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Nurturing and Exercising Our Discipleship

Discipleship is a journey of discovering Christ, believing in him, and following him on a journey of spiritual growth and transformation. It involves nurturing and exercising our faith through disciplines that draw us closer to God. One of the most profound ways to nurture discipleship is through grace. Grace is God's unmerited favor for us, it is God's unconditional love.

What is the biblical basis for nurturing disciples of Jesus? (from "Relevant Christianity")

'Go and make disciples' (Matthew 28:19). The Great Commission was a specific instruction from Jesus. Biblical discipleship involves helping new Christians to be like Christ.

Exercising Discipleship means discipling (teaching) others how to:

- live the Christian life (Acts 2:42-27)
- read the Bible, understand it, and apply it in their lives, bearing in mind that each person learns differently (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
- pray for what really matters and listen to God (Luke 11:1)
- be integrated with other Christians, in a local church (Acts 9:26, 27; 11:25)
- recognize and develop their God-given gifts and be motivated to use them to serve Him and others (1 Corinthians 12:1)
- be co-laborers in the task of worldwide evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20)
- re-align personal (including financial) priorities in line with God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)
- deal with change and keep going when things get tough (Galatians 6:1, 2)
- reach out to others and repeat the process of discipleship (2 Timothy 2:2)

plus, one that is often missing:

- count the cost of discipleship, take up their cross and follow Jesus (Matthew 8:44)

We are responsible for nurturing disciples, not for delivering fully formed Christians. You might have an influence and help someone to take one step. The Disciple's Mission is to make other disciples.

The link between our (St Mark's) Vision and our Mission (from "Wikipedia")

Paul the Apostle stressed **transformation** as a prerequisite for **discipleship** when he wrote that disciples must "not be conformed to this world" but must "be transformed by the renewing of [their] minds" so that they "may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." A disciple is not simply an accumulator of information or one who merely changes moral behavior to conform with the teachings of Jesus Christ but seeks a fundamental shift toward the ethics of Jesus Christ, including complete devotion to God.

By: Stew Irwin



We nurture our discipleship when we care for and celebrate one another.



Please pray for...

Our members:

Ivonne Bradford, V-Anne Chernock, Kathy Doty, Elsie Edgeman, Richard Ehman, Gabby Hansen, Jim Hanser and family,

Pamela Lyons, Robert McGee, Karen Mullin, Gerda Reid, & Josephine Traugher.

Our homebound

Judith Eckhart and Shirley Quinn.

Those who are mourning

The family of Helen Bergoust

Our friends and loved ones

Kim Arnold, Bruce Atkinson, Rich Besse, Makita Bond, Adrian Butler, Alisha Chandoin, Roxanne Costan, Dave Eubanks, Dave Frogget, Ed Goldberg, Rob Hakenen, Nicholas Hanson, Shaman Houpt, Alice Kovarcik, Phil Ladiero, Rene Maddox, Mike Michaelson, Helen Powell, Cheryl Rasmussen, Jo Reed, Sharon Sanderson, Jeanice Sobetzki, Bob Stevenson, Rhonda Stokes, Tammy Stone, Nardos Tesfaye, Weldon Tunnell, Lorna Walter, and Laurie Ziegler.



Members – New addresses

Dan & Fay DiSano
508 Twin Pines Dr.
Rio Vista, CA 94571

Our homebound members:



Bonnie DeMuth,
201 Watermere Dr., #323
Southlake TX 76092

Judith Eckhart
Rockville Terrace
4625 Mangels Blvd. #A205,
Fairfield CA 94534

Shirley Quinn
11 Lemon Tree Circle
Vacaville CA 95687



March Birthdays

- Donna Zaier – 03/06
- Cindy deRosier – 03/12
- Carole Greeley – 03/16
- Marilyn Nelson – 03/20
- Dale Puskas – 03/23
- Rene Puskas – 03/25
- Don Eager – 03/25

March Anniversaries

- Chris & Linda Lindauer – 03/21
- Gordene & Ronald Pienovi – 03/28



We bid Farewell and Godspeed to Al Bergoust

On February 16, 2025, we bid Farewell and Godspeed to Al Bergoust. We wish

him God's richest blessing in his new home. His new address will be 5000 Avery Point Way #T16 Richmond, VA 23233. His phone number will remain the same (707-330-3689).



