deliver Christian education to our congregation, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study, Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Confirmation

### Fellowship

Plan, organize and conduct events and activities for our church family, bringing us together for support and encouragement

### Evangelism

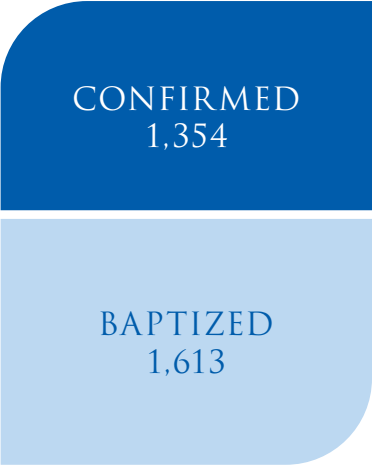
Publicly express our Christian faith and values by maintaining a visible presence in our community and region through effective marketing about our church, mission and ministries

### Pastoral Care

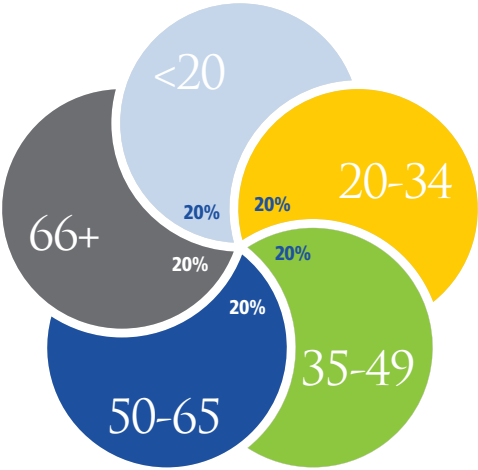
Provide services including visits to homebound and hospitalized members, premarital and Christian counseling, and health ministries



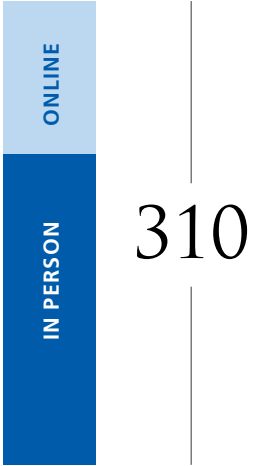
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MEMBERSHIP



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AVERAGE WEEKLY  
ATTENDANCE







Are you ready to grow in  
your foundation of faith?

Worship

## WE OPEN HEARTS THROUGH **WORSHIP**

Worship stands at the center of our life of faith as Lutherans. It unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue with one another and helps us grow as individuals. Worship not only grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, but it also shows us how to make our faith relevant in a modern and changing world.

At St. Mark's, we gather to proclaim God's word and share the sacraments through both traditional and contemporary worship services — finding a spiritual connection in ourselves and with one another.

"St. Mark's leaves a mark on me by preparing me for the world and daily decision making. I know I always have God with me and my church family to support me."

— MARGARET SWANSON



**Rev. Scott Bacon**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Dick Hanson**  
Visitation Pastor

**Diana Lindahl**  
Worship Chair

### **WORSHIP**

Every Sunday  
Blended Traditional & Contemporary  
9:30-10:30am

### **ONLINE WORSHIP**

Live on Sundays through our YouTube Channel  
[St Mark's Lutheran Church Washington IL](#)  
You can watch any recorded service anytime.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Every Sunday  
Age 3 to adult study  
10:45–11:45am

### **CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES**

Year Round  
Bible Study groups meet various times  
of the week during the day or evening.

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Every Sunday in the Family Life Center  
Doughnuts, coffee and fellowship  
10:30–11:30am

### **GILBERT MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

In 1964, the library was created by Marion Gilbert and Washington librarian Mildred Moyer. They cataloged and indexed all the donated books. Today, a large collection of Christian books, videos, audio books and music is available to check out.

Worship





Worship





Do you want to make a difference  
that will last for generations?

Outreach



## WE CHANGE LIVES THROUGH **OUTREACH**

Outreach means doing God's work in the world — whether that's restoring hope, pursuing justice, promoting healing or seeking peace. We believe God is active and present in all aspects of life and that He calls on us to participate in His work.

At St. Mark's, our commitment to mission work is one of our greatest strengths. Our congregation is generous in its gifts of time, talent and resources, and we're committed to continually expanding our outreach efforts.

