

Learn, Serve, and Grow

2018 Ministry Opportunities

St. Mark's Lutheran Church by The Narrows



For the well-being of all!

A place for grace.

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Our Mission Statement

We are a people and a place for God's grace, claimed and called by Jesus Christ to worship, witness, learn, serve, and reach out with words and deeds of love.

Our Vision

- St. Mark's is a place in which every person is spiritually nourished.
- St. Mark's is a congregation in which all persons are active in our mission.
- St. Mark's is a church that is part of a larger, more diverse human community in which we both offer and receive gifts.

Our Ministry

- We provide a place for God's grace.
- We invite all people to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ and the fullness of God's grace through worship where we are gathered, nourished and sent to be Christ's body in the world.
- We share God's story and our stories to witness to God's love.
- We learn by providing opportunities for all generations to explore their diverse stories in light of God's story in order to answer Christ's call.
- We serve God by generously giving our time, talent, treasure and by sharing all the resources God has given us.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation Committee

Oversees the activities and mission of Adult Faith Formation. If you enjoy deep exploration on how adults form and grow in faith, please join the committee of people who engage in these questions and plan spiritual growth opportunities for adults at St. Mark's. Contact: Mary Jo Larsen, larsenmj@plu.edu.

Sunday

For information on topics, please check Parish Life or The Bridge, published weekly.

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum Series (September-June)
A lively, discussion-based gathering designed to challenge, enrich and engage us with the world around us. Topics and hosts vary each week.

Sunday 11 a.m. Crossways Bible Study Year 2
A comprehensive study of Scripture, led by Dr. Traci Drake.

Midweek Gatherings

For information on topics, please check Parish Life or The Bridge, published weekly.

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. "Fully Alive" Bible Study (Fireside Room)

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Parish Commons Classroom)

Wednesday noon Luncheon Bible Study (Parish Commons Classroom 1)
Conversation is guided by the Sunday preacher, and by the insights and questions of the group.

Wednesday 6:15 p.m. Midweek Renewal (Parish Commons Classroom)
Grab a bite to eat in the narthex and come to the adjoining classroom for discussion and reflection on a variety of topics.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evensong (Parish Commons)

Monthly Gatherings

1st Monday Ruth Ann Circle Study (Various Homes)
Contact: Suzy Reynolds, 253-852-0593.

2nd Tuesday noon Lydia Circle
Bring a brown bag lunch for Bible study, conversation, and prayer.

Interfaith Encounter (Various Dates)
Meet with other faith traditions to discuss various interdenominational topics.

Annual Events

Women's Retreat Will take place in early March (Friday-Saturday) at Camp Burton on Vashon Island. Watch for announcements in January.

St. Mark's Reads Each year the congregation engages in a community read with opportunities for discussion.

Faith Journey

Faith Journey is a series of twelve weekly gatherings at St. Mark's that give visitors an opportunity to hear each other's stories, explore questions of faith, build relationships, hear scripture together, and listen for God's call. There is a Faith Journey group that meets on Sundays from 12:15-1:30 p.m. and another one on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 p.m. A meal is served at both gatherings. Childcare is always available, and special activities for older children are hosted on Wednesday nights. (Offered in the Fall and Winter.)

Faith Journey Companions (Youth & Adults)

Members of St. Mark's walk side by side with new people in a Faith Journey that leads them to baptism or affirmation of baptism. Contact: Pastor Ruud, jruud@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4996.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Children & Youth Faith Formation Committee

Oversees the activities and mission of Children and Youth Faith Formation. A team of leaders who are involved with children or youth ministries and interested in the design and planning of faith formational environments with children and youth. The team meets every month and shares what contributes to children and youth growing, serving, and learning in faith and strive to apply St. Mark's ministry goals in children and youth settings. Contact: Ingelaurie Lisher, ingelaurie@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966 x104.

Volunteering in Children's Faith Formation

Adults who feel called to help children grow in their faith are invited to serve with the Sunday morning faith formation classes.

Interested volunteers please contact Ingelaurie Lisher or Celesta Smith for more information and to complete our safe ministry training and forms.

