



# November 2024



## All Saints Sunday ~ November 3, 2024

It is the Church's tradition to celebrate all the faithful ones who have gone before us – who have taught us the faith – who have walked so that we might walk. We will celebrate our family and friends who have entered eternal life in the past year. Here is a list of those we know about.

### Our Members

Lew Broschard – July 24, 2024

Bette Noll – July 17, 2024

Barbara Tenario – December 10, 2023

### Our friends and Loved Ones

Debbie – January 31, 2024 (friend of Janelle Jolley and Debi Lingel)

Aileen Marie Aidnik – May 13, 2024 (friend of Ruth Sweatt)

Victoria Armenta – April 24, 2024 (mother of Ron Armenta)

Michael Azevedo – May 22, 2024 (nephew of Pat McKillips)

Rev. Phil Baker – July 16, 2024 (former pastor of All Saints, Novato)

John Barsness – January 11, 2024 (brother of Kay Deane)

Helene Lou Bly – February 6, 2024 (aunt of Tom Lingel)

Doug Bly – February 26, 2024 (uncle of Tom Lingel)

Darlene Bohinc – August 7, 2024 (former member and organist)

Jessica DiSano – May 24, 2024 (sister of Dan DiSano)

Carole Fisher – October 4, 2024 (friend of Pat McKillips)

Sheri Floyd – March 24, 2024 (cousin of Ruth Sweatt)

Rick Gilbert – December 29, 2023 (friend of Jim Hanser)

Chuck Hawkins – December 25, 2023 (friend of Michael and V-Anne Chernock)

Linda Maria Morrison – March 24, 2024 (former food pantry volunteer)

Sushanne Belew Neuner – March 3, 2024 (mother-in-law of Kris Metz)

Mary Edna Pheasant – March 14, 2024 (sister of Shirley Quinn)

Tracey Quarne – June 30, 2024 (former member)  
 Burton “Buzz” Radoff – October 15, 2024 (Pr. Karen’s daughter-in-law’s father)  
 Napoleon Rivers – April 8, 2024 (Colleen Rivers’ husband)  
 Tim Rockwell – September 8, 2024 (wife and children were members)  
 Joaquim Rodrigues – July 2024 (friend of Andress Silva)  
 Terrance Ritzow – June 29, 2024 (cousin of Ruth Sweatt)  
 Jim Vladyka – January 20, 2024 (friend/companion of Bette Noll)  
 Marilyn Weaver – November 5, 2023 (former member and friend of Carl Hakenan)



**Please pray for...**

**Our members:**

Ivonne Bradford, V-Anne Chernock, Kathy Doty,

Richard Ehman, Gabby Hansen, Jim Hanser and family, Judy Lyons, Pamela Lyons, Robert McGee, Karen Mullin, Gerda Reid, & Josephine Traugherber.

**Our homebound**

Helen Bergoust, Judith Eckhart, and Shirley Quinn.

**Those who are mourning**

The family of Burton “Buzz” Radoff.

**Our friends and loved ones**

Kim Arnold, Bruce Atkinson, Makita Bond, Adrian Butler, Josh Costan, Roxanne Costan, Dave Eubanks, Dave Frogget, Mary Grandy, Rob Hakenen, John Huston, Elizabeth Webb Jenkins, Phil Ladiero, Rene Maddox, Mike Michaelsen, Helen Powell, Cheryl Rassmussen, Jo Reed, Sharon Sanderson, Jeanice Sobetzki, Joan Stevenson, Bob Stevenson, Rhonda Stokes, Tammy Stone, Nardos Tesfaye, Weldon Tunnell, Lorna Walter, Rebecca Williamson, and Laurie Ziegler.

**Current addresses for our homebound members**

Helen Bergoust  
 Rio Vista Care Home  
 185 Trinity Ct  
 Rio Vista, CA 94571

Bonnie DeMuth, 201  
 Watermere Dr., #323  
 Southlake TX 76092

Judith Eckhart,  
 Rockville Terrace  
 4625 Mangels Blvd.  
 #A205,  
 Fairfield CA 94534

Shirley Quinn  
 11 Lemon Tree Circle  
 Vacaville CA 95687



The holidays are an especially good time to send cards and well wishes to those who we don’t see often. Just a quick note can make their day.



# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

We celebrate you!!!

Pat Broschard	11/3
June Johnsen	11/5
Gordene Pienovi	11/7
Colleen Rivers	11/11
Eva Lipke	11/25
Garret Gravink	11/27
Richard Ehman	11/28
Aura Hansen	11/28



Lourdes and Donald Eager	11/13
Nelson and Sherri Scarrott	11/28

We wish you a Happy Anniversary!!!



Many thanks to...

Marilyn Nelson, Jim Hanser, Julianna Romualdi, Josephine Traugher and Stu Reid for bring the story of Martin Luther alive for us on Reformation Sunday. It was so much fun! You all did a great job.

*Thank You...*



Just a note to let you all know how much I appreciate you!!!

The Pastor's Appreciation Day celebration was so lovely. Thank you all for your kind gifts, cards, and staying around to have lunch with me. Thank you to everyone who brought delicious food, too. Your kindness humbles me and touches my heart. I feel so blessed to be a part of this amazing faith



*Pastor Karen*

community.



Sunday morning,  
November 3 ~ 2:00 a.m.



# Veterans Day Monday, November 11, 2024

We thank and celebrate all the veterans who have been a part of this congregation and our lives. Here are just a few of those that served:

### Members (\*deceased)

- Kim Arnold – Army
- Dennis Digman - Navy
- Dan DiSano – Air Force
- \*Charles Doty - Navy
- \*Art Duncan – Air Force
- Donald Eager – Navy
- Judith Eckhart – Army
- Richard Ehman – Air Force
- \*Robert Evans – Air Force
- James Hanser – Navy
- Stewart Irwin – Air Force
- Les Johnsen – Navy
- \*Robert (Bob) Jordan--Air Force
- Chris Lindauer – Navy
- \*Art Lipke – Air Force
- Jacqueline Marroli – Air Force
- Robert McGee – Air Force
- \*Barry McKillips – Air Force
- Vic Metz – Navy
- Merle “Mike” Michaelis – Air Force
- Sam Mullin – Air Force
- \*Roger Quinn – Air Force
- Stu Reid – Air Force
- Michael Sweatt – Air Force
- Jeffrey Thoma – Air Force

### Former Members, Friends and Loved Ones

- Ronald Armenta, Jr. – Air Force
- Ronald Armenta, Sr. – Marine Corp
- Michael Barnum – Army
- David Caldwell, Sr. – Air Force
- David Caldwell, Jr. – Army
- Eugene Caldwell – Army
- Willis Carlman
- Geoff Dashner – Air Force

- David Danzeisen – Air Force
- Kathy Danzeisen – Air Force
- Charles Hettlinger – Marine Corp
- Delbert Hoover – Army
- Al Hurd – Air Force
- Elizabeth Jenkins – Air Force
- Kevin Jenkins – Air Force
- Robert Jordan – Air Force
- Sean Kennedy – Veteran
- Cliff Lipke – Army
- David Lipke – Army
- Joseph Lipke – Marine Corp
- Lenny Lipke – Army
- Rich Lipke - Army
- \*Dan Looney – Army Air Corps
- Robert Maclay – Air Force
- Scott Mall – Air Force
- Fred MacMillian, Jr. – Navy
- \*Fred MacMillian, Sr. Navy
- Adrian Reece – Army
- Tim Scarrott – Army National Guard
- Alan Sklove – Air Force
- Burton Stenson - Navy
- Charleton Stenson - Army
- H.A. Stenson – Army
- Marlow Stenson – Air Force
- Chris Swanson – Navy
- Dennis Sweeney --Marines
- \*Robert Williamson – Air Force



*If you know of someone who should be added to this list or their information updated, please notify the church office.*



Thursday, October 10, 2024

Council met on October 10, 2024. Here are some highlights of that meeting. The full minutes will be available once they have been approved at the October meeting.

