

YOUTH

NO SUNDAY COOL TODAY

(WE TAKE A BREAK FOR THANKSGIVING)

SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY

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

COCOA AND CAROLS

Get into a festive mood with **Cocoa and Carols today, Sunday, November 30, at 9:45 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for this intergenerational event as we enjoy hot chocolate, Christmas music, and Advent crafts, including the opportunity to make your very own Advent wreath.

Attendance for November 22 & 23

Saturday 5:30	26
Sunday 8:30	72
Sunday 10:45	170
Virtual	<u>80</u>
Total in-person & views	348

prayers

Judy Jensen	Jon Merrell
Neil Kinkel	Lori Cornell
Bruce Hille	Debbie Hansen
Martha Harvie	Keith Beck
Marla Jo Dittrich	
Foxie Evans	
Bill Sachse	
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	
Henry Rasor, baby of Allison Rasor	
Kim McDaniel, cousin of Tammy Zimmer	
Val Adkins, sister of Yvonne Davis & Liz McGaughy	
Chris Huck, brother of Donna Huck	
Robert Mayer	
Carla Brewer	
Brad	
Michael	
Sophia	
Patsy	
Rick	
Sarah	
Rachel, Ezra, and Xavier	
Jack	
John	
Lisa	
Sean	

Prayers of the family of **Eldine Purcell**, wife of Chuck Purcell, at the time of her death.

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Worship Participants

Preaching Pastor	Edwin Weber
Presiding Pastor	Gretchen Olson
Acolytes	
10:45	Leo Bassett, Jane Chapman
Greeters	
8:30	Judy Cannata, Robin Spedden
10:45	Rue Bassett, Joni Cartwright
Ushers	
8:30	Bob & Brenda Bray
	Rick Allmon, Pam Mueller
10:45	Carissa Roberts & Andrew, Ella, and Maya Schillinger
Lectors	
5:30	Matt Daly
8:30	Melinda Bowman
10:45	Rue Bassett
Creed and Prayers	
8:30	Liesl Bowman
10:45	Harmony Young
Altar Guild	
8:30	Carol Nelson
10:45	Pat Manz/Tom Johnson
Bread Baker	Karen Felber
Communion Set-up	Pat Manz
Sound/Livestream	Randy Darst
	Charlie Wagner
Service Coordinator	
5:30 & Altar Guild	Camille Sturdivant-Daly
8:30	Cathy Thornton/Becky Keene
10:45	Sande Paulson
Director of Music/Instrumental	Carol Miyamoto
Director of Music/Choral	Ann Benson

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Flute

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 who shares in Holy Communion 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. We welcome infants to kindergarten aged children.

Godly Play – No Godly Play today, due to Thanksgiving.

Alleluia Choir practice is at 10:45 am in the Choir Loft. From the Fellowship Hall, go up the stairs to the loft.

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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!

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Monday, December 1 – Stewards of Creation, 6:00 – 7:00 pm by Zoom. Contact the church office at 509.747.6677 or office@stmarks-spokane.org to get the Zoom information. **Women's AA** meets on Tuesday mornings 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: **Isaiah 43:19-21 and the Gospel: Matthew 11:1-11.**

St. Mark's Women's Collaborative Advent Art Project will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.** For the "Stars of Hope" art project, we'll make beautiful 3-D paper stars Please bring: scissors, a hot glue gun for regular heat, (Not low heat) and a couple of glue sticks. **For those interested, we'll then enjoy a potluck at 6:00 pm, followed by a regular Eat, Pray, Laugh gathering at 7:00 pm.**

Congregation Council Executive Meeting – This meeting will take place on Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

Holden Evening Prayer Returns This Advent - Each Wednesday during Advent, we'll gather at 7:00 pm for Holden Evening Prayer. This year, the 30 - 40 minute service will also integrate a time of Prayer Around the Cross and poetry around prayer. After worship, we gather for a light time of cheese, wine, and wine alternatives. Please contact the pastors if you are interested in bringing something to share! Invite friends and neighbors for quiet, contemplative worship this Advent!

Choir practice – Adult choir practice is on **Thursdays at 7:15 pm.** We meet in the sanctuary.

COMING UP

Smorgasbord Set-up happens on Saturday, December 6, starting at 10:00 am. Many hands make light work.



Donations for the Lutheran Community Services Unaccompanied Refugee Minors gift cards are due Sunday, December 7.

Youth involved in the **Christmas Pageant, practice takes place Sunday, December 7, from 2:40 – 4:15 pm.**

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Smorgasbord, Sunday, December 7, at 5:15 pm - Come for the St. Mark's Christmas pageant and stay for the Smorgasbord! All are welcome to this festive "potluck" where you can sample Scandinavian delicacies such as lutefisk and lefse, along with your own family favorites. Look for sign-up sheets and recipes posted in the Narthex. We will begin with a traditional Norwegian table prayer and enjoy a festive evening of wonderful food and lively fellowship. **We need you! If you would like to volunteer to cook, serve, cleanup or decorate please contact Todd and Susan Hagen at 509.209.1004 or 509.220.7250 and join the Smorgasbord team.** Please check out the Signup Sheet in the Narthex! We have several spots to fill and much fun to have! Join us as we celebrate this popular St. Mark's tradition!

Calling All Who Have Installed Solar at Their Homes! - Last year we had a wonderful panel of folks who had transformed their landscapes using Spokanescape principles of water reduction and biodiversity support. This year we are looking for those who have installed solar on their properties or those who are about to. Please contact Janet at janet.farness@gmail.com to talk about your willingness to share your experiences at an upcoming Sunday Forum.

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24



4:00 pm - Christmas Eve family worship with candle lighting and Holy Communion

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