"St. Mark's leaves a mark on the world by creating disciples in the church and sending them out to serve the community to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

— GREG & KAREN KREMER



**Cindy Shuckford**  
Mission Coordinator Chair

**Lori Reed**  
MEF President

**Linda Wetzel**  
WELCA President

### **DREAM CENTER PEORIA**

<https://www.dreamcenterpeoria.org>

714 Hamilton Boulevard  
Peoria, IL 61603  
309.676.3000

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER PEORIA AREA**

<https://habitatpeoria.org>

931 N Douglas | Peoria, IL 61606  
309.676.6729

### **BENEVOLENCE**

#### **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA)**

We financially support the global missions of the ELCA, including Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND (MEF)**

Our endowment fund provides grants of more than \$21,000 to Christian-affiliated organizations that demonstrate a need for financial support.

### **NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Another Child, Compassion International, Marion Medical Missions Water Wells, Operation Christmas Child and SMLC Childcare

### **LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Camp Big Sky, Friendship House, Heller Center, Jobs Partner Re-Entry, Moms That Care, Neighborhood House, Southside Christian Academy, Threads Hope Love, Washington Bridge Education Foundation, Washington Weekend Snackpac, Woodford County Heartline & Heart House, Young Lives & Young Life and Youth for Christ

### **ELCA INITIATIVES**

CSIS Madagascar, Global Mission and Good Gifts

### **ST. MARK'S INITIATIVES**

Burton House Remodel Project, Childcare Fire Door Project, Deacon Tuition Support, Stewardship for All Seasons Program, WELCA Peace & Comfort Quilting and Video Equipment for Worship/Sanctuary

## LARGE APPEAL PARTNERSHIPS

### DREAM CENTER PEORIA (DCP)

DCP is a faith-based not-for-profit organization focused on helping families and people living in poverty in the Peoria area. St. Mark's raised more than \$100,000 over two years for projects that supported DCP missions, including a food truck, commercial kitchen, school bus, building roof repairs, hygiene kits and COVID relief funds. Volunteers worked in the DCP Hope store to sort and organize donated clothing and household items. DCP hosted a congregational event — "Rethink Poverty" — that encouraged participants to understand what it might be like to live in a low-income environment.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. St. Mark's raised more than \$150,000 for three house builds in the Washington community. Our members helped build the homes from start to finish — construction, painting, roofing, siding and more — while supporting the families aligned with the homes.

## LOCAL OUTREACH

### WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)

WELCA is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA. We mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ through meal ministries, blood drives, monthly food collections and Change for Charity projects.

### WASHINGTON HELPS ITS PEOPLE (WHIP)

WELCA sponsors monthly donations of food and volunteers stock shelves at our local food pantry.

### WASHINGTON WEEKEND SNACKPAC

Large groups of members along with community volunteers fill backpacks with food for kids in need in the Washington area.

### FOOD PANTRY GARDEN

Members harvest, weed and plant a community garden that provides produce to local food pantries like WHIP and South Side Mission.

### WASHINGTON CITY CLEAN UP

St. Mark's youth and members help clean, pick up litter and make improvements in the community.

### CHURCH MOUSE THRIFT STORE

Volunteers help sort and organize donated items. Proceeds from the store go to help Lutheran Social Services and Lutheran Hillside Village.

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

### MIDWEST FOOD BANK

Volunteers help package food for distribution to help fight hunger worldwide.

### GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

St. Mark's raised money to help with installations of safe, fuel-efficient stoves for impoverished rural communities.

### YOUNG LIVES

This Christian outreach program offers mentoring and bible study to Peoria-area teens. St. Mark's provides Young Lives a safe environment to meet and learn about Jesus.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. Mark's fills more than 500 shoe boxes with gifts and toiletries for children overseas. The church is the local distribution collection center for 11,000+ boxes in the Peoria-area.

### CHANGE FOR CHARITY

WELCA sponsors a monthly collection for organizations in need locally or globally by having children pass around collection containers during the worship service.





Outreach





Will you take the next step in the  
lifelong journey to become like Christ?

Discipleship

## WE LEARN THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is the lifelong journey of living and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple means following His teachings, taking those teachings to heart and sharing those teachings with others.

At St. Mark's, Christian education is an essential component of our ministry — not just for our youngest members but also for our youth and adult congregants — as we engage in the never-ending process of working to become more like Christ in all we do.

"St. Mark's leaves a mark on youth by showing us how to help out in our community and to be kind to others even if they aren't to you. You don't know why they are struggling so always show kindness."

