YOUTH

SUNDAY COOL

(We'll be off for the NEXT THREE WEEKS, RESUMING ON JANUARY 11, 2026)

There's never been a better time to jump in and check out Sunday Cool. We've got games, highs and lows, donut holes, icebreakers, devotionals, and more! Look for Calvin Moore and Rachel Peterson to participate.

When: Sundays at 9:45 am

Who: Grades 6 – 12 Where: the Narthex

Attendance for December 13 & 14	
Wednesday 7:00	63
Saturday 5:30	20
Sunday 8:30	133
Sunday 10:45	134
Virtual	<u>69</u>
Total in-person & views	419

MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gospel through worship and service.

To be an inclusive community
for justice and peace among diverse peoples.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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prayers

Alice Nelson

Dan Tutt

Judy Jensen

Neil Kinkel

Bruce Hille

Martha Harvie

Marla Jo Dittrich

Foxie Evans

Bill Sachse

Jon Merrell

Lori Cornell

Debbie Hansen

Keith Beck

Kurt Rudy, brother of Scott Rudy

Amy Faurot, daughter-in-law of Judy & Bob Palrud

Robin Pickering, daughter of Diana Pickering

Allison Rasor, daughter of Rachel Devlin

Kim McDaniel, cousin of Tammy Zimmer

Val Adkins, sister of Yvonne Davis & Liz McGaughy

Chris Huck, brother of Donna Huck

Anna Matthews

Robert Mayer

Carla Brewer

Steve Warner

John

Brad

Michael

Sophia

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Patsy

Rick

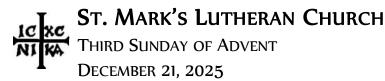
Sarah

Rachel, Ezra, and Xavier

Jack

John

Lisa



Worship Participants

Director of Music/Instrumental

Director of Music/Choral

worship rarticipants		
Preaching Pastor	Gretchen Olson	
Presiding Pastor	Edwin Weber	
Greeters		
8:30	Jim and Val Davis	
10:45	Ted Olson, Marilyn Thordarson	
Ushers		
8:30	Heidi and Scott Rudy	
	David Custer, Lance Jacobson	
10:45	Anna and Ryan Ragaza-Bourassa	
	Joe Nevill	
Cantor	Ramona Benson	
Lectors		
5:30	Linda Webster	
8:30	Jim Davis	
10:45	Randy Belstad	
Creed and Prayers		
8:30	Sharon Straub	
10:45	Barbara Belstad	
Altar Guild		
8:30	Tim Olson	
10:45	Laren Sunde	
Bread Baker	Jane Summers	
Communion Set-up	Randy Darst	
Sound/Livestream	Randy Darst	
	Matt Ophardt	
Service Coordinator	•	
5:30 & Altar Gui	ild Matt Daly	
8:30	Deidre Jacobson	
10:45	Sande Paulson	

Carol Miyamoto

Ann Benson

MUSIC

TODay

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Welcome - Whether you are a regular visitor, longtime member, or worshiping with us at St. Mark's for the first time, we're grateful you are with us today. Please fill out an attendance card from the pew and place it in the offering plate. Listing everyone in your household helps us keep our membership records current and strengthens our pastoral care. All are welcome at the Lord's Table for Holy Communion. More information is available at stmarks-spokane.org.

Nursery – The nursery is open from 8:15 am – 12:00 noon, go up the stairs and follow the signs. We welcome infants to kindergarten aged children.

Godly Play – We'll be off for the next three weeks, resuming on Sunday, January 11.

Alleluia Choir - We'll be off for the next three weeks, resuming on Sunday, January 11.

THIS WEEK

Monday Yoga - Please join us for a Vinyasa flow class from 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you!

Women's AA meets Tuesdays from 8:00 - 9:00 am in the Parish House.

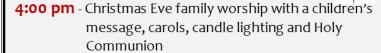
Scripture and Coffee - We meet in the Conference Room on Tuesdays at 10:30 am and explore Bible passages. The readings for this week: Hosea 11:1-9 and the Gospel: Matthew 2:13-16, 19-33.

Crosswalk food for Spokane's homeless youth should be at the church by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 23</u>, by 3:00 pm. Sign up sheets will be passed around during worship.

The church office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, through Friday, December 26.

Sunrise Saints and Sinners – We'll meet Wednesday, December 24, at 7:00 am, at The Chalet Restaurant, 2918 S. Grand Blvd. In this group you'll have lots of laughs, interesting discussions about a variety of topics, plus a good breakfast. All men are welcome, saints and sinners!

Christmas Eve Worship Wednesday, December 24



8:00 pm - Christmas Eve worship with candle lighting, carols, and Holy Communion, live-streamed

*Children are welcome at all services, no childcare at these times

Choir practice – No choir practice this week or next. We resume on Thursday, January 8, at 7:15 pm. We meet in the sanctuary.

COMING UP

Sunday Forum for next Sunday, December 28 – We'll hear from Cara Myers, Director of Development and Innovation for the Mozambique School Lunch Initiative. She and her father, Paul Myers, longtime members of St. Mark's, are co-founders of this nonprofit organization. In this forum we'll learn about their work with preschools and secondary schools to encourage youth to come to school every day by offering meals. St. Mark's has financially supported this worthwhile organization since its inception in 2016. Join us in the Conference Room at 9:45 am to learn more.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1, 2026.

Our next Stewards of Creation meeting is on Monday, January 5, at 6:00 pm by Zoom. Please contact the church office, 509.747.6677 or office@stmarks-spokane.org for more information.

Eat, Pray, Laugh – All women are invited to this fellowship group for conversation, laughter, prayer, and refreshments. **We'll meet on Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room.** We usually meet the first Tuesday of the month. Please contact Pastor Gretchen through the office with questions.

The 2026 Eastern Washington Legislative Conference is on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Spokane Valley United Methodist Church, 115 N. Raymond. It will be in-person/Zoom hybrid with a link for those who wish to participate on Zoom. Please RSVP early, the deadline is Monday, January 26. The conference goes from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm and features plenary panels and workshops on the theme "We Shall Overcome: Building the Beloved Community Today." The Fig Tree and the planning team seek sponsors and organizations to present displays. Information is at GiveLively. For information, call 509-535-1813 or register at https://secure.givelively.org/event/the-fig-tree/2026-legislative-conference.

OF NOTE

Let's support members Jon and Lindsey Merrell showing their work at Terrain Art Studio, 628 N. Monroe St. Their show "Time Dilation" runs through Saturday, Dec. 27.

Calling All Who Have Installed Solar at Their Homes! - This year we are looking for those who have installed solar on their properties or those who are about to. Please contact Janet at <code>janet.farness@gmail.com</code> to talk about your willingness to share your experiences at an upcoming Sunday Forum.

Stars of Hope – Notice the stars of hope around the perimeter of the sanctuary. These were made by St. Mark's women as a Collaborative Advent Art Project.