



St. Mark's Lutheran Church November 2026



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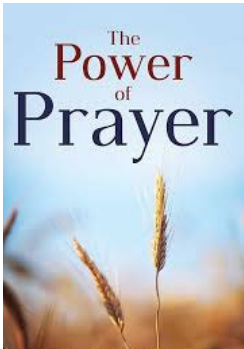
Members:

<i>Judith Eckhart</i>	<i>May 11, 2026</i>
<i>Richard Ehman</i>	<i>June 26, 2026</i>
<i>Robert McGee</i>	<i>February 25, 2026</i>

Family and Friends:

<i>Jamario Baker</i>	<i>June 3, 2026</i>	<i>Sem Yeto graduate</i>
<i>Gary Digman</i>	<i>July 9, 2026</i>	<i>Dennis Digman's brother</i>
<i>Robert Fuentes</i>	<i>June 16, 2026</i>	<i>Pastor of Holy Spirit and community friend</i>
<i>Craig Jiminez</i>	<i>December 17, 2025</i>	<i>Friend of Sherri Scarrott</i>
<i>Kervyn Matthews</i>	<i>May 5, 2026</i>	<i>Josephine Lord-Traughber's ex-son-in-law</i>
<i>Don Moore</i>	<i>November 11, 2025</i>	<i>Friend of Diane Metz</i>
<i>Ardith Morgan</i>	<i>December 8, 2025</i>	<i>Sister of Karen Spengler</i>
<i>Sharon Sanderson</i>	<i>April 27, 2026</i>	<i>Friend of Sherri Scarrott</i>

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We are praying for...

Our members

Lucille Bowers, Ivonne Bradford, Sarajane Hakenen, Gabby Hansen, Jim Hanser & family, Tom Lingel, Pamela Lyons, Gerda

Reid, Stu Reid, Nelson Scarrott, and Josephine Lord-Traugher.

Those Who Can't Get Out Often:

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

Our friends and loved ones:

Kim Arnold, Bruce Atkinson, Makita Bond, Adrian Butler, Roxanne Costan, Dave Eubanks, Kyle Forristall, Dave "Frog" Frogget, Naomi Goulart, Tom Gravink, Rob Hakenen, Daryl Halls, Nicholas Hanson, Shaman Houpt, Phil Ladiero, Sandy Larson, LaSonia Leimer, Rene Maddox, Mike Michaelsen, Rev. Kirsten Moore, Helen Powell, Cheryl Rassmussen, Eric Rigdon, John Scarrott, Toni Scarrott Collins, Tim Southward, Bob Stevenson, Rhonda Stokes, John Sylhman, Nardos Tesfaye, Dan and Sarita Turner, Lorna Walter, Jaden Wenn, and Laurie Ziegler.

PRAYER
changes things ♥



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Pat Broschard	11/3
June Johnsen	11/5
Gordene Pienovi	11/7
Colleen Rivers	11/11
Eva Lipke	11/25
Aura Hansen	11/28



Michael and Ann Gravink 11/6

Lulu and Donald Eager 11/13

Nelson and Sherri Scarrott 11/28



We bid farewell
and godspeed to
Kim Worthen

Kim has been a great partner in ministry at St. Mark's for the last 2-1/2 years. She will be missed. May God bless her in her new home in Folsom, California with good friends and companions on her journey of faith to keep her strong.

Pastor Karen and the people of St. Mark's

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Welcome DeVonna Jimenez!

Hello everyone! My name is DeVonna Jimenez. I'm a proud wife, mom, and small business owner. Outside of work, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, being involved in my church, and pursuing my passion for photography through my business. I love capturing memories because photography is my way of connecting with people. I'm excited to be part of the team here at St. Mark's, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be with you all.



New Email Address

Please update your phones, directories, and other contact cards with June Johnsen's new email address:

junejohnsen01@gmail.com



Our homebound Members

Janet Benson
3305 Hartford Ave
Fairfield, CA 94534

V-Anne Chernock
10030 Newton Ave

November 2026

Apt 248, Bloomington MN 55421

Kathy Doty, Magnolia Court Senior Assisted Living, 1111 Ulatis Dr, Room 204, Vacaville, CA 95687

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

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

Please remember them with your cards, visits and calls.

Our Contemporary Music Team



The team will continue to rehearse on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Worship Center and perform on the first and third Sundays.

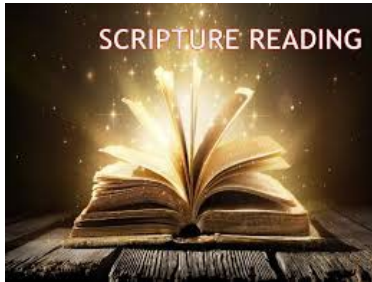
All voices are welcome and we encourage you to share your gifts!