- The Minutes of the September meeting were approved.
- The Financial Secretary noted that offerings have been down quite a bit in recent months. This seems to be a trend for late summer. Most people are keeping up with their pledges.
- -As of 9/30/24 the Youth Fund had a balance of \$9,108.35; the Youth Mission fund had \$25,161.95. Council voted to move all but \$10,000 (to be in the Youth Fund) of this money to the general fund.
- -Council reviewed a preliminary draft of the 2025 budget presented by the Budget Committee.
- -We reviewed the Preschool Board's proposed budget. The Preschool will move money from their reserve account as needed. There are sufficient funds in that account to cover this year's costs.
- Planning has begun for this year's Christmas basket give-away. We will ask the congregation's help to get non-perishable items, calendars, gift wrap, etc. The baskets will be distributed on Monday, December 16.
- Council approved the Operations Manual changes as approved.

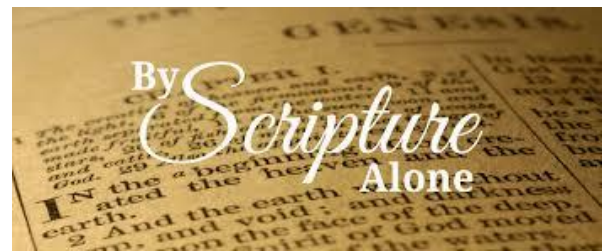
The next Council meeting will be November 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Digerud Room.



Altar Flowers  
Ministry Opportunity

Flowers ~ Potted or Fresh ~  
Your Choice

There are still dates available to sponsor fresh flowers or a plant to decorate the chancel on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$40 per Sunday. Please indicate if you would like fresh flowers or a plant. Fill out the green sheet and place in the offering plate.



## Bible Readings - November 2024

### November 3 – All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a

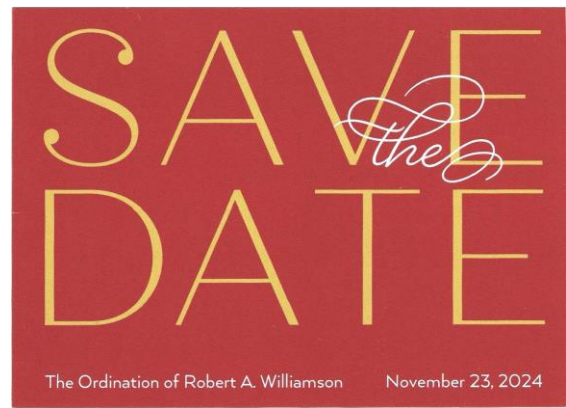
### November 10 – Pentecost 25

1 Kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

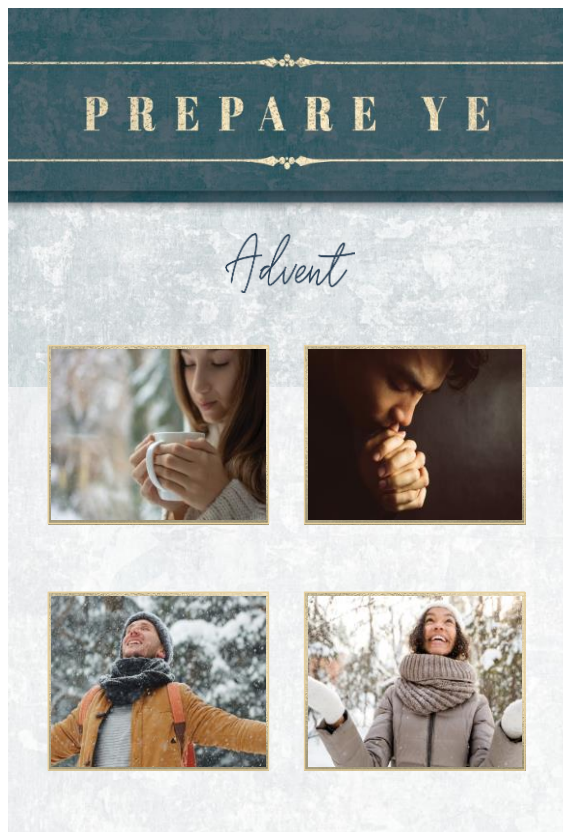
### November 17 – Pentecost 26

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

### November 24 – Hanging of the Greens



With joy and thanks to God, you are invited to the Ordination of Robert A. Williamson to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 1:00 pm  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
1600 Union Ave,  
Fairfield, California  
Bishop Jeff R. Johnson presiding. Clergy are invited to vest and process. A light reception will follow the service.  
Rob has been called to serve as Pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Sacramento.



