

April 2025



Positive Thinking vs. Faith

Our world is full of self-help books that encourage positive thinking. That's not a bad thing. But what is the difference between positive thinking and faith?



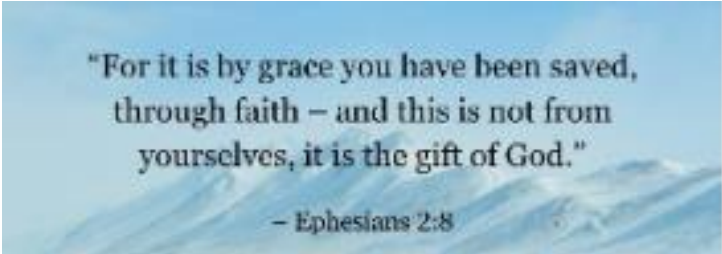
Positive thinking is all about *your* agenda and you controlling/manipulating your environment, your perspective, or your attitude. Faith is all about *God's agenda* and allowing God's will and purpose for your life to be fulfill. Positive thinking is all about relying on yourself and what you can get; faith is trusting that God knows what we need long before we do and trusting God's promises.

Soon we will celebrate Easter – the biggest celebration of faith in our Christian tradition. Faith is about trusting God's word from Jeremiah to Jesus, God's promises are true and trustworthy. Positive thinking is about things we can see and prove – faith is believing without seeing. The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that faith is believing in what we cannot see or prove.

Easter Sunday, we come together with flowers and trumpets to worship the risen Jesus – just as God promised through the prophets; just as Jesus told his disciples on several occasions. God's promise of eternal life is the ultimate promise! What more could we ask for?

From the very beginning God's plan for humanity was peace, joy and community. Even though we don't do a great job of living it all the time, God still has a plan for our lives as a community of faith, as the Church of Jesus Christ, and as beloved children. Hold onto faith with all your might so that the grace of God which passes all our human understanding can guide your hearts and your minds today and always.

Pastor Karen





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



Please pray for...

Our members:

Janet Benson, Ivonne Bradford, V-Anne Chernock, Kathy Doty, Elsie Edgeman, Richard Ehman, Dakota Gravink,

Gabby Hansen, Jim Hanser and family, Pamela Lyons, Robert McGee, Pat McKillips, Karen Mullin, Gerda Reid, Stu Reid, & Josephine Traugher.

Our homebound

Judith Eckhart and Shirley Quinn.

Those who are mourning

Our friends and loved ones

Kim Arnold, Bruce Atkinson, Makita Bond, Adrian Butler, Alisha Chandoin, Roxanne Costan, Curtis Deschaine, Jan Dushane, Dave Eubanks, Dave Frogget, Ed Goldberg, Rob Hakenen, Nicholas Hanson, Shaman Houpt, Al Hurd, Alice Kovarcik, Phil Ladiero, Rene Maddox, Mike Michaelsen, Helen Powell, Cheryl Rassmussen, Jo Reed, Eric Rigdon, Sharon Sanderson, Toni Scarrott Collins, Bob Stevenson, Rhonda Stokes, Tammy Stone, Nardos Tesfaye, Weldon Tunnell, Lorna Walter, Suzanne Wilson, Laurie Ziegler, and Pope Francis.



Members – New addresses

Al Bergoust
5000 Avery Point Way #T16
Richmond, VA 23233
Phone: 707-330-3689

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



April Birthdays

Rose Hanser	04/05
Michael Chernock	04/06
Tammy Bojorquez	04/14
Nelson Scarrott	04/15
Stu Reid	04/21
Kyle Johnsen	04/24
Lincoln Stetins	04/25
Arrienne Maneja	04/28

Children's Time



Tressa learned the story of Joseph and his brothers.



The children learn about peace.

Preschool 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, March 16, 2025



The 50th Anniversary celebration of March 16 was great! We heard our current preschoolers sing and met some of our alumni. After worship we all had great fellowship and fun for the kids. We are so blessed to have had the opportunity to share God's love with little ones for so many years.

