

ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 16
September 17, 2023
Worship Service 9:30 am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Scott Bacon

Visitation Pastor

Rev. Dick Hanson

16th Sunday of Pentecost

9:30 am

September 17, 2023

The time of gathering music provides us with an opportunity to visit with God. Please take these moments to prepare your heart for worship. Thank you for joining us for worship today,

***Welcome Pads** – are located at the end of pew, please sign and pass to your neighbor.*

***Nursery Available** and is located adjacent to the Gathering Space. **Nursing Nook** – A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator. **Activity Worship Bags** – There are books, puzzles, lacing, etc. and for use during the service for children. Re-useable items are returned to the ark at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Adapted from Psalm 90 and Colossians 3*)

Favor us this day with your holy presence, Lord God. Favor us, too, with the holy calling of working in the world, laboring not as those without purpose, but with determined vision. May all the work we do be for your glory. And may we at the end of our work on earth find our heavenly rest in you. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shannon Boynton

Director of Children and Family Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Margaret Swanson

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG:

"10,000 Reasons!"

Praise Band

FIRST READING: Hebrews 13:1-2, 15-16, 20-21

The New Testament book of Hebrews is not an epistle – it is more of a sermon. It was possibly written by Barnabas: an early missionary companion of Paul. Regardless, Hebrews charge those who are faithful to live by their faith at all places and at all times.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ²⁰Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 22-25

The book of James, much like Hebrews, is concerned about the lack of perseverance in the early Christians. It condemns those who simply heard the Gospel, but haven't done any of the work of the Gospel. Seeing or hearing isn't enough because faith comes by doing.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

The Word of the Lord. **Praise be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Dirty Christians”

Pastor Scott Bacon
Senior Pastor

SONG OF THE DAY:

“I Speak Jesus”

Praise Band

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *“For the Beauty of the Earth”* verse 2 #879

Please stand as you are able.

COFESSION OF FORGIVENESS/APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in Your Mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord, be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION IN THE PEW & AT THE ALTAR

If you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you.

*St. Mark’s welcomes all baptized persons to the Lord’s Table who believe our Lord is truly present in the sacrament. **Children** who have not been confirmed or received instruction in Holy*

*Communion are invited forward for a blessing. **Adults** who are not baptized and others who choose not to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. **Please indicate that you desire a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.** The ushers will direct you from your row toward the aisle. Come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will give you a wafer. Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor where you will be offered a tray with wine (dark colored) or grape juice (light colored) in disposable cups which can be thrown away in receptacles.*

COMMUNION MUSIC: *“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”*

Hymn #484

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *“We Will Not Be Shaken”*

Praise Band

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRY SURVEY

To help plan for health ministry in our faith community, your assistance in filling out the survey is important. There is no need to sign your name unless you would like to be contacted. All information is confidential and will be used for planning programs in our congregation. If you prefer to fill out the survey online please scan the QR Code. Thank you.



PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests are left on the prayer list for three weeks. To add or remove names, please call the office 309-444-4618 or send an email to office@stmarkswashington.org

PRAY FOR	REQUESTED BY	PRAYER/PRAISE
Beth Bradley	Pastor Hanson	Healing
Philip Franklin	Perry Denker	Health
Randy Pruitt	Cindy & Bethany Marshall	Health
John Moehling	Pastor Scott	Health
Carolynn Chamberlain	Laurie Mathes	Health
Nate Castleman	Pastor Scott	Health
Kirsten Tharp	Elaine Lucas	Health
Reed Fry	Joe & Carol Madden	Health
Bob Page	Laurie Mathes	Health
Joanne Hofford	Donald Hofford	Health

Happening Today:

FAREWELL LYN!

Our valued accompanist and praise band member, Lyn Sly, will be leaving us to serve as a caregiver for an ill family member. Please wish her well and keep her in your prayers during this difficult time. We will have cake today in the FLC after worship service to bid her farewell.



