

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026

SUNDAYS - WORSHIP / FAITH FORMATION

Pastor Quentin's
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9:00am Fellowship (Family Life Center)
9:15 am Children's Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
9:45am Musical Prelude - Sanctuary
9:55am Announcements - Sanctuary
10:00am Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00am Worship on YouTube Live -
[http:// www.youtube.com@st.markslutheranchurchclar6483](http://www.youtube.com@st.markslutheranchurchclar6483)
11:15am Worship & Music Team Meeting following worship

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Monday	9/14	WELCA Bible Study - 11:00 am
Tuesday	9/15	Yoga - 9am Quilting Ministry - 10am - 12pm
Wednesday	9/16	Council Reports due by 10:00 am to secretary@smarklc.org
Thursday	9/17	Newsletter info due by 10:00 am to secretary@smarklc.org
Saturday	9/19	Prime Time Seniors - Lunch Theatre. Meet at church at 10:00 am.
Sunday	9/20	Fellowship (Family Life Center) - 9:00 am Sunday School/ Bible Study - 9:15 am Worship Service - 10:00 am

Prayers this week:

Bill & Laura McBrayer
Caitlin Austin
Carolyn Kamees
Carolyn Sigmon
Family of Dennis Null
Evelyn Setzer
Fran Little
Gail Carpenter
Gary & Susan Carpenter

Gaye Morrison
George Setzer, Jr
Heather Killian Forbes
Jack & Luke (*per Cathy S*)
Janie Arndt
Jo Marilyn Hewitt
Family of Johnny Sigmon
Jonathan & Kathy Ray
Loretta Keisler

Loretta Stephenson
Norman Morrow
Phil Williams
William Hewitt
Zane Albert

***If you know people listed on the prayer list who can be taken off at this time,
please contact the church office.***

A Donation to “St Mark’s Preschool” has been given in Memory of Melanie Stewart Cranford (1973—2023). ‘Melanie collected the needy, the neglected, the hurt children of this world. Her song of giving and loving continues in the legacy she has left behind. Happy Heavenly Birthday our Beloved’. By Jim and Marlene Stewart

A Donation to Highways and Hedges was given in memory of Johnny Sigmon by Libby Brown.

Thank you to Deb Crawford for washing the heavy, white tablecloths from the Family Life Center. These haven’t been cleaned in a very long time, so thank you Deb for your hard work.

Celebrating Grandparents: St Mark’s will celebrate Grandparents on Sunday, September 27th. You will have the opportunity to include an ‘In Honor of . . .’ or ‘In Memory of . . .’ remembrance to be included in the bulletin that Sunday. Use the form included in the bulletin or at each entrance to list those you honor. Place these in the offering plate or bring them by the office. Deadline will be Monday, Sept. 21st at 12 noon to be included.

Community Food and Essentials Drive: **Thank you** to all who helped with the Community Food and Essentials drive yesterday. Lots of items were collected and will be distributed through our Blessing Box and other donation sites throughout Claremont.

Worship & Music Team Meeting will gather after worship today, September 13. If you are interested in helping shape our worship life at St. Mark’s, we welcome you to join us for this conversation.

Stewardship: Our Time, Talents and Treasure Our Stewardship campaign, Better Together, starts today September 13th and continues the 20th and the 27th. It will be an opportunity to pledge your 2027 support for the ministries at St Mark’s.

Better Together in Time. We are better together when our time is given to one another.
Better Together in Talent. We are Better Together when we share our talents for each other.
Better Together in Treasure. We are Better Together when our treasure is shared with one another.

Confirmation will be starting Sunday, September 27th following worship at 11:30am. We will also be planning activities for our Younger Youth, during this time, for the opportunity to grow their faith through Bible studies, crafts and games.

St Mark’s Youth in NC Lutheran Newsletter. St Mark’s Youth Service Camp is featured in the NC online ELCA newsletter. Check out: https://nclutheran.org/special_posts/st-marks-youth-put-faith-into-action/

City of Claremont and St Mark’s Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 17th from 5—7 pm. We will be collecting candy through Wednesday, October 14th to distribute to those who decorate their trunk and hand out treats. Join us for the fun!

Highways and Hedges. Youth will be visiting Highways and Hedges Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 pm to assist in packing donation bags. Join as we continue to A.R.I.S.E. Always Ready, Inspired, Serving and Energetic for Christ.

Christmas Shopping Day. St Mark’s ‘Gifts from the Heart’ shopping day will be held Saturday, November 21st. Join us for a planning meeting Tuesday, Sept 22nd at 6pm. We have over 130 shoppers registered this year and are looking for **NEW ITEMS**, or monetary donations, to purchase what is needed. Items needed by October 25th.

Mens	Womens	Children	Kitchen	Other	Food	WE DO NOT NEED...
Small Tool Kits Flashlights Car Care Items Grilling Items Keychains Head lamps	Bath/body Lotions Mesh Scrubs Keychains Comb/Brush Umbrellas	Crayons Games Coloring Books Small Toys Small Stuffed Animals	Cookie Mix Packets Cooking Utensils Dish Clothes Christmas Mugs	Christmas Socks Toboggans Hats Gloves Toiletry Items	Desserts, some Sugar Free Soft Candies Hot Chocolate Packets	Jewelry Pictures Wall Art Candles Toy Guns



Beware of Fake Emails
Pastor Quentin, or any church staff, will never email, call or text you asking to purchase gift cards, give personal financial information, or wire money to him. If you have received messages like this from **quentinsu-race@gmail.com** or other staff, please report them for phishing and notify Pastor Quentin or the church office.

Worship Assistants for next Sunday, Sept. 20th
Worship Asst: Lay Reader:
Greeters: Dotty Isenhour, Patty Little
Acolyte: Denise Arndt Usher: Denise Arndt
Communion: Crucifier:
Council: Trey Hendren, Susan Williams