

Newsletter
July 2024



ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am Worship Service
both on-site and online on
our YouTube channel
StMarksLutheranChurch
WashingtonIllinois.

Nursery provided.

10:30 am Fellowship Hour
with coffee and donuts.

10:45 am Sunday School
Pre-school through 12th

CONTACT US

Office hours

Mon. – Fri.

8:30-3:00

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Childcare & Preschool

Office Hours

Mon. – Fri.

7:30-5:00

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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

II Corinthians 3:17

America



My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:

land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountainside
let freedom ring!

My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.



2024 Synod Special Offering

As part of the upcoming Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly, our Synod offering will be supporting the saints of our two companion synods in the Malagasy Lutheran Church (southern Madagascar). With almost 3 million baptized members, it is the third largest church in Madagascar and is one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world.

The Central/Southern Illinois Synod is in partnership with 2 of the 26 synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church.

This is St. Mark's opportunity to contribute to this important partnership which helps pay the costs of training students at their Bible schools and for their subsequent seminary education.

Please write 2024 Synod Assembly Offering in the memo line of your check.

Children, Youth, and Families

New Youth Leader

We will welcome Jill Goldhammer as our new youth leader beginning July 1!

Preschool Summer Camps

If you have a child or know someone who has a child that is within preschool age (age 3- going to kindergarten), St. Mark's Childcare and Preschool is having Preschool Summer camps this summer.

Children must be 3 by July 1 to register.

We plan to do some really fun things during these camp days!

For more information, contact Ellie Gramm at 309-444-4686 or at preschool@stmarkswashington.org.



Vacation Bible School

Ms. Shannon is taking "Start the Party with Jesus" Vacation Bible School to South Side Mission in Peoria, Illinois! Join us Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

for crafts, snack, bible time, music, dancing, and most importantly fun! We will be offering 100 kids at South Side Mission a once in a lifetime opportunity of engaging with God and learning about the Good News! They haven't experienced a VBS before and we are so excited to offer it to them.

Location: 1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or have any questions, please email Shannon Boynton at childrens.director@stmarkswashington.org

New Church Staff Members

Nate Fleming

Hi there! Some of you might recognize me as the drummer in the praise band, and I am honored to be joining the St. Mark's team to further my involvement in the church! As part of my new position, I will be managing IT (Information Technology) and working with others as a worship coordinator.

I look forward to getting to know the congregation more, as well as helping the church progress in any way I can!



Samantha Reatherford

Samantha has grown up singing at St. Mark's through the many years. She lives in Metamora with her husband, Chris and her two kids, Gabe and Lorelei.

I am grateful to be joining the team at St. Mark's as the new Administrative Office Manager. I am excited to serve, to grow, and to be a part of this new chapter of St. Mark's history.



Beyond Our Walls: Mission Opportunities

Ryan Foster Outreach

We have partnered with South Side Mission for future events and building relationships! They have an opportunity where volunteers are needed every other Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for their Ryan Foster Outreach Program. This event will take place at their main office campus - 1127 S Laramie St, Peoria, IL 61605.

This program provides 50 families grocery parcels from local farm-fresh groceries. We are looking for volunteers to help pass out groceries to families. If you are interested in helping with this mission opportunity contact Shannon Boynton at 309-444-4618 or email childrens.director@stmarkswashington.org



BEYOND
OUR WALLS

Women of St. Mark's

Powell Memorial

. There will be no meeting in July.

Gloria Dei

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 pm. See Sharon Sprinkle for more information.

Lydia

Will not meet through the summer. Next meeting will be in August. See Diana Lindahl or Cindy Calvert for more information.

Special Dates

Birthdays: 80+ years

07/03	Sharon Porterfield
07/06	Virginia Hexamer
07/12	Lynne Miller
07/12	Steve Barton
07/14	Ronald Jasper
07/19	Dorothy Kuykendall
07/23	Donna Uphoff
07/24	Bert Larson
07/24	Mary Eckhart
07/27	Lois Scherr

Anniversaries: 50+ years

07/10	Les and Penny Wright
07/14	Bob and Cheryl Lucas
07/15	Daniel and Carole Meyer
07/18	Dave and Lynn Horwath
07/18	Steve and Jean Peters Sr.
07/25	Jim and Linda Wetzel

Kindred Spirit Sisters

Kindred Spirit Sisters will meet at Jack's on Sunday, July 14 at 12:00 pm. Sheet's Creek is located at 100 sheets creek way, Spring Bay.

Kindred Spirit Sisters is a group for widowed or single women that meet at different restaurants the second Sunday of the month for friendship and fellowship.

Please be sure to call either Kathleen Peters at 309-444-2360 or Sue Madden at 309-444-3096 prior to each luncheon for an accurate reservation count.

Nurse's Corner

Blood Pressure Checks

Mary will be conducting monthly blood pressure checks at 10:30 am after services on Sunday, July 7.

