

August 16, 2026

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

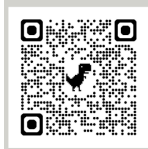
Flowers on the altar this morning are given by:

*Jim and Sandy Fuller in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.

Happy anniversary!

* Sharon Johnson in loving memory of her son Scott Johnoson.

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 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!



Purple and **Green** Neighborhoods are up for serving in September. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

Has your phone number changed? Please fill out the pink card on the tables in the narthex and place it in the office or the offering box.

Bible Study: 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 and for current members looking to dive deeper into the Scriptures. We will cover baptism, confession, and the Lord's Supper. Bible Study is on Wednesday nights at 7 pm and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 23, 2026, for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpack to worship and join us for ice cream after church in the fellowship hall, and a fun balloon arch for pictures!

Fidget Mat scraps and pieces will be in a basket by the LWML table in the narthex. They are free to those looking to make fidget mats. IF you have any questions, please see Pat Vorac.

Other ways to contribute to St. Mark financially: Endowment Fund, Selah Fund, Stephen Ministry, Student Ministry, and FIP. See an Elder or Board member for more information.

LWML is hosting its fall women's retreat Saturday, August 29, 2026, in Holland. The cost is \$45 per person, with girls under 17 free. There is a poster and sign-up on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Pat Vorac.

Office hours during the summer are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 am- 1:00 pm. *Starting August 24*, office hours will return to 9:30 am - 1:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Are you between 18 and 29? We want to connect with you. Please share your name, phone number, and email with the office. More information will be coming.



Serving St. Mark today:

Elder Mark Zimmerman

Reader Brent Plumhoff

Greeters Patty and George Sieffert

Streaming Linnea Larson

Ushers TBA

Recording Secretaries Sue Lohr and Sharon Johnson

Coffee Connection Janet Ralston and Sharon Johnson
New Member Coffee Hour

Next week:

Elder Adam Hamdorf

Reader Ashley Boersma

Greeters *Can you help?*

Streaming Mark and Ben Zimmerman

Ushers TBA

Recording Secretaries Sue Lohr and Jen Hamdorf

Coffee Connection Alexis Fairfield and Sue Lohr

Coming Up:

New Member Coffee Hour 8/16
following 9:30 am Service

Blessing of the Backpacks 8/23 @
9:30 am and 5 pm Services

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 THESS. 2:16-17

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

Please pray for St. Mark members who reside in independent or assisted living facilities: Barb Bishop at DaySpring; 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

Becky Wall, cousin of Marsh and Sue Lohr

Cheryl Nicholson*, friend of Marsh and Sue Lohr and Paul and Dawn Eggerding

Caleb Sheldon, grandson, and **Joanna Skuse**, friend, of Al and Mary Sheldon

Hunter Hansen, friend of the Aney family

Sally Wibalda, friend of Gary and Kathleen Schottke

Lee Suits, friend of Sandy Hosko

Sharon Bluhm, cousin of Kay Schouten and Jean Hladki

Carol Tucker, family friend of Gary Meister

Sarah Israel, granddaughter of Lynn Guerne

Louise Anair and **Eileen Barry**, friends of Lee and Beth Erickson

The prayer list for family and friends has been updated. Please let the office know if you would like to add someone for September.

**Endowment Fund
Bylaws**



**2027 Final Budget
Memo**



**2027 Final Budget
Summary**



2025-2026 fiscal year budget needs:	\$366,080.00
Anticipated offerings	\$42,240.00
Actual offerings	\$29,600.08
Anticipated weekly offering	\$7,040.00
Last week's Offering	\$5,224.31

This Week at St. Mark August 17-23			
Monday	Office Open 9:00 am -12:30 pm	Thursday	Office Open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Bible Study 10:30 am
Tuesday	Office Closed Quilters 12 pm FH	Friday	Office Closed Sewing and Crafting Group 9-4 FH
		Saturday	
Wednesday	Office Open 9:00 am- 1:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	Sunday	9:30 am Service: Blessings of the Backpacks 10:30 am Coffee Hour 5 pm Service: Blessings of the Backpacks