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St. Mark's Lutheran

ASHEVILLE, NC

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April 2026

Meet Pastor Tim Canniff-Kuhn

our interim during Pastor Matt's sabbatical



I grew up in Wisconsin, graduated from the UW-Milwaukee with a degree in Social Work, met my wife, Mary, at a church camp in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, after which we both attended Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. After serving a congregation in Florida together, we were called as Co-Program Directors of Lutheridge Camp where we served for 25 years, fulfilling a passion for Outdoor Ministry and seeing God in Creation and Community.

After leaving Lutheridge, Mary and I served a 2-year interim at Friendship Lutheran Church in Taylorsville, NC, during which time I received training for intentional interim ministry. Upon completion of our service at Friendship, we returned to our house at Lutheridge. While enjoying the fruits of retirement, I also served other "sabbatical coverage" interims at Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter in Belmont, NC, and Calvary Lutheran, Morganton, NC while their pastors were on sabbatical leave.



Mary and I have 3 grown sons, who are all married to wonderful women and 7 grandchildren (including newborn twins). My interests include camping, music, and all things Wisconsin sports (Go Pack Go!) with a special love of hockey.

While together with you, I hope to provide support to the (very gifted) staff, a different voice from the pulpit, and a non-anxious presence. I look forward to meeting you on Sunday April 19 (8:30, 11:00 and the faith formation hour) and living together for May, June and July.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week and Easter are central to our lives together as followers of Christ. On **Palm Sunday** we celebrate his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; on **Maundy Thursday** we recall his washing of the disciples' feet and institution of Holy Communion; on **Good Friday** we walk the Stations of the Cross with our ecumenical partners at St. Mary's Episcopal on Charlotte Street, and hold a tenebrae service (service of light and darkness) at St. Mark's as we hear the story of his Passion sung by the choir. Finally on **Easter Sunday** we celebrate his victory over death with great rejoicing!

Palm Sunday

March 29

- 8:30am Worship
- 9:45am Faith Formation
- 11:00am Worship

Maundy Thursday

April 2

- 6:30pm Worship

Good Friday

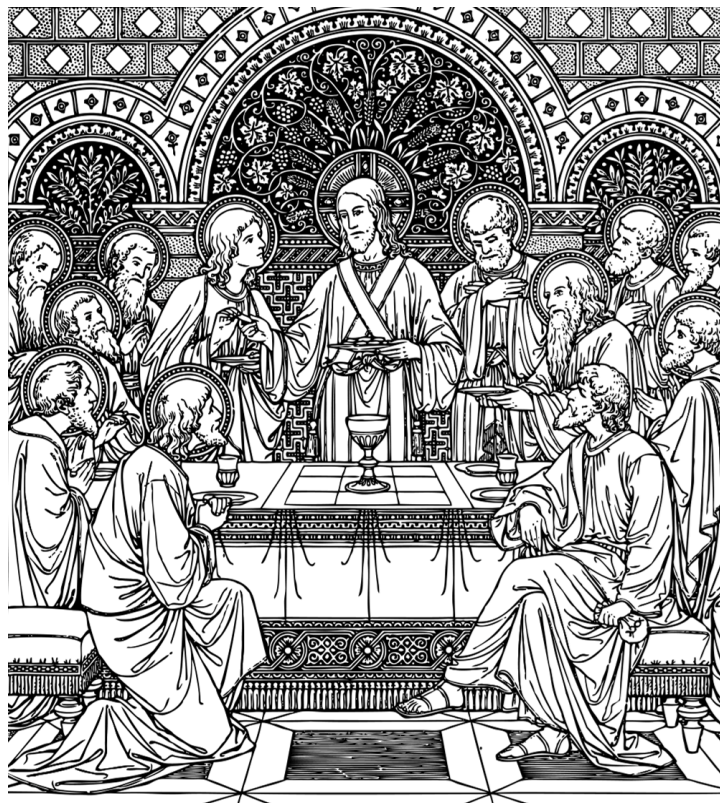
April 3

- 12:00pm Stations of the Cross
at St. Mary's Episcopal
- 8:00pm Worship led by choir

Easter Sunday

April 5

- Both services led by choir, handbells, and brass*
- 8:30am Festival Worship
- 9:45am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
- 11:00am Festival Worship



Did You Know?

