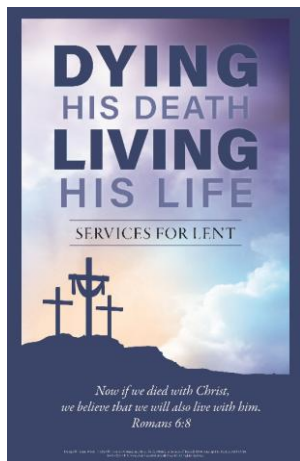




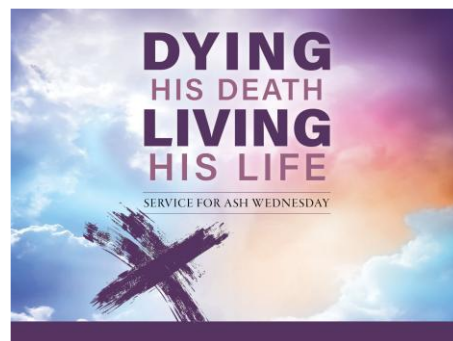
# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## February 2026

### Worship & Study Opportunities Lent 2026



In this series, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. In word and song we contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.



#### Ash Wednesday Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness

We lay our sins on Jesus and receive his forgiveness in return.

**Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.**

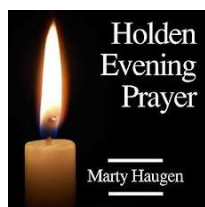
**Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**  
**February 22 • Dying to Pride,  
Living for Others**

**March 1 • Dying to Greed, Living  
for the Treasures of Heaven**

**March 8 • Dying to Doubt, Living  
by Faith**

**March 15 • Dying to Turmoil,  
Living in Peace**

**Week 22 • Dying to Judgment,  
Living in Grace**



#### Midweek Evening Prayer

We will gather at 7:00 p.m. beginning on February 25 on Zoom for Holden' Evening Prayer

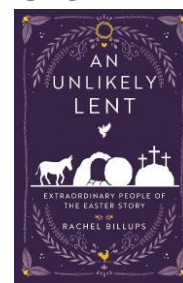
and a brief devotion. Everyone is  
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welcome. The Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82320408139>

#### Midweek Book Study for Lent

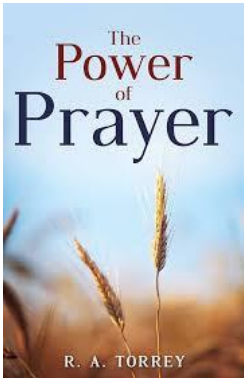
On **Tuesday** mornings we will be studying Rachel Billups "An Unlikely Lent." At 10:30 a.m. (on Zoom or in person). We will hear of lesser-known witnesses of Jesus' death. Available from Amazon and other sources. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381121677>



#### Personal Devotions Books available

"Love Outpoured" devotional will be available in the lobby/narthex.

## Using our time and talent to serve



We are praying  
for...

### Our members

Ivonne Bradford, Elsie Edgeman, Sarajane Hakenen, Gabby Hansen, Jim Hanser and family, Pamela Lyons, Robert McGee,

Karen Mullin, Marilyn Nelson, Gerda Reid, Stu Reid, and Josie Traughber.

### Homebound

Janet Benson, V-Anne Chernock, Kathy Doty, Judith Eckhart, Richard Ehman, Robert McGee, and Shirley Quinn.

### Our friends and loved ones:

Kim Arnold, Bruce Atkinson, Makita Bond, Adrian Butler, Tracy Camara, Roxanne Costan, Dave Eubanks, Kyle Forristall, Dave Frogget, Ed Goldberg, Rob Hakenen, Nicholas Hanson, Shaman Houpt, Phil Ladiero, Sandy Larson, Rene Maddox, Linda Mahoney, Mike Michaelson, Rev. Kirsten Moore, Sarah True Mulligan, Helen Powell, Cheryl Rassmussen, Jo Reed, Sharon Sanderson, John Scarrott, Toni Scarrott Collins, Bob Stevenson, Rhonda Stokes, Tammy Stone, Nardos Tesfaye, Weldon Tunnell, Lorna Walter, Suzanne Wilson, and Laurie Ziegler.



