

YOUTH

SUNDAY COOL

There's never been a better time to jump in and check out Sunday Cool.

When: Sundays at 9:45 am

Who: Grades 6 – 12

Where: the Narthex

GAME DAY

We will meet in the Youth Room for some high-spirited party games. There will be lunch and other snacks. If you are interested in the youth group or already a regular, this event will be a great opportunity to break the ice.

When: today, October 12, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Who: Grades 6 – 12

Where: the Youth Room

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

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, 9, & 10, or time to connect with others.**

Attendance for October 4 & 5

Saturday 5:30	28
Sunday 8:30	56
Sunday 10:45 - people	139
dogs 30	cockroaches 5
cats 2	guinea pigs 2
snail 1	stuffed dinosaur 1
parakeet 1	stuffedies 4
chicken 1	pet rock 1
Virtual	75
Total in-person & views	298

prayers

Dena Tippetts

Foxie Evans

Bill Sachse

Dale Miller

Alice Nelson

Kim McDaniel, cousin of Tammy Zimmer

Val Adkins, sister of Yvonne Davis & Liz McGaughy

Eldine Purcell, wife of Chuck Purcell

Chris Huck, brother of Donna Huck

Adriana Nunez

Robert Mayer

Carla Brewer

Anne

Sarah

Rachel, Ezra, and Xavier

Eric

Ryan

Hope

Jack

John

Lisa

Sean

Jon Merrell

Lori Cornell

Debbie Hansen

Keith Beck

Blessings on the birth of **Rudy Lou Phelan, grandson of Cynthia & Kelly Moore and Michele & John Phelan.**

Prayers for the family of **Eric Moen, brother of Georgia Lang,** at the time of his death.

Prayers for the family of **Don Monson,** former member, at the time of his death.

Prayers for the family of **Maris Baltins,** former member, at the time of his death.

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025

Worship Participants

Preaching Pastor

Gretchen Olson

Presiding Pastor

Edwin Weber

Acolyte

10:45

Bridgette Richardson

Greeters

8:30

Mary & Karl Harden

10:45

Liz Grosen, Cindi Pascua

Ushers

8:30

Lance Jacobson, Joe Nevill

10:45

Debbie Bell, Gia/Kate Campanella

Lectors

5:30

Darleen Fitzgerald

8:30

Roger Chase

10:45

Liz Grosen

Creed and Prayers

8:30

Pat Shelley

10:45

Debbie Hansen

Altar Guild

8:30

Carol Nelson

10:45

Pat Manz

Bread Baker

Pat Manz

Communion Set-up

Sound/Livestream

Don Patterson

Matt Ophardt

Service Coordinator

5:30 & Altar Guild

Darleen Fitzgerald

8:30

Deidre Jacobson

10:45

Sande Paulson

Director of Music/Instrumental

Director of Music/Choral

Carol Miyamoto

Ann Benson

TODAY

Welcome, visitors – We are so glad to have you worship with us today. We appreciate you filling out an attendance card located in the pew and placing it in the offering plate. All are welcome at the Lord's Table for communion. Find out more at stmarks-spokane.org.

Nursery – The nursery is open from 8:15 am – 12:00 noon. You will find the nursery by going up the stairs by the water fountain, then turning right. We welcome infants to kindergarten aged children.

Large print worship folders, loaner reading glasses, and hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system.

Godly Play – Sunday School meets at 9:45 am in the Parish House. This is for youth, ages 3 - 6th grade.

Alleluia Choir practice is cancelled today. We'll have practice next week at 10:45 am.

The **Sunday Forum this week will be with *The Fig Tree's* Marijke Fakasiieiki.** *The Fig Tree* is an independent, nonprofit newspaper and resource directory dedicated to fostering communication among faith and nonprofit communities in the Inland Northwest. As an ecumenical and interfaith organization, it aims to bridge divisions, build understanding, and promote unity and action for the common good. **Join us at 9:45 am in the Conference Room.**

Oktoberfest – Is this evening at 6:00 pm. It's not too late to sign up in the narthex.

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 13, the church office is closed in observance of Indigenous People's Day.

No pickleball or yoga this week.

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 are **Genesis 32:22-31 and Gospel, Luke 18:1-8.**

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Assembly Day – Is Wednesday, October 15, starting at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Wonderful Wednesday - Join us for this community night for all ages, **continuing through October 22. Learn more at the Youth section of this bulletin.**

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

COMING UP

Next Sunday, October 19, is Confirmation Sunday. We will perform the Rite of Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:45 am worship service.

Join us next Sunday, October 19, for another Splendid Sunday. This is an intergenerational program. Join us for this family/youth/intergenerational potluck and activity time **after Sunday worship from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm.**

New Member Classes – If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about St. Mark's and possibly join our church, we will be holding inquiry classes over the course of three Sundays this fall:

- **October 19**
- **October 26**
- **November 2**

These classes run from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at St. Mark's. We begin with dinner prepared by congregation members followed by an informational class. This is a wonderful time to learn more about St. Mark's history, what it means to be a Lutheran, and get to know the pastors in a small group setting. The new members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sunday, November 9. If you would like to

join or know someone who may be interested, please call the church office at 509.747.6677.

Gathered for Good Luncheon – The Lutheran Community Services Northwest lunch fundraiser is on **Saturday, October 18, at 11:30 am.** More information on a flyer.

Please consider supporting Dining with Dignity, A Gala Event. This takes place on **Saturday, October 18, from 5:00 - 8:30 pm.** It's at the Southside Community Center, 3151 E 27th Ave. This event serves as the cornerstone for Shalom Meals Ministries fundraising efforts, which St. Mark's supports both financially and in service. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased online at <https://fundraiser.support/ShalomMeals>. If you would like to donate a theme basket or items for the auction, please contact Peg Johnson at 509.953.1391. She's available for questions and can pick up your items.

For those of you that saw last Sunday's worship, you got to see Pastor Ezekiel Mwambungu from our international synod partner, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese (UKD). **There is a program for potential traveling ambassadors to be with our companions in Tanzania.** The goal of the trip to the UKD in June 2026 is to strengthen our relationship as we spend more time together. Cost will be just under \$6000 total - including everything such as immunizations, souvenirs, visa, and offerings. It also includes airfare, hotels, and food. We usually end up being well below the budgeted cost. For more information, go to <https://nwimsynod.org/tanzania-companion-synod-ukd>. Information sheets are in the Narthex on the island.



MISSION STATEMENT

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