
YOUTH

SPLENDID SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

We are bringing our Splendid Sundays programming back several Sunday mornings during the summer. **The first one is Sunday, July 12, after worship at 10:45 am.**

This is a family/youth/intergenerational potluck and activity time, all are welcome. **Please bring a potluck side dish and enjoy a chance to connect with the community and participate in some fun games.**



Silverwood Trip

Our annual Silverwood trip is happening on **Saturday, July 18**. We meet at the church then carpool out to Silverwood. **Bring a sack lunch! We'll be hitting up Boulder Beach, so bring a swimsuit and towel.**

When: Saturday, July 18, 10:30 – 6:00 pm
Where: meet at the church, we'll carpool
Who: Grades 6 – 12
Cost: \$20

Attendance for June 27 & 28

Saturday 5:30	28
Sunday 9:30	179
Virtual	117
Total	324

Prayers

Shelley Barton
Carol Nelson
Camille Sturdivant-Daly
Jim Morgan
Sue Brueggemeier
Norm Thorpe
Greg Saue
Susan Ankenbrand
Don Schelling
Steve Woodard
Dan Tutt
Marla Jo Dittrich
Jon Merrell
Debbie Hansen
Keith Beck
Frank Payn, husband of Dena Tippets
Shirley Belstad, mother of Randy Belstad
Mary Lancaster, mother of Gail Lancaster
Caroline Alderette, caregiver for Mary Lancaster
Teresa Berg, sister-in-law of Patti Berg
Kurt Rudy, brother of Scott Rudy
Allison Rasor, daughter of Rachel Lorenz
Carla Brewer
Natalie Abu Dayyeh
Katie
Rachel, Ezra, & Xavier
Liesl
Shar
Suzie
John

Sarah
Jack
John
Lisa

Prayers for the family of **Chuck Karschney** at the time of his death.

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 2026

Worship Participants

Preaching Pastor	Edwin Weber
Presiding Pastor	Gretchen Olson
Greeters	
9:30	Robin & Theron Miller
Ushers	
9:30	David Custer Lance Jacobson Joe Nevill
Lectors	
5:30	Steve Nash
9:30	Sharon Straub
Creed and Prayers	
9:30	Pat Gunderson
Altar Guild	
9:30	Cathy Thornton Pat Manz
Bread	Pat Manz
Communion Set-up	Cynthia Moore
Sound/Livestream	
9:30	Don Patterson Charlie Wagner
Service Coordinator	
5:30 & Altar Guild	Ruth Schmidt
9:30	Deidre Jacobson
Director of Music/Instrumental	Carol Miyamoto
Director of Music/Choral	Ann Benson

MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gospel through worship and service.
To be an inclusive community for justice and peace among diverse peoples.

TODAY

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

Flowers today are from Cathy Thornton in celebration of what would have been Cathy & Tom Thornton's 17th wedding anniversary.

Nursery – Summer hours are 9:00 – 11:00 am. The nursery is up the stairs, then follow the signs. We welcome infants to kindergarten aged children.

Think about joining others this afternoon, July 5, starting at 5:00 pm. Draw the Circle Wide is an ecumenical gathering for hope, connection, and community on Independence Day weekend. Join neighbors and friends from across Spokane for food, conversation, and fellowship as we celebrate the unity we share, lament the divisions in our society, and reflect together on what it means to become one people while honoring the many stories, cultures, and communities that shape us. **We'll meet at the Lower Manito picnic shelter in Manito Park.**

THIS WEEK

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

Women's AA meeting is Tuesday from 8:00 – 9:00 am in the Parish House.

Staff Meeting every Tuesday from 8:50 – 9:20 am.

Scripture and Coffee – We meet Tuesdays at 10:30 am with a pastor and discuss preassigned bible verses. The bible

readings are **Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11, and the Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.**

Thursday Pickleball – Join us from 8:00 – 9:30 am on the courts in our parking lot by 25th Ave.

Friday – The church office is open from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

The memorial for Marilyn Ahrendt is here at St. Mark's on Saturday, July 11, at 1:00 pm.

We are looking for more pictures and/or videos of the fantastic VBS Friday program. Please contact Loris Stupel through the church office if you would like to share yours.

COMING UP

Beer & Hymns - A Night of Song and Community - Join us for an evening of beloved hymns, cold drinks, and good company, all in support of **Grace Commons Spokane, an emerging ministry helping young adults connect their faith to everyday life.** Come as you are, raise a glass, and lift your voice.

Date: Monday, July 13

Time: 6 – 8 pm

Location: Perry Street Brewing, 1025 S. Perry St., #2

Tickets: \$15, includes your first beverage

Thanking God for the gifts of animals in our lives: Join us Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 pm in the Parish House to share stories, read scriptures, and give thanks to God for the pets we've had who are no longer with us. Bring your memories, a pet toy or collar, and a picture if you'd like. Planners for this informal time include our pastors, St. Mark's members Dennis McGaughy, Mark Nelson, Adam Shipman, and Veterinarian Laura Strom. **Please call the church office at 509.747.6677 by Tuesday, July 14** so we'll have an idea how many may attend.

WAYS TO HELP

Summer Landscaping - This time of year our members who enjoy gardening are invited to volunteer at church. Just bring your tools and tackle any project you see needs attention, whenever it is convenient for you. We have posted a landscaping map on the board in the Narthex. If you are willing to adopt a zone of our property for the summer, sign up for that zone and it's yours all summer! Thanks in advance for your hard work beautifying our grounds.

Can you help? Our neighbors at Shalom Ministries downtown are in extreme need of bottled water. Many



of Shalom's unhoused and low-income guests have limited resources to obtain fresh cool water. Last year, St. Mark's members were so generous, contributing over 1000 bottles. **We will collect cases of**

bottled water throughout the summer. Just bring them to the church during office hours (M-Th 9 - 3, F 9 - 12) and we will get them downtown. If getting the cases to the church is an issue, please call the office at 509.747.6677.

It's that time of year again. We collect school supplies for youth around the world, distributed through Lutheran World Relief – Last year

we were able to put together 268 school kits, maybe we can beat that number. We are collecting the following school supplies to fill the kits, quantities for each kit in parentheses:



- **Spiral notebooks** – 70 sheets, wide or college ruled (4)
- **Ruler** (plastic preferred) must have centimeters (1)
- **Pencil sharpener** (1)
- **Scissors** – blunt, safety scissors with embedded steel blades (1)
- **Ball point pens** – blue or black ink (5)
- **Crayons** – box of **16 or 24** (1)
- **Erasers** – pink 2 ½" length (1)