Special thanks to the Seeker's Circle for making party favors. Our thanks to Kym Mitchell of Code 4 Events for making the special Anniversary cookies and to all of our teachers, directors, aides, past and present for their 50 years of ministry with God's littlest blessings.



Our amazing Teachers and Director!





We nurture our discipleship when we use our gifts to serve



Sabbatical Grant Proposal Submitted

On Tuesday, March 11, 2025 the Sabbatical Committee submitted its request for \$38,592 to the Lilly Clergy Renewal Program to cover Pastor Karen's costs and St. Mark's cost for a proposed sabbatical. The proposed dates are April 19, 2026 – July 18, 2026. The grant's receivers will be announced on August 29, 2025. Please keep the process in prayer as we await the outcome. For more details about the sabbatical, [please click here](#).



Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

Council Highlights

- Minutes of February meeting were approved
- Financial Reports for January and February were approved.
- Reviewed plans for Congregation Retreat on March 22
- Received an update on the IT process – the next computer to be replaced will be the

- one we use for slides in worship. The purchase and set-up is in process.
- Social Media update: "It's Just Creative" Social Media group has begun the audit process.
- We thanked the Seeker's Circle for their donations of quilt supplies and Preschool
- Anniversary party favors and recipes for soups made for Lent midweek daytime services.
- Reviewed Food Pantry Report and agreed to ask Tom for clarification on some of the items.
- June Johnsen and Janelle Jolley are in the process of preparing a report to council for security alarm needs.
- Pastor Karen's Sabbatical update was shared with the council and congregation.
- The grant request was submitted on March 11. We will know on August 29 if we received the grant.
- Volunteer Appreciation Day was set for May 4, 2025.
- Agreed to receive \$500 per month from the Food Pantry to help with utilities and reduce the expectation from the Preschool by \$500 on a trial basis.
- Council decided that we would only consider "special" birthday celebrations for those members who turn 90. This will help avoid leaving someone out. We will continue to celebrate monthly birthdays on the first Sunday of the month.
- Dan DiSano was assigned as liaison to the Growing Together and Social Justice Teams.
- Our active ministries will be encouraged to plan a temple talk and/or special focus month for their ministries.

The next Council meeting will be April 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Digerud Room.



Stewardship of Being Kind:

Yes, research consistently shows that performing good deeds, or acts of kindness, are strongly linked to improved

well-being, including increased happiness, reduced stress, better social connections, and even potential health benefits; essentially, "doing good" can contribute to feeling good about yourself and your life. During the last weeks of Lent, be attentive to taking care of yourself and others by paying attention to the following information. Key points about the connection between good deeds and well-being:

- Positive emotions:

Engaging in acts of kindness can trigger the release of feel-good chemicals like dopamine and serotonin, leading to feelings of happiness and satisfaction.

- Stress reduction:

Helping others can take your mind off your own problems, providing a stress-relieving effect.

- Social connection:

Performing good deeds can strengthen relationships and foster a sense of community.

- Self-esteem boost:

Seeing yourself positively impact others can contribute to a higher self-worth.

- Potential physical benefits:

Studies have even suggested a link between altruistic behavior and improved physical health, potentially by reducing stress levels.

Participate the Synod's Faith Formation Survey for lay members



The Synod is seeking input as they develop lay leadership training. They need YOUR voice! Please share with us what faith

formation activities would be helpful for your faith and faith community! Both rostered leaders and

laypeople are invited to participate. Fill out the survey [HERE](#).



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.



Bob and Janelle Jolley Installed new smart thermostats in the Digerud Room, Nursery and Choir rooms. They are super easy to navigate and use. Currently they are set up for all three to come on at 9 am on Sunday to 68 degrees, choir rooms at 8:30. All this can be adjusted as we get use to the new system.

Thanks you so much!