Sarajane & Carl Hakenen 2/15  
Josephine & Larry Traughber 2/25



### Our homebound Members

Janet Benson  
3305 Hartford Ave  
Fairfield, CA 94534

Kathy Doty, Magnolia Court Senior  
Assisted Living, 111 Ulatis Dr, Room  
204, Vacaville, CA 95687

Judith Eckhart, 3760 Upland Drive,  
Auburn, CA 95602

Richard Ehman  
Magnolia Court Senior Assisted Living  
111 Ulatis Dr, Room 124, Vacaville,  
CA 95687

Shirley Quinn, 11 Lemon Tree Cir.,  
Vacaville CA 95687

Please remember them with your  
cards, visits and calls.



We celebrate you!!!

Kathy Doty – 2/18  
Tom Lingel – 2/21  
Cheryl Hurd – 2/24  
Lulu Eager – 2/25  
Debi Kopmann – 2/25  
Ailish Mendoza – 02/25



## Congratulations to our Newly Elected Leaders

### **Council**

(2-year terms beginning 1/25/26)  
Ann Hefner-Gravink, President  
June Johnsen, Vice President  
Karin MacMillan, Member-at-large

### **Others elected**

Fay DiSano, Personnel Chair  
(1-year term beginning 1/25/26)

### **Nominating Committee**

(1-year terms)  
Dan DiSano  
June Johnsen  
Josephine Lord-Traughber  
Diane Metz  
(Council will appoint two additional  
members)

### **Synod Assembly Voting Members**

(1-year terms)  
Jim Hanser and Jacqueline Marrolli

#### **Alternates:**

June Johnsen and Janelle Jolley

Thank you for saying "Yes" to Jesus'  
call to serve!



We want to thank  
June Johnsen for your  
dedicated service as  
President for the last  
four years, Dan

DiSano, Vice President for the last  
year and Josephine Lord-Traughber,  
Member-at-Large for the last two  
years. Your dedication to leading our  
congregation are appreciated more  
than you know.



## Scripture Readings for Year A February 2026

### **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

#### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

- Micah 6:1-8
  - The offering of justice, kindness, humility
- Psalm 15
  - Lord, who may abide upon our holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
  - Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God
- Matthew 5:1-12
  - The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes

### **Sunday, February 8, 2025**

#### **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

- Isaiah 58:1-9a
  - The fast God chooses
- Psalm 112:109
  - Light shines in the darkness for the upright (Ps. 112:4).
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
  - God's wisdom revealed through the Spirit
- Matthew 5:13-20
  - The teaching of Christ: salt and light

### **Sunday, February 15, 2026**

#### **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

- Exodus 24:12-18
  - Moses enters the cloud of God's glory on Mount Sinai
- Psalm 2
  - You are my son; this day have I begotten you (Ps. 2:7)
- 2 Peter 1:16-21

- The apostle's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration
- Matthew 17:1-9
  - Revelation of Christ as God's beloved Son

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**  
**Ash Wednesday**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

- Psalm 51:1-
- Colossians 1:13-20
- Matthew 18:21-25

**Sunday, February 22, 2025**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

- Genesis 11:1-9
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Mark 10:35-45

**Worship  
 Assistants**



Thank you  
 everyone!

Our Sunday  
 Connections Event  
 was a great success!  
 23 people signed up

to try a new way of serving in  
 worship. Our coaches are on the job  
 and new faces are already appearing.

It's not too late – would you like to try  
 something new? Stu Reid  
 (stuktu@hotmail.com) can provide  
 more information and assign a coach  
 for "on-the-job" training.

**The choir**

rehearses every  
 Tuesday at  
 11:30am and  
 Sunday at  
 8:30am. They

enhance the Worship Service with  
 their anthems on the second and  
 fourth Sundays of the month.



January 26, 2025

- We had a Quorum (65 voting members; 7 needed for a quorum); 24 people in person and 5 people on Zoom.
- Minutes from January 26, 2025, and August 24, 2025, meetings were approved.
- President June Johnsen an amendment to the Agenda: move Vote on Changes to Constitution from Old Business to New Business. Agenda approved as amended
- Out-going President, June Johnsen thanked other leaders and the congregation for their support and participation during her four years as President. A slide show "A Year in Review" highlighted many of the accomplishments and ministries of 2025.
- Pastor Karen shared thoughts on our 2025 theme of "Nurturing Discipleship." She noted that average attendance in person was slightly over 47 and online just over 25.
- Les Johnsen presented the Finance Report on behalf of Stew Irwin. He shared Finance Committee members' names and roles. He noted that a back-up checking account was established due to a security breach that left the church unable to pay bills for a time.
- Les Johnsen presented the Proposed 2026 Budget for



adoption. Pat Broschard moved that \$100 be added to Care and Kindness Ministry. Karin MacMillan proposed that \$100 be moved from Seeker's to Care and Kindness. June Johnsen seconded and the motion carried.

