

MUSIC

Jared Hall	Trumpet
Craig Landron	Saxophone
Matt Peterson	Trombone
Caylee Olson	Bass
Brendon Cesaratto	Drums

TODAY

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.

If you are sitting in one of the side pews, **please leave the hymnals in the upright position.** This helps extend the life of these books by saving the binding. Thank you.

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 Sunday School starts at 9:40 am in the Parish House. This is for youth, ages 3 - 6th grade. Giving us an extra 5 minutes will allow the youth more time to enjoy the variety of crafts and activities during class. Thanks for helping your child get here by 9:40 am.

Sunday Forum – Join us in the Conference Room at 9:45 am to watch “The History of the Origins of the ELCA.” This shows the broader history of American Lutheran mergers, through the Seminex split and into the votes and decisions that finally led to the 1987 constituting convention. We'll take some time to reflect on what unity made possible and what faithful Lutheran witness might look like in our own time.

Alleluia Choir practice starts at 10:45 am in the Choir Loft. Find it by going in the Fellowship Hall and going up the stairs. We've extended that age range for this group, welcoming 1st through and including 8th graders. Youth are welcome to join any time.

THIS WEEK

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

Monday – Congregation Council meeting is at 7:00 pm.

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 are **Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, and the Gospel is John 1:29-42.**

Sunrise Saints and Sinners – We'll meet Wednesday, January 14, 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!

Wonderful Wednesday is back - Join us for this community night for all ages.

- **6:00 – 7:00 pm - Potluck meal, the whole congregation is invited.**
- **6:30 – 8:00 pm - All-ages youth games with Calvin and Rachel.**
- **7:00 - 8:00 pm - Confirmation classes for grades 8 and 9, or time to connect with others.**

Choir practice – Choir practice is on Thursdays at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

COMING UP

Sunday Forum next week, January 18 – We're excited to welcome **Mikah Meyer to share Canyon Chorus, his documentary that follows a river rafting journey through**

Utah's Desolation Canyon. With scenes of friendship, adventure, and reflection on identity, the film celebrates authentic living and joyful companionship of a group of gay men and explores opening the outdoors to all. Mikah will talk about inclusion in outdoor spaces and the way faith and vocation intersect in God's vast creation. Please join us at 9:45 am in the Conference Room to watch this film.

St. Mark's Semi-annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 25, at 12:00 noon. We will vote on the 2025 budget. Copies of the budget will be available in the church office.

GIVING

December 2025 Giving	2025 Operating Budget			
	Giving	Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Net YTD
\$ 102,495	\$ 869,363	\$ 853,760	\$ 875,514	\$ 15,603

Wow! These numbers certainly express how committed our congregation is to all the programming we offer here. The average giving in a month is close to \$73,000, which makes the \$102,495 giving amount even more significant.

We are so grateful to everyone that was able to give an extra gift – every amount matters! We are seeing a steady increase in attendance numbers and want to be able to offer more varied opportunities as needs arise. Your generous giving will help allow for that.

At the start of this new year, we are asking members,
“What are your hopes and dreams for St. Mark's in the coming years?”

Please fill out the form and leave it in the basket by the sanctuary doors. Thank you!