## 2024 Advent Series "Prepare Ye"

In this worship series for traditional worship for Advent, we contemplate the many ways we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas, taking cues from the psalms of old and from those whom God chose to play a part in the story of our Lord's birth. As we draw near to the manger bed of our Savior from sin and death, our hearts prepare him room for his everlasting love.

**Week 1: Ponder** (Psalm 48:9): We consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Mary serves as a model for us in this pondering in the Annunciation.

**Week 2: Pray** (Psalm 69:13): We think about ways in which we can take more time during this season to communicate to our God through prayer as we wait for Christ. Zechariah, who went to the temple to pray, serves as an example for us of how hard that waiting in prayer can be.

**Week 3: Praise** (Psalm 30:4): We celebrate the upcoming arrival of our Savior through songs and shouts of praise as we prepare for him. Elizabeth, in her greeting of Mary, provides a benchmark for rejoicing with others over the good news of salvation in Jesus, even as we wait.

**Week 4: Proclaim** (Psalm 145:6): We contemplate how we can prepare ourselves and others for the arrival of Jesus through our proclaiming. John the Baptist stands as the forerunner of all future proclaimers of Christ and gives us the courage to use our own voices to proclaim our devotion to the One who is born to save.





Feeding  
more and  
more  
people  
each week!

Sept. Total Served 4,181- Sept. Average 1,045  
Sept. Families Served 971 Sept. Average 243

YTD Total Served 39,480 YTD Average 1,012  
YTD Families Served 7,868 YTD Average 231

Sept. Total Volunteer Hours 464



November 11 – closed for Veterans' day.

November 14 – "Operation Care and Comfort"  
for our troops.

November 20 & 21 Thanksgiving Feasts in each  
classroom.

November 25-29 – closed for the Thanksgiving  
Break.

For more information about the preschool, click  
on the Preschool link:

<https://www.stmarksfairfield.org/preschool>

## Stewardship of Stuff

We live in a culture that values accumulating and  
consuming stuff. Many of us have an abundance of  
stuff — property, clothes, furniture, cars, etc.  
Similarly, our congregation also has physical assets  
— property, equipment, land, etc. How might we,  
as individual members and as a congregation, be  
good **stewards of the stuff** we have by using it to  
love God and our neighbor? How might we  
challenge ourselves to live more simply for the sake  
of our neighbor?

November 2024

## Christmas Basket Food Drive



Monday,  
December  
16 we will  
distribute  
200 bags of  
food to our  
neighbors

in need. Please bring your donations of non-  
perishable foods, 2025 calendars, greeting cards,  
and wrapping paper to help fill the bags. There is a  
black bin in the narthex/lobby (under the table on  
the left as you leave).

Let's make this year's Christmas dinner special for  
everyone.



Green Living at St.  
Mark's Compost Bins  
Now Available

Republic Services now requires all  
compostable be put into a separate bin in our back  
parking lot. We have green bins around the campus  
to collect food waste. Please use them whenever  
possible.

**Recycle Now** Don't forget to recycle your used  
batteries and ink jet cartridges! There are  
bins on the table in the narthex as well as in the  
church office.

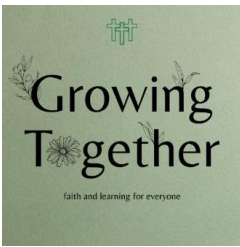
**Organics Cart (Green Can):**

**Yard debris** (flowers, grass, leaves, weeds, etc.)

**Food scraps:** Fruit, veggies, bones, eggshells, coffee  
grounds, baked goods.

**Food-soiled paper:** Pizza boxes, paper plates, paper  
towels, paper napkins, paper cups.

**Recycle Cart (Blue Can):** Plastics #1-#7, metal cans,  
paper, cardboard, glass. Rinse cans and glass.  
Flatten cardboard and boxes.



Small Groups are for life-long learning, support of one another and connecting more deeply with God.  
We have in-person and online opportunities.



## Here's what's happening in November

November 3	What is Religion? Crash Course Religion #1 (Ann)
November 10	Learn More About Martin Luther (Cindy)
November 17	How Many Religions Are There? Crash Course Religions #2 (Ann)
November 24	Create Sundays of Advent Calendar (Cindy)

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 12 at 3:00 p.m.

