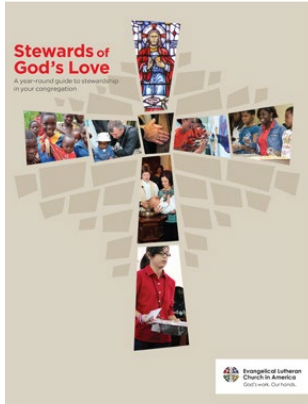




# St. Mark's Lutheran Church June 2026



## Stewards of God's Love

This year the quarterly themes will focus on three areas of Stewardship from the ELCA's "Stewards of God's Love."

Starting in April and continuing through June, we will consider how we are **Stewards of Justice**. The key message: We are called to be stewards of God's justice, to share God's love, compassion and mercy. How might we use all of the resources that God has entrusted to us to steward God's justice?

The bible verses that will guide us are: Isaiah 1:12-17, James 2, Amos 5:21-24, Ephesians 2:11-20

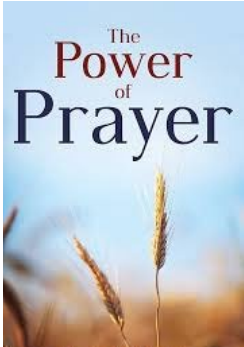
Then in July, August & September the Team will focus on the stewardship of **Getting to Know Our Neighbors**. With the key message: God has come down to us in love, entrusting an abundance of resources to our care. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to give generously as a grateful response to God's abundance. How might we use the many resources that God has entrusted to us to live out God's mission through our congregation? Scripture emphasis: 2 Corinthians 8-9, Deuteronomy 14:22-29, Exodus 35:4-36:7

From October through December we will consider our life as **Stewards of Local and Global Communities**. With its key message: God has called us to serve our neighbors, both near and far. How is God calling us, as individuals and as a congregation, to use the resources that God has entrusted to our care to love God and our neighbors both locally and globally? And bible verses: Matthew 25:31-46, Proverbs 3:27-28

**What is God's Stewardship?** Stewardship of God's justice is the active, responsible management of the resources, influence, and relationships God has entrusted to us. It requires moving beyond passive charity to actively defending the dignity, rights, and well-being of the marginalized, reflecting God's love and righteousness in a broken world. Be aware and get involved in the activities such as Bread for the World Offering of Letters, making Quilts and Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief and more

Contact Colleen Rivers, Diane Metz, Jim Hanser or Stewart Irwin for more information.

## Serving with our Partners in Ministry



We are praying for...

**Our members**

Ivonne Bradford, Sarajane Hakenen, Gabby Hansen, Jim Hanser & family, Tom Lingel, Pamela Lyons, Karen Mullin, Gerda Reid, Stu Reid, and

Josie Traugher.

**Those Who Can't Get Out Often:**

Janet Benson, V-Anne Chernock, Kathy Doty, Elsie Edgeman, Richard Ehman, Flordeliza Maneja and Shirley Quinn.

**Those Who are Mourning:**

The family of Judith Eckhart, beloved member.

The family of Kervyn Matthews (Josephine Traugher's ex son-in-law)

**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, Daryl Halls, Nicholas Hanson, Shaman Houpt, Phil Ladiero, Sandy Larson, Rene Maddox, Mike Michaelsen, Rev. Kirsten Moore, Helen Powell, Cheryl Rassmussen, John Scarrott, Toni Scarrott Collins, Bob Stevenson, Rhonda Stokes, John Sylhman, Nardos Tesfaye, Dan and Sarita Turner, Lorna Walter, and Laurie Ziegler.

## Our homebound Members



Janet Benson  
3305 Hartford Ave  
Fairfield, CA 94534

V-Anne Chernock  
10030 Newton Ave  
Apt 248, Bloomington MN 55421

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

Elsie Edgeman, Vacaville Village Senior Living, 2061 Peabody Rd., Room 206, Vacaville, CA 95687

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.



