

YOUTH

Next Sunday, September 13, Sunday Cool starts back up!

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

Next Sunday, September 13, Game Day!

Join us in the Youth Room for a day of games, snacks, and fun! We'll have the Switch 2 set up with party games, along with plenty of board games to choose from. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

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Who: Grades 6 – 12

Where: the Narthex

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Attendance for August 29 & 30

Saturday 5:30	22
Sunday 9:30	232
Virtual	<u>110</u>
Total	364

prayers

This week we pray for those who are ill, in treatment, bereaved, deployed, or in need of support.

Ruth Schmidt	Shar
Diane Tutt	Suzie
Dotty Thomas	John
Mary Ann Tupper	Sarah
Georgia Lang	Jack
Shelley Barton	John
Greg Saue	Lisa
Don Schelling	
Steve Woodard	
Dan Tutt	
Jon Merrell	
Debbie Hansen	
Keith Beck	
Nadine Bohush, 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	
Carla Brewer	
Patti	
Ashley	
Katie	
Rachel, Ezra, & Xavier	
Liesl	

Prayers for the family of **Ella Olson, mother of Pastor Gretchen Olson**, at the time of her death.

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ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CREATION IN CHRIST

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6, 2026

Worship Participants

Preaching Pastor	Pastor Amy Seymour
Presiding Pastor	Pastor Edwin Weber
Greeters	
9:30	Foxie Evans Marilyn Thordarson
Ushers	
9:30	Jim & Val Davis
Lectors	
5:30	Merrily Ripley
9:30	Susan Briehl
Creed and Prayers	
9:30	Roger Chase
Altar Guild	
9:30	Becky Keene
Bread	Val Davis
Communion Set-up	Donna Huck
Sound/Livestream	
9:30	Charlie Wagner Rick Young
Service Coordinator	
5:30 & Altar Guild	Matt Daly
9:30	Jane Summers
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.**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of the birth of **Cora Ann Wyer, granddaughter of Liz Grosen.**

Please remember to silence phones when in the sanctuary, thank you.

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. **Starting next week, the nursery is open from 8:15 – 12:00 noon.**

THIS WEEK

St. Mark's office is closed on Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

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

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

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

Scripture and Coffee – We meet Tuesdays at 10:30 am with a pastor and discuss preassigned bible verses. The bible readings for this week are **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11-14 and Matthew 6:25-34.**

Sunrise Saints & Sinners – Join some of the St. Mark's men for breakfast and conversation **at 7 am at The Chalet Restaurant, 2918 S. Grand Blvd.**

Wonderful Wednesdays continue – This is our multi-generational midweek program of fellowship and faith formation! **Join us as we gather for a potluck dinner at 6 pm, followed by games and faith formation at 7 pm.**

Godly Play For Grownups! - This fall we grownups will get OUR turn to awaken (or re-awaken) the wonder that the stories of God and God's people can stir within us. Come hear the stories of the Bible told in a new way, share observations and curiosities with each other, and take the time to explore your own thoughts and reflections about those stories. **Godly Play for Grownups is open to anyone ages 17 and up. We will meet Wednesdays from 7 pm – 8 pm in the Conference Room.** (You are invited to take part in the Wonderful Wednesdays potluck at 6 pm, or you can just show up for Godly Play – either is just fine!) Questions? Contact Ann Benson through the church office.

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

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

COMING UP

Service Times

Next Sunday, September 13, we go back to our “regular” schedule, with two services:

*** 8:30 am * 10:45 am**

Saturday's 5:30 pm service remains the same.

Want to experience Godly Play firsthand? Next Sunday, September 13, Ann Benson will present the sermon in Godly Play style. We hope you enjoy this change in routine.

Sunday Forums are starting back up. Next Sunday, September 13, join us for “Worship Matters.” Pastor Edwin will lead a group discussion about why worship matters so much to us and the matters that pertain to planning and preparing worship at St. Mark's.

The following Sunday, September 20, we'll focus on the **Tanzania Mission Trip. Charlie Wagner**, one of St. Mark's youth, will share stories and reflections from his summer mission trip to Tanzania with our synod.

Starting next Sunday is:

- **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, for youth grades 1 – 8, starting at 10:45 am in the Choir Loft.**
- **Sunday Cool – For youth grades 6 -12. More info on the youth page.**

ELCA National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting - Do you have a child who is in 8th - 12th grades

during the 2026-27 school year? This meeting is for you and your student! St. Mark's will be taking a group to Minneapolis to attend the National Youth Gathering June 28-July 2, 2027. Our youth will gather with Lutherans from across the country for a week of faith formation, fellowship, service, and learning. **If you missed the one on September 2, please join us next Sunday, September 13, at 12:00 noon.**



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Library Notes - Your church library is ready for you to use! Karen Stahl and friend Marguerite Green have been working hard this year to catalogue nearly 1000 books and insert pockets and cards for check out. Just come up the stairs (or use the elevator) and head down the hall to the library sign on the door. We have a wide selection of religious books and many fiction books for your enjoyment. Also, don't forget the Little Library in the coffee area opposite the office!

The livestream of the funeral for Ella Olson, mother of Pastor Gretchen Olson, is on Friday, September 11, at 9:00 am pacific daylight time. To watch go to this link: fpcspiritlake.org/stream. Her mail is being forwarded, so cards may be sent to:

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