- Secretary, Jacqueline Marroli presented the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. Passed without discussion.
- Janelle Jolley presented the Nominating Committee Report. There were no nominations from the floor for Council President, Council Vice President, Member-at-Large or Personnel Chair. The slate was passed as presented.
- Diane Metz and Debi Kopmann volunteered to serve on the 2026 Nominating Committee (with previously nominated Dan DiSano and Josephine Traugher). Council will fill the last two positions.
- Synod Assembly Voting Members and Alternates: Jim Hanser and Jacqueline Marroli agreed to serve as Voting Members; June Johnsen and Janelle Jolley agreed to serve as Alternates. Approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.



## Council Highlights

Council met on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in Pastor's office.

- The Minutes of the December meeting were approved with one change.
- Finance Chair reported that the end of 2025 turned out "as

expected." The bank balance was \$17,397.

- Council discussed the organization structure from the Operations Manual – the discussion will continue.
- Council reviewed the calendar of upcoming events.
- Approved the Voting Member list for the Annual Meeting
- Noted a statistical adjustment to be made on the ELCA Congregation Report to reflect St. Mark's current membership.
- Reviewed Ministry Descriptions submitted from Outreach, Women of the ELCA/Seeker's Circle and Stewardship. Stewardship added to the Operations Manual as presented; Women of the ELCA/Seeker's Circle added to the Operations Manual after deleting "sub-ministry under Outreach Ministry." Proposed changes to Outreach were sent to submitter for further discussion.
- Thanked and bid farewell to outgoing Council Members: Dan DiSano, June Johnsen and Josephine Traugher.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in the Pastor's Study.

We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

- Madeleine L'Engle



## Stewardship as we Age...

### Choices to make

"When I turned 65 a few years back, I sat in my favorite chair, looked back over my life, and thought to myself, "So... this is the beginning of the final stretch." And slowly, the truths I had ignored for years began to rise to the surface—quiet, firm, impossible to dismiss.

Children? They're busy writing their own stories. Health? It slips away faster than sand through open fingers. The world and its systems? Headlines, promises, and numbers that rarely change real life. Aging doesn't wound the body first. It strips away illusions.

I sat with myself—and with the Lord—and carved out a handful of honest, necessary truths about how to live the rest of my days with purpose, dignity, and peace. Children don't save you from loneliness.

Children are a blessing—but they are not meant to be your identity or your safety net. They grow. Life pulls them in every direction. One day you realize you're a cherished chapter in their story, not the center of it. You love them deeply...and yet something inside still feels quiet and hollow. Only

God was ever meant to fill that space. Health is not guaranteed.

One day, the activities you jumped into with enthusiasm feel heavy. You realize health was never a background character. It is the pillar holding everything else upright. Your body is not just something you live in. It is something you steward. **And stewardship matters to God!**

Retirement is not a reward—it's a reality check. Depending on systems alone is like standing on thin ice. Bills grow. Needs grow. Prices increase. Faith does not mean irresponsibility. Wisdom means preparing while you can. Provision is part of stewardship. I rebuilt my life around new rules—honest, practical rules for finishing well.

**Rule 1:** Be wise with money but trust the Lord—not wealth. Love your children. Bless them. Pray for them. But don't make them your retirement plan. Save what you can. Plan wisely. Give generously. Financial independence preserves dignity—but faith reminds us where true security comes from.

**Rule 2:** Your health is part of your calling. Work to strengthen yourself to remain independent as long as possible. If your body refuses to cooperate, everything else becomes harder. Move. Walk. Stretch. Sleep. Eat well. Reduce what slowly poisons the body. You don't do this out of vanity—you do it so you can keep serving, loving, and showing up. Your body is a vessel. Honor it!

**Rule 3:** Create joy—and root it in gratitude. Waiting for others to make you happy leads to disappointment. Learn to notice the gifts: A quiet

morning. A warm cup of coffee. Scripture that settles the soul. Music that lifts the spirit. When your joy comes from the Lord, loneliness loses its grip.

**Rule 4:** Aging is not permission to give up. Some people turn aging into a habit of complaints. Over time, even those who love them drift away. Strength is attractive. Resilience is inspiring. Capability honors God. Exercise. Stay engaged. Stay useful.