Choir

The choir provides beautiful music to enhance our worship throughout the program year. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. beginning September 1 in the Worship Center. Everyone with a voice is welcome to join the fun.

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November
2026
(Year A)

Sunday, November 1, 2026 **All Saints Day**

- Revelation 7:9-17
- Psalm 34:1-10, 22
- 1 John 3:1-3
- Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, November 8, 2026 **24th Sunday after Pentecost**

- Amos 5:18-24
- Psalm 70
- 1Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15, 2026 **25th Sunday after Pentecost**

- Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
- Psalm 90:1-8, 12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22, 2026 **Christ the King**

- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Psalm 95:1-7a
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 29, 2026 **First Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-37

Assisting in Worship in November

November 1

Assisting Minister	Jim Hanser
Reader	Ailish Mendoza
Communion Asst.	Fay DiSano
Greeter	Cheryl Hurd
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Karin MacMillan
Livestream	Mike Gravink

November 8

Assisting Minister	Ann Hefner-Gravink
Reader	Dian Metz
Communion Asst.	Josephine Lord-Traughber
Greeter	Sherri Scarrott
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Tom Lingel
Livestream	Mike Gravink

November 15

Assisting Minister	Jacqueline Marroli
Reader	Sharon Yost
Communion Asst.	Sherri Scarrott
Greeter	Dan/Fay DiSano
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Rose Hanser
Livestream	Cindy DeRosier

November 22

Assisting Minister	Diane Metz
Reader	Les Johnsen
Communion Asst.	Dan DiSano
Greeter	Donna Zaier
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Jacqueline Marroli
Livestream	Mike Gravink

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November 29

Assisting Minister	Diane Metz
Reader	Pamela Lyons
Communion Asst.	Jacqueline Marroli
Greeter	Colleen Rivers
Slides	Eva Lipke
Sound	Karin MacMillan
Livestream	Mike Gravink



Council Highlights

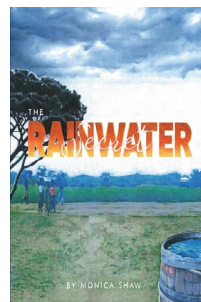
Council met on October 8 at 11:30 a.m. (Reminder—the Minutes and Reports from meetings are published the next month after the Minutes are approved). Highlights include:

- Amended August 2026 Minutes to indicate that Karin MacMillan was absent and Toni McCallum was present
- Approved the Minutes of the September 2026 meeting.
- Stew Irwin reported that September was a pretty good month financially.
- Stew presented a draft budget for 2027. He feels good about 2027
- Suggested the addition of a line item for Community Service Projects (i.e. God's Work. Our Hands, CAN Thanksgiving, and others)
- Pastor reported that Tom Lingel will be taking a sabbatical from his Food Pantry responsibilities for the

month of November. June Johnsen will serve as interim Director.

- We officially reinstated Sky Matthews to role of active members effective October 8. (When Sky moved out of state, her name was moved to the inactive roster).
- Pastor reported that she will attend mandatory Anti-Racism Training all day October 28 & 29.
- Approved the 2026-2027 Preschool Budget as presented and approved by the Preschool Board.
- Approved the Offer Letter for DeVonna Jimenez as Office Administrator.
- Scheduled the 2027 Annual Meeting for Sunday, January 31, 2027.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 12 at 11:30 a.m.



Tuesday Book Group

In November we will continue reading **The Rainwater Secret** by Monica Shaw. It is a deeply moving, historical fiction novel about a woman who becomes a missionary in Africa after the death of her mother. Join us any time. [Zoom Link](#)

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Wednesday Bible Study

So many thanks!!

We can't thank Jim Hanser enough for his years of amazing leadership of the Wednesday evening bible study.

The season for this deep dive into the bible readings for the upcoming Sunday has come to an end. It has been an amazing time for all involved.

Seekers Circle November 12



Digerud Room
9:30-11:30a.m.

Colleen Rivers
will lead.

This month we look at **Session 3: Proclaiming resurrection in hope** from the series on **"Bold faith on an unexpected journey,"** by the Rev. Tiffany Chaney. Scripture: John 20:1-18

Mary Magdalene's journey transitions from that of a grieving friend to the first preacher of the good news, after she shows up at the empty tomb and encounters the risen Jesus. Her story declares that women are entrusted to carry resurrection hope into a hurting world. This session encourages participants to recognize their own call

to bear witness and to proclaim hope in Christ. We start at 9:30 celebrating Colleen's birthday.

We will also discuss and considering projects for the Christmas celebrations.

The group concludes by 11:30 a.m. **ALL are welcome** to be part of this supportive group.

