

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.



John the Baptist Mark 1:1-8

**January 9, 2022
Sunday 10:30am**

Discussion Questions

1. We are telling the story of Jesus this year. If you were to summarize the story of Jesus in one sentence, what would it be?
2. What about reading the story of John the Baptist surprises you?
3. Do you think the people listening to John were ready to hear about Jesus? Why or why not?
4. What is something in your life that makes it hard to be ready for Jesus? What do you do to help yourself be ready?
5. If you could learn one thing about Jesus this year, what would it be?

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Next Steps: New Member/Disciple Class – January 16

Interested in joining St. Mark? Start the new year by taking the next step in your faith life by learning what it means to be part of St. Mark! You are invited to attend our "Next Steps – New Member/Disciple" class on January 16 from 12:00-2:00pm. Pastor Bob will share information about our many ministries and how they are shaped by our mission, vision and values. Class will be held in the Fellowship Hall in the Worship Center and will include a light lunch. Please take a minute to RSVP by scanning the QR code and filling out the form. Questions? Contact Karen Scribano at Scribano@stmarkwdm.org.



Altar Flowers 2022

If you wish to sponsor the altar flowers for a Sunday in 2022, sign-ups are now available online. Scan the QR code. The cost to sponsor one week's flowers is \$50. After worship, flowers are delivered to members who are experiencing illness, a hardship, or who are homebound or hospitalized. Thanks for brightening our worship space and someone's life!



January Community Service

During the month of January, St. Mark will be collecting items for Lutheran Services in Iowa's Welcome to Iowa and Meal Prep kits. These items contain much needed items for Afghan and other refugees settling in Iowa. The state of Iowa has committed to resettling nearly 700 refugees in the coming months. Bags with attached lists of items to purchase will be on the Mission Cabinet in the courtyard. Monetary donations can be made in the Church Center app under the "Monthly Community Service" tab or by check.



St. Mark Family Game Night

Friday, January 14
6:00 – 9:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of games, fellowship, fun and of course food! Bring your family and your favorite game and join us in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00pm-9:00pm. If you have questions, email Jess Gulseth jess@stmarkwdm.org.

Riverside Visit

Join us on Wednesday, January 12 or Sunday, January 16 for Riverside Day! Staff from Riverside Bible Camp will be joining us to share songs, games and fun!

They will also talk about the various programs they offer and help us get thinking about summertime camp. Riverside staff will be present during all three Sunday services and during Sunday programming as well as Wednesday worship and programming.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Flowers

Today's flower arrangement is given by the Hoque family in memory of Eden Celeste Hoque.

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