
YOUTH

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

PAINTING WITH BOB ROSS

The youth group is getting creative with an afternoon of painting. Join us for some music, snacks, and an artistic opportunity. We'll be watching and following along with a video of Bob Ross as he teaches us how to paint. Art supplies and refreshments will be provided. No cost.

When: Sunday, March 8, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Who: Grades 6 – 12

Where: the Conference Room

SERVICE PROJECT AND MOVIE AFTERNOON

We will be doing prep work for a service project making waterproof sleeping mats for Shalom Ministries. This will involve making lots and lots of "plarn" (plastic yarn) while watching a movie. We'll have pizza and other snacks. Come for a fun afternoon of service and social hangout time.

When: Sunday, March 15, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Who: Grades 6-12

Where: the Church

MISSION STATEMENT

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

prayers

Kimber Sater
Donna Gumm
Rick Allmon
Merrily Ripley
Don Schelling
Dan Tutt
Martha Harvie
Marla Jo Dittrich
Jon Merrell
Lori Cornell
Debbie Hansen
Keith Beck
Mark Spurgeon, father of Kirsten Liesch
Frank Payn, husband of Dena Tippets
Teresa Berg, sister-in-law of Patti Berg
Kurt Rudy, brother of Scott Rudy
Alison Razor, daughter of Rachel Lorenz
Val Adkins, sister of Yvonne Davis & Liz McGaughy
Anna Matthews
Robert Mayer
Carla Brewer
Steve Woodard
Dave and Chris
Carter
Dan
Liesl
Shar
Chloe
Melissa
Suzie
John
Brad

Sophia
Rick
Sarah
Rachel, Ezra, and Xavier
Jack
John
Lisa

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 8, 2026

Worship Participants

Preaching Pastor	Gretchen Olson
Presiding	Edwin Weber
Acolytes	Leo Bassett Quinn Bowman
8:45	
Greeters	Dean & Sylvia Moorehouse Foxie Evans, Linda Smith
8:30	
10:45	
Ushers	Rick Allmon, Pam Mueller Jim & Kenna Morgan, Joe Nevill
8:30	
10:45	
Lectors	Gerry Wigren Caroline Shelton Katy Karschney Alicia Fuhrman
5:30	
8:30	
10:45	
Psalm Cantor	Sharon Straub Patti Berg
8:30	
10:45	
Altar Guild	Carol Nelson Pat Manz
8:30	
10:45	
Bread Baker	Susan Briehl Donna Huck
Communion Set-up	
Sound/Livestream	Don Patterson Rick Young
10:45	
Service Coordinator	Ruth Schmidt Cathy Thornton Cindi Pascua Carol Miyamoto Ann Benson
5:30 & Altar Guild	
8:30	
10:45	
Director of Music/Instrumental	
Director of Music/Choral	

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. 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. **Please fill out an attendance card from the pew and place it in the offering plate.**

Nursery – The nursery is open from 8:15 am – 12:00 noon, it is up the stairs, then 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.

Sunday Forum Today, March 8 - Rescuing Food, Feeding Our Neighbors. Chrystal Ortega, Executive Director of Feed Spokane, will help us learn about local responses to both hunger and food waste. Since 2005, Feed Spokane has worked with restaurants, grocers, farmers, and other community partners to safely rescue quality food that would otherwise be discarded and redirect it to food banks and charitable meal sites across the Spokane region. **Join us at 9:45 am in the Conference Room.**

Alleluia Choir practice starts at 10:45 am in the Choir Loft. This is for youth grades 1 through 8.

THIS WEEK

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

Congregation Council meets Monday, March 9, at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday – Staff Meeting from 9:00 – 10:20 am.

Scripture and Coffee - We meet in the Conference Room Tuesdays at 10:30 am. The readings this week are 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Romans 5:1-11, and John 9:1-41.

Sunrise Saints and Sinners - We meet Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 am, at The Chalet Restaurant, 2918 S. Grand Blvd.

In this group you'll have lots of laughs, interesting discussions, plus a good breakfast. All men are welcome, saints or sinners! *This group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month.*

Lenten Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer – Wednesday at 6:00 pm and continuing through March 25 on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. A sign up sheet will go around at the beginning of each service to contribute soup, veggies, bread, and to help with set up and cleanup. **After a light supper and conversation, we gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer.**

Choir Practice – Join us for choir practice Thursday at 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

The memorial for Connie Walker is on Saturday, March 14, at 12:00 noon.

UPCOMING

Interactive Sermon: The Fragrance of Anointing - Next Sunday, at the 10:45 am service, Pastor Edwin will lead a special multi-generational, interactive teaching on anointing oil in the Bible and in our life of faith. Together we will explore how oil has been used for blessing, healing, and in baptism. Children (and adults alike) will have the opportunity to smell traditional biblical scents such as frankincense, myrrh, and nard and to help blend a new fragrant anointing oil for St. Mark's. This oil will be blessed and used throughout the coming year whenever we baptize or anoint for healing. In a very real way, the fragrance we create will carry our shared ministry and prayer into the year ahead. All ages are warmly invited to this hands-on, sensory sermon experience.

Want to get out some aggressions while supporting St. Mark's? We are taking two rooms that have had little use upstairs in the main church and combining them into a beautiful new Godly Play Sunday School classroom. This larger room will also serve us well for this summer's VBS program. Help get rid of a wall, and your free will contribution will offset the costs of this renovation. This will take place **next Sunday, March 15, at 12:00 noon.**

Spring Cleaning around the church – Here is an excuse to wear your grubbies to church on **Sunday, March 22. At 12:00 noon**, we'll gather to spiff up certain spots around the church, we hope you can help!

Easter Flower Envelopes are located in the pews. If you would like to purchase a flowering potted plant in memory or honor of a loved one, plant donations are \$20. The deadline for them is **Monday, March 30.**

You are invited - Martin Wells has purchased a table for the **Fig Tree luncheon** and is looking for some people to join him for lunch. The luncheon is on **Saturday, March 14**, Please contact Martin at 509.990.1654 or msmmwells@aol.com.

WAYS TO HELP

Please continue to bring in your **canned goods for our Tower of Cans**, it is growing with your help. There is also a bucket for cash donations. Digital donations at <https://www.stmarks-spokane.org/givingoffering> are always appreciated.

Quilters and Crocheters -

* Most of you have heard about the Synod trip to Tanzania. One of our youth, Charlie Wagner, will be going with the group in June. The synod will be gifting our sister synod with table runners **and are looking for quilters.**

* Imagine sleeping on the ground, often concrete. We are looking for people (youth and adults) to make **sleeping mats out of recycled plastic newspaper bags. Please bring in your plastic newspaper bags and place in the basket in the Narthex.**

Contact the church office at 509.747.6677 or office@stmarks-spokane.org to learn more.

Attendance for Feb. 28 and March 1

Saturday 5:30	32
Sunday 8:30	109
Sunday 10:45	118
Virtual Sunday	82
Wednesday 7:00	71
Total	412