The group also connects with our faith through the **Advocacy Ministry**.

St. Mark's New Purple T-Shirts & Polos



New shirts to wear at SMLC events or anywhere you go!



Polos (**\$30 each**)
(men's & women's
sizes)

T-shirts (**\$20 each**)
(men's and women's)

Deep purple with the
new SMLC logo

Complete order form in the narthex/lobby at church or email pastorkaren@stmarksfairfield.org. Indicate shirt type, gender, and size.

Writing a check? Note "shirts" in the memo line. Paying online? Use the Church Life Purchases tile (last one).

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The Preschool has an Amazon Wish List if you would like to make a donation use the link below or the QR code below).

[Amazon Wish List](#)



The Preschool at Western Railroad Pumpkin Patch Festival

Thank you Janelle, Bob, Les and June for creating this beautiful display at the Fairfield-Suisun Rotary's Pumpkin Festival for our Preschool! The festival is held at The [Western Railway Museum](#). It's a terrific family tradition that includes a train ride and a pumpkin area to pick out the perfect pumpkin. The ride aboard a historic electric train takes passengers on a 5-mile trip to Gum Grove Station. Rotarians provide food, tractor rides, music, games, pumpkin chucking, pumpkins for sale, and more!



Sunday Connections November Events

- Nov 1** ELCA Civic Life Study Week 1:
God Acts for the Well-being of
All Through Civic Life
- Nov 8** Week 2: God Calls All People to
Robust Civic Participation
- Nov 15** What are YOU grateful for?
Guided Gratitude
- Nov 22** Christmas Craft: Make an
ornament!
- Nov 29** Crash Course Video

Zoom link: [Sunday Connections](#)

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



Can you help?

Once again this
year we hope to
pack 200 bags

of food for our Christmas Basket
event in December. Please use the
box in the lobby to donate dry beans,
peanut butter, canned protein (tuna,
chicken, or ham), candy, wrapping
paper, greeting cards and 2027
calendars.

Monetary donations will help us
purchase gift cards for each guest to
use of a holiday ham or turkey (or
whatever they need).

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St. Mark's Needs Your Gifts!

The 2026 Nominating Committee (Dan DiSano, Pat McKillips, Diane Metz and Josephine Lord-Traugher) are prayerfully contacting potential leaders with gifts to share.

Our thanks to all who have said "yes."

There are still a number of positions to be filled. Please prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to be Personnel Chair, Treasurer or a member of next year's Nominating Committee.

Please speak to a Nominating Committee Member if you feel God's pull to serve the congregation in 2027 (St. Mark's 70th Anniversary year) and beyond.

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

What a joy it was, on October 4, to bless and send 67 quilts and a number of hygiene kits to Lutheran World Relief.

Thanks go to all the Quilters and especially to Ann Hefner-Gravink, Patty Nyquist and Beth Williamson for

taking the quilts and kits to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Rocklin, CA. They stopped at a Roseville Quilt Shop to purchase more materials for the 2027 collection.

Thanks to all who participated in the Quilt Drawing which provided 2/3 of the funds needed to ship the items to the Lutheran World Relief in Maryland. Quilters meet on Wednesdays in the Quilting Room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to work on the 2027 collection.

New members are ALWAYS welcome!



Sew FUN! We teach those interested too!



Stewards of God's Love

*Getting to
Know Our
Neighbors—*

in local and global communities will finish the quarterly themes for 2026.

The Stewardship Team has guided the congregation through the **Fulfilling God's Purpose** program for our

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yearly commitment to financial stewardship.

Thanks to all for reading the midweek emails, messages in the Weekly Updates on Fridays, Temple Talks, Sermons and ultimately the dedication of your pledges toward the 2027 Budget.

If you haven't submitted your pledge yet, please consider doing so as soon as is possible for you.



September 2026 Statistics

The Bette Noll St. Mark's Food Pantry served **4,924** people from our neighborhood. That's an average of **985** people (**223** families) a week!
YTD: 37,874 people served and **8,411** families served.



Happening in the Sierra Pacific Synod & the ELCA

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

**[Congregational Happenings —
Sierra Pacific Synod](#)**

For more info: [ELCA News](#)

Vote Your Conscience- Recommendations

<https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/lop-p-ca-2026-ballot-proposition-recommendations>.

In case you'd like the alerts sent directly to you, follow link. —Diane
[Subscribe to ELCA Advocacy -
Evangelical Lutheran Church in
America](#)



Senior Food Program

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

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

Monday and Wednesdays

12:00 noon
Digerud Room



Al-Anon (meaning
Alcoholics Anonymous)
is a mutual support

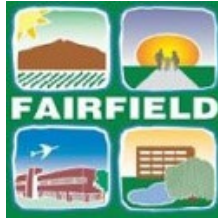
group for people who have been
affected by a loved one's drinking.
Alateen is a similar family group that
supports young people who live with
or who have been affected by alcohol.

