

April 19, 2026

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

Flowers on the altar this morning are given by:  
\* Dan and Louise Hvizdos in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Visitors and Guests: Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Offerings may be placed in one of the blue boxes in the lobby. Please use the QR code on the back of the paper or fill out the blue "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!

**Please join us** in the Fellowship Hall after service today to celebrate our confirmands.

**Gift bags for the confirmands**, Josey Aney, Reese Marquez, and Zander Aney, will be in the entryway for you to leave a card for their confirmation next Sunday, April 19th.

**To reserve areas of the church**, please complete the new form in advance. There will be a QR code you can scan in the office, a link can be sent to your email, or you can scan the code on the back of this newsletter. Once the form is completed, please allow the office a week to confirm your request. A confirmation email will be sent to your email.

**The Altar flower sign-up** sheet for 2026, located on the bulletin board, still has many openings available. Placing flowers on the altar is a nice way to honor a loved one or a special occasion. Flower vases are \$23 each and can be taken home after church services.

**Blue and Yellow Neighborhoods** are up for serving in May. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

**Ladies Guild Spring Luncheon** and Grannies Attic is on May 19, 11 am-1 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

**The last day of W.O.W.** will be Wednesday, April 29. Student Ministries will be hosting a carnival in celebration. Donations of one-liter bottles of pop for ring toss and cakes for a cake walk would be greatly appreciated. Cake donations can be dropped off on Tuesday, April 28th, during office hours or 5:30-7 pm.

**Adult Instruction Class: What We Believe.** Are you interested in learning more about faith as it is confessed in the Lutheran tradition? This class is designed for those considering membership, as well as current members looking to dive deeper into the Scriptures. We will cover Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper. Class meets on Sundays after the 9:30 service, starting April 26.

**To keep our family and friends prayer list** current, we will be starting fresh each month, beginning June 7th. If you have someone you would like to have on the prayer list, you will need to inform the office by June 2nd. Thank you!



### Serving St. Mark today:

**Elder** RJ Marquez

**Reader** Karen VanOeffelen

**Greeters** Jim and Karen Schouweiler

**Streaming** Linnea Larson

**Ushers** George and Patty Sieffert

**Recording Secretaries** Jane

Bednarz and Janet Ralston

**Coffee Connection** Vergie Council

### Next week:

**Elder** Brent Plumhoff

**Reader** Sue Lohr

**Greeters** *Purple and Green can you help?*

**Streaming** Mark and Ben Zimmerman

**Ushers** *Purple and Green can you help?*

**Recording Secretaries** Sue Lohr and Ellen Haney

**Coffee Connection** Karen Schouweiler, Barb Bobinski, and Eunice Fitzpatrick

### Coming Up:

Ladies Guild Meeting 4/21 4 pm

W.O.W Carnival 4/29

Ladies Guild Luncheon 5/19  
11 am-1 pm

Jesus answered, "The most important [commandment] is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

**St. Mark family continuing medical care, undergoing treatment, or in need of prayer:** Paul Abair, Barb Bishop, Mary Bishop, Robert Council, Nathan Erickson, Barb Jados, Barb Lewis, Carole Meade, Gary Meister, Allison Plumhoff, and Jill Sorenson.

**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 at 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
- Jaxton Batka**, family of Bill and Laura Castle
- Linda Landon** and **Jack Hetchler**, cousins of Gail Whittaker and Judy Yonker
- Lynn Samuels**, friend of Ruth Bunnell
- Emmett Gilbert**, family of Gerry and Karen VanOeffelen
- Corey Gillespie**, **Bill Frazier**, and **Debra Sheckler**, friends of Jane Bednarz
- John Schuerele**, friend of Sandy and Joanna Philips
- Gabriel**, great-grandson, and **Becky Wall**, cousin of Marsh and Sue Lohr
- Caleb Sheldon**, grandson, and **Joanna Skuse**, friend, of Al and Mary Sheldon
- Steve and Tiffany Mills**, family of Bob and Linda Mills
- Jonie Guerne\***, daughter-in-law of Lynn Guerne

ROOM RESERVATION  
FORM



Visitor QR Code



2025-2026 fiscal year budget needs:	\$343,200.00
Anticipated offerings	\$270,600.00
Actual offerings	\$269,160.41
Anticipated weekly offering	\$6,600.00
Last week's Offering	\$4,468.09

This Week at St. Mark April 20-26			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Office Open</b> 9:30 am-1:30 pm	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Office Open</b> 9:30 am-1:30 pm <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Office Open</b> 9:30 am-1:30 pm <b>Quilters</b> 12 pm	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>W.O.W</b> 5 pm- 7 pm <b>Choir</b> 7 pm <b>Bible Study</b> 7 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	
		<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 am Service</b> <b>10:30 am Coffee Hour</b> <b>5 pm Service</b>