

Preview of Coming Attractions *written by Cantor David*

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 11:00am · St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Holy Communion unites us in a mystical bond that transcends time and place, and certainly transcends denominational lines. We've been celebrating World Communion Sunday with our Episcopal and Methodist ecumenical partners for many years, and 2025 is our year to host. Be sure to come to the 11:00 service and extend them a warm welcome. This year our choirs are combining to sing an anthem that incorporates a part of the liturgy that we all share in common with one of your favorite hymns. Which hymn? Find out when you attend the 11:00 service on October 5!

AGO Organ Crawl

October 11, 2:00pm · Central United Methodist Church, Asheville

The American Guild of Organists is a professional organization whose mission is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. You are invited to join the local chapter on October 11 to get up close and personal with three of the pipe organs in downtown Asheville. We'll begin at Central United Methodist Church, and visit Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian – all within a few steps of each other on Church Street. Meet at 2pm at Central United Methodist Church.

Hymn Festival

October 19, 4:00pm · Nativity Lutheran Church, Arden

Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle is Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies and chair of the Humanities Division at Brevard College. She began writing hymn texts in 1999. Since that time, she has won a number of international hymn-writing competitions and been featured as an "emerging text writer" by The Hymn Society in the US and Canada. We use many of her text in worship. This hymn festival will feature singers from Nativity Lutheran, St. Mark's Lutheran, Fletcher United Methodist. Dr. Bringle will also be attending this event.

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 8:30 & 11am · St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Time to pull out your Mighty Fortress-themed cardigans and Wartburg-print socks! Reformation Sunday is a day to celebrate our spiritual heritage. The Celebration Handbell Ringers are leading us in worship at the end of the 8:30 service and the beginning of 11:00, playing an arrangement of a favorite Lutheran hymn that is not "A Mighty Fortress". What is it? See you on October 26 to find out!



Preview of Coming Attractions Cont.

Smoky Mountain Brass Band Concert

October 26, 3:00pm · St. Mark's Lutheran Church

After lunch, come back to St. Mark's to hear an exciting concert by The Smoky Mountain Brass Band. This band was founded by Western Carolina University music professor Richard Trevarthen during a workshop promoting British-style brass bands in Raleigh, and is celebrating their 44th anniversary. Members representing a variety of occupations are drawn from throughout our area. Under the direction of Dr. JT Womack of Mars Hill University, the Smoky Mountain Brass Band is among the oldest community-based musical organizations in Western North Carolina. This concert is free and open to the public.

Organ Recital

November 1, 3:00pm · St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Our pipe organ is one of the finest in western North Carolina, and is a great example of mechanical action – that is, the keys are directly linked to the pipes via pieces of wood that run underneath the chancel floor. Come and hear local organ recitalist Gray Pearson present an exciting program highlighting the many sounds of the organ. This concert is free and open to the public, and will include a light reception afterward.

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 11am · St. Mark's Lutheran Church



Halloween is a contraction of “All Hallow’s Eve” – the night before All Hallow’s Day. On the Sunday closest to this day we remember all the saints who “from their labors rest.” It is a day of remembrance and of rejoicing. Please send us the names of those who have died since last November to be included in the service; you are also invited to bring a picture of your loved ones from any time to be displayed during the

service that day. This year the choir is leading the 11:00am service, and is singing a classic Appalachian shape-note hymn for the day.

Every Sunday

8:30 & 11am · St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Do you know what musical event I’m most excited about this fall? Every single Sunday morning when we gather for worship. Being part of a community that isn’t afraid to sing new songs while also celebrating the many treasures of our heritage is an incredible blessing, and a heck of a lot of fun to boot. I hope to see you at



October 26 • 3:00pm

Asheville's British-style Brass Band

under the direction of Dr. JT Womack, Mars Hill University

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

10 North Liberty Street • Asheville NC

Free and open to the public

Announcements

Paul's Short Letters

Sunday's in October

Join Pastor Matt in the Fellowship Hall the four Sundays in October during Faith Formation to look at four short letters of Paul.

Philemon (10/5)

I Thessalonians (10/12)

Philippians (10/19)

Galatians (10/26).



2026 Budget Request

Submitted by October 5th

Can you believe it is time to start preparing for 2026 already? If you are a liaison for a ministry team, please start reviewing your teams current budget and expenses for the 2025 year. If there is a need for a budget change moving into next year, please reach out to Danielle in the church office by October 5 to make this request. Questions? Contact Danielle

Planting Generosity

As St. Mark's makes plans for what our ministry will look like in 2026, thank you for your generous support of this ministry! Please prayerfully consider what your financial support St. Mark's ministry will look like in 2026 and let us know by October 26 by returning a paper pledge card or accessing the online form that will be provided in the upcoming mailing. Questions? Contact Danielle in the Church Office!

Planning for 2026

If you haven't heard (or seen) Danielle, our Parish Administrator is expecting a baby boy in January! She will be on maternity leave for 8 weeks once Wyatt makes his arrival. In the coming months more information will be communicated about how you can help volunteer while she is out of the office, what steps need to be taken as we transition into 2026, and who to contact for normal things you would reach out to Danielle for. Questions in the meantime, reach out to Danielle in the church office.

Orange Shirt Day



Thank you for participating in the National Day of Remembrance for US Indian Boarding Schools, also known as Orange Shirt Day on Sept. 30. Didn't get your shirt? No worries, RHT has more! The shirts are FREE, with any donations made going to support the Living Waters ministry in Cherokee. Questions - contact Debbie Layne



A Letter of Gratitude



Dear St. Mark's community,
I am deeply grateful for both your financial and prayerful support of my seminary education. Your generous gift has helped make possible my internship year at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Villa Park, IL - a site that in my first month has already proven itself to be a wonderful place of learning and faith.

