

Music and Worship

A Faith so strong, it must sing

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 3. An exciting season has been planned including: Christmas Cantata: The incarnation by K. Lee Scott featuring the Chancel Choir, Brass, Organ, and Timpani on Sunday, December 21. Join the excitement!

Tiny Tots is beginning again!

This ministry has grown by leaps and bounds; we now have three Tiny Tots classes every week: Friday at 9:30, 10:30 and Thursday at 9:30. The classes are filling up fast, so if you are a member at St. Mark and want to participate, contact Deb soon so you can ensure a spot. If you have family or friends that have kids ages 0-5 that would like a free daytime music class, have them contact Deb Paul to sign up. Classes begin Thursday, September 4 in our Fellowship hall. deb@stmarkwdm.org or call Deb at 991-6823

Children's Choirs

The St. Mark Children's Choirs will be better than ever this year. We'll be singing, playing hand bells and percussion instruments, working on musical theatre, and expanding our musical repertoire.

We will be meeting in the choir room from 5:30-6:15 p.m. for the older Master Singer Choir (3rd-6th) and from 6:15-6:30 p.m. with the Cherub choir (K-2nd). We will be involved in worship more and learning about the aspects of the liturgy. Choir starts the first day of WOW on September 10. Please sign up with Deb Paul before September 10. deb@stmarkwdm.org or 991-6823.

This Week At a Glance

Sunday, August 24

8:30/11a Traditional Worship
930a Coffee/Fellowship
9:45a Contemporary Worship

Tuesday, August 26

930a Staff Meeting
6p Praise Team
715p St. Mark Summer Band

Wednesday, August 27

630p Ice Cream Social/Hymn Sing

Thursday, August 28

645a Men's Study Group

Sunday, August 31

8:30/11a Traditional Worship
930a Coffee/Fellowship
9:45a Contemporary Worship

St Mark Lutheran Church 1115 Grand Ave; West Des Moines

AUGUST 24, 2008
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Welcome to St. Mark! We are delighted you are here and hope your faith will be strengthened as we celebrate God's presence in our lives. If you are hearing impaired, please contact an usher for a hearing device. **Childcare** is provided for children 3 years old and younger. Please ask an usher for directions to the Nursery.

Communion Distribution is available in your pew if it is difficult for you to come forward to the Altar Rail. If this would be helpful to you, tell an usher prior to the service as you are being seated. It is helpful if you sit near an aisle so that Pastor can reach you easily. All who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior are invited to receive Holy Communion. Grape juice is available-ask your communion assistant.

Our Mission

To **Grow** in faith
Share Jesus Christ
and **Serve** others.

Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work.

God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

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Traditional Worship.....	8:30/11:00	
Acolytes	8:30 /11:00	Colin Quass/Chris Ortiz
Assisting Minister	8:30/11:00	Stacie Lightner/Scott Reed
Communion	8:30	Daryl Peitersen, Deb Buse
Assistants	11:00	Kathy Reed
Greeters	8:30	LaVerne & Janice Quass
	11:00	TBA
Name Tag Table	8:30	Bill & Roberta Royse
	11:00	TBA
Usher Team	8:30	Ladell Gossen, Barb Josephsen, Mike Trettin, Dennis Frank
	11:00	John Koerner, Jr., Jim Lawson, Gene & Mary Raffensperger
Coffee Servers	9:30	Leona Zaharis, Marjorie Wakefield
Counters		Jim Heidt, Kristie Ortiz
Sextons	8:30/11:00	Karen Gonzales/Tom Eckey
Altar Guild		Kathy Prowant, Sue Rogness
Altar Flowers		Ron & Pat Peterson, in honor of their anniversary
Coffee Makers		Virginia Darcy, Joann Lingel
Media Team Director		Rick Prenger
Media Tech Team		Kara Nelson

Contemporary Worship

Communion Assistants.....Ron Shortenhaus, Sandy Scavo, Dean Vandersee
 Name Tags.....Clark & Joanne Rasmussen
 Greeters.....Dan & Shannon Petersen
 Ushers.....Luis Castillo, Carol Christiansen, Jan Schwager, Ron Shortenhaus

Ministers: All people of St Mark

- Dr. Michael Foss, Senior Pastor
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- Carl Lock, Maintenance & Repair
- Jeff Sherwood, Custodian



Coins for World Hunger

All loose change that is dropped in the offering plate on Sunday goes to World Hunger.

Save your change all week and drop it in on Sunday. We are excited when we hear loose change being dropped in the offering plate to help support the ELCA World Hunger Drive.

Group Activities

Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing: August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Fine Arts Ministry Team for this end of the summer music celebration. We will enjoy ice cream for refreshment of our bodies at 6:30 and move to the sanctuary at 7:15 for the hymn sing which will refresh our spirits.

Prime Timers: September 4 at Noon

Come and enjoy musical tunes from Broadway and the movies. Jean Knudsen and Dirk Thieben will present the program. Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

WELCA Potluck Salad Supper: September 16 at 6:15 p.m.

St. Mark women of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join us in fellowship. Just bring a salad to share—dessert and beverages will be furnished. Linda Johnson and Norma Fisher will entertain you with a slide show of their recent trip to China.

St. Mark Annual Golf Outing: September 21

Enjoy food, fellowship, and fun at the golf outing on September 21 at 1 p.m. at Sugar Creek in Waukee. Sign up by September 1 on the board in the garden lobby or with Ed Grant. Cost is \$30 per person; food will be furnished by Mustard's.

End of Summer Camp Out - September 26-28

Calling all campers – please join us the last weekend of September at Saylorville Lake (Prairie Flower Campground). More information and a signup sheet are on the bulletin board near the courtyard. Final registration is September 11; cost will be around \$16-\$18 per night, determined by the number of sites we use. Please see Cynnamon with any questions.

Back to School Supplies

The Community Service Project for August is back-to-school supplies. Supplies that are collected for the balance of August will be contributed to Lutheran Closet at Capitol Hill Lutheran for the Vietnamese and Sudanese population which they serve. Pick up a list of most-needed items at the display in the garden lobby.

Desserts Needed!

Do you have a signature cookie or love to bake bars? Please consider being a part of our Wednesday night meals dessert rotation. Simply make 4 dozen desserts and have them to church on the night you are scheduled. This a one time per month commitment. Please let Cynnamon Brown know if you can share your baked goodies with us - thank you!