— BETHANY MARSHALL



**Jeremy Lafary**  
Young & Adult  
Ministries Director

**Shannon Boynton**  
Director of Children  
& Family Ministries

Discipleship Chair

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, September – May  
Age 3 to adult study  
10:45–11:45am

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

1-2 weeks each summer  
Age 3 through middle school

### SMALL-GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

Long-term or Sunday morning short-term bible study groups. Connect faith with everyday life, strengthen bonds with members and increase your bible knowledge.

### CONFIRMATION

Wednesday evenings at the church  
September – May, 7th & 8th grade  
7-8pm

### CROSS TRAINERS

Wednesday evenings at the church  
5th & 6th grade  
7-8pm

### SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Sundays, September – May  
High School  
10:45–11:45am

### YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

1-2 weeks each summer  
Camps perform mission work for Christian organizations reaching impoverished people and areas. Trips are funded by the church and fundraising opportunities.

Discipleship

## CHILDCARE & PRESCHOOL

### OUR MISSION

To provide a child-centered childcare and preschool that combines a caring Christian atmosphere with a strong developmental program. To encourage growth and development of the whole child: physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual. This will be accomplished through structured learning activities and supervised play consistent with each child's unique needs.

### LOVE AND CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

The Childcare & Preschool mission has been an important part of the church's outreach to both our congregation and community for more than 30 years. Children who participate in St. Mark's childcare or early learning programs find a safe, loving environment to grow and play. Members appreciate their children feeling welcomed in the childcare programs as well as on Sundays. To learn more, go to [stmarkswashington.org](http://stmarkswashington.org).

#### CHILDCARE FULL & PART TIME

##### DISCOVERERS

Ages 2-3

##### EXPLORERS

Age 3

##### INVESTIGATORS

Age 4

#### PRESCHOOL HALF DAY

##### EXPLORERS

Age 3

##### INVESTIGATORS

Age 4



"St. Mark's leaves a mark on kids by teaching them they are loved, to know Jesus, and to have faith as a foundation as they go forward in their life."

— NICOLE & BROOKE SWENSON

### A TYPICAL DAY

#### PRESCHOOL

The program prepares children for kindergarten in a loving, safe environment.

- Center time and small group instruction
- Gross motor skill development
- Circle time
- Bible verses or songs
- Snack
- Free play

#### CHILDCARE

- Meals: breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack
- Center time and small group discussion
- Circle time
- Art
- Music and movement
- Free play
- Gross motor skills development
- Nap
- Bible verses or songs
- Story time

**Amanda Stuart**  
Childcare & Preschool Director

**Ellie Gramm**  
Childcare & Preschool Director





Discipleship





Can you imagine hundreds of people happy to see you every week?

Fellowship

## WE COME TOGETHER AS ONE THROUGH **FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship is being part of a group — loving and accepting others, and being loved and accepted by all. It's about sharing common interests, beliefs and goals and remaining open to different perspectives and ideas. Ultimately, fellowship is what leads us to spread God's word and do His work in the world.

At St. Mark's, our church family comes together in fellowship in both good times and in challenging ones. We celebrate, support and simply spend time in one another's company.

"St. Mark's leaves a mark on us by connecting us with our church family. We stay in touch and realize that we are not just one, but part of a larger family."

— KIM, JOEY, AMELIA & JACK METZLOFF



**Linda Wetzle**  
WELCA President

**Abby Swanson**  
Fellowship Chair

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

Every Sunday in the Family Life Center (FLC)  
Doughnuts, coffee and fellowship  
10:30–11:30am

### **HOMEBOUND CONNECTIONS**

Care baskets, letters and support

### **WOMEN OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (WELCA)**

A women's group of all ages that supports one another and raises funds for local and global ministries

### **FALL FESTIVAL**

Trunk or Treat event held each October in the parking lot of St. Mark's for children and families of the community

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Opportunities to gather in faith while having fun are planned throughout the year. Watch for these fellowship events in *The Marksman*, *Buzz*, *The Link* and Facebook posts.

Fellowship





Fellowship





What will you do to share  
your faith with others?

Evangelism



## WE INFORM AND INVITE OTHERS THROUGH **EVANGELISM**

Evangelism is the simple act of sharing the good news of God's love. As evangelists, we inform and invite others to trust in this love and join in God's work, so that the Holy Spirit can bring the gift of faith to each person's life.

At St. Mark's, we create and seek opportunities to share the word throughout our congregation and across our wider community.