Sunday Mornings with Children

Ages: 3 years old - Grade 4

Each Sunday, Mid September– June, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Children's Faith Center Rooms. Children are encouraged to attend age-level classes where they will actively learn and share Bible stories. Besides engaging in God's story, children also learn what it means to grow in faith and discipleship through faith practices: prayer, worship, service, and giving.

- **Preschool & Pre-K ages 3 through 5:** Music, play time, Bible stories, and activities are all part of the 9:45 a.m. hour.
- **Kindergarten-age through grade 4:** Each week children have a music opening, small group class time, and join the congregation for communion.

Pick up a family welcome packet and registration form at the start of our faith formation year, either in the CFC lobby or online.

Wednesday Church Night with Children

Nursery Care: Infants through 4 years old, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Holy Moly! Bringing the Bible to Life: Children ages 5 through 8; meet in the Youth Room for a time of interactive Bible stories and activities. Led by Ingelaurie Lisher. 6:15–6:45 p.m.

Children are welcome at Prayer Service starting at 7:30 p.m.

For all children's activities ages 3 years through grade 4, contact Sunday Morning & VBS Coordinator, Celesta Smith, sundayschool@smlutheran.org; or Director of Children, Youth, & Family Ministry, Ingelaurie Lisher, ingelaurie@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966 x104.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mornings with Youth

Contact Ingelaurie Lisher, ingelaurie@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966 x104.

5/6th Grade Faith Formation

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Wing. Youth explore the stories of the Old and New Testament. Bible scriptures are over a two year cycle.

Confirmation

7th and 8th grade students meet on Sunday mornings in small groups in the Youth Wing. 9th grade students will meet for a fall retreat in addition to Sunday morning High School Sunday school to prepare for the Affirmation of Baptism service, held on Reformation Sunday (the last Sunday in October).

9-12th Grade Faith Formation

Thematic discussions on faith and life. Video resources are often used. Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Nursery Care Opportunities

Youth grades 9-12 (with babysitting training and First Aid CPR) are invited to work/volunteer to serve in our church nursery throughout the year. Adults/Parents are also invited to volunteer in our nursery on Sunday mornings during worship. Infants and toddlers up to 4 years old are welcome during worship and church activities.

Youth Grades 6-8

JR ALYVE group meets at various times throughout the year for fellowship and service activities.

Youth Grades 9-12

SR ALYVE meets at various times throughout the year for fellowship and service activities.

JR/SR ALYVE Youth Group Grades 6-12

Meets most 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month for games and activities, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Commons. See the monthly calendar on the youth board or the Parish Life for exact dates.

Summer Ministries

Vacation Bible School, First Week of August, Ages: 4 years old through Grade 5

Each year at the beginning of August, we reach out into the community around us to share the good news of Jesus. All parts of our facility are used as members and non-members alike, of all ages, learn while having a great deal of fun. Teachers, assistants, craft leaders and helpers, snack providers, and musicians are needed. Children and volunteers register online. For more information, contact Sunday Morning & VBS Coordinator, Celesta Smith, at sundayschool@smlutheran.org.

Youth Summer Trip Information: See youth board, The Bridge, or Parish Life for up-to-date information.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Milestones & Markers

Meaningful, memorable moments woven into a life lived in faith. Tell the stories. Bless the days. Share the prayers.

- **Welcome to Sunday School**
Preschool Sunday School Children and Parents. Fall, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- **Communion Instruction**
Young Children and Parents. 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- **Interactive Learning about Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**
1st Graders and Parents. Winter, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- **3rd Grade Bible Presentations**
Palm Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
- **Created in God's Image ("CGI")**
5th Graders and Parents. June, 9:45-10:45 a.m.
- **Blessing of High School Graduates**
June

Learning & Serving Opportunities

Annual and special one-time projects for Children, Youth & Families throughout the year.

- **Hunger Walk & Run**
- **Lutheran World Relief Assembly of Kits**
- **Cross-generational Events**
- **Children's Christmas Program**

PRESCHOOL

Ages: 2 1/2– PreK, begins September and follows the Tacoma Public Schools district calendar.