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Fairfield News

Join neighbors and friends supporting our community.
For ongoing news and events

[subscribe here](#)



Sweet Anointing Ministry (Church of God in Christ)

On July 1, this community of faith joined our campus ministries. They will worship in the Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Please take time to stop by and say hello. Find out more at:

<https://www.sweetanointing.org/>



Mark your
calendars
now!

The Fairfield CAN (Clergy Action Network) will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our neighbors in need on Tuesday, November 24 at 12:30 p.m. St. Mark's will be collecting coats, socks and hygiene kits for distribution. Watch the lobby for a donation box.

Lay Preaching Workshop With Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis ~ November 12 in Berkeley

Are you a lay preacher who wants to become more confident in the pulpit? Join Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis for a preaching workshop at the Synod Office in Berkeley on November 12 from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM!

HerStory Advent Resource



This year, The Nourishing Vocation Project (a program based at the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and

Community at St. Olaf College) offers *Preparing the Way: A Herstory of Hope*, a comprehensive Advent resource focusing on the five women in Jesus' family tree mentioned in Matthew 1. Learn more [HERE!](#)

What's happening at St. Mark's November 2026

Recurring Calendar of Events

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Worship Ctr)
- 8:30 a.m. Sweet Anointing Ministry (Comm. Cen.)
- 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

- 10:30 a.m. Book Group
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Worship Ctr)
- 2:00 p.m. St. Mark's Food Pantry

Wednesday

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

Tuesday, November 3

- 3:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Digerud Room)
- 5:30 p.m. Worship and Music (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 4

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

Monday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 11-Veteran's Day Holiday – Office Closed

- 5:30 p.m. Solano Symphony Board (Digerud Room)

Thursday, November 12

- 9:30 a.m. Seeker's Circle (Digerud Room)
- 10:00 a.m. Capitol Valley Conference
- 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting (Pastor's Study)

Tuesday, November 17

- 1:00 p.m. Growing Together (Zoom)

Monday, November 23

- 10:00 a.m. Fairfield CAN set-up (Willow Hall)

Tuesday, November 24

- 12:30 p.m. CAN Thanksgiving Dinner (Willow Hall)

Thursday, November 26

- Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church Veteran's List



Current and Former Members

Kim Arnold – Army
Dennis Digman - Navy
Dan DiSano – Air Force
*Charles Doty - Navy
*Art Duncan – Air Force
Donald Eager – Navy
*Judith Eckhart – Army
*Richard Ehman – Air Force
*Robert Evans – Air Force
Carl Hakenen – Air Force
James Hanser – Navy
Stewart Irwin – Air Force
Les Johnsen – Navy
*Robert (Bob) Jordan--Air Force
Chris Lindauer – Navy
*Art Lipke – Air Force
Jacqueline Marroli – Air Force
*Robert McGee – Air Force
*Barry McKillips – Air Force
Vic Metz – Navy
Merle "Mike" Michaelis – Air Force
Sam Mullin – Air Force
*Roger Quinn
Stu Reid – Air Force
Michael Sweatt – Air Force
Jeffrey Thoma – Air Force

*Deceased

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Friends and Loved Ones

Ronald Armenta, Jr. – Air Force
Ronald Armenta, Sr. – Marine Corp
Michael Barnum – Army
David Caldwell, Sr. – Air Force
David Caldwell, Jr. – Army
Eugene Caldwell – Army
*Willis Carlman – Navy
Geoff Dashner – Air Force
David Danzeisen – Air Force
Kathy Danzeisen – Air Force
Charles Hettlinger – Marine Corps
Delbert Hoover – Army
*Al Hurd – Air Force
Elizabeth Jenkins – Air Force
Kevin Jenkins – Air Force
Robert Jordan – Air Force
Sean Kennedy – Veteran
Cliff Lipke – Army
David Lipke – Army
Joseph Lipke – Marine Corps
Lenny Lipke – Army
Rich Lipke - Army
*Dan Looney – Army Air Corps
Robert Maclay – Air Force
Scott Mall – Air Force
*Fred MacMillian, Sr. - Navy
Adrian Reece - Army
Tim Scarrott – Army National
Guard
Alan Sklove – Air Force
Burton Stenson - Navy
Charleton Stenson - Army
H.A. Stenson – Army
Marlow Stenson – Air Force
Chris Swanson – Navy
Dennis Sweeney --Marines
*Robert Williamson – Air Force

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](#))

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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Sierra Pacific Synod
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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