

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Upcoming Events

Wed., Feb. 11th – 5:00 p.m. – NET Dinner
at OLV Catholic Church

Sun., Feb. 15th – 12:00 p.m. – Church Council
Mtg.

Wed., Feb. 18st – Ash Wednesday --
7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Imposition of ashes

Fri., Feb. 20th – 5:30 p.m. – Movie Night
Featuring “End of the Spear”

Wed., Feb. 25th – 5:00 p.m. - Net Dinner
at St. Mark's

NOTE: Since February 18th is Ash
Wednesday, there will be no NET dinner at
the Reformed Church.



Communion Bread for January

Prayers and Concerns for January

Family of Steve Lamont
Family of Donald Palmatier
Family of Bryan Coombs
Family of Bruce Wollaber
Family of Brenda Coons
Family of Nicholas Valentine

Jerry Bowman
Joanne Coonradt
Sharon Nesbitt
Shirley (Amy O'Shea's sister-in-law)
Vicky Miller
Susan Davis
Ruth Palmer

Bible Verse for February:

*Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer.*

- Romans 12:12 (NIV)

Thought for the Day:

*Good exercise for the heart is
to bend down and help another
person up.*



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Servers for February

February 1st

Reader – Lori Roney
Prayer – Eric Mattson
Ushers – Lori / Dean Roney
Counter – Carrie Foland

February 8th

Reader – Deb Palmatier
Prayer – Cheryl Cater
Ushers – Dennis / Diane France
Counter – Deb Palmatier

February 15th

Reader – Nannette Amendola
Prayer – Ron Lower
Ushers – Ron Lower / Denise Minton
Counter – Sharon Nesbitt

February 22nd

Reader – Maria Chamberlin
Prayer – Carolyn Tompkins
Ushers – Bob / Peggi Meunier
Counter – Diane France



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY!**

February Birthdays:

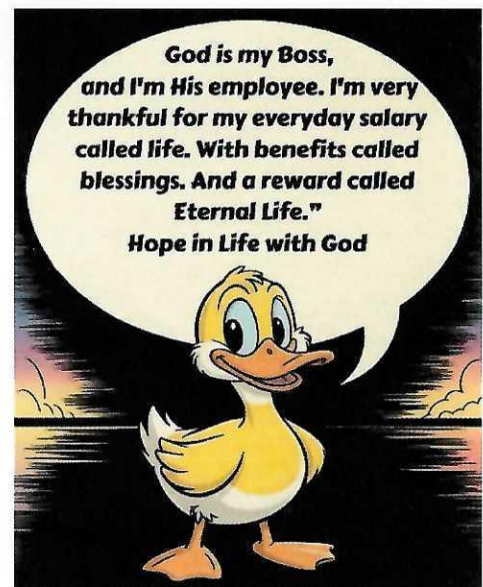
Bob Meunier	Feb. 1
Eric Mattson	Feb. 13
Bill Morton	Feb. 23
Kaleb Minton	Feb. 24
Gregg Howland	Feb. 24

February Anniversaries:

Mark / Judi Beeler	Feb. 24
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Annual Congregational Meeting

On January 18th, St. Mark's held their annual congregational meeting to review and discuss 2025 committee and financial reports and elected Bill Pierce as a new member of our Council. Bill is replacing Council member Debbie Roberts who has served for 2-terms. Thank you, Debbie, for your service.



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Ash Wednesday

Lent is an observance in the Christian calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ, his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday in 2026 is on February 18th. During that day Pastor Dave will be sharing a devotion and imposition of ashes in St. Mark's sanctuary. As you begin your season of Lent, please stop by any time on **February 18th, between 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** to spend some quiet moments with our Lord.

February NET Dinner Reminder

Our next NET dinner will be held on **Wednesday, February 25th at 5:30 p.m.** when we will be serving macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, bread, desserts and, of course, let's not forget the chips for Cheryl. 😊

Thank you to all who supported our January NET dinner through your food donations and / or your presence!

NEVER FORGET: NOTHING IS MORE POWERFUL THAN PRAYER, NOTHING IS STRONGER THAN FAITH, AND NOTHING IS GREATER THAN GOD.

Please pray for our world, our country and all those who serve in our armed forces! Your prayers are powerful and greatly needed!

Message from Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child



Thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child to help take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of boys and girls around the world. The shoebox gifts that you prayerfully packed in 2025—**12,205,900**, praise God!—will help open doors for us to reach even more children with God's love in the new year.

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"SOUPer Bowl" NET Dinner

Wednesday, January 28th, our fellowship hall was the scene of our own "SOUPer Bowl" game. Twelve individuals attempted to score a touchdown with their delicious homemade soups. While they were all winners, three individuals and one church reached the goal.



The "Teams"



"SOUPer Bowl" Staff



The Fans



First Place – Lee Hillicoss



Second Place – Karen VanDyke



Third Place – Diane France



Golden Ladle Winner
Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Church

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“SOUPer Bowl” Sunday

Many eyes will be focused on TV screens across the U.S. on Sunday, February 8th, as the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks play in the 2026 Super Bowl. But...at St. Mark's all eyes will be focused on the number of cans of soup being placed in the front of the sanctuary as we play our own version of a “SOUPer Bowl” game.

Please bring a can(s) of soup of any kind to our worship services **during the month of February**. The ultimate winner will be those you are blessing through your donation(s) to our food pantry.



GO TEAM!!!

Holy Humor

I put my grandma on speed dial the other day. I call it insta-gram.



Movie Night

On January 16th, 15 people gathered to watch the movie “Unconditional”. This story reminded us that God’s love is constant, that it never changes, that nothing will ever take it away, and that there’s enough love to go around - all we need to do is share it. “There is no storm in our lives that will ever take the “Son” away.”

Our next movie night will be on **Friday, February 20th at 5:30 p.m.** when our feature will be “End of the Spear”.

It is the true story of five American missionaries and their encounter with the Waodani tribe in Ecuador. Written from the perspective of the son of one of the missionaries and a Waodani tribesman, we will witness true faith, forgiveness and reconciliation in action.



We look forward to seeing you there!

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WELCOME, PAT HILlicosS!!

Sunday, January 11th, was special in the life of Pat Hillicoss for it was on that day she was baptized and became a member of St. Mark's. What a blessing for her family and our congregation to witness Pat share her belief in and commitment to Jesus Christ!



To add to the celebration of Pat's testimony of her faith, soloist Dennis Foland with St. Mark's choir as backup sang "How Great Thou Art", which is her favorite song.



May God richly bless you, Pat, as you so faithfully serve Him!