Learning, growing, and sharing in God's love is at the heart of our philosophy. We emphasize a hands-on approach for all of our learning experiences. We support a developmentally appropriate program which allows children to grow and develop at their own rate. We believe early childhood should be a time of fun, warmth, security, exploring and discovery. Preschool children are creative and receptive; the staff strives to nurture and encourage these qualities. The curriculum includes sharing and conversation time, stories and songs, activities and crafts, games and large muscle activities, field trips, science and nature activities, family nights, chapel, exposure to shapes, colors, numbers, and letters, and celebration of birthdays, holidays, and cultural events.

Contact: Anne Zimmerman, anne.zimmerman@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4929.

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Finance Committee (Adults)

- Oversees management of the Church's finances including implementing sound fiscal management procedures and audits.
- Responsible for accurate record keeping of contributions of members, including offerings and financial gifts, and appropriate reporting of the same.
- Provides monthly financial reports to Church Council and prepares the preliminary budget for Church Council and congregational approval.
- Monitors the invested assets of the congregation and the building mortgage.

Contact: Jennifer Droubay, jennifer.droubay@smlutheran.org.

Property Oversight Committee (Adults)

The Property Oversight Committee provides leadership in the oversight of Church facilities and grounds. As a congregation, we are committed to growing and sustaining a long-term maintenance (property improvement) plan and the funds to support it. The Property Oversight Committee meets quarterly to help set priorities for these capital improvements. This ministry will help guide the process to keep our facilities and grounds safe, accessible, comfortable, and beautiful to the glory of God.

Contact: Jennifer Droubay, jennifer.droubay@smlutheran.org.

Property Team- Weekly (Adults)

- Helps congregation to be good stewards of all the physical properties entrusted to us.
- Regularly maintains and improves the building and grounds.
- Gathers most weeks to do a variety of tasks, both indoors and out.
- Meets to enjoy good fellowship around the coffee pot in the kitchen!

Join on a weekly basis or choose a special task and do it on your own time schedule.

Contact: Doug Durant, hotdouug@harbornet.com, 253-363-8202.

Technology Team (Youth & Adults)

The Technology Team at St. Mark's is a volunteer group of technology professionals and enthusiasts who partner with the staff and ministry teams to further ministry goals through technology. We provide technical assistance to the staff as needed. We value diverse technical backgrounds and welcome anyone with enthusiasm for technology, ideas on how St. Mark's can use it, or simply a willingness to share your "nerdy" gifts with us!

Contact: Levin Conway, 253-572-5158.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care Committee (Ages: All confirmed members)

This committee takes an active interest in the members of St. Mark's. We visit and support those who have special life situations; we encourage participation in the various activities of the church; and we look for other ways to enhance the life and ministry of St. Mark's.

Baptismal Quilts

St. Mark's gives the gift of a quilt to those who are baptized here. If you are interested in making baptismal quilts please contact the church office at 253-752-4966.

Cooks Club

Open to all who are interested in building fellowship through cooking, setting up, and dish washing for various meals needed at St. Mark's and twice a year at Peace Lutheran Church for those in need. The Cooks Club has also met to learn new recipes and cook a meal for themselves.
Contact: John Wascher, jwascher@mac.com, 253-503-6765.

Visiting the Homebound

Those who for one reason or another are unable to participate in congregational worship and activities are kept in contact with their church family through regular visits. Team members who are able, meet monthly to ensure that we know and are responsive to the needs of our members who are homebound. Your gifts in this ministry of care and contact are needed and welcome.
Contact: Pastor Sigi Helgeson, sigi.helgeson@smlutheran.org.

Stephen Ministry/Care Ministry Team (Ages: 18 and older)

Stephen Ministers supplement the pastoral staff by providing one-on-one care to people experiencing life transitions and challenges (for example: impending death, recovery from illness, loss of a job or a relationship, dealing with a chronic illness).
Contact: Sarah Callow, 253-566-9233, or Pastor Shjerven, rebecca@smlutheran.org.