A New Columbarium sign was installed on February 4, 2025 letting everyone know what our dedicated wall of niches is and reminding them of our eternal home with God. Stop by and take a look next time you are on the campus.



Children's Time

The children learn the importance of reminding all that we need everyone's time and talents since we are all part of God's family.



St. Mark's Food Pantry renamed and dedicated to the memory of Bette Noll

Did you see it? The new sign dedicating the Food Pantry to Bette Noll's memory has been installed. Walk by and take a look.

Congratulations Aubrey Camara!



Aubrey completed First Communion education and will receive communion for the first time on Sunday, February 2, 2025. Welcome to the table, Aubrey!

Tom Lingel's birthday celebrated by the Food Pantry Volunteers.



Many thanks to all the Food Pantry volunteers for making me feel loved and appreciated. The food, cake and company made it a very special day.
-Tom Lingel



Sabbatical Team Thoughts

Stew Irwin, Toni McCallum and Victor Romualdi have agreed to serve with Pastor Karen on a Sabbatical Team to plan her 2026 Sabbatical. After 7 years of ministry in one location, a three-month sabbatical is encouraged. On August 12, Pastor Karen will celebrate 7 years of ministry at St. Mark's. The purpose of a sabbatical is, as the image suggests, rest, refresh and refocus.

During that time congregations are encouraged it a learning and growing time for the members as well. The proposed schedule for Pastor's time away April 12, 2026 – July 11, 2026.

A sabbatical can be expensive for a congregation. Thus, the committee is applying for a grant from the Lilly Foundation to cover her costs and the congregation's costs.

The application, with its theme of "What Makes Your Heart Sing?" is something we all need to work on together – we need everyone's thoughts and voices. Please prayerfully consider the following questions and send your ideas in a short paragraph to Toni McCallum (vacamccallums@gmail.com). We will incorporate them into the proposal. The

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deadline for sharing your thoughts for inclusion in the application is Monday, March 9, however, your thoughts are welcome at any time in the process.

Questions the congregation needs to answer:

- What are your views about the benefits of a sabbatical for pastor and congregation?
- How should St. Mark's handle pastoral coverage in Pastor Karen's absence?
- How will the congregation celebrate her leave-taking and/or return?
- What programs and activities will serve to renew the congregation during that time?
- How does the congregation plan to honor the expectation of "minimal contact" during the sabbatical?
- Identify leaders that St. Mark's can empower to make decisions.

A significant part of Pastor's leave will be time at Holden Village (<https://www.holdenvillage.org/>). Located in the North Cascade Mountains, Holden Village welcomes all people to form and renew their relationships with God, the earth, and each other.

Over the course of more than 60 years, Holden Village has been transformed from a copper mining town to a vibrant place of education, programming, and worship where everyone is welcome and embraced. Please take a look at their website (<https://www.holdenvillage.org/>) to find out more.

Additional time will be spent at the Festival of Homiletics (<https://festivalofhomiletics.com/>) in Atlanta, GA, visiting mentors and colleagues in Chicago as well as family in Indiana and Ohio. Each month the Team will offer updates and more information. Your prayers are welcome throughout the process.



Thursday, February 13, 2025

Council met on February 13, 2025. Here are some highlights of that meeting. The full minutes will be available once they have been approved at the March meeting.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Printed financial reports were not available (bookkeeper wasn't able to get them to us). However, Stew Irwin noted that January was a tough month financially. There were several building maintenance issues resolved and our Worker's Compensation bill for the entire year was paid.

Pastor reported the installation of the Columbarium sign had taken place on February 4. It was still covered from the weather while the building cement set. It will be uncovered soon.

Pastor Karen updated the work with our new IT company (ART Computer Maintenance and Repair) Pastor's new lap top has been purchased and set up. The next computer to be replaced will be the one we use in the Worship Center for slides.

Pastor Karen reported on her conversation with It's Just Creative Social Media group. Council reviewed the process they suggested. The next step is to put together a Communications Team to be trained.

Pastor Karen reported the need for a person with the gift of a special eye to redo the "Thank You" wall in the Food Pantry and include our founders' pictures.

Council addressed action items from the Seekers and approved them using the Youth Room for their work and storage once the Free Tax Service is finished for the year.

Approved Seeker's request to hold a blanket drive for St. John's Table.