**Rule 5:** Release the past. The good old days were beautiful—but they are gone. Clinging to them steals today. God is not finished creating moments worth living. There is still purpose here.

**Rule 6:** Guard your peace fiercely. Not every argument needs your voice. Not every opinion needs your energy. Not every relationship deserves access to your heart. Peace is precious. Protect it—from drama, bitterness, and emotional chaos. Peace makes room for the Lord's presence.

**Rule 7:** Keep learning, growing, and serving. The day you stop learning is the day you start shrinking. Learn something new. Try something different. Move your mind and body. Growth honors God. Stagnation dulls the spirit. You are still here for a reason. Aging is an exam no one can take for you. You can adapt. You can rebuild. You can rise—with faith, wisdom, and strength. And if no one comes to rescue you...Stand up anyway. Lean on the Lord. Steward what you've been given. Serve with what you still have. Because you still

can. And that truth—anchored in faith—is enough to transform the rest of your life."

written by Kathy Goff, on Facebook



We have 2 fundraisers coming up...

1. On Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from Chipotle on Gateway Blvd in Fairfield from 4 pm to 8 pm.

The code for us to get the 25% donation from Chipotle **must** be used for all orders in person or online orders " **T7HJYH2**".

Flyers are available in the Narthex

2. On Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> our See's Candies fundraiser starts and will run until Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>. I will put Flyers in the Narthex once they arrive. AND we also will have an online store front...

[https://www.yumraising.com/store/spring-2026-st-marks-preschool-fairfield-ca--fe60/Luc\\_Bow5869](https://www.yumraising.com/store/spring-2026-st-marks-preschool-fairfield-ca--fe60/Luc_Bow5869)

The storefront opens on the 23<sup>rd</sup> exactly



You can also support the Preschool using their Amazon Wish List.

# Growing Together to Serve...



February  
12, 2026

Seeker's will  
meet at 9:30  
a.m. for

fellowship in the Digerud Room. Colleen Rivers will lead the lesson beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the topic of *Now we Pray: Praying with the body of the earth.*

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The group will also discuss developing ministry requests such as Food Pantry Logo Bags, Growing in Grace\*(name not decided yet), and gathering supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits to be assembled at Sunday Connections. These ministry efforts call us to be engaged in the growing light of Epiphany and work toward Faith and Social Well-being goals as adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 2025 [Civic Life and Faith.](#)

The group hopes to foster community building, education and outreach in the community. The group provides light refreshments at each meeting and concludes by 11:30 a.m.

"Taste and see that the Lord is Good." -Psalm 34:8.



Pat McKillips and Beth Williamson create prayer bead bracelets.

## Tuesday Book Study

The Tuesday Book Study group will finish reading "When Cranes Fly South" on February 17. We will begin our Lent Study on February 24. See page 1 above for details.

## Wednesday Bible Study

6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

This is a great way to learn more about the scripture readings for the coming week. You'll talk about what they might have in common (or not!) and get a more in-depth understanding of the readings.

Contact Jim Hanser

([hanserjames@comcast.net](mailto:hanserjames@comcast.net)) for more information.



## Here's what's happening in February

February 1 – Service and Safari for the Soul

February 8 –Thinking of You Cards

February 15 – Appreciation of Council Brunch

February 22 – Quilting Ministry

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85397371644>

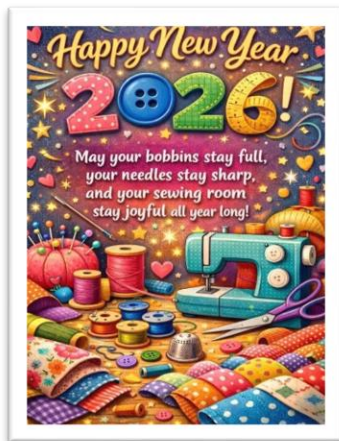
Email Ann at [drannhg@sbglobal.net](mailto:drannhg@sbglobal.net) for more information. Everyone is invited to join us and offer their ideas for events, classes, etc. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. (Zoom)



## Quilting News

The Quilters invite you to join their team. As we dreamed over the past months, we've found peace in working with one another and developed a special sense of community and friendship! It's a special time! Join us on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Quilting Room. People come when they can and leave with they need to go. No previous skills are necessary; teachers are available and willing to teach all aspects of quilting. **Contact:** Diane Metz at [dlmetz6@gmail.com](mailto:dlmetz6@gmail.com) if you have questions about donations or how to get involved. We are reaching out to others and serving the congregation and God. Talk to Cindy deRosier, Linda Frogget, Carole Greeley, Josephine Lord-Traughber, Pat McKillips and Donna Zaier for more information.