Sunday Lunch Cook

Lunch is provided on most Sundays from September through June following the 11 a.m. service. Your service would involve choosing a menu, purchasing ingredients, and then preparing the meal for 40-50 people on the Sunday of your choosing. The church provides a budget of up to \$100. St. Mark's staff will set up the room, assist with serving, provide beverages, and clean up after the meal.
Contact: Teresa Handy, teresa.handy@smlutheran.org.

Email Prayer Chain

The mission of the Prayer Chain is to communicate requests for prayers to a network of individuals who are committed to the ministry of prayer for people in need. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please send your email address to the church office.

Caregiver Support Group

Twice a month, caregivers gather to support one another, pray, and receive strength for the challenges of caring for a loved one.
Contact: Pastor Shjerven, rebecca@smlutheran.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Parish Nursing (Health care providers)

This position is open to any health care provider. We work to address the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the congregation and coordinate health programs and facilitate the use of church and community resources. Parish Nurse office: A Parish Nurse is available on Wednesday evenings for consultations and blood pressure checks by appointment.

Contact: Patty Reinkensmeyer, pardcr@comcast.net, 253-857-7977; or call the church office, 253-752-4996.

Women of St. Mark's (Women of All Ages)

This active group hosts a fall gathering, Advent brunch, and spring luncheon or tea, all with wonderful programs, food, crafts, and outreach projects. In November, this group hosts the annual fundraiser, the Holiday Bazaar, with profits divided between our church needs and outreach. In addition, funds support the ongoing work of Lutheran World Relief and share their talents with many of the ministries of St. Mark's.

Contact: Barb Meyers, barbstitch@gmail.com, 253-756-9352; or Carol Paulson, iamnanaberry@hotmail.com, 253-564-6838.

Take Them A Meal

Take Them A Meal is a ministry that provides meals to members who are recovering from surgery, undergoing treatment, or facing other life challenges. Using the online tool, "Take Them A Meal", we coordinate meals that are suited to the recipient's needs. If you would like to be part of the pool of people who may be called upon to provide meals, please contact Janet Duris, durisjanet@comcast.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

When you combine knitting and praying, what do you get? A tangible, warm, beautiful sign of God's love to wrap around someone who is hurting. Can be done at home, while waiting for appointments or in groups.

Contact: Jan Walters, clareandjan@gmail.com; or Torun Parker, tsparke@aol.com.

Men's Breakfast

This fellowship group meets monthly on the third Thursday at 8 a.m. at Sunset Grill in Gig Harbor.

Contact: Larry Bitter, lhbitter@yahoo.com, 253-853-3741.

Sunday Morning Care Ministry

Welcome and reach out to visitors and newcomers with conversation and care.

Contact: Jan Ruud, jruud@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966.

Office Volunteers

There are many opportunities to help, including (1) being part of a small team of volunteers putting together mailings to the congregation 3 or 4 times a year. The team stuffs, stamps, and seals the envelopes and enjoys time together (and chocolate!) and (2) sitting at the office desk occasionally to greet visitors and answer the phone when the office staff is away.

Contact: Linda McKeller.

Help with Memorial Receptions

Whenever we host a memorial reception, help is needed for providing cookies, plating the food to be served, serving punch, and clean up. Generally an email is sent out in advance and those who are willing will follow the provided link to sign up for what they would like to help with.

Contact: Teresa Handy, teresa.handy@smlutheran.org.

PEACE & JUSTICE

Peace & Justice Committee

Equips, motivates and supports the members of St. Mark's in extending compassion to the poor and oppressed and to persons in need and advocating for them as needed.

Contact: John Avery, 253-759-6365.

Fair Trade Team

Fairly traded coffee, tea, and chocolate are available for purchase the first Sunday of each month. Fair Trade Bazaars usually take place in Spring and Winter, where other items from all over the world may be purchased.

Contact: Christine Harris, christine@raincity.com, 253-686-3047.

Peace Community Center

Meals: Twice a year members prepare and serve a meal. Contact: John Wascher, 253-503-6765, jwascher@mac.com.

Tutoring: Members are involved with tutoring local students each week. Contact: Barb Haueisen, barbhaueisen@yahoo.com.