Approved Seeker's request to have a letter writing campaign for Bread for the World.

We denied the Food Pantry request to set up a "Go Fund Me" page on Facebook with a video

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created by a volunteer. The video was the high quality video we want to use to represent St. Mark's. June will work with someone she knows to help the Pantry create a high-quality video for their funding request.

We received an update on the plans for the Preschool 50th Anniversary.

We tabled discussion of a new alarm company until we had more information.

Set a Congregation Retreat for Saturday morning, March 22. We will have it in the Fireside Room from 9:00 a.m. – noon. A simple breakfast will be served.

We discussed what "Nurture Discipleship" means to us. We will work with the congregation at the retreat and begin with a newsletter article to help get everyone thinking about how we will live that out in 2025.

Pastor Karen's sabbatical leave was approved (April 6, 2026 – July 6, 2026) More details will be available soon.

The next Council meeting will be March 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Digerud Room.



Stewardship of our Actions:

In continuing with the Stewards of God' Love program, the Stewardship Committee will continue to lift up different ways to address Love especially as we strive to be good stewards especially in the context of the congregation's theme for 2025— *Nurturing Discipleship*. In 2024, the Team addressed Stewardship of Creation, Stewardship of Grace, Stewardship of our Gifts, Stewardship in our community to transform others, and Stewardship of our money.

In 2025, we will focus upon being Stewards as we look in an outward sense toward others (but keep ourselves in view too). In February, we addressed Stewardship of our Thoughts (*we can think about things in a positive light or in a critical way*). This month we'll look at *Stewardship of our Actions*. How we act is something we can think about every day because our actions are always *on display*. In the Bible, good ways to act are supposed to align with God's law and are always motivated by love and faith. They are a way to show gratitude for God's grace and to demonstrate devotion to God. Good actions are a way to nurture and care for God's family. Good actions are not a way to earn salvation, but rather a result of salvation. Good actions are accomplished through the power of the Holy Spirit. Good actions are motivated by concern for others, not by pride or a desire for praise.

Specific actions we might take to grow in discipleship so we can nurture it in others:

- Acts of Devotion: include studying scripture, prayer and meditation, fasting, healthy living and sharing our faith with others.
- Acts of Worship: congregational worship, sharing in the sacraments, group bible study.
- Acts of Compassion: participating in ways directed toward the well-being of others and God's creation such as visiting the sick and those in prison, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless.
- Acts of Justice: Working to end poverty, homelessness and discrimination of any kind.

–*These specific acts compiled by Stew Irwin, Stewardship Team Member.*

**Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those around me,
Let me praise a little more:
Let me be, when I am weary
Just a little bit more cheery.
Let me serve a little better**

**Let me be a little braver
When temptation makes me waiver
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I could be
Let me be a little meeker to the person who is weaker
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.**

Edgar Guest 1914, Public Domain

Edgar Guest's Creed captures some ideas for appropriate Stewardship actions too. -*Diane Metz*



Choir Rehearsals

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Tuesday from 11:30

a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. They sing during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and some special festivals. Join us as we make beautiful music to enhance our worship.



We nurture our discipleship when we worship and study together



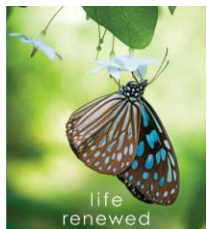
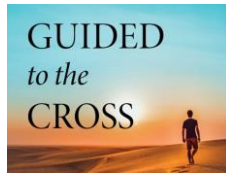
Wednesday,
March 5, 2025

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Opportunities for Lent

“Guided to the Cross”

Throughout this holy season (starting March 9) we will be drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services will reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.



Lenten Devotions—Eat, Meditate and Pray Together (if there is interest)

Midday Lenten Devotions from Noon to 12:45 p.m. These brief times of prayer and meditation will include a light lunch and will be held on Wednesdays (3/19, 3/26 & 4/2) in the Narthex and Thursdays (3/13* & 4/10) in the Digerud Room. A Lenten Devotion Booklet entitled *Life Renewed* will be used. A simple lunch of soup and a Devotion Book will be provided. If you are interested in participating in the Midday Devotional Service, contact a Seekers Circle member so the appropriate amount of food is

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prepared. Quilt makers will gather after these events. *On March 13th, the lunch will be after the session at a restaurant.

