

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

10:30AM-12:30PM

AND WHEN NEEDED.

~August 2025 Newsletter~

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PASTOR TIM'S OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY 11:00AM-5:00PM

WEDNESDAY 10:00AM-12:00PM

THURSDAY BY APPOINTMENT

**UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN THE
WEEKLY BULLETIN**

WELCOMING



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



**SUMMERTIME
THINGS
LEAD INTO
FALL THINGS**



Choir rehearsal will start up
again on Thursday,
August 21st at 6:30



Bell Rehearsal will start
Sunday, September 14th
at 8:15am



2025 Church Council

- LuAnn Barber
- Matt Fritz
- Virginia Grossman
- Beth Kelly
- Sharon Lee
- Lori Liebenstein
- Dave Odden
- Jan Orzewalla
- Sharon Paprocki
- Lance Uttke (President)
- Lou Ann Uttke (Vice President)
- Laura Zsebe (Secretary)

**Next Council Meeting:
August 13th at 7:00 p.m.**

**REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 7th ON
YOUR CALENDAR. For St. Mark's this
is our traditional Rally Day and now
God's Work Our Hands Sunday.
Remember this is a day of RENEWAL
for all ages. Be there or be square.**



**PROJECT CONCERN
PERSONAL CARE NEED OF
THE MONTH**

**JULY IS DISH SOAP
AUGUST IS DEODORANT
THERE IS A BOX IN THE
NARTHEX LABELED FOR
PROJECT CONCERN FOR YOUR
DONATIONS.**

Hello St. Marks faithful,

I am writing to invite you to participate as a leader at St. Marks in our fall campaign. We are looking for hosts, dessert makers and guests. This campaign will happen over many nights this fall and is open to all in our St. Marks community.

HOST

A host is someone who has a place in their home for 8 - 12 people to sit and have a conversation. We can supply folding chairs if needed. Your job is to have a clean house, and welcome about 8-10 guests plus My wife and I for a dessert meeting that will last about 90 minutes. We hope to recruit about 10 hosts.

DESSERT MAKER

A dessert maker comes to the gathering and supplies a dessert for 12 people and attends the gathering.

GUEST

A guest is an adult member of the church who signs up, attends the meeting that fits their schedule, brings their energy and ideas and thanks the host and dessert maker after the meeting.

We will begin sign-up for Host, Dessert Makers and Guests on Rally Sunday so hosts and dessert makers are needed to step up now. Please consider if you can help your church to create a great fall campaign.

What is this fall Campaign you ask?

It is a chance to get together with all of our community in peoples homes and:

- 1) Meet some new people from St. Marks.
- 2) Share ideas about our mission, vision and values.
- 3) Dream about what we can do together to ensure a bright and sustainable future together.
- 4) Laugh at Pastor Tim's jokes. (optional)

These Campaign events will take place in September and October.

St Mark Serves with gratitude at the Mount Olive Concert



For the Friends of the Cudahy Family Library
Thanks to Rebecca Roepke who guided us
The weather was perfect and the show was very well attended

Lori Liebenstien led the St Mark team of volunteers: Mike O, Ava and her friend, Sharon Lee, sister Sue and Mom, Pastor Tim, Laura Z and Joe, Janet, Jan, Jill, Jim and Dylan, Beth and Carter, Lu Ann B, Lance and Lou Ann U, Phil and Roslyn, and Sharon Z. We appreciate all volunteers who helped and the members who spread the word, attended, and bought from us. The proceeds of this successful evening will go towards St Mark's operating expenses.



Garden grows



Hey kids!
Remember those little seeds you started last March?
Look at what you've done!

DIVINE INTERVENTION WARMING ROOM

The Warming Room Guests after a good meal prepared by volunteers (like you) are able to stay overnight at Tippecanoe Church. The floor of the church fellowship hall will accommodate up to 20 people.

It was observed the mats used by the guests in some cases are not much for comfort.

St Mark is willing to provide 25 x 77 x 3 inch self-inflating sleeping pads for the guests next season with your help. We are asking for your help to purchase 20 of these "bed rolls" to be donated to the Warming Room next season (by December 1st)

They will be on display at the Gathering Space and if you or a group of your friends contribute \$40 for each bed roll you will offer a little more comfort for another person in need

Dear St. Mark's Friends -

As we enter into the second half of 2025, we continue to see our operating deficit grow. As is our custom at St. Mark's, we first set aside 10% of gifts collected to give back to others. So even though it may appear that we are collecting gifts to cover our expenses, we are still falling short. We are fortunate to have funds collected over time and set aside for special purposes that offset the deficit and assist us with managing our cash flow. Later this year, we will be reaching out to you with a plan to help us eliminate this deficit and work towards a balanced budget. I hope you can participate in that with us!