One way to make memorial gifts to the church is to designate them to The Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund provides financial support for the mission and outreach of St Mark's Lutheran Church specifically for expenses not included in the church budget. Some members give all their memorial gifts to the Endowment Fund. Please contact Eric Van Tassel, chairperson, with any questions about the Endowment.

Silver Chalice Refurbished

If you attend our **11am worship** service, you'll notice that Communion distribution will look different for a little while. Our silver communion set needed to be refurbished so we have sent them off to have that work done. In the meantime, we will use our pottery set, and receive communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). We hope to have our refurbished communion set back in time for Easter. Special thanks to the St. Mark's Endowment Fund for making this possible!

Adult Faith Formation - Sunday's @ 9:45am

April 5 - Easter Potluck Breakfast (No Faith Formation)

April 12 - The Wired Word (Library)

This class takes a story from the news, and asks questions as to how we can respond to it and the world around us as people of faith.

April 19 - Meet and Greet with Interim Pastor Tim (Fellowship Hall)

Come and say hello to Pastor Tim Canniff-Kuhn, our interim Pastor during Pastor Matt's sabbatical! We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and conversation together

April 26 - Pastor Matt's Sabbatical Farewell Breakfast

Join us as we bid Pastor Matt farewell for three months as he leaves on sabbatical! Breakfast will be provided.

Coming in May- Hard Questions with Ken Lane

YOU Are Invited to the Synod Gathering! May 28-30 at Lenoir-Rhyne University

The Synod Gathering is an opportunity to meet and fellowship with people from across the synod—AND it's not just for pastors! **Church members and visitors, deacons, pastors, and church professionals** will gather to learn, play, worship, and grow together.

A group of St. Mark's members attended the last Synod Gathering, and were inspired by what they learned, and met people from all over the state!

May 28-30 at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory

For more information and to register for the Gathering, [click here](#) or scan the code below.



Registration



General Info

****We will be coordinating a group from St. Mark's to carpool on Friday.**

Sign-up at the bottom of the stairs by April 24 for this option!

Christian Action Team Updates

ABCCM has a need for the following items for the Crisis Center:

- Dish detergent
- Ladies underpants sizes 5-7
- Men's pants 30-32 waist size
- Large (not hotel size) shampoo and body wash



Presently, they *are not asking for other items*, so we are not collecting anything else. We will update this list as items are requested. Please take other items to other collection sites, such as Goodwill. Do not put them in the bins by the playground doors.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Food stamps do not cover alcohol, tobacco, pet items, cleaning supplies, paper products, hygiene items, and supplements like vitamins.

ABCCM is very grateful for our donations, especially our Food Ingathering groceries!

Smoky Mountain WELCA Conference

Dear Sisters in Christ, please join in for a one-day retreat on



Saturday, APRIL 11 10am-2pm

Lutheran Church of the Nativity
2425 Hendersonville Road
Arden, North Carolina

"I am She! Called to be Bold for Such a Time as This!"

A One-Day Retreat sponsored by the NC WELCA Bible Study, Worship, Crafts and Fellowship
\$10 to cover the cost of the meal.

Contact Vicki Marthaler to RSVP or to gather more information 218-849-5683, call or text
vicki.marthaler@gmail.com

Then Sings My Soul

St. Mark's 2026 Concert Series

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Please invite your friends and neighbors!

Tierney Sutton and Tamir Hendelman · April 27 · 7pm 9-time Grammy nominated jazz vocalist · standards & originals



Jazz singer **Tierney Sutton** and pianist **Tamir Hendelman** have a musical relationship that goes back over 20 years. In that time, Sutton has racked up nine Grammy nominations, and Hendelman has been arranging, recording and performing with a host of luminaries including Barbra Streisand and Natalie Cole, leading his own trio, and being the featured pianist of the Grammy-Winning Clayton Hamilton Jazz Orchestra.

Tierney & Tamir bring spring to life in their first recording together, *SPRING*. In Caymmi's *Spring*, nights are hushed and luminous; Jobim's *Double Rainbow* bursts with radiant bloom. Mercer's playful *Spring, Spring, Spring* flutters beside the quiet yearning of *Spring is Here*, and the journey continues through Gershwin, Jobim, Simon & Garfunkel, and others, tracing joy, introspection, and the promise of renewal. Don't miss two of the jazz greats of our time!