Habitat for Humanity

St. Mark's builds as a group in our local community and we travel to other countries through the Habitat Global Village Program.

Contact: Tom Geary, TWGeary@aol.com.

Christmas Family Project

Individuals provide Christmas gifts and food to low-income families in our area. Contact: Judy Droubay, jcdroubay@hotmail.com or 253-759-6720; or Mary Jo Holum, 253-752-3304.

Chase the Chill

In the fall and winter months we deliver hats, scarves and gloves to the various shelters around Tacoma. There is a stockpile of yarn for those who are interested in knitting or crocheting for this project.

Donations of yarn accepted.

Contact: Linda McKeller, lmckeller@comcast.net, 253-564-2067; or Eleanor Sherry.

Mexico Mission (High School & Adults)

Each year in the month of June, an inter-generational group travels to Mexico to support the work of local Mexican congregations seeking to share the love of Christ with their neighbors. This involves building houses for families, sharing food with the hungry, and daily activities for children, helping with the renovation of facilities, and serving in other ways.

Contact: Melanie Summerour, summerour@msn.com.

Greening the Congregation

All members and friends of St. Mark's who want to help us live in harmony with creation by working together to green our shared lives and facilities are invited to join this new ministry in our congregation.

Participants can choose to focus on one of the "green fields" we have identified, including: Worship and Liturgy, Education, Buildings, Grounds, Advocacy, and Community Engagement.

Advocacy Team

In addition to the many "direct services" ministries of the congregation, the Advocacy Team supports efforts create policies that foster justice and peace. Efforts focus on hunger, housing insecurity, immigrants and refugees, and care of creation. Contact: Clare Walters, clareandjan@gmail.com.

Quilters of St. Mark's

Group meets weekly, Monday from 9 a.m.-noon. Sewing projects are also available to take home.

Contact: Barb Meyers or church office.

PEACE & JUSTICE

Lutheran World Relief

Create: health kits, school kits, baby hats, layettes and midwife kits.

Donate: Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Fund.

Contact: Jack and Catherine Terrill, catherineterill@comcast.net, 253-274-0891.

Bread for the World

BFW is a all ages collective of Christian voices urging our nation's leaders to end hunger at home and abroad. As a congregation, we participate in an annual Offering of Letters and seek to educate ourselves on issues of hunger.

Contact: Clare Walters, clareandjan@gmail.com.

Family Housing Network

St. Mark's serves as home to homeless families for three weeks during the year. Help is needed with hospitality: set-up, clean-up, food preparation, visiting, overnight hosting.

Contact: Paula Friedmann, pfzebra@me.com.

Empowering Life (Adults)

This faith-based non-profit works to support the incarcerated woman at Washington Corrections Center in Purdy and at Mission Creek Center for Women in Belfair. St. Mark's members have the opportunity to worship with the women of WCCW on the 5th Sunday of the month, with prior approval.

Contact: Joan Nelson, joan2nelson@comcast.net.

Nativity House

St. Mark's serves a mid-day meal every 4th Saturday to an average of 200 people at this drop-in day shelter in Tacoma. Families serve together and make a difference in the lives of others.

Contact: Melanie Summerour, summerour@msn.com, 253-857-8872.

NW Tacoma Fish Food Bank

Join the team which volunteers every six weeks at Mason United Methodist Church. Contact: Mary Olsen, maryolsen@yahoo.com.

DeLong Programs

Backpack Program: Donate specified foods to go home each weekend with homeless students from DeLong Elementary who are at-risk for hunger OR pack food each Wednesday at 9:45am at St. Mark's.

Contact: Jean Steingrebe, jsteingrebe@gmail.com.

Lunch Buddies: Eat and enjoy conversation with students who are in need of extra adult attention and care. Contact: Mary Olsen, maryolsen@yahoo.com, 253-752-2844.

Hunger Walk & Run

Join the St. Mark's Team to raise funds and support the work of Emergency Food Network. This annual event is held in May at Fort Steilacoom Park.