"St. Mark's leaves a mark on our congregation by showing us how to be disciples of Christ and how to lead by example in sharing our faith every day." — CAROL REST



**Robin Hahn**  
Evangelism Chair

**Perry Denker**  
Executive Director of Operations

### **VOLUNTEER IN SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

St. Mark's is a congregation that loves to serve our community. We rise to the challenge to help others through community events like blood drives, Habitat for Humanity home builds and hosting the Operation Christmas Child regional drop off each November.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

We are always putting on events for families, friends and the community, including Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Historical Christmas Tours and Young Life. We're visible both in how we represent ourselves in the community and through the good deeds we perform for others.

### **SHOWING OUR PRIDE**

Wearing our brand in public is a fun way to spread our message. Items to purchase include t-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers, mugs, bumper stickers and more. You can contact the office to learn more about showing your pride.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Stay current on events through our digital and traditional communication platforms:

- Website: [stmarkswashington.org](http://stmarkswashington.org)
- YouTube Channel (online worship services)
- Facebook
- *The Buzz* weekly email update
- *The Marksman* monthly newsletter
- *The Link* monthly family newsletter
- Bulletin, weekly worship service

Evangelism



Evangelism



"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. — MARTIN LUTHER, 1546



How can we bring a ministry of caring to those most in need of our support?

## Pastoral Care



## WE BRING HELP AND HOPE THROUGH **PASTORAL CARE**

Pastoral care is reaching into everyday situations and settings to extend the love of Jesus Christ to individuals when they need it most. That may be when they're experiencing illness or trouble, grieving a loss or working through a conflict.

At St. Mark's, pastoral care takes many forms — spiritual, emotional and social support. We use our special skills to touch lives and bring hope to those who need us.

"I love what I do. It's not work. It brings me joy to leave my mark on the congregation by helping those in need."

— PASTOR HANSON



**Mary Hills, LPN**  
Parish Nurse

**Rev. Dick Hanson**  
Visitation Pastor

**Dr. Brad Stoecker**  
Health Ministry Chair

### **PARISH NURSE**

Our parish nurse is a registered nurse who facilitates the holistic health of our congregation by focusing on the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our members. Our parish nurse acts as liaison and facilitator among church, community and hospital, working with our pastors to meet the needs of St. Mark's members of all ages.

### **VISITATION PASTOR**

Our ordained visitation pastor provides care, support and the Holy Sacrament to congregants who are homebound, hospitalized, grieving or celebrating milestones in their lives. Pastor Hanson is the warm hug, the calming voice on the phone and the spiritual compass for members in times of need.

### **NURSERY DURING CHURCH**

We provide a safe, clean, loving place for young children during worship so parents can enjoy time to focus on the service.

### **NURSING NOOK**

We have a quiet, comfortable room off the sanctuary for parents and baby.