Stasi Alatartseva Puppet Show · May 16 · 10am

Puppet show for children and the young at heart

WomanSong · June 27 · 3pm

Community Choir Concert

Josh Goforth and Bryan McDowell · August 28 · 4pm

Local Singer and Storyteller

November 14: Tom Keesecker · November 14 · 4pm

Piano Concert with Poetry, Hymn, and Reflections

LWR Facebook Live Event

On **Tuesday April 7 @ 12:00pm** join Eileen Cram in the adult classroom to participate in a Facebook Live event hosted by Lutheran World Relief. This particular event will be discussing **LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry** expansion in the United States and how your generosity impacted those that suffered from the impacts of Hurricane Helene and Milton.



Spring Celebration of Quilts

Friday, April 17, 2026 Time: 9 am to 5 pm & **Saturday, April 18, 2026** Time: 9 am to 4 pm
Highland Recreation Center at Stanford Park in Hickory NC

200 quilts on display
Vendors
Lily Boutique
Raffle Quilt
Door Prizes
Quilts of Valor Display and Presentations



Adult Admission Cost: \$10.00
Youth: 6-17 - \$5.00
Children 5 & Under - Free



Hosted by: Catawba Valley Quilters Guild



March 2, 2026

The Rev. Matt Smith and Members of the Congregation
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
10 N. Liberty Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Dear Pastor Smith and Members of St. Mark's:

Thank you all for the partnership between St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Lutheran Services Carolinas! The ministry space that you provide allows all of us together through LSC to provide much-needed community safety net services! While these programs serve important purposes and are not fully self-supporting, your partnership allows us to accomplish our shared mission of offering Abundant Living for all we serve.

St. Mark's allows LSC space to serve newly arrived refugee families in the greater Asheville region. With your help, we can not only continue to make a difference, but help them live abundant lives. Christ calls us to be there for our neighbor and your congregation surely answers that call.

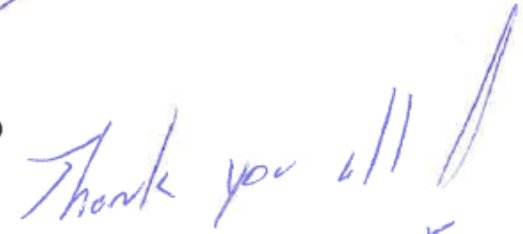
We are the church together, and thank you again for your partnership! If LSC can assist in any way, please call me. If there are any concerns with our partnership, as I know partnering is not without its issues, please call me. LSC wants to be your best partner so we can all be proud of the work we are doing together. And please share our letter and sentiments in your newsletter so that every member of the congregation is aware of and thanked for our ministry together.

Yours in Christ,



Ted W. Goins, Jr.
President and CEO

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c: Bishop Emily Hartner
North Carolina Synod of the ELCA

February Financial Report

Below you will find February 2026 financial report for the Operating Fund.

Thank you for your continued contributions.

General Fund				
	February 2026		Year To Date (as of 2.28.26)	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Giving	59,178	48,700	121,278	584,398
Expenditures	45,789	48,700	93,925	584,398
Surplus (Loss)	13,389		27,353	

