

December 14, 2025

Together, with faith, we can: connect, grow and serve

Flowers on the altar this morning are given by:

* Please see poinsettia insert

Visitors and Guests: Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Offerings may be placed in the blue boxes in the lobby. Please fill out the "A Place for You" card found on the same table, and hand it to the Pastor or Elder of the day as you leave. Welcome home!

RJ Marquez, one of our Elders at St. Mark, was deployed to serve in the Coast Guard in Texas for several months. He is missed by both the congregation and his family, especially his wife, Stephanie (Schouten), and his children, Reese and Teagan. The Elders are requesting that the congregation include a personal note of encouragement in a Christmas card for RJ by December 14. There will be cards and a box for them in the Fellowship today. These cards will be sent to RJ along with a care package that the Elders are organizing. Thank you for helping to lift RJ's spirits during this challenging time.

Ladies Guild will be collecting items to be donated to LOVE INC for the month of December. Check out our table regarding the information about LOVE INC and for a list of items that are needed.

Serving sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. They are labeled with the month and neighborhood colors. December is Purple and Green. The list of neighborhood members is located at the bottom of the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions about signing up, please call the office at (231)798-2197.

Reminder that if Mona Shores schools are closed for a snow day, the office will be closed for the day, along with any other activities. This includes Bible Study, W.O.W and Choir. Church services will never be cancelled due to weather, including mid-week Advent and mid-week Lent services.

The mitten tree is up in the Narthex! Please bring in mittens, gloves, hats, and/or scarves, for local children.

A holiday gift for W.O.W. has been received in loving honor of Sandy Hosko, from her son Ted Hosko. Thank you for your thoughtful gifts.

Our Christian sympathy to Gloria Miller, Jean Hladki, and Kay Schouten on the death of Larry Miller, husband and brother, on December 6, 2025. A service will be held this Saturday December 20, at 11 am in our Sanctuary. There will be a luncheon to follow.



Serving St. Mark today:

Elder Adam Hamdorf

Reader 9:30am Karen VanOeffelen

Greeters Steve and Holly Lowney

Streaming Faith Family

Ushers Pastor Jim Schouweiler

Recording Secretaries Sue Lohr and Ellen Haney

Coffee Connection George and Patty Seifert and Charlotte Houle

Next week:

Elder Mark Zimmerman

Greeters Joe Nemeth and Renee Schaab

Streaming Linnea Larson

Ushers Purple and Green can you help?

Recording Secretaries Jane Bednarz and Janet Ralston

Coffee Connection Purple and Green neighborhoods can you help?

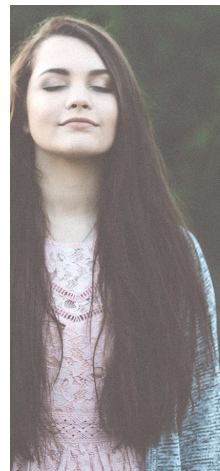
Coming Up:

Lessons and Carols Service 12/21 9:30am

Children's Christmas Program 12/21 5pm

Christmas Eve Service 12/24 5pm

New Year's Eve Service 12/31 5pm



The Lord your God
is in your midst, a
mighty one who
will save; he will
rejoice over you
with gladness;
he will quiet you
by his love; he will
exult over you
with loud singing.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17

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Pastor Scott Faith

Ashley Boersma, Student Ministry | Wolf Underberg, Music Director

St. Mark family continuing medical care, undergoing treatment or in need of prayer: Paul Abair, Robert Council, Nathan Erickson, Jim Fuller, Shannon Horne, Barb Jados, Jed Larson, Barb Lewis, Carole Meade, Allison Plumhoff, Jill Sorenson and Duane Wentzloff.

Please pray for St. Mark members who reside in assisted living facilities: Lois Bluhm in South Carolina; Jean Dusenberry at Medi Lodge, Grand Haven; Don Larabee, Fountain View Assisted Living, Coopersville; Brenda Neuman at Robbinswood, Grand Haven, and Diane Wittkopp at Grand Pines, Grand Haven.

Family and friends of St. Mark:

- Mary Gamble**, niece of Tami Sheehy
Karen Szpeinski and **Carol Weaver**, friends of Carolyn Bickmeyer
Sandra Stuemke, sister of Gloria Miller
Olivia Gillespie, and **Barbara Barnhouse**, friends of Gary and Kathleen Schottke
Janet Havey, sister, and **Lakelyn Locke**, family of Larry and Cindy Bolduc
Lee Suits, friend of Sandy Hosko
Jim Mikesell, son-in-law of Marcia Carlson
Friends of Dan and Louise Hvizdos
Ken Wilson, friend of Sharon Johnson
Sarah Israel, granddaughter of Lynne Guerne
Cory Jurrians, husband of daughter Julie and **Ben Jurrians**, grandson of Michael and Carol Sutton
Joe Lutz, brother of Mary Bishop
Paula Cruickshank, cousin of Pauline Kaminski
Elliot Sieffert, grandson, and **David Sieffert**, son of Tom and Loretta Sieffert
Sara Link, daughter of Steve and Joan Link
Hayes Floyd Kemp, friend of Bill and Laura Castle
Linda Landon, and **Jack Hetchler**, cousins of Gail Whittaker and Judy Yonker
Lynn Samuels, friend of Ruth Burnell
Emmett Gilbert, family of Gerry and Karen VanOeffelen
Corey Gillespie, **Bill Frazier**, and **Debra Sheckler**, friends of Jane Bednarz
Cheryl Nicholson, friend of Sue Lohr

Stewardship of God’s Gift to Us: 2025-2026

2025-2026 fiscal year budget needs:	\$	343,200 .00
Anticipated offerings	\$	151,800.00
Actual offerings	\$	133,693.11
Anticipated weekly offering	\$	6,600.00
Last week’s offering	\$	5,236.10

This week at St. Mark
December 15-21

- Monday:** Office Open 9:30am-1:30pm
Staff Huddle 12:30pm
- Tuesday:** Office Open 9:30am-1:30pm
Quilters 12 FH
- Wednesday:** Office Closed
Advent 3 service 12 pm with soup lunch to follow
W.O.W. 5pm-7pm
Advent 1 Evening Service 6:30pm
Choir 7pm
- Thursday:** Office Open 9:30am -1:30pm
- Saturday:** Church Reserved for funeral
UR Reserved 4pm-7pm
- Sunday:** **9:30 am Service “Lessons and Carols”**
10:30 am Coffee Hour
5 pm Service “Children’s Program”