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graduate you'd like to celebrate, please send a picture along with a paragraph about them to the [Church Office](#).

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### Birthdays

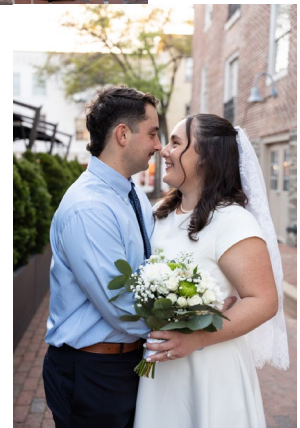
Dakota Gravink	06/01
Chuck Huston	06/03
Stew Irwin	06/05
Trevor deRosier	06/07
Linda Frogget	06/16
Elsie Edgeman	06/20
Karin MacMillan	06/20
Jacob Jolley	06/22
Josephine Traugher	06/26

### Anniversaries

Carole & Richard Greeley	06/01
Les & June Johnsen	06/13
Dave & Toni McCallum	06/21

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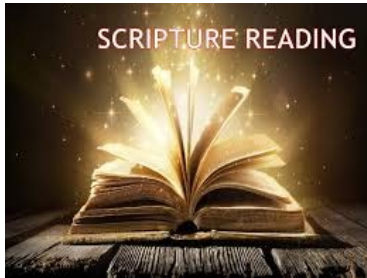
Madelene Sciortino married  
Patrick Miller on April 10.



Congratulations Maddie & Patrick!  
And to her grandparents, Jim and  
Rose Hanser.

Remember when? When Maddie was  
just a kid running around St. Mark's?  
What a joy it has been to watch her  
grow up! Now she's married! How  
time flies. Please keep Maddie and  
Patrick in your prayers as they begin  
married life.

# Serving with our Partners in Ministry



June 2026 (Year A)

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

- Hosea 5:15—6:6
- Psalm 50:7-15
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**Sunday, June 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

- Exodus 19:2-8a
- Psalm 100
- Romans 5:1-8
- John 14:15-21

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

- Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
- Romans 6:1b-11
- Matthew 10:24-39

**Sunday, June 28, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

- Jeremiah 28:5-9
- Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
- Romans 6:12-23
- Matthew 10:40-42

## Worship Assistants



### **June 7**

Assisting Minister	Jim Hanser
Reader	Marilyn Nelson
Communion Assistant	Josie Traugher
Greeter	Donna Zaier
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Tom Lingel
Livestream	Mike Gravink

### **June 14**

Preaching	Karin MacMillan
Assisting Minister	Toni McAllum
Reader	Sharon Yost
Communion Assistant	Stu Reid
Greeter	Colleen River
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Jim/Rose Hanser
Livestream	Mike Gravink

### **June 21**

Assisting Minister	Karin MacMillan
Reader	Colleen Rivers
Communion Assistant	Sherri Scarrott
Greeter	Josephine Traugher
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Jackie Marroli
Livestream	Mike Gravink

### **June 28**

Assisting Minister	Ann Hefner-Gravink
Reader	Sharon Yost
Communion Ass.	Jackie Marroli
Greeter	Pat McKillips
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Tom Lingel
Livestream	Mike Gravink

# Serving with our Partners in Ministry



## Council Highlights

Council met on May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Highlights include:

- Minutes of March and April meetings were approved.
- Finance Report: Seekers and Quilters requested separate balance information for donations made to these 2 groups.
- Approved updated Ops Manual Chapter 3 & Organizational Chart
- Approved the purchase of 2 new banners and a new banner stand for our worship space using undesignated Memorial Funds.
- Approved Quilter's request to raise funds for their work from July 1 – August 31.
- Approved reducing Preschool portion of garbage service to 35% of the trash removal cost (not including recycling)
- Dates to note:
  - Synod Assembly – May 30
  - Guest Speaker Megan McPherson, Sierra Pacific Synod on June 25 (Sunday Connections)
  - Back-to-School Resource Fair – August 8