Contact: Ron Kempe, rekempe@gmail.com

Refugee Support

In partnership with Lutheran Community Services NW, we respond to needs such as transportation, English language tutoring, and temporary housing. Contact: Pastor Shjerven, rebecca@smlutheran.org.

Community Event Liaisons

Be the representative contact for St. Mark's with specific nonprofit and community organizations, assume awareness through notice in The Bridge, Parish Life, and Sunday morning announcements. Represent a group you already support or sign up for one that currently needs a representative.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Committee

The purpose of the Stewardship Committee is to encourage one another to share generously our God-given gifts of time, talents and resources in love and gratitude. We are called as a community to worship, learn, serve and reach out in words and deeds of love because we are stewards of the blessings we have received.

The Stewardship Committee provides leadership in three areas of responsibility: 1) Promoting opportunities for the people of St. Mark's to give time, talents and abilities to allow us to live in our mission, locally, nationally, and globally. 2) Inviting the people of St. Mark's to give financially to fund our ministry operations, facilities maintenance and debt reduction. 3) Providing stewardship education for people of all ages. Meets Monthly.

Contact: Amy Wigstrom, amywigstrom@hotmail.com, 253-761-0891.

Care of Creation (All Ages)

- Provide leadership to the St. Mark's family in fostering and modeling environmental stewardship within the church community as well as within the broader community.
- Past activities have included current topic discussions at the Adult Forum on Sunday, summer day hikes, and camping trips.
- Suggestions welcome for future activities that celebrate God's creation and encourages all members to join in our activities.

Contact: Tom Hulst, thulst@harbornet.com, 253-460-2683.

OUTREACH

Outreach Committee (Youth & Adults)

Our goal is to focus attention on the congregational goal of being a public presence in our neighborhood. We explore ways to better understand and connect with the people who live in the vicinity of our church and to reach out to them with words and deeds of love.

Contact: Pastor Jan Ruud, jruud@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship and Music Committee (Ages: Youth & Adult)

Support pastors and music staff in nurturing the worship life of the congregation. Advise, encourage, assist, share feedback and make appropriate recommendations which enhance congregational worship and music in ways that reflect our rich Lutheran heritage. Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and Nov at 6pm. Contact: Jean Marie Foss, jean.foss@comcast.net.

Music Ensembles

Unless otherwise noted, contact Cooper Sherry, cooper.sherry@smlutheran.org, 253-752-5186.

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| Celebration Ens. (8:30 a.m.) Ages: Adult Rehearsals: Thurs 7:30-9 p.m. | Acts as liturgical host through musical ministry, preparing various pieces to support and enhance worship life. The eclectic nature of blended worship this group supports involves styles and genres from many global traditions from around the world. |
| Praise Team (9:45 a.m.) Ages: Adult Rehearsals: Wed 6-7:30 p.m. | For those with a desire to lead worship and praise God through contemporary Christian popular music. This group leads worship and rehearses every week, year-round, and collaborates several times a year with other St. Mark's ensembles. Contact: Darren Kerbs, darren@smlutheran.org |
| Canticle Choir (11 a.m.) Ages: Adult Rehearsals: Once a month | Singing traditional classical choral music, this choir prepares one or two anthems per month. Rehearsal time is limited, so singers with choral reading skills and vocal confidence are needed. |
| Prayer Service Musicians Wed 7-8 p.m. | Vocal and instrumental musicians needed for solo leadership and small-ensemble work. |
| Bells of St. Mark's Ages: Adults and Youth Rehearsals: Thurs 6-7:20 p.m. | Intermediate to advanced bell choir. Ringers need to read music and commit to weekly rehearsals. No bell ringing experience is necessary to join—all bell techniques will be taught during rehearsals. Rehearses weekly, Sept-June. |

| Little Angels Choir | Joyful Noise Choir | Jubilation Choir | Youth Choir | Music for Worship |
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| Ages 3 and up, Wed 5-5:30 p.m., Choir Room Preschool children love to sing, dance, and express themselves in all sorts of ways through music. This group begins their journey in singing about God. | Gr 1-2 , Wed 5:30-6 p.m., Choir Room Children of this age begin to read music and appreciate how music works. They sing in worship each season, including the Christmas Musical. | Gr 3-5, Wed 6-7 p.m., Choir Room This choir focuses on learning the beginning basic of choral technique and theory, all while having fun singing songs for their age group. | Gr 6-12, Thurs 6:30-7:30 p.m., Choir Room A vocal ensemble that rehearses weekly. This group builds skills toward singing 4-part a cappella music. All skills levels welcome. | Children and youth are invited to share pieces they've learned for instrument or voice during worship services and/or church events. Share musical gifts with your faith community! |