YOUTH GAME NIGHT

Sunday, September 24, 2023

5:30 to 7:30 pm

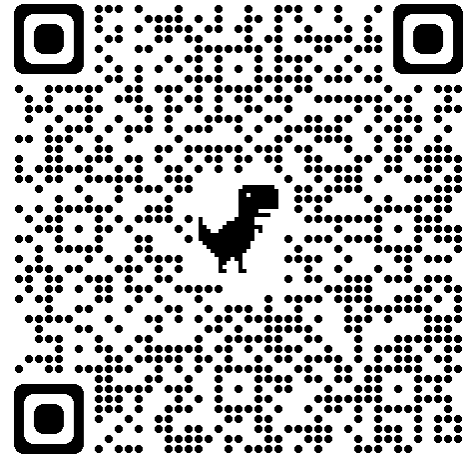
Youth (7-12 Grade) are invited to join us for a game night at St. Marks! We will be playing board games, video games, and card games! We'll also have dinner and a devotion! **Invite your friends!!**

Have a game you'd like to share or teach others to play? Bring it with you!

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be hosting the Washington Community Blood Drive at Five Points on Monday, September 18th, 2023, from 11 am to 5 pm. For an appointment, you may call 1-800-RED CROSS or scan the QR Code to the right.



To volunteer to bring cookies, help at the check-in desk, serve in the canteen or to escort the donors please scan the QR code below.



**American
Red Cross**

CHANGE FOR CHARITY IS NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Next week's Change for Charity will go to Lutheran World Relief Quilts. Money collected helps St. Mark's quilting group, Peace and Comfort Quilters, buy supplies and pay to ship the quilts worldwide.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

6:30 – 8:00 pm



Confirmation

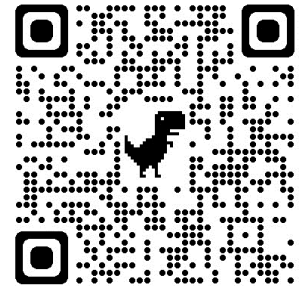
Confirmation classes begin this Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Confirmation is open for all 7th and 8th graders. We will have pizza this Wednesday. If you have a student not signed

up for confirmation yet, please contact Jeremy Lafary as 309-444-4618 or jlafary@stmarkswashington.org

CROSS TRAINERS

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Cross Trainers kick off for the 2023-2024 season this Wednesday, September 20th! We will have pizza and refreshments. Cross Trainers is for 5th and 6th graders. We will meet in the gathering space at 6:30 p.m. and parents/guardians can pick their children up at the Burton street entrance at 8:00 p.m. Friends are welcome!



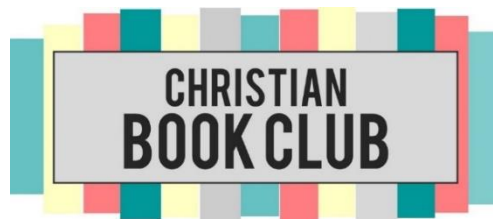
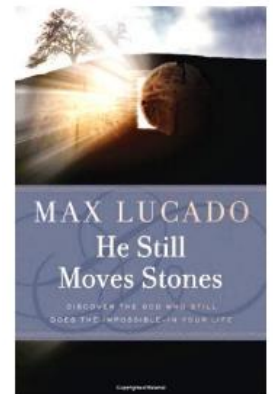
Scan the QR Code to sign-up for Cross Trainers

CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

He Still Moves Stones

Please join us on *Tuesdays at 10:00 am* (refreshments will be provided) in the Conference Room or on *Saturdays at 8:30 am* at a restaurant for breakfast (not provided). Please join us as we discover how Jesus continues to work in our lives. Together we will read *He Still Moves Stones* and then answer the questions in the back of the book; books will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office 309-444-4618 or office@stmarkswashington.org

Christian Book Club is open to men and women of all ages!



24/7 CLUB

Men's prayer breakfast starts Saturday, September 23, 2023, at 8:30 am. We will meet on the **second and fourth Saturday** of every month. We will do seven service projects a year; hence the name "**24/7 Club**". Contact pastor Scott for more information.

All men welcome.



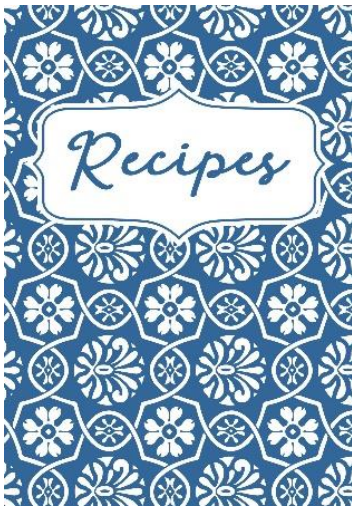
JOB OPENINGS AT ST. MARK'S

St. Mark's Lutheran Church has an opening for a part-time position as Worship Service Organist/Accompanist. We are also seeking volunteer Praise Band Musicians to augment our team. If you are interested - please follow the links to the job listings on Indeed or contact St. Mark's directly at 309-444-4618.