Over these past few years, I have been lucky enough to visit St. Mark's while staying with my parents on breaks from classes, and am always struck by the warm welcome and joyful worship. Thank you for your faithful witness to the gospel, and the ways you live that out in the world.

I hope to see you soon!

In Christ,
Lyndsay Monsen

Crop Walk

The Crop Walk is Sunday, October 5th! Walk with St. Mark's, and other local Churches in this annual, meaningful event. The walk begins at 2:30pm with Registration beginning at 1:30pm at St. Mark's.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Asheville/Buncombe

CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 5, 2025

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Noisy Bucket Update

St. Mark's sent Lutheran Services of the Carolinas, Asheville Office \$1000 to support refugee resettlement using what was collected during the Noisy Bucket Collection in August and Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thank you for your gifts!



ABCCM Donations

We are always collecting needed items for ABCCM. If you would like to donate to those in need, place the listed items below in the bins by the indoor play area and kitchen. Thank you in advance!

Needed Clothing Items:

Men's Denim (size small), Men's Belts, Men's Boxer Shorts

Stewardship

Financial Report

Below you will find August 2025 financial report for both the Operating Fund and the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued contributions.

General Fund				
	August 2025		YTD 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Giving	41,523	46,568	384,541	372,547
Expenditures	44,090	46,568	362,589	372,547
Surplus (Loss)	(2567)		21,963	

Building Fund				
	August 2025		YTD 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Giving	5,692	5,658	81,259	50,924
Expenditures	5,658	5,658	89,760	50,924
Surplus (Loss)	34		8,501	

Caring for God's Creation – September Solar Report as of 9/30

September 9th was the highest producing day at 146.57KWh

Environmental Benefits



311K

Pounds of CO₂
Emission Saved



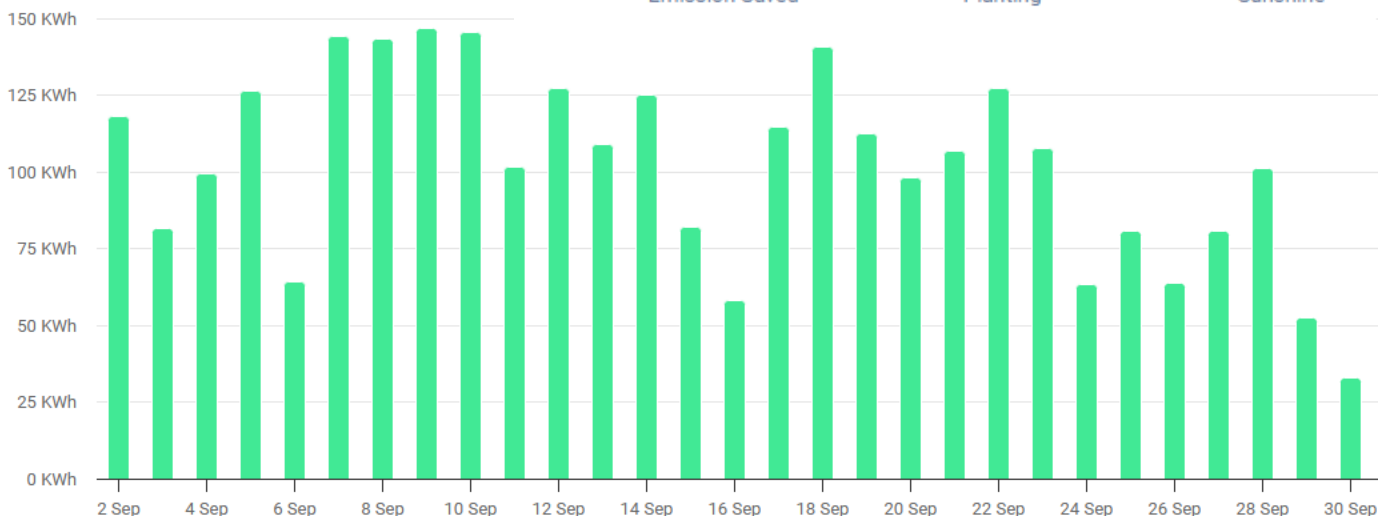
2,352

Equivalent Tree
Planting



353K

Miles Driven on
Sunshine



Sunday Calendar

October 5 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

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

October 12 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

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

October 19 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship
11:00am.....Hymn Festival

October 26 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

8:30am.....Worship
9:45am.....Faith Formation
11:00am.....Worship
3:00pm.....Smoky Mountain Brass Band Concert

October Birthdays

October 1 Phil Burnett
Nicholas Davis
October 3 James Swaringen
October 4 Forrest Lamm
Blake Crownover
Carolyn Hitch
October 5 Eileen Cram
Evelyn Wikoff
October 6 Bonnie Wheeler
October 10 Ken Clark
October 11 Zachary Hutson
Alicia Lein
Tee Conroy
October 12 Paula Bradt
Beverly Orr
Luna Lovejoy
October 13 Katherine Webb
October 16 Kathy Eison
Roy Turnbaugh
October 17 Keri Smith
October 18 Warren Wheeler
October 19 Julia Johnson
October 23 John Cartwright
October 24 Beverly Rauschenberger
October 26 Susan Badger,
Jeremy Frisella
Paula Lindsay
Linnea Linton
October 29 Linda Kinsinger
Jason Jones
October 30 Jasmine Chandler

October Anniversaries

October 1 Pat Patton & Susan Reiser
October 4 Christopher & Christine Mott
October 7 Steve & Linnea Linton
October 8 Ken & Carol Carlson
October 11 Chuck & Janet Johnson
October 12 Matt & Erin Roe-Bonawitz
October 13 Brant & Sara Niedenthal

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Asheville, NC 28801*



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

Staff

Pastor:

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