Choir Librarian

Assist the music director weekly to file and sort music used by various music groups.
 Contact: Cooper Sherry, cooper.sherry@smlutheran.org.

Easter Choir

Annual mass choir that prepares a special song for Easter Sunday. No experience needed, and all ages are welcome!
 Contact: Cooper Sherry, cooper.sherry@smlutheran.org.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

There are a variety of ways to be involved in Sunday morning worship in addition to music groups. Training is available and you will be able to sign up to serve in areas you are comfortable in, on dates that work for you, via a sign up genius website. Contact the church office unless otherwise noted, office@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966.

Greeters (All Ages)

Greeters meet worshipers as they enter the church. Warmly greet, welcome, acknowledge, and provide help and information as needed.

Ushers (All Ages)

Ushers meet worshipers as they enter the sanctuary. Distribute worship bulletins and oversee congregational physical well-being during worship. Guide worshipers to open seats, direct congregation during communion, gather prayer request cards and offering and count attendance.

Lectors- Scripture Readers (Ages: Confirmed Members)

Read the lessons during Sunday morning worship. The lessons are sent to the readers in the week before the service so you can familiarize yourself with the text.

Communion Servers (Ages: Confirmed Members)

Assist pastors in distribution of wine, juice and bread during the Lord's Supper.

Altar Guild (Ages: Youth and Adults. *Children welcome with adult supervision.*)

Sign up for a variety of responsibilities, according to personal schedules.

- Prepare Sunday Communion: 1st shift 8:05-9:45 a.m., 2nd shift 10:45-12:15 p.m. A shared responsibility once or twice a month.
- Stock wafers, wine, grape juice, and candles as necessary; approximately four times per year.
- Refill/replace candles and candle oil, can be a shared responsibility; weekly.
- Clean and press communion linens, a shared responsibility; weekly.

Contact: Linda Dieckhoff, ldieckhoff@comcast.net, 253-376-1446

ELECTED & APPOINTED POSITIONS

All elected and appointed positions are open to confirmed members, elected by the congregation.

Church Council

General oversight of the life and activities of this congregation. Leads the congregation in stating its mission, does long range planning, sets goals and priorities, and evaluates its activities in light of its mission and goals.

Contact: Janet Grant, janetkgrant@hotmail.com.

Endowment Fund Committee

Meets quarterly in the evening to manage St. Mark's endowment fund, administer annual Small Grants Program, and plan educational events about the ways to leave a legacy at St. Mark's.

Contact: Pastor Ruud, jruud@smlutheran.org, 253-752-4966.

Memorial Committee

Maintains the church memorial gift fund policy and selects appropriate memorials from church needs. Maintains a current record of all memorial gifts. Keeps track of all memorial gifts given to St. Mark's.

Contact: Carol Paulson, iamnanaberry@hotmail.com, 253-64-6838.

Personnel Committee

Works with staff administrators and the Church Council to develop and implement personnel policies for St. Mark's. Serves as an advisory board to these leaders in personnel matters that need attention.

Contact: Jim Holland, 253-905-5693.

Nominating Committee

Identifies and nominates candidates for congregationally elected positions.

Contact: Janet Grant, janetkgrant@hotmail.com.

Preschool Board

Make policies and oversee the health of St. Mark's Preschool.

Contact: Pastor Shjerven, rebecca@smlutheran.org.

Scholarship Committee

Meets three times a year to prepare forms for, review submitted application from, and distribute scholarships to higher education students.

Contact: Pastor Shjerven, rebecca@smlutheran.org.



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