### **FUNERAL SUPPORT TEAM**

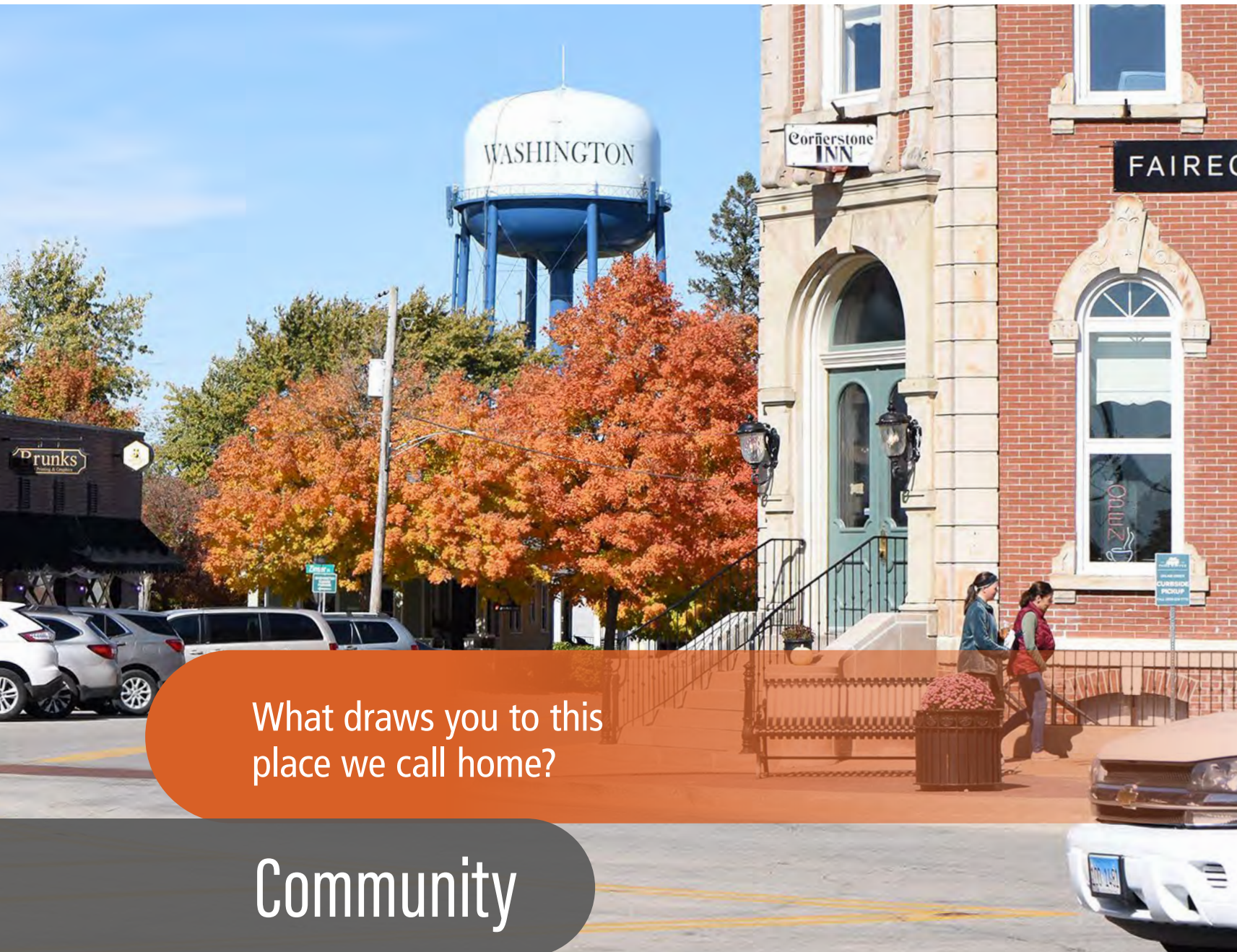
Church members provide a comforting meal, care and support, and warm hugs to grieving family and friends following funeral services at St. Mark's.





Pastoral  
Care





What draws you to this  
place we call home?

Community



## WE FIND A HOME THROUGH **COMMUNITY**

Community is at the heart of our congregation — and our congregation is at the heart of the local community. Founded in 1825, Washington, Illinois, is a charming, growing city named in honor of our nation's first president.

At St. Mark's, we're blessed to make our church home in Washington's historic town square and to serve a region offering so many employment, education, arts and recreation opportunities. It's a wonderful place to live, work, worship and raise a family in faith.

"Washington is a place we can all leave our mark — it's a wonderful place to live, and St. Mark's is the heart of our community. Our church is an awesome place to grow your faith with family and friends." — GARY UFTRING



### **WASHINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

<https://washingtonilcoc.com>

105 S. Spruce St.

Washington, IL 61571

309.444.9921

[info@washingtoncoc.com](mailto:info@washingtoncoc.com)

### **THE PEORIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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403 NE Jefferson Ave

Peoria, IL 61603

309.495.5900

[editor@peoriachamber.org](mailto:editor@peoriachamber.org)

### **WASHINGTON ADVANTAGES**

- Top-rated schools
- Historical landmarks & history
- Charming square with unique stores
- Convenient shopping
- Vibrant arts community
- Large park district
- Community festivals
- Community center with fitness center, Olympic pool, theater, library, senior center & event center

### **METRO AREA ADVANTAGES**

- Multiple universities
- Award-winning medical facilities
- International airport
- Beautiful parks & riverfront
- Zoo, botanical gardens & museums
- Arts & historical districts
- Fabulous restaurants

### **TRAVEL TO NEARBY CITIES**

- Champaign/Urbana, IL **1.5 hours**  
University of Illinois
- Chicago, IL **2.5 hours**
- St. Louis, MO **2.5 hours**
- Indianapolis, IN **3.5 hours**
- Quad Cities, IA **2 hours**

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, 1911

"I believe the time has come for our church to erect a new building, not only large enough for our present needs but with a view toward the future." — HENRY DENHART, 1910



Will you help us write the next chapter in our long, proud story?

History



## WE FIND INSPIRATION THROUGH **HISTORY**

History grounds us, reminding us of the strong foundation on which our church is built. In 1875, Pastor Simeon W. Harkey delivered the first sermon at St. Mark's to a congregation of 19 in a rented building. That year, construction began on a new church at the corner of Walnut and Elm. But soon, growth demanded that we expand again.