Thank you for your gifts to date! Please consider an increase in giving if you are able. Your continued support is what makes St. Mark's a wonderful place, filled with wonderful people! Thank you!

Beth Kelly, Treasurer

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT – ST. MARK'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

2025 Financial Plan Approved at Annual Congregational Meeting \$151,289	Operating deficit as of December 31, 2024	\$ (14,479)
Semi-Annual Giving Needed to Achieve Plan \$75,645	Gifts received year to date	63,374
2025 Anticipated Receipts \$137,750	The missions supported by these gifts:	
Semi-Annual Giving Needed to Match Receipts \$68,875	10% Benevolence (Synod, LSS, Interfaith, Divine Intervention, Habitat for Humanity, Tricklebee Café, Project Concern, Outreach for Hope, Camp)	6,337
	Current expenses	62,969
	Total investment in missions	69,306
	Operating deficit as of June 30, 2025	\$ (20,411)
	Funds collected over time that offset the deficit:	
	Designated for Good Samaritan Fund and Local Missions	\$ 23,646
	Designated for Special Appeals*	5,051
	Total funds designated	28,697
	Net operating cash flow available to fund expenses	\$ 8,286
	Building/Memorial Fund gifts received year to date	\$ 1,809
	Designated Benevolence/Special Appeal* gifts received year to date	\$ 4,067

*Special Appeals include at various times - Walk to the Well, Divine Intervention (Warming Room), Sunday School, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Outreach, Community Garden, Kitchen Remodel, etc.

Church work



Done is Good. The front sidewalk has been replaced.

Julie will be out of the office from July 30th -August 10th. Email will be checked in her absence. Phone messages will be checked periodically.

St. Mark's 2nd Annual Car Show

Saturday, August 16, 2025

St. Mark's Church 3515 E Van Norman Ave. Cudahy

10 am- 2 pm with a block party to follow.



3rd Tuesday



Join us August 19th at 1:00pm in the Gathering Space as we celebrate a belated National Root Beer Float Day.

Emily Buckner will share the benefits of yoga and then we will play simple card games as we chat.

LWR UPDATE

Thank you to Jan Orzewalla, Janet Pape, and Laura Zsebe for helping us explore the various steps to start a quilt. The two learners made it to square one and the seed is sown. Note the sewing machine donated by Jan. Susan had mending questions answered so sewing could be a future session. If you are interested in quilting contact the outreach coordinator.

While the turnout was minimal, Social Ministry values the planning lessons learned as we anticipate participating in Pastor's outreach plans. Learning a skill is good but building community is lasting.

Remember this year's focus is whatever you want to do: quilting, the traditional kits for baby care, personal care, school, and fabrics or cash. **\$28** delivers 10 LWR Mission Quilts where needed most. Deadline is Oct.1 but Rally Day is the traditional date.



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT – ST. MARK'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

2025 Financial Plan Approved at Annual Congregational Meeting \$151,289	Operating deficit as of May 31, 2025	\$ (18,645)
Monthly Giving Needed to Achieve Plan \$12,607	Gifts received	9,395
2025 Anticipated Receipts \$137,750	The missions supported by these gifts:	
Monthly Giving Needed to Match Receipts \$11,479	10% Benevolence (Synod, LSS, Interfaith, Divine Intervention, Habitat for Humanity, Tricklebee Café, Project Concern, Outreach for Hope, Camp)	939
	Current expenses	10,222
	Total investment in missions	11,161
	Operating deficit as of June 30, 2025	\$ (20,411)
	Operating deficit offset by accumulated funds for the following:	
	Designated benevolence for Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 9,967
	Designated benevolence for Local Missions	13,679
	Designated for Special Appeals*	5,051
	Total funds designated	28,697
	Net operating cash flow available to fund expenses	\$ 8,286
	Building/Memorial Fund gifts received	\$ 358
	Designated Benevolence/Special Appeal* gifts received	\$ 567

*Special Appeals include at various times - Walk to the Well, Divine Intervention (Warming Room), Sunday School, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Outreach, Community Garden, Kitchen Remodel, etc.

St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church Church Council Minutes St. Mark's Mission Statement

Since the church council did not meet in July, there are no minutes to share as the June meeting minutes were not approved.