“Words from the cross”

These words along with Holden Evening Prayer will be our guide on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. starting March 12 on Zoom.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81498011776>

Welcome Rev. Amy Kinzle!



Pastor Amy is the Sierra Pacific Synod’s Director of Evangelical Mission and she will join us for worship and Sunday Connections on **Sunday, March 9.**

Pastor Amy’s responsibilities for the

Synod include Evangelism and Mission. Join us as we hear the newest ideas for reaching out into our community.

Pr. Amy is a native New Yorker who lives with her spouse Zayd and dog Moses in the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento. She served for five years as Outreach Director and Associate Pastor at St. John's, Sacramento before accepting the call to be the Director for Evangelical Mission. With 17 years of pastoral ministry in a variety of settings, including six years as a Mission Developer, who started a new ministry called the Park Church Co-op in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, Amy brings curiosity and new perspectives to an emerging future

church. She has led mission strategy processes in the Southeast Michigan Synod and in each of her ministry settings. She gets excited about helping followers of Jesus ask new questions about God's call to be the Church. She has her MDiv with Biblical Emphasis from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (2007) and her BA in Medieval and Renaissance Studies from New York University (2003). In a commitment to personal and professional growth, she has been part of two Lily Funded leadership cohorts at Union Theological Seminary (2016-18) and Leadership on the Way (2019-21) and has a certificate in DEI from Cornell (2023). She will be working on a certificate with MIT in a program called Leading from an Emerging Future. Amy identifies as an artist, who brings her love of creating new things to the work of ministry. When she is not working, she tries to make time for poetry writing and art (pottery, painting, drawing), exercise for overall well-being, and spending time with the people who are important to her. Areas of Responsibility Grant Funding for New Ministry Opportunities Cooperative Ministry Initiatives Evangelism and Mission Campus Ministry and Young Adult Outreach.



Bible Readings ~ March 2025

March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99
 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 5, 2025 – Ash Wednesday

Psalm 103:11-14
 Colossians 1:9-14
 Luke 23:33-34

March 9, 2025 – Lent 1 Guided to Hope

Jeremiah 14:21-22
 2 Corinthians 1:9-1
 Luke 23:39-43

March 16, 2025 – Lent 2 Guided to Love

Isaiah 63:7-8
 1 Timothy 1:12-14
 John 19:25-27

March 23, 2025 – Lent 3 Guided to Peace

Isaiah 53:4-5
 Colossians 1:15-20
 Luke 33:44-46

March 30, 2025 – Lent 4 Guided to Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6
 1 Timothy 1:15-17
 John 19:29-30



Here's what's happening in March

3/2/25	LSS of N. CA's projects
3/9/25	Pastor Amy Kienzle (DEM) forum
3/16/25	Preschool 50 th Anniversary
3/23/25	Spring and Easter cards
3/30/25	Crash Course Religion #7

<https://solano-edu.zoom.us/j/81140367265>

Learn Together about LSS of N. CA's Projects

During Sunday Connections on Sunday, March 2, 2025, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California's Julie Clemens, Development Director, will share the agency's projects in Solano County, and how we can get involved.

Email Ann at drannhg@sbglobal.net for more information. Everyone is invited to join us and offer their ideas for events, classes, etc.

Seeker's Circle

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Seekers Circle invites interested folks to attend its March meeting. Josephine Lord-Traugher is the study leader. The lesson continues the discussion on Faithfulness; follow the link to the February Video lesson to prepare for the third session.

[February 2025 "Faithfulness" Bible study video supplement Session 2 - Gather Magazine](#). The

group uses the Gather Magazine for its study, but lessons can be printed for new attendees.

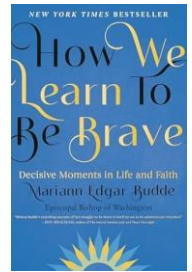
March's discussion session begins at 9:30 a.m. The group will be finalizing the things group members can do to help St. Mark's Preschool on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 16th. Updates will be shared about activities related to the congregation's ministries especially as they relate to the Nurturing Discipleship which is the congregation's emphasis in 2025.

The lesson will begin at about 10:00 a.m. The group will host the first of five brief Midweek Lent Devotions at 11:30 a.m. and then the group will adjourn for a no-host Birthday Lunch honoring members with March birthdays. For more information, contact the Diane Metz.