In 1910, local banker Henry Denhart made a proposal: a donation of land and \$20,000, provided the congregation could raise an additional \$10,000. He also offered to match each dollar raised with a two-dollar donation. The challenge was successful. Ground was broken in April 1911 on our current building, where we've been proud to serve Washington and the surrounding communities for more than a century.

"St. Mark's leaves a mark on our community by being part of its original history — Washington and our church go hand in hand together with its past, present and future." — CINDY & GLEN CALVERT

**Memoriald Chair**  
Cindy Calvert

**Perry Denker**  
Executive Director of Operations



### 1875 CHARTER MEMBERS

Rev. Simeon Harkey	Mary Heiple
Josiah Snyder [E]	Eli Heiple* [T]
Louisa Harkey	Amanda Mahle
Sarah Snyder	Henry Mahle [D]
T.L. Benford [D]	Sabylla Mahle
Mary C. Benford	Frank Snyder
Elias Benford [T]	Martha M. Miles
Lavina Benford	Mary M. Burton
Minnier Benford	Isadore Burton
Sophia Benford	Anna Burton
Clara Denhart	John Bradle
Henry Denhart* [T]	Mary Bradle
Emma Jones	

\*JOINED SHORTLY AFTER FOUNDING

CHURCH LEADERS

[E] ELDER [D] DEACON [T] TRUSTEE



### HENRY & CLARA DENHART

Charter members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Henry and Clara Denhart were actively involved in the church in leadership positions. They generously donated money and the land where the St. Mark's church building stands. They also donated their personal home for a parsonage.

History

## DEDICATION OF OUR **LEADERS**

### SENIOR PASTORS 1875–PRESENT

Rev Simon W. Harkey, 1875–1880  
 Rev J.M. Cromer, 1880–1883  
 Rev G.W. Halderman, 1883–1887  
 Rev William M. Smith, 1887–1902  
 Rev D.F. Thomas, 1902–1908  
 Rev Paul B. Holtgrove, 1908–1919  
 Rev L.J. Powell, 1919–1940  
 Rev Carl D. Kammeyer, 1940–1964  
 Rev Glen Gilbert, 1964–1969  
 Rev Francis W. Johnson, 1969–1985  
 Rev Dean H. Beckwith, 1985–1997  
 Rev John N. Bates, 1998–2020  
 Rev Lanny Westphal, 2020–2022 Interim  
 Rev Kendra Nolde, 2022–Present Interim

### COUNCIL PRESIDENTS Before 1984, Senior Pastors were the Council Leaders

2022–Present Roger French  
 2022 Derek Schryer [ SIX MONTHS ]  
 ● 2019–2021 Case Pudik  
 ● 2015–2018 Dean Hefta  
 2014 Daniel Hodgen  
 2012–2013 Kirk Hines  
 2011 Rich Benson  
 ● 2009–2010 Cindy Calvert  
 2008 Brad Essig  
 2007 Barb Brown  
 2006 Dale Claus  
 2005 Linda Anglin  
 ● 2004 Cindy Calvert

### ASSOCIATE PASTORS 1857–PRESENT

Rev Eric Weber, 1957–1960  
 Rev Carl C. Ecklof, 1960–1964  
 Rev John D. Meyer, 1966–1971  
 Rev Arnold C. Olson, 1972–1980  
 Rev Walter Kukkonen, 1981–1985  
 Rev Stephany Sanborn, 1987–1988  
 Rev James A Bump, 1989–1991  
 Rev Dani Jo Ninke-Greaver, 1992–1996  
 Rev Alice J. Gwin, 1997–2008  
 Rev Youngshim Mason, 2012–2018  
 Rev Steve Pichaske, 2020–2021

2002–2003 Mike Griffith  
 2001 Gina Welch  
 1999–2000 Dean Weichman  
 1998 Pat Wagner  
 1997 Linda Anglin  
 1995–1996 Max Tessier  
 ● 1994 Cindy Calvert  
 1993 Diana Lindahl  
 1992 Larry Sprinkle  
 1991 Kaywin Burroughs  
 ● 1988–1990 Brad Essig  
 1986–1987 Mary Jane Muller  
 1984–1985 Frank Calvert

● SERVED 3+ YEARS

### INTERESTING FACTS

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church formed  
 and first Sunday Service: April 18, 1875

