# YOUTH

## Sunday Cool!

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
**Who:** Grades 6 – 12
**Where:** Narthex




| Attendance for Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 | |
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| Saturday 5:30 | 16 |
| Sunday 8:30 | 88 |
| Sunday 10:45 | 188 |
| Virtual | 123 |
| **Total** | **415** |

**MISSION STATEMENT**

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

# prayers

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| Nancy Gardner | Shar |
| Mary Boehnke | Suzie |
| Norm Thorpe | John |
| Nancy Collins | Sarah |
| Ruth Schmidt | Jack |
| Dotty Thomas | John |
| Shelley Barton | Lisa |
| Greg Saue | |
| Steve Woodard | |
| Dan Tutt | |
| Debbie Hansen | |
| Keith Beck | |

Vorlin Vedlhouse, nephew of Ted Olson
Sally Hyde, daughter of Mary Hyde
Allison Rasor, daughter of Rachel Devlin
Nadine Young, cousin of Kathy Bohush
Anita Kopp, mother-in-law of Gretchen Olson
Mary Lancaster, mother of Gail Lancaster
Caroline Alderette, caregiver for Mary Lancaster
Kurt Rudy, brother of Scott Rudy
Ann DiLuzio
Lou Dunham
Carla Brewer
Patti
Ashley
Katie
Rachel
Ezra
Xavier
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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2026

## Worship Participants

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| Preaching Pastor | Edwin Weber |
| Presiding Pastor | Amy Seymour |
| Acolytes | |
| 10:45 | Noelle Baker, Laney O'Connor |
| Greeters | |
| 8:30 | Amy & Dan Heinen |
| 10:45 | May & Tom Pinyo |
| Ushers | |
| 8:30 | Jim & Val Davis |
| | Sharon Straub |
| 10:45 | Rich Bailey |
| | Susan Briehl & Martin Wells |
| Lectors | |
| 5:30 | Steve Nash |
| 8:30 | Brenda Bray |
| 10:45 | Liz Grosen |
| Creed and Prayers | |
| 8:30 | Jimmy Fox |
| 10:45 | Ted Olson |
| Altar Guild | |
| 8:30 | Cynthia Moore |
| 10:45 | Susan Pine |
| Bread | Pat Manz |
| Communion Set-up | Pat Manz |
| Sound/Livestream | |
| 10:45 | Eric Manz, Kaden Pinyo |
| Service Coordinator | |
| 8:30 | Cathy Thornton |
| 10:45 | Steve Somers |
| Director of Music/Instrumental | Carol Miyamoto |
| Director of Music/Choral | Ann Benson |
| Faith Formation Minister | Kendra Chapman |

## 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. **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**. Listing everyone in your household helps us keep our membership records current and strengthens our pastoral care**.

**November is our Stewardship month here at St. Mark's. Over the next several weeks, we'll hear inspiring Mission Moments from a variety of dedicated members. This is an important time to share your generous giving commitment and help us prepare a thoughtful budget for 2027. You'll find a stewardship card in your bulletin, please place your completed card in the offering plate.**

**Nursery** – Hours are 8:15 am – 12 noon. We welcome infants to kindergarten aged children.

**Godly Play Sunday School – for children age 3 – grade 6, starting at 9:40 am,** we gather in the Parish House, then disperse to the various classrooms.

**Alleluia Youth Choir practice, for youth grades 1 – 8, starting at 10:45 am in the Choir Loft.**

**At today's Sunday Forum, Pastor Edwin** will continue our conversation about worship with a closer look at Holy Baptism and the rituals through which we remember and renew our baptismal covenant. See you in the Conference room at 9:45 am.

**New Member Inquiry Classes** - If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about St. Mark's and possibly becoming a member, please consider attending our New Member Inquiry Classes. **The first class is this evening and continues for two more Sundays, November 15 and 22, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at St. Mark's**. We begin with dinner prepared by congregation members followed by an informational class. We encourage you to attend all three classes, but it is not a requirement. To learn more, please contact Mary Heoenecke through the church office at 509.747.6677. **If you are willing to help with a meal, we'd love to hear from you.**

## THIS WEEK

**Parkinson's Disease Support - Some St. Mark's members who have had a Parkinson's disease diagnosis have formed a support group and extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who is on the same journey. Spouses/caregivers are welcome. Join us Monday, November 9, at 2 pm in the Conference Room.**

**Monday Yoga at 4:30 pm is in the Fellowship Hall.**

**The Congregation Council meeting is on Monday, November 9, at 7 pm in the Conference Room.**

**Women's AA meeting** is Tuesday from 8 - 9 am in the Parish House.

**Our Staff Meeting is every Tuesday from 8:50 – 10:20 am.**

**Scripture and Coffee** – Is on Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. We'll discuss the bible verses below with a pastor. **The Bible readings for this week are 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 and the Gospel of Matthew 25:14-30.**

**Choir Rehearsal – The adult choir has a special rehearsal on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, at 7:15 pm. No Thursday rehearsal this week.**

**Sunrise Saints and Sinners -** Join some St. Mark's men Wednesday, November 10, at 7:00 am at the Chalet Restaurant at 2918 S. Grand Blvd. You'll have some good conversations, laughs, and a filling breakfast.

**The church office is closed on Wednesday, November 11, in recognition of the Veterans Day holiday.**

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

## COMING UP

**The St. Mark's Blood Drive is coming up next Sunday, November 15, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. There are still spots available. To see if you are eligible or to register, just click on the QR code.**

**At next Sunday's Forum we'll hear from Grace Commons leader Pastor Emily Keunker.** She will share updates about Grace Commons, our Lutheran young-adult and campus ministry serving the greater Spokane area.

## WAYS TO HELP

Please consider supporting our youth for their ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in June! **They are selling delicious pies and cheesecakes just in time for Thanksgiving**. Order forms and payment may be dropped off at St. Mark's through today. ***Pick up takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 10 am – 12 noon and 4 - 6 pm.*** For those paying online, you also have the option to send a picture of your completed order form to Kendra at kchapman@stmarks-spokane.org. Thank you for supporting our youth.

**Shalom (Dining with Dignity) is in need of warm winter clothing for their guests**. They can use coats, blankets, sleeping bags, hats, warm socks, and gloves. Look for the bin in the Narthex labeled "clothing" to put these items in.

### Staff Updates

**Pastor Gretchen Olson** continues to be on leave following her mother's death. Prayers are greatly appreciated. Cards to Pastor Gretchen may be mailed to:

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**Pastor Amy Seymour** remains our pastoral interim through the end of November.