Caring for God's Creation: March Solar Report *(as of 3.26.26)*

March 24th was the highest producing day at 151.91KWh



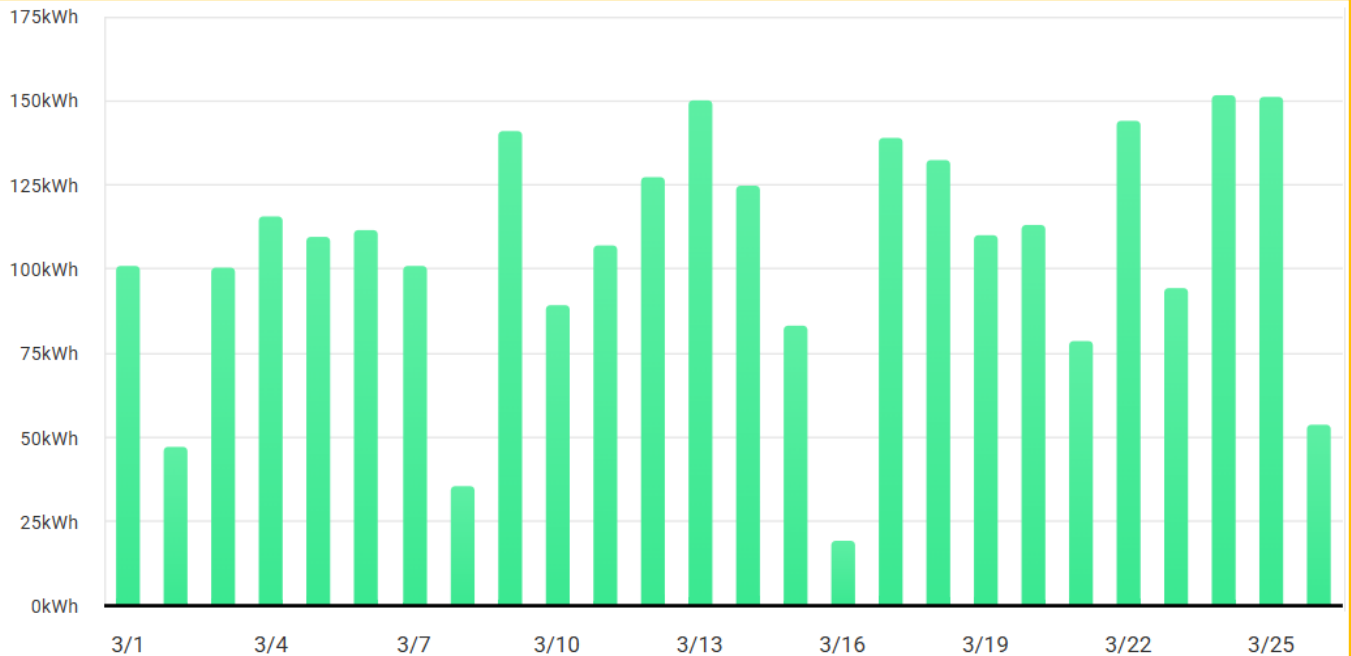
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Sunday Calendar

April 5 **Easter Sunday**

Handbells and Choir lead worship

8:30am	Worship
9:45am	Potluck Breakfast
10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am	Worship

April 12 **Second Sunday of Easter**

8:30am	Worship
9:45am	Faith Formation
11:00am	Worship

April 19 **Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30am	Worship
9:45am	Faith Formation w/ Pastor Tim
11:00am	Worship

April 26 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Choir leads worship at 8:30am

8:30am	Worship
9:45am	Farewell Breakfast for Pastor Matt
11:00am	Worship

March Birthdays

April 1	Nancy Engelhardt
April 2	Brant Niedenthal, Madelyn Hunter
April 3	Henry Dixon
April 5	Mary Anne Allwein, Debbie Otto
April 6	Eric Lewis, Rachel Hahn
April 7	Otto Rybnicek
April 8	Gloria Fritch
April 10	David Anderson, Steve Henry
April 14	Emily Van Tassel
April 15	David Penland
April 17	Mike Bradley
April 20	Toby Schuetze
April 21	Jan Hronek
April 23	Shanna Webb
April 24	Garry Linton
April 25	Sara Yoos
April 26	Zelma Parris
April 27	Beryl Mack
	Kenley Miller
April 30	David Rybnicek

Updated Contact Information

Danielle is working on publishing an updated 2026 Directory. If you or anyone in your household has new contact information, please let Danielle in the church office know. If you aren't sure - better safe than sorry! Send Danielle your current address, email, and phone number and she will cross reference the information she has on file. Danielle Barker - admin@stmarkslutheran.net



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Our Vision

Making disciples by loving Christ, growing in faith, serving all people

Our Mission

Transforming lives through God's grace as an inclusive, intergenerational congregation
through Worship, Outreach, Learning and Fellowship

Temporary Office Hours (January through March, 2026)

Monday through Thursday: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Ministers

The People of God at St. Mark's

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