A special **thank you** to Linda Lindauer, who now lives in Vancouver, Washington, for her support of this ministry. Though Linda is now in a new congregation, the outreach of this quilting ministry is touching her heart!



December  
2025  
Stats:

Total People Served	4,535
Total Families Served	1,034
Weekly Average Served	907
Average Families Served	207
YTD Total Served	45,845
YTD Families Served	10,046

## Food Pantry Reusable Tote Drive

Help the Food Pantry be a little "greener" by bringing your extra reusable totes bags. We are trying to cut down on the plastic grocery bag use and encourage folks to strive for a more "earth friendly" use of totes they can bring each week. Please place your contributions on the table in the narthex/lobby hallway with other Food Pantry donations.

Uganda  
Humanitarian  
Trip



February 15 - March 5

June Johnsen and Janelle Jolley, will be traveling to Uganda with 18 others on a humanitarian mission. During our time there, they will be visiting orphanages and serving girls, young mothers, the elderly and the physically challenged.

We feel called to serve and love as Christ loves, remembering the words of Jesus: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

We are collecting new or very gently used items to bring and distribute directly.

**Donation Needs:**

- Small paperback children's/teen books
- Lightweight scarves for women
- Maternity clothing
- Toddler clothing
- Cotton underwear for girls
- Hot wheels cars
- Coloring books and crayons
- Protein bars
- small pre-packaged snacks
- 3 month - 5T for toddler clothing (particularly boys clothing)

In addition, we will be distributing essential supplies to the elderly and physically challenged. Please let June or Janelle know if you have anything to donate. Your generosity helps bring dignity, hope and encouragement to those we serve.

Thank you, June Johnsen



*Services begin February 7*

Once again, this year St. Mark's will host VITA Tax services. Their service will be available in the Bethel Room on Saturdays, starting February 7. They will also be on our campus on several other days each week. Please see the church calendar or the poster in the narthex for details.

This free service is available by appointment only. Please call (707) 689-9960 (Please leave a message and do not contact sites directly).

**Here's what you'll need to file your tax return:**

- Photo ID for each adult
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse, AND dependents
- If anyone does not have a Social Security Number, you can bring the Individual Taxpayer Identification
- Number (ITIN) assignment letter
- An official letter from the IRS (SSA-1099 form) can be accepted in place of a Social Security card
- Birth dates for everyone on the tax return
- Information for all forms of income: W2s, 1099s, self-employment work, etc.
- Any other tax forms: 1098s, 1095s, etc.

## Serving with our Partners in Ministry



Canada, Denmark, U.S.  
Lutheran bishops

You can read their joint statement supporting Greenlandic people here:  
<https://share.google/UBT6sQBBgEWoYxDQm>

### What is Happening in the Sierra Pacific Synod & the ELCA

Click the link for February events and sign up for the ELCA newsletter.  
[Congregational Happenings — Sierra Pacific Synod](#)



### Support Federal Emergency Management Agency Reform

Join Lutheran Disaster Response leaders in asking for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reform through the FEMA Act of 2025.

[Take Action](#)

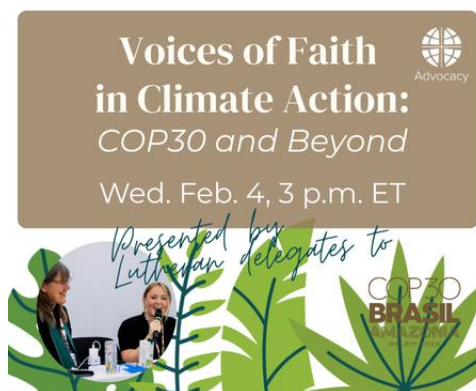
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### LUTHERAN OFFICE of PUBLIC POLICY -CALIFORNIA

Lutheran Lobby Day  
**Save the Date for Wednesday,  
May 20th!**

Advocates, come one, come all! **We have a date for Lobby Day!** We are gathering as Lutherans and people of faith who live in California on **Wednesday, May 20th, 2026** (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Meet with your state legislative offices and connect with others in our state! Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks. [Learn more](#) about what a Lobby Day involves.