- [Worship Service Accompanist](#)

St. Mark's Child Care has openings for the following positions: Child Care Teacher, Substitute Teacher, & Daycare Cook. If you are interested - please follow the links to the job listings on Indeed or contact St. Mark's Childcare directly at 309-444-4686.

- [Child Care Teacher](#)
- [Substitute Teacher](#)
- [Substitute Daycare Cook](#)



150 YEAR CELEBRATION COOKBOOK

As a part of St. Mark's upcoming 150-year anniversary celebration (in 2025), we are excited to be creating a commemorative cookbook titled *St. Mark's Lutheran Church Recipes and Reminiscences*.

This cookbook will be exclusive to St. Mark's by featuring recipes from past members, current recipes from our congregation, and written reminiscences from members on food and fellowship past and present.

The Cookbook Team is reaching out to all members for recipes and written remembrances. The remembrances should be no longer than 50 words and can include anything regarding food ministry and food fellowship both in and outside of the church. One individual can submit many recipes.

Please submit your contributions no later than December of this year. There are three ways to submit your contributions:

1. Email to recipes@stmarkswashington.org
2. Hard copies can be placed in the boxes labeled "Recipes and Reminiscences" located in the Gathering Space and Beckwith Hall.
3. The church office will take your submissions.

Please include your name and a phone number so you can be reached if there are questions regarding your submittal.

THANK YOU!

Does it seem like we're always *thanking* the property team? Wow - what a really neat problem to have!

This time, we want to thank Nick Ripley and Tom Rigg for the landscape clean up and seeding the west (former weed bed) with grass at our western Burton Street parking lot.

What an improvement, and the neighbors have thanked us! Thank you!



(Pictured is Nick Ripley)

TODAY'S SERVANTS AT ST. MARK'S

USHERS Joey Metzloff, Beth Funcannon, Bruce Mathes, Cindy Calvert

DEACONS Cindy Calvert, Debra Morse, Case Pudik

READER Cindy Calvert

AUDIO/VISUAL Noel Bacon, Pam Marcoline-Griffith, Colin Earle

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Margaret, Loren and Abby Swanson

NURSERY Cindy and Bethany Marshall

ALTAR GUILD Carol Rest



The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Jim and Janet Mooney in honor of our 39th anniversary and thanks to God.

Happy Anniversary!

Serving next Sunday, September 17, 2023

Ushers Dee Mertens, Dave Rest, Cathy Leach, Mike & Sandy Larson

Deacons Tina Schierer, Pam Marcoline-Griffith, Mike Griffith, Margaret Swanson

Reader Jill Hill

Audio/Visual Barry Moore, Noel Bacon, Bethany Marshall

Fellowship Doug and Cindy Marshall

Nursery Karen Kremer and Karli Roedell

Altar Guild Carol Rest

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

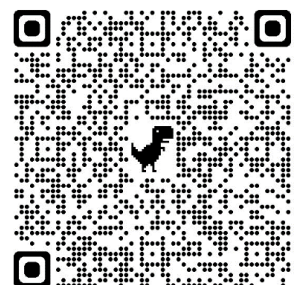
Sunday, September 17	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
	10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour & Lyn Sly's Farewell
	10:45 a.m. First Day of Sunday School
Monday, September 18	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tuesday, September 19	10:00 a.m. Christian Book Club
Wednesday, September 20	6:30 p.m. Confirmation
	6:30 p.m. First Night of Cross Trainers
Thursday, September 21	1:30 a.m. Powell/Hanna Circle Meet
	4:00 p.m. Worship Service Planning
Saturday, September 23	8:30 a.m. 24/7 Men's Club
	8:30 a.m. Christian Book Club
Sunday, September 24	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
<i>Change for Charity</i>	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
	5:30 p.m. High School Youth Game Night



ST. MARK'S
MISSION
ENDOWMENT
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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The St. Mark's Mission Endowment Fund will be receiving applications for grants through November 1, 2023. Please scan the QR Code to complete the application form.



The Fund supports mission work within St. Mark's, our community and national/international efforts.