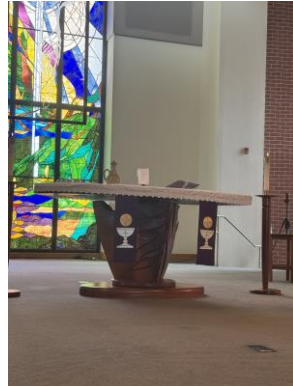


Thank you to everyone who participated in the Congregation Retreat on March 22 and shared your thoughts and ideas about nurturing our discipleship!

Special thanks to Stew Irwin who planned and led the event and to those who provided food.



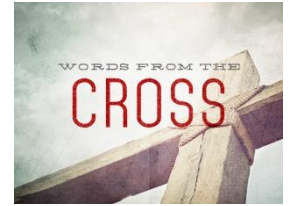
We nurture our discipleship when we worship and study together



Ash Wednesday pictures.....

“Words from the cross”

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



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

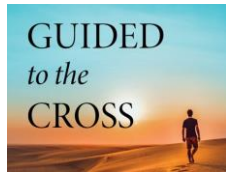


The first Lent Soup Lunch and devotions.

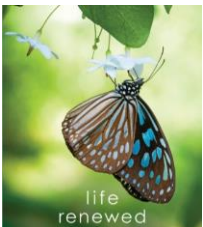
Opportunities for Lent

“Guided to the Cross”

Throughout this holy season 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.



Midday Lenten Devotions continue on Wednesdays April 2 and April 9 at noon in the Narthex. Soup Lunches will be served. If the group selects a recipe out of the Devotions Recipe Booklet, that soup will be prepared.



Guest chefs are preparing the lunches. 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 prepared.



Thursday, April 17, 2025
5:00 p.m.

Join us in the Fireside Room to remember Jesus’ last meal with his disciples. Taste traditional dishes and hear the story told each year to our Jewish friends.

There is a sign-up sheet and recipes in the narthex/lobby if you would like to help set-up, clean-up or provide food.



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.



Good Friday

April 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday

HE IS RISEN

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1600 Union Avenue

9:30 a.m.

April 20, 2025

9:30 a.m.



Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 20 immediately
following worship

Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

The children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt in the Preschool yard. The Easter bunny will make a surprise appearance.

Please hop on over to the table in the narthex to sign up for a dish to share for brunch.

April 2025



Bible Readings – April 2025

April 5, 2025 – Guided to Perseverance

Micah 6:7-8

Ephesians 6:13-20

John 19:16-22

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18, 2025 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Psalms 22

John 18:1–19:42

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

April 27, 2025 – Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31



Easter Lily Orders

Order online (click below) or on paper (narthex/lobby) **by**

Monday, April 7. Each plant is \$13

and can be purchased in memory of someone or in honor of a special someone or event.

[Click here for the order form.](#)



Here's what's happening in April

4/6/25	Planning your memorial service
4/13/25	Crash Course #8
4/20/25	Easter Sunday
4/27/25	Meals on Wheels (Tyler Dorman)

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



Easter/Spring card-making on Sunday, March 23, 2025.



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, April 10, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

Seekers Circle invites interested folks to attend its April Meeting. Beth Williamson is the study leader. The lesson continues the discussion on Faithfulness for the fourth of the topic.

April's discussion session begins at 9:30 a.m. 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.

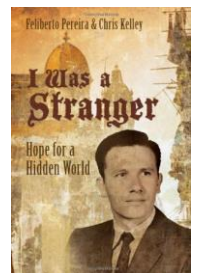
Below: Seeker Circle members enjoying celebrating Carole Greeley's birthday at Rancho Fino.



Seeker's Circle provided the Seed Packet Party Favors for the Preschool's 50th Anniversary. Ann Hefner-Gravink provided the stamp and stickers for the favors.

Tuesday Book Study

We are reading "I Was a Stranger" by Feliberto Pereira & Chris Kelley. 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.

(On break until 4/23/25)

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.