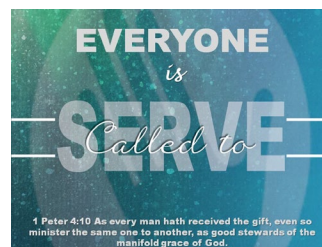
- God's Work. Our Hands. September 13
- April 11, 2027 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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

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## Council Message to All Leaders

The Council has been in the process of updating our Organizational Chart and creating a ministry description for Council Liaisons. This week Council President, Ann Hefner-Gravink, sent an email to many of our leaders with updated information. Everyone can access that information here: [Letter Chapter 3 Organizational Chart](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ann.



Is God calling you?

Is God nudging you to serve St. Mark's in new ways? Everyone's gifts are important to the life and ministry we care about. Please contact one of our elected leaders or Pastor Karen to share what the Spirit is doing within.

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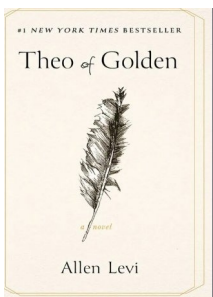


And our dedicated director, Semyon Lohss. The choir has provided beautiful music to enhance our worship throughout the program year. They will take a bread this summer. When the resume in September everyone with a voice is welcome to join the fun.

### Our Contemporary Music Team

Will continue to rehearse and sing periodically this summer. They rehearse on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Worship Center and perform on the first and third Sundays. (Check with Dennis Digman for Summer schedule)

All voices are welcome and we encourage you to share your gifts!



### Tuesday Book Group-On break

Book Group will take a break the month of June. We will resume on July 7 with *Theo of*

*Golden* by Allen Levi. Books will be available through Solano County Library online (Libby).

The group meets Tuesdays at:  
10:30—11:30 a.m. on Zoom  
[Tuesday Bible Study](#)



### Seekers Circle

**Meets June 11**  
Digerud Room  
9:30—11:30 a.m.

Our theme will be "I am Worthy!" Join us for the study or download it for at home study.

[Summer 2026: "I am worthy," by the Rev. Sara Olson Smith - Gather Magazine.](#) We finish by 11:30 a.m.

**ALL are welcome** to be a part of this supportive group.

The group also connects with one another for a time of fellowship and plans action projects to out our faith through the **Advocacy Ministry**. Summer projects will be planned during the June Meeting.

On June 19<sup>th</sup> the group will have a Birthday Celebration Lunch at Tolenas Winery. Contact Diane Metz if you'd like to get involved or need more information.

## Serving with our Partners in Ministry



### Sunday Connections

#### June Events

- June 7 Racial Justice, part 3
- June 14 Pride Hearts Craft for all ages
- June 21 Donuts for Dads
- June 28 Opportunities for Lay Leadership (Megan Macpherson, SPELCA)

Zoom link: [Sunday Connections](#)

Email Ann at [drannhg@sbglobal.net](mailto:drannhg@sbglobal.net) for more information. Everyone is invited to offer ideas for events, etc.



### Wednesday Bible Study

6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

An in-depth study of the scripture readings for the coming week. How are the readings related (or not!).

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



### June Highlights:

- 2026/2027 registration has begun.
- Ocean Adventure Summer Camp starts June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Every Tuesday-Thursday through June 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the Preschool and events click here:

[Preschool | St. Mark's Lutheran Church | ELCA | Fairfield, CA](#)

### Quilting for Lutheran World Relief



Quilt-fest on in the Quilting Room Wednesdays—10:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

### Patching the World Together

Everyone is welcome to join the team! Come when they can and leave when you must.

[Contact Diane Metz](#) with questions about donations or how to get involved.

## Serving with our Partners in Ministry



April 2026

Statistics

The Bette  
Noll St.  
Mark's Food

Pantry served **4,168** people from our neighborhood. That's an average of **1,042** people (**235** families) a week! **YTD**: 16,605 people served. 3,740 families served.

