

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 new to St. Mark, we'd like to welcome you with a welcome bag! Simply fill out a Next Steps card from the pew rack (or scan the QR code) and see an usher or visit the Next Steps Center.
- If you are hearing impaired, please contact an usher for a hearing device.
- Childcare is provided during worship for children 3 years old and younger. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Our dedicated nursery attendants are CPR certified and have undergone background checks. Parents are given pagers, so the staff can contact them if necessary.



You've Got a Friend in Me

Acts 16:11-15

**October 10, 2021
Sunday, 10:30am
Service**

Discussion Questions

1. What qualities do you look for in a friend?
2. Jesus encourages us to seek peace in relationships (Luke 10:5). What do you think it feels like to find "peace" in a friendship?
3. Have you ever had a friend you felt like you could talk deeply about God with? Why or why not?
4. Lydia insists to Paul that she wants to bless him (Acts 16:15). Have you ever had someone care for you generously as a friend? When and how?
5. Who is someone God is asking you to reach out to today? What is one intentional way you could bless them?

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Small Group Series - Circle Up Study

October 12 - November 2

Tuesdays at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Before the big game, teams circle up, review the game plan, and hear a few motivational words from the coach. As we kick off opportunities to grow, let's do the same thing...let's Circle Up!

Scan the QR code to register. During this 4-week study, you'll learn how friendships will help you grow in faith.



Next Steps – New Member/Disciple Class – October 17

Interested in joining St. Mark? Learn what it means to be part of St. Mark by attending our *Next Steps – New Member/Disciple* class on October 17 from 9:30-10:30am. Please take a minute to RSVP online by scanning the QR code. We look forward to welcoming you!



October Community Outreach

St. Mark will be partnering with Hawthorne Hill New Directions Shelter for our community service project. Hawthorne Hill is a temporary shelter for families. The shelter has sponsors who provide meals Monday-Thursday but rely on volunteers to make and deliver meals Friday-Sunday. St. Mark has committed to providing a meal for the families at New Directions on a regular basis. If you would like to join the team that provides these meals, please contact Intern Pastor Jess Gulseth for more information at jess@stmarkwdm.org. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward this project, please do so online by selecting Church Center's Monthly Community Service fund, or by check.



Sunday Adult Education Resumes Sundays at 9:45am

Come be part of adult education! The adult education group has begun meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:45am to 10:30am in the northwest classroom in the Worship Center. Topics may range from sermon discussion questions to videos presentations. Contact Rich Banyard with questions at banyarri@yahoo.com.

Trunk or Treat - Donations and Volunteers Needed

October 27, 6:30-8:00pm

Trunk or Treat is family friendly event where we get to connect with hundreds of kids in the West Des Moines area. In order to connect with our community and put together this event we need your help. There are several ways you can help this event be a big success. You can volunteer to decorate a Trunk or volunteer to run an activity. If you would like to volunteer, please email our Trunk or Treat Coordinator Toni Nicol at tnicol27@yahoo.com.

You can also donate bags of candy, with hundreds of kids running around, we need a lot of candy! These items can be dropped in our mobile mission drop-off cabinet in the Worship Center. If you would like to donate money towards this project, please do so online (by selecting Church Center's Trunk or Treat fund) or by check.



Fireside Chat with Pastor Bob

Grab your coffee and donut and head down to the Fellowship Hall to hear from Pastor Bob on Sunday October 24 at 9:30am.

Welcome to Our New Kids Coordinator

Natalie Thomas graduated from Drake University with a degree in Musical Theatre. She has since opened a children's theatre camp that she runs in the summers and works in Waukee schools as a special education associate teacher. She is currently in school getting her masters in special education teaching and is happy to now add Kids Coordinator to her list of roles. She lives in West Des Moines with her husband, Dustin, and two daughters.

Flowers

Today's flower arrangement is given by Ethan & Angie Dix in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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