Missing: Two deep purple and two forest green rectangular, polyester tablecloths (approximately 60 inches by 104 inches). These are used in the Digerud Room and changed with the seasons. If you've borrowed them, please return them to the Digerud Room. Thank you.



Feeding
more and
more
people each
week!

February 2025 Total Served	3,514	YTD 7,324
February families served	1,519	
February 2025 Weekly Avg Served		1,324
Total Volunteer Hours February 2025		533.5

Current Needs: Bags. The food pantry can always use bags.

Special Note: Distilled water is available at the food pantry to anyone in the congregation.



Afghan Fundraiser

Ivonne Bradford was the winner of the loving afghan crocheted by Pamela Lyons. The proceeds from the silent auction went directly to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project. Thank you again to Pamela for donating her

afghan and to Ivonne for purchasing it.

Quilters Continue to Meet on

Wednesdays: The group has tried Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. None of the days pleases everyone. BUT If you and a partner can work on the quilts, you can come and work anytime in the Narthex in April; most folks come about 11:00 a.m. and end by 2:00 pm. with a

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break for a light lunch (until April 9th with Lenten Devotions). In May, the Quilters will move to the Original Building and set up their ministry in the Youth Room. Over 15 quilts are currently in process: stitchers, cutters, ironers, pinners, tie-ers are all needed. Or just join the group for a time of fellowship. EVERYONE seems to enjoy the camaraderie. Contact Diane Metz for more details.

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 will continue until April 26

Once again, this year St. Mark’s will host VITA Tax services. Their service will be available in the Bethel Room on Saturdays, through April 26. 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 is seeking more information. Stay tuned for a 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. If you’d like to donate a quilt(s) or blanket(s), please bring them on Sunday to worship or drop at the Office. John’s Table representatives already benefit from the *Bette Noll Food Pantry*, and they will pick up the donated blanket/quilts when they pick up food on Tuesdays.



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.

Telstar invites you to our 16th Annual Golf Tournament!

Telstar sponsors this event, and all proceeds go to Sacramento District Nazarene Missions International Youth Mission.

Saturday, May 17th, 2025
Rancho Solano Golf Course
3250 Rancho Solano Pkwy
Fairfield, CA 94534
4-person scramble
tournament



Please review the attached flyer for more details and send all RSVPs to Janelle Powell: jpowell@telstarinc.com by May 2nd! [Click here for flyer.](#)

Fairfield News:

The Blues, Brews & BBQ Cook-off on April 19!

The third annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ Cook-off is back on April 19 from 12-4 pm downtown on the County Green!

Sip on ice cold local craft beers and Caymus wines, savor the smoky goodness of BBQ and other yummy eats, and groove to the funky sounds of Idea team!

You can buy tickets (save \$ if you buy now), enter the cook-off, volunteer for the event or find out more by clicking on the button below.

[BBB Info](#)

Click here for the latest local events: [Fairfield Weekly | Latest News | Fairfield, CA](#)

Playground Ribbon Cutting - May 12th at 3 pm at Allan Witt Park



Nunsense the musical playing Downtown Theatre, March 21-April 6, 2pm & 7:30pm showtimes. www.downtowntheatre.com

April EVENTS

Compost Giveaway April 12th at 9am at Dunnell Nature Park at Hilborn & Glenwood

Heart to Heart Listening Tour - April 26 at 10 a.m. at the F/S Chamber of Commerce, hosted by City Council members

HOPE Resource Fair – April 30th at 10 am at Liberty Church, 2641 N. Texas Street

MAY EVENTS

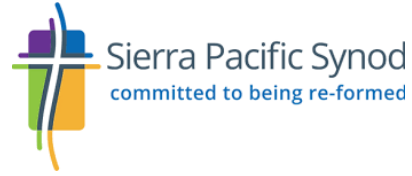
National Day of Prayer - May 1st 12 pm in the City Hall Quad area



Fairfield Farmers Market begins on May 7th – every Thursday evening from 3-7pm at the corner of Texas & Jefferson Streets

MAYkers Market – May 10th, downtown Fairfield. This event will showcase downtown businesses and feature a vendor market pop-up with local artisans, crafts, baked goods and more.