<https://solano-edu.zoom.us/j/81140367265>

Email Ann at [drannhg@sbglobal.net](mailto:drannhg@sbglobal.net) for more information. Everyone is invited to join us and offer their ideas for events, classes, etc.

### Seeker's Circle

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.  
Digerud Room & Zoom

[Fall 2024 "Receiving grace: A study of Ephesians" Bible study video supplement Session 3](#)

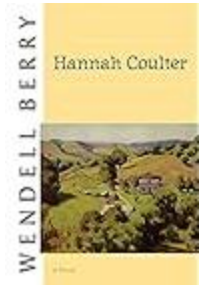
**Living as children of the Light is November 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
*What concrete advice can Ephesians give us on how to live a fuller, happier life? What poetic inspiration can it offer us for living as Christians?*  
Meet us in the Digerud Room at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and service project discussion; we will be discussing Advent service projects before the lesson and setting up a quilt packing date for the quilts being mailed to Lutheran World Relief. The

lesson on *Living as Children of the Light* begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude by 11:30 a.m. All are welcome.

If you'd like to attend via ZOOM, please contact Diane Metz for a link by emailing her at [DLMetz6@gmail.com](mailto:DLMetz6@gmail.com)

### Tuesday Book Study

The Tuesday book study began reading **Hannah Coulter** by Wendell Berry. Come in person (Pastor's Study) or on Zoom each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88381121677>

### Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

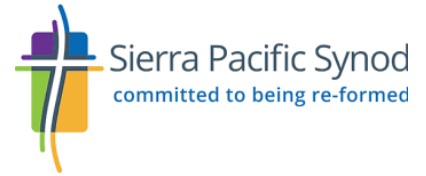
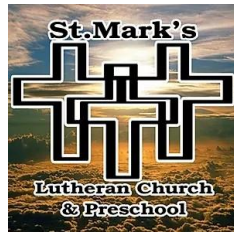
This is a great way to learn more about the scripture readings for the coming week. You'll talk about what they might have in common (or not!) and get a more in-depth understanding of the readings. Contact Jim Hanser ([hanserjames@comcast.net](mailto:hanserjames@comcast.net)) for more info.



### Choir Rehearsals

The Chancel Choir rehearses every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. They sing during worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month and on some special festivals. Join us as we make beautiful music to enhance our worship.





St. Mark's Lutheran Church is connected to the larger church and the world through our Sierra Pacific Synod (a geographic area of churches working together) and as a part of the denomination known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Together we can do what no one group can do alone.



Lutheran World Relief—  
God's Love in Action

For more information on **Lutheran World Relief** go to these links: <https://youtu.be/dA9-bn8dOFo?si=QFGq-FQ1bxq6Ayl5> a video that shows your faith is on the frontlines.

The Quilters Project got started in August when congregation members donated materials and funds to start making quilts to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. Typically, congregations across the nation make and donate 300,000 quilts annually. These quilts are donated internationally and domestically within the U.S.A. The quilts made by St. Mark's first team of quilters will be **dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. All who've helped by donating fabric, supplies, time to cut, arrange, sew, assemble and tie will be recognized for their generosity.



**Next session:**  
**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> from**  
**10:30 to**  
**12:30**  
**Join us.**

Josephine Lord-Traughber, Beth Williamson,



Diane Metz, Cindy DeRosier, Linda Frogget, and Patricia McKillips busy stitching quilts.



## ELCA Good Gifts



The 24-page catalog offers many and loved ones with gifts that will make a difference in the world. With more than 60 giving options – from 10 little chicks to help a family escape poverty to a

scholarship to help a young leader attend an ELCA seminary – there's something for everyone on your list. The catalog is also a great resource for your congregation. Sunday school classes, youth groups and **adults can use it for special fundraising events.** Shop the catalog online at [ELCA.org/goodgifts](https://ELCA.org/goodgifts).



## “Community Engagement”

We are an integral part of the wider community around where the church is located as well as beyond. We are always looking for ways to share the love of God locally.



