

## Purpose

### **St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world. To participate in God's mission, this congregation:

**Worships** God in proclamation of the Word and administration of the sacraments and through lives of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, witness and service.

**Proclaims** God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith alone, according to the apostolic witness in the Holy Scripture, preserving and transmitting the Gospel faithfully to future generations.

**Carries** out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ and by doing all ministry with a global awareness consistent with the understanding of God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all.

**Serves** in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs.

**Nurtures** its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world.

**Manifests** the unity given to the people of God by living together in the love of Christ and by joining with other Christians in prayer and action to express and preserve the unity, which the Spirit gives.

## Meet Our Staff

**Rev. Dr. Gary S. Haddock** is our primary pastor. Pastor Haddock is our 11th senior pastor. (828) 781-3060  
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## Programs

### **Music Opportunities**

The Praise Team leads the contemporary service at 8:15am each Sunday.

The Adult Chancel Choir leads the congregation at the 10:30am traditional service. Individual instrumentalists are welcome.

**Preschool** for three and four year olds is held on Monday – Thursday mornings from 9am until noon during the public school term.

**Youth Groups** meet several times a month for spiritual growth, activities, and service to others. In 2015 the Sr. High Group attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. Together with 32,000 other Youth Groups they were able to help people in the community rebuild during a week centered on worship and praise.

**Quilting Group** meets every Tuesday from 10am - noon. Our quilting ministry has encouraged and supported organizations locally as well as Lutheran World Relief. Between 75 and 80 quilts are produced each year.



## Ministry in the Community



**(ECCCM) Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry** brings together the resources of the Christian community to serve the people in need of crisis assistance, support and education, in response to God's call.

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**Catawba County Backpack Program** works with schools throughout the county to provide children with a backpack filled with food every Friday throughout the school year. The program seeks to assist children who participate in the Federal Free and Reduced Meal Program or families who temporarily find themselves choosing between food and other living expenses.



### Ministry Teams

**Global Missions  
Witness/Social Ministries  
Youth and Family Ministry  
Learning Team/Christian Formation  
Worship and Music  
Altar Guild  
Technology  
Finance  
Support  
Personnel  
Stewardship  
Fellowship  
Memorial  
Congregation Care/Prayer Ministry  
Property  
Cemetery  
Food Ministry**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

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***“Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We are glad you are with us and hope you will join us each Sunday to worship our God and Savior. Come grow with us.”***

**Worship Services:**  
**8:15 am – Contemporary Service**  
**10:30 am – Traditional Service**  
**9:30 am – Sunday School**

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