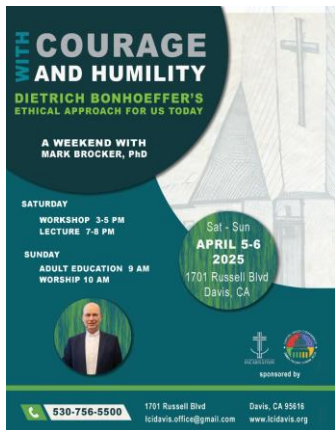
“Do Not Lose Heart” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

This is the theme for this year’s Synod Assembly. There is an opportunity for all members of the congregation to participate in a one-day **Regional On-site Gathering**. You may choose which gathering you would like to attend. These gatherings will be about learning and growing together. We will spend time in worship and conversation, enjoy a lunch together, and connect with one another as we journey together in faith. The cost is \$25 per person. Register at <https://onrealm.org/spselca/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZmQ1YmQ0YzltZDIjMS00YjlxLTgwODctYjJhNDAxMzI1NWUy>

May 10: CHICO, Faith Lutheran Church, 9:00 am -3:30 pm

May 17: WALNUT CREEK, St Matthews Church, 9:00 am -3:30 pm

May 31: FRESNO, Hope Lutheran Church, 9:00 am -3:30 pm



Mark your calendar for a special Bonhoeffer weekend at [Lutheran Church of the Incarnation](#) April 5-6! Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker, pastor in Seattle, past [PLTS: Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary](#) adjunct lecturer, and past

president of [The International Bonhoeffer Society - English Language Section](#) will give an enriching presentation! Don't miss this event!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2025

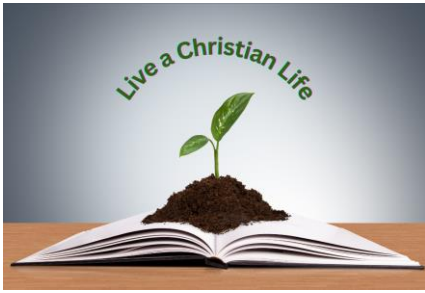
WALNUT CREEK REGIONAL GATHERING MAY 17
 St. Matthew's Lutheran, 399 Wiget Ln, Walnut Creek, CA
 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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

April 2025

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

- 11:30 a.m. Widow's lunch-Mimi's Café (Every 2nd Monday of the month.)
- 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 (Narthex)
- 6:00 p.m. Bible
- 7:00 p.m. Lent Devotions (Zoom)

Thursday

- 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)

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Additional Events

Tuesday, April 1

- 5:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee

Sunday, April 6, 20

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

Wednesday, April 9

- 5:30 p.m. Solano Symphony Board

Thursday, April 10

- 9:30 a.m. Seeker's Circle
- 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Friday, April 11

- 8:30 a.m. Tax Preparation

Monday, April 14

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

Thursday, April 17

- 10:00 a.m. Capitol Valley Conference Mtg
- 5:00 p.m. Seder Dinner (Fireside Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 18

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Monday, April 28

- 7:00 p.m. Solano Symphony Strings

Wednesday, April 30

- 6:00 p.m. Frank Acuna Estate Planning (Fireside)

Join us for worship every Sunday

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

on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SMLCFairfield (or click [HERE](#)) and 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."

St. Mark's Lutheran Church



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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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

June Johnsen (President), Dan DiSano (Vice President), Jacqueline Marroli (Secretary),
Stew Irwin (Finance Chair), Toni McCallum and Josephine Traughber (Members at Large).

Elected Leaders

Linda Froggett (Financial Secretary), Les Johnsen (Treasurer)

Victor Romualdi, Personnel Committee Chairperson,