### BUILDING OUR CURRENT CHURCH

Groundbreaking: April 8, 1911  
 Cornerstone Laid: June 4, 1911  
 Dedication: September 15, 1912

### UNIQUE BUILDING FEATURES

- Exterior stone is white Indiana limestone
- Stained glass windows have more than 13,000 pieces
- Wood altar was carved by Aloysius Lange and imported from Germany
- Bennett organ has more than 1,200 pipes
- Bell tower rises to 75 feet tall

### CONTENTS OF CORNERSTONE

1. Lutheran publications
2. Sunday bulletin
3. List of current members
4. List of church officers
5. Picture of Henry & Clara Denhart
6. Bible
7. Pen Henry Denhart used to sign building contract

### FIRSTS AT ST. MARK'S

Vacation Bible School, 1943  
 Youth Director, 1949  
 Associate Pastor, 1957  
 Children's Sermon, 1972  
 Day Care & Preschool, 1991  
 Contemporary Service, 1996  
 Parish Nurse, 1997



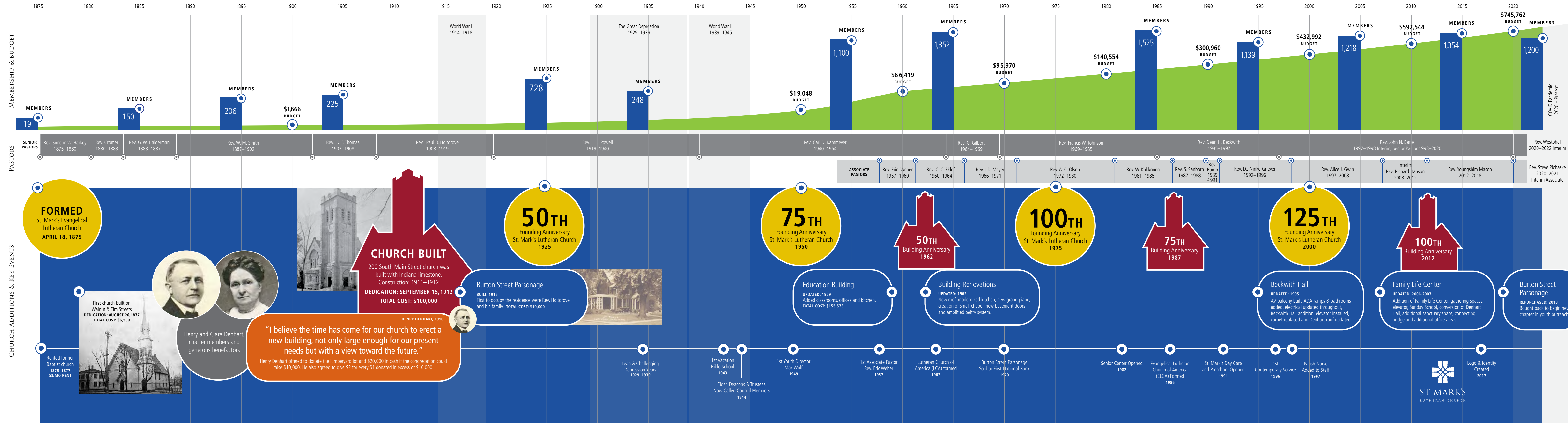


REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE & OFFERING	
ATTENDANCE TO-DAY	120
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	182
ATTENDANCE A YEAR AGO TO-DAY	83
OFFERING TO-DAY	370
OFFERING A YEAR AGO TO-DAY	140





ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH TIMELINE





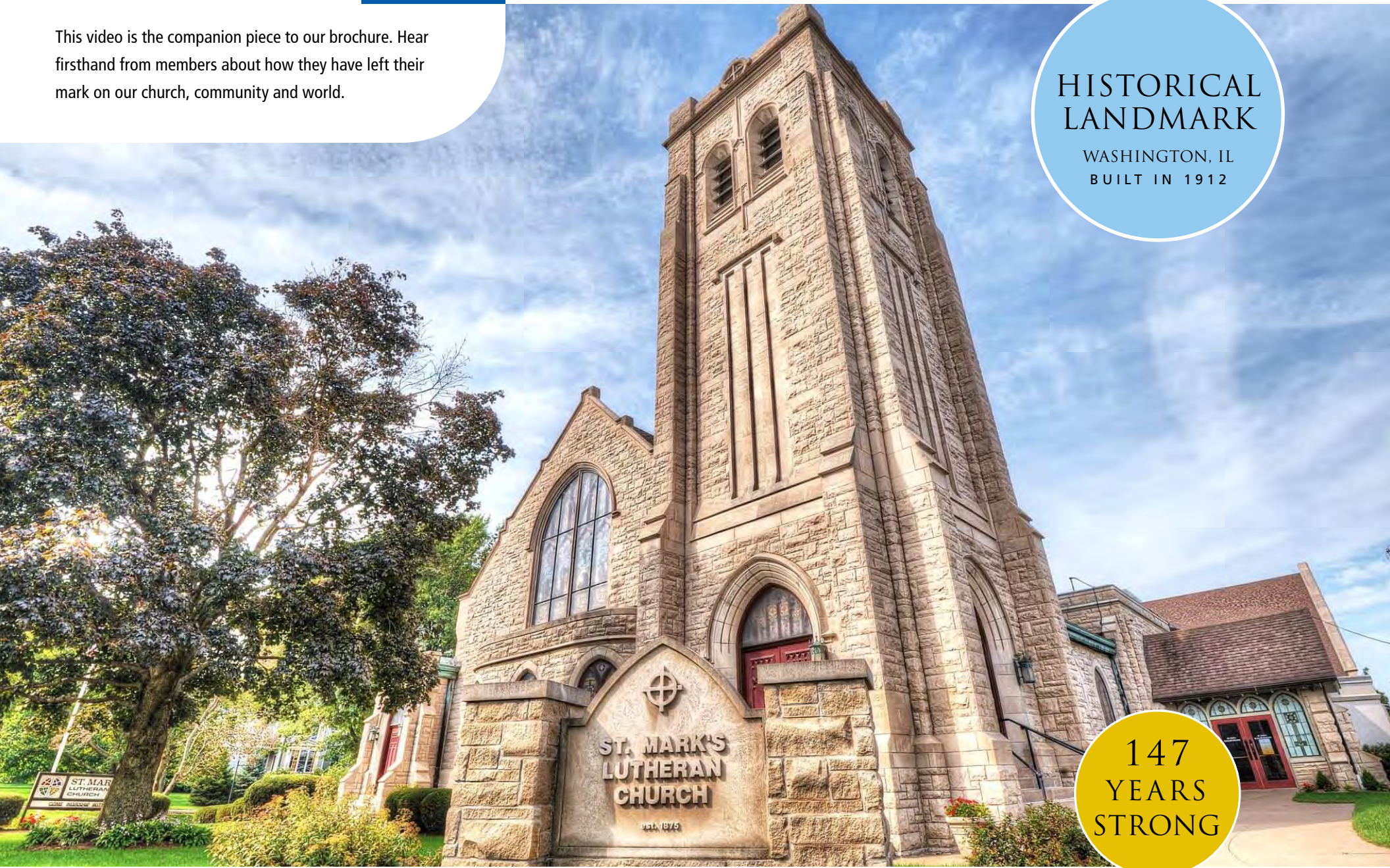
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This video is the companion piece to our brochure. Hear firsthand from members about how they have left their mark on our church, community and world.

## HISTORICAL LANDMARK

WASHINGTON, IL  
BUILT IN 1912

147  
YEARS  
STRONG





**STAFF**

**Senior Pastor** Scott Bacon  
**Visitation Pastor** Dick Hanson  
**Executive Director of Operations** Perry Denker  
**Parish Nurse** Mary Hills, LPN

**Young & Adult Ministries Director** Jeremy Lafary  
**Director of Children & Family Ministries** Shannon Boynton  
**Administrative Assistant** Cindy Marshall  
**Bookkeeper** Yvonne Shields

**2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Senior Pastor** Scott Bacon [E]  
**Visitation Pastor** Dick Hanson  
**President** Roger French [E]  
**Vice President** SueAnn Billimack [E]  
**Finance Chair** Dale Claus [E]  
**Discipleship Chair**

**Evangelism Chair** Robin Hahn [E]  
**Fellowship Chair** Abby Swanson  
**Health Ministry Chair** Dr. Brad Stoecker  
**Memorials Chair** Cindy Calvert  
**Mission Coordinator Chair** Cindy Shuckford  
**Property Chair** Tom Rigg

**Stewardship Chair** Dave Rest  
**Worship Chair** Diana Lindahl  
**Recorder** Sandy Larson [NV]  
**Executive Director of Operations** Perry Denker [NV] [E]  
**Financial Secretary** Karen Kremer [NC]  
**Treasurer** Steve Grimes [NC]

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