What can you do? Help the Food Pantry be a little "greener" by bringing your extra reusable totes bags. Help us cut/reduce the number of plastic grocery bags used and encourage our guests be as "ear friendly" as possible. Please place your contributions on the table in the narthex/lobby hallway with other Food Pantry donations.



Sierra Pacific Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

Click the link for May events and sign up for the ELCA newsletter.

[Congregational Happenings — Sierra Pacific Synod](#)

## "I Am Worthy"



SPS WELCA - WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEPT. 11-13, 2026

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT CENTER  
DANVILLE, CA

2 NIGHTS + 6 MEALS = \$185  
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

SAVE THE DATE!



## ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT

Proposed budget cuts could turn many families and children away from hunger programs. [Take Action Here](#) In case you'd like the alerts sent directly to you, follow link. —Diane [Subscribe to ELCA Advocacy - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)

## Serving with our Partners in Ministry

### Senior Food Program

Location: St. Mark's Food Pantry



of Contra Costa & Solano

Dates: First and Third Wednesdays

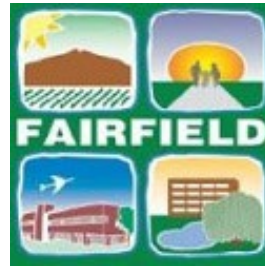
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

For additional food distribution sites  
[click here.](#)



Bread for the  
World

Our worship time on Pentecost Sunday included the Blessing of 48 Letters asking elected representatives to prioritize the elimination of childhood hunger. The letters were written by members of the congregation and friends on behalf of Bread for the World's Annual Offering of Letters. Thank you to all who took the time to be an Advocate (Paraclete) who walks the children of the world. The letters represented a 300% increase in those written in 2025. Thank you to ALL who took the time to use their voices as instruments of God's Justice.



### Fairfield News

Join neighbors and friends supporting our community. For ongoing news

and events

[subscribe here](#)



Monday and  
Wednesdays

12:00 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.



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 the services they provide and to volunteer [CanB.](#)

# What's happening at St. Mark's June 2026

## Recurring Calendar of Events

### Sunday

9:30 a.m. SMLC Worship (Worship Center/Live Streaming)

10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Worship Ctr)

10:45 a.m. Sunday Connections (Digerud/Zoom)

11:00 a.m. Pentecost Temple (Comm. Cen.)

2:30 p.m. Ministerios Ebenezer (Comm. Center)

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Solano Food Bank Senior Program (Fd Ptry 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

10:00 a.m. Quilt-fest (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)

## Additional Events

### Monday, June 1

2:30 p.m. BTSRF Meeting (meet.google)

### Tuesday, June 2

5:30 p.m. Worship and Music Comm

### Wednesday, June 3

10:00 a.m. Bible Study @Magnolia Ct

11:30 a.m. Worship Planning (Zoom)

### Monday, June 8

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

### Wednesday, June 10

5:30 p.m. Solano Symphony Board

### Thursday, June 11

9:30 a.m. Seeker's Circle

11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

### Saturday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Synod Assembly Business

### Tuesday, June 16

12:15 p.m. Preschool Board

### Friday, June 19 – Juneteenth

### Tuesday, June 23

3:00 p.m. Fairfield CAN

# 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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Rev. Karen Stetins, Senior Pastor  
Kim Worthen, Office Administrator  
Semyon Lohss, Accompanist, Choral Director  
Lucille Bowers, Preschool Director  
Michelle Aas, SMLC's bookkeeper

Council Members: Ann Hefner-Gravink (President) June Johnsen (Vice President), Jacqueline Marrolli (Secretary), Stew Irwin (Finance Chair), Toni McCallum and Karin MacMillan (Members at Large).

Elected Leaders: Linda Froggett (Financial Secretary), Les Johnsen (Treasurer) Fay DiSano, Personnel Committee Chairperson