### WEBINAR | Voices of Faith in Climate Action:

**COP30 and Beyond on Wed.  
February 3, 2026 @ Noon PST**

Hear from Lutherans who attended the UN COP30 as they give updates, reflections and direction on

meaningful action toward climate solutions. Panelists will gather on Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. ET. "Why do Lutherans bother to show up to COP year after year?" asked delegate Laura Muther. "Our presence at COP means that we can carry these stories of faithful people with us." Hear for yourself and join us in the commitment to climate care!

### Registration



Monday and  
Wednesdays  
at noon  
Digerud Room

Al-Anon (meaning Alcoholics Anonymous) is a mutual support group for people who have been affected by a loved one's drinking. Alateen is a similar family group that supports young people who live with or who have been affected by alcohol.



Senior Food Program

Location: St. Mark's Food Pantry  
Dates: First and Third Wednesdays  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



Fairfield News  
Join neighbors and  
friends supporting  
our community.  
Visit

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAFAIRF/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=CAFAIRF\\_65](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAFAIRF/subscriber/new?topic_id=CAFAIRF_65) to get all the Fairfield news.



### CANB's Access

CanB is an organization in Fairfield dedicated to supporting our homeless neighbors.

They have food, clothing, shoes and a connection to services for our neighbors living on the streets. They accept donations of food, clothing and shoes. Check out their website for all the great services they provide and to volunteer <https://canbsolano.org/>. Flyers are available in the narthex/lobby and outside the Admin Office.



### MORE Program Outreach

Update:

The Housing Services Department is moving forward with launching the City's new Manufactured Housing Opportunity & Revitalization (MORE) Program, which provides funding to help low-income mobile homeowners address critical health and safety repairs. For more details go to:

<https://www.fairfield.ca.gov/weekly>



## *What's happening at St. Mark's January 2026*

### Recurring Calendar of Events

#### Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. SMLC Worship (Worship Center/Live Streaming)
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Worship Center)
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Connections (Digerud/Zoom)
- 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Temple (Comm. Cen.)
- 2:30 p.m. Ministerios Ebenezer (Community Center)

#### Monday

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Digerud Room)

#### Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Book Study (Zoom)
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. St. Mark's Food Pantry

#### Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Solano Food Bank Senior Program (Food Pantry 1st & 3rd Wednesday)
- 10:00 a.m. Quilter's gathering (Quilt Rm)
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Digerud Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)

#### Thursday

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Team Rehearsal (Worship Center)

#### Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer Mission (Comm Center)

#### Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Free Service

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### Additional Events

#### Tuesday, February 3

- 2:00 p.m. Ministry Planning Team
- 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Comm.

#### Wednesday, February 4

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Magnolia Court

#### Thursday, February 5

#### Monday, February 9

- 11:30 a.m. Widow's Lunch @ Mimi's

#### Tuesday, February 10

- 3:00 p.m. Stewardship Team

#### Wednesday, February 11

- 5:30 p.m. Solano Symphony Board

#### Thursday, February 12

- 9:30 a.m. Seeker's Circle
- 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

#### Monday, February 16 – Presidents' Day Office Closed

#### Tuesday, February 17

- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Board

#### Wednesday, February 18

- 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

#### Thursday, February 27 – March 1

- Sierra Pacific Synod Candidacy Committee – Worship Center

#### **Tuesdays starting February 24:**

- 10:30 a.m. Lent Book Study

#### **Wednesdays, starting February 25:**

- 7:00 Midweek Worship (Zoom)

Join us for worship every Sunday

9:30 a.m. for in person & live streaming service

on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@SMLCFairfield> (or click [HERE](#))

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St. Mark's Mission: To Nurture Discipleship, Communicate the Gospel and Serve the Community.

St. Mark's Vision: To transform each church member into Christ-led disciples, nurtured and equipped by God's Word, whose purpose is to build up the Body of Christ in Solano County and the world.

St. Mark's Welcoming Statement: Adopted January 19, 2020

"We are St. Mark's Lutheran Church where everyone is welcomed and everyone is loved. We invite all into the grace, love and acceptance we have from God. We welcome YOU: who you are, as you are."



- All who are single, married, partnered, divorced, with or without children
- All sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions
- All racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds
- All who are homed or homeless
- All who are struggling with addictions or other personal hardships
- All ages and levels of physical and mental health and abilities
- All faith backgrounds, those questioning their faith and those new to faith

We invite you to fully participate in the life and ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church where we seek to share God's love and grace through word and action."



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