Tuesday Book Study

We are reading "How We Learn to Be Brave" by Mariann Edgar Budde. Everyone is welcome to join us in person or on Zoom at 10:30 each Tuesday morning.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381121677>

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. during Lent)

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 for more info.

Sees Fundraiser for the Preschool

It's that time of year to order Sees candy items and support the St. Mark's preschool. Orders will start shipping on March 11th. The last day to order is March 28. Click on the link below to browse/order.

[Click to Order Sees Candy Items](#)



Join our Preschool Families in celebrating 50 years of sharing the Good News with children and nurturing them with God's love.

The children will sing in Worship and then everyone is invited to the Preschool Fireside Room for lunch and fun for the kids.



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Feeding more
and more
people each
week!

The food pantry is in desperate need of bags.

January 2025 Total Served 3,810

January 2025 Weekly Avg Served 963

Total Volunteer Hours January 2025 612.5



Afghan Fundraiser

The deadline for placing your bid is fast approaching! Don't miss this opportunity to support St. Mark's **Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project**. The afghan loving crocheted by Pamela Lyons

using all the scraps of yarn donated to the project can be yours!

Help God's Quilters Quilting

group members are seeking donations of fabric, especially twin-sized flat sheets in dark colors. The group is recruiting people who like to work together on projects with their hands and learn or expand quilting skills. The next quilter group meetings will be on Wednesdays, March 19, March 26, April 2 beginning at noon and Thursday, April 10 beginning about Noon All end about 2:00 p.m. Contact Diane Metz if you'd like to help or meet at

another time or want to join the Quilters. You can also leave a message at the Office. Quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief who in turn share them with others in need.

Bread for the World's 2025 Nourish Our Future

On Tuesday, February 4, Bread for the World launched the Nourish Our Future campaign to end child hunger. More than 1,200 participated online and at the U.S. Capitol, making this Bread's largest public action ever. Amidst pauses, cuts, and confusion about vital aid programs, I am truly inspired by the solidarity and support of so many people calling on Congress to unite around policies that will reduce food insecurity among children. If you were unable to attend the launch, we encourage you to [watch the recording here](#).

Our president and CEO, Rev. Eugene Cho, chaired the meeting and was joined by our managing director, Rev. Heather Taylor, and the chair of our board of directors, Dr. Jeremy Everett. Seven members of Congress —four Democrats and three Republicans—attended and spoke in support of the Nourish Our Future priorities: expanding the Child Tax Credit, addressing college hunger, securing robust funding for global nutrition, and fully funding and strengthening the WIC program. But it was the personal testimonies that grounded the meeting. Four women shared their stories and reminded us that these policies are about real people. At the launch, we asked each member

of Congress to commit to work with us to pass the Nourish Our Future priorities. Individual participants were asked—to commit to hold an [Offering of Letters](#), a simple yet powerful letter-writing event. Look for more information about St. Mark’s Offering of letters to be held in April or May, depending upon the Council’s guidance. Rev. Cho reminded us Tuesday evening of the somber realities in front of us. The dismantling of USAID is a tragedy that will have real consequences for human lives. Proposed cuts for domestic safety net programs like SNAP and Medicaid threaten the health and wellbeing of families and children across the nation. But Bread for the World’s event provided hope. It showed that when we join together—through our churches, campuses, with Bread for the World—we can make an impact. It also showed us that there are Republicans and Democrats committed to working together to implement the *Nourish Our Future* priorities. Let’s continue to lean into this hope, and let’s model for our communities and for Congress what we want the focus of our public life to be—creating a future where all people, everywhere, are nourished *as the Bible tells us so*.



Services began February 10
And it will continue until April

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 1. 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.

These services are for those with household incomes of \$79,000 or less in 2024 and who have limited deductions. Appointments are required by calling 707 689-9960.



Blanket Drive for John’s Table

John’s Table is a new 501C3 organization whose mission follows: Healing our community one meal at a time by providing food, clothing, and resources to those in need. Congregational President, June Johnsen, was approached by the group and asked if St. Mark’s would be interested in supporting a Blanket Drive. The Council leaders approved this request, but they are seeking more information. Stay tuned about the details about the Blanket Drive. When we get the ‘go ahead’, we will collect **CLEAN** new or gently used blankets and quilts that can be donated to John’s Table.