### Local Faith Leaders Working Together for the Common Good

We will meet again on Tuesday, October 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Willow Hall at the Civic Center.

### Fairfield Clergy Action Network Thanksgiving Dinner



The Fairfield CAN will once again host a Thanksgiving dinner for our neighbors in need. Last year we served about 375 people. The meal will be served on Tuesday, November 19.

**We are looking for donations to help our neighbors out.** Please bring coats, gloves, socks, scarves, blankets and hygiene kits to St. Mark's by November 15. All clothing should be cleaned first and if you wouldn't wear it yourself, please don't bring it for others. Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex.



Mondays and Wednesdays at noon (Digerud Room)



### Senior Food Program

Location: St. Mark's Food Pantry  
Dates: First and Third Wednesdays  
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

# What's Happening at St. Mark's

## November 2024 – Calendar of Events

### Recurring Events

#### Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. SMLC Worship (Worship Center/Live Streaming)
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Worship Center)
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday Connections (Digerud/Zoom)
- 11:00 a.m. Pentecost Temple (Comm. Cen.)
- 2:30 p.m. Ministerios Ebenezer (Community Center)

#### Monday

- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Digerud Room)

#### Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Book Study (Zoom)
- 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsals
- 2:00 p.m. St. Mark's Food Pantry Distr.

#### Wednesday

- 9:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Solano Food Bank Senior Program (Food Pantry 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday)
- 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon (Digerud Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

#### Thursday

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Team Rehearsal (Worship Center)

#### Friday

- 7:00 p.m. Ebenezer Mission (Community Center)

#### Saturday

No regular events Scheduled

### Additional Events

#### Monday, November 4

- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Quilter's Gather (Narthex)

#### Tuesday, November 5

- 5:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee

#### Wednesday, November 13

- 5:30 p.m. Solano Symphony Board

#### Thursday, November 14

- 9:30 a.m. Seeker's Circle
- 12:15 p.m. Preschool Board
- 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Solano Symphony Strings

#### Monday, November 18

- 11:30 a.m. Widow's Luncheon
- 7:00 p.m. Solano Symphony Strings

#### Tuesday, November 19

- 12:30 p.m. CAN Thanksgiving Meal

#### Thursday, November 21

- 10:00 a.m. Capitol Valley Conference Mtg

#### Saturday, November 23

- 1:00 p.m. Rob Williamson Ordination
- 2:00 p.m. Rob Williamson Reception

#### Thursday – Friday, November 28-29

Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

# Join us for worship every Sunday

9:30 a.m. for in person & live streaming service

on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SMLCFairfield](https://www.facebook.com/SMLCFairfield) (or click [HERE](#)) and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@SMLCFairfield> (or click [HERE](#))

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St. Mark's Mission: To Nurture Discipleship, Communicate the Gospel and Serve the Community.

St. Mark's Vision: To transform each church member into Christ-led disciples, nurtured and equipped by God's Word, whose purpose is to build up the Body of Christ in Solano County and the world.

St. Mark's Welcoming Statement: Adopted January 19, 2020

"We are St. Mark's Lutheran Church where everyone is welcomed and everyone is loved. We invite all into the grace, love and acceptance we have from God. We welcome YOU: who you are, as you are.



- All who are single, married, partnered, divorced, with or without children
- All sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions
- All racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds
- All who are homed or homeless
- All who are struggling with addictions or other personal hardships
- All ages and levels of physical and mental health and abilities
- All faith backgrounds, those questioning their faith and those new to faith

We invite you to fully participate in the life and ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church where we seek to share God's love and grace through word and action."

## St. Mark's Lutheran Church



### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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Rev. Karen Stetins, Senior Pastor

Kim Worthen, Office Administrator

Semyon Lohss, Accompanist, Choral Director

Lucille Bowers, Preschool Director

Michelle Aas, SMLC's bookkeeper

#### Council Members

June Johnsen (President), Tom Lingel (Vice President), Ann Hefner Gravink (Secretary),  
Stew Irwin (Finance Chair), Toni McCallum and Josephine Traughber (Members at Large).

#### Elected Leaders

Pam Lyons (Financial Secretary), Les Johnsen (Treasurer)

Vacant, Personnel Committee Chairperson, Janelle Jolley, Property Committee Chairperson