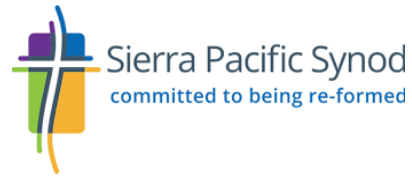


Mondays and
Wednesdays
at noon (Digerud Room)



Senior Food Program
Location: St. Mark’s Food Pantry
Dates: First and Third Wednesdays

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



No, Lutherans Are Not Laundering Money

On February 2, Elon Musk and Michael Flynn took to social media to spread **baseless and harmful accusations** against Lutheran organizations such as **Global Refuge and Lutheran Social Services**, falsely labeling them as money laundering schemes. These reckless claims not only distort the truth but also undermine the life-changing work these organizations do every day. **In reality, one in every 50 Americans** receives essential services—housing, food, foster care and adoption services, refugee resettlement, disaster relief, and more—through these trusted ministries. As people of faith, we stand **unwaveringly committed** to supporting these organizations and the countless individuals they serve **in the name of Christ**. The Church will not be swayed by misinformation; instead, we will continue our mission of **compassion, justice, and love**. Please read **Sierra Pacific Synod’s Bishop Jeff Johnson’s Response** [HERE](#).

In a message to the church, ELCA [Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton](#) says that “despite misinformation and baseless doubt cast today on funding that supports Lutheran organizations across our country, the ELCA remains steadfast in our commitment and work with our many Lutheran partners and expressions of our church.” [Watch it here!](#)

Global Refuge's Statement is [HERE](#)
Lutheran Services in America's Statement is [HERE](#)
[How to Advocate For Lutheran Organizations](#)

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2025

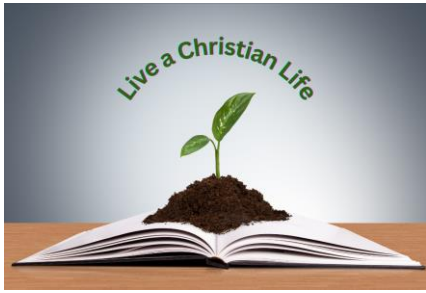
WALNUT CREEK REGIONAL GATHERING **MAY 17**
St. Matthew’s Lutheran, 399 Wiget Ln, Walnut Creek, CA
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly Regional Gathering
Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Saint Matthew’s Lutheran Church
399 Wiget Ln., Walnut Creek, CA

SYNOD BUSINESS SESSION ON ZOOM **JUNE 14**
Your Home or Congregation
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Synod Business Session on Zoom
Saturday, June 14, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Congregational voting members are encouraged to participate in **ONE regional gathering** and the **online business session**. Regional gatherings are open to **everyone**, including non-voting members, providing a chance to connect, learn, and share in our ministry. However, please note that only **voting members** may attend the online business session. Mark your calendars and join us as we come together to discern and celebrate the mission of our Synod! More information is to come!



What's Happening at St. Mark's

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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 Rehearsals
- 2:00 p.m. St. Mark's Food Pantry Distr.

Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Solano Food Bank Senior Program (Food Pantry 1st & 3rd Wednesday)
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Digerud Room)
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions (3/19, 3/26, 4/2)
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (Note time change during Lent)

Thursday

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Devotions (3/13, 4/10)
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Team Rehearsal (Worship Center)

Friday

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

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Vita Free Tax Services (Bethel Room)

Additional Events

Monday, March 3

- 7:00 p.m. Solano Symphony Strings

Tuesday, March 4

- 3:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday)

- Noon Service
- 7:00 p.m. Service

Thursday, March 6

- 7:00 p.m. Solano Symphony strings

Saturday, March 8

- 9:00 a.m. Grace Episcopal – Digerud Room

Sunday, March 9

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Preparation – Bethel Room

Monday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 12

- 5:30 p.m. Solano Symphony Board

Thursday, March 13

- 9:30 a.m. Seeker's Circle
- 3:00 p.m. Grow Together Team
- 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting (note time change)

Tuesday, March 18

- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Board

Thursday, March 20

- 10:00 a.m. Capitol Valley Conference Mtg

Saturday, March 22

- 9:00 a.m. All Congregation Retreat

Join us for worship every Sunday

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

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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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