

M A R K T I M E S

News & Notes for February 22, 2026

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 23:	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee – conference room
	6:30PM	Yoga – Parish Hall
	7:00PM	Church Council – conference room
Wednesday, February 25:	6:00PM	Soup supper – Parish Hall
	7:00PM	Lent Evening Prayer - church
Thursday, February 26:	4:15PM	Chancel choir
	6:00PM	Bell Choir
Saturday, February 28:	10A-2P	Lenten Quiet Day - Toddhall

Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Come enjoy a nice evening of fellowship over a meal of soup and salad at **6:00PM** in the Parish Hall on the **Wednesdays of Lent**, before joining us in the church for **evening prayer** at **7:00PM**.

Form a group and host one of the suppers! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.

Lenten Evening Prayer: *Ad Astra per Aspera*

This Lent, journey with us on **Wednesdays** at **7:00PM** in the church for a special evening prayer series: “*Ad Astra Per Aspera: A Trek Through Lent.*” Using a space exploration theme inspired by events like Sputnik, the Space Shuttle Challenger, Apollo 13, and more, we’ll explore how faith carries us “*through hardships to the stars.*” Each service includes Scripture, prayer, and reflection shaped in the style of Evening Prayer from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Come be grounded in God’s grace as we trek together toward Easter hope.



Lenten Quiet Day

If you signed up to attend the Lenten Quiet Day at **Toddhall** (320 Todd Center Drive, Columbia), that event is **this Saturday, February 28** from **10am to 2pm**. When you arrive, park to the right in the long parking lot, and walk* due west to **St. Cecilia’s chapel**, where we will begin.

*If walking a distance is difficult, you may be dropped off in front of the chapel.

Yoga Day Change in February

To accommodate Lenten midweek activities for both churches, yoga classes have moved to **Mondays at 6:30pm through the end of May.**



50th Anniversary Committee

St. Mark Lutheran Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its first worship service on December 6, 2026. This will kick off a year of celebration surrounding our 50th year. We are looking for members who might be interested in serving on a **planning committee** to devise ideas for events to help celebrate this milestone. Please contact Pastor Brian if you're interested!

Christ Community Trivia Night Fundraiser!

Visit the sweetness of "Jesus Land" at **Christ Community Lutheran Church** (Columbia) for their annual TRIVIA NIGHT youth fundraiser on **Saturday, March 21** from **6-8:00PM** (doors open at 5:30p)! *This event will raise funds for this summer's youth mission trip to Duluth, MN, **which our youth from St. Mark will be participating in!** 10 awesome kids are going on this trip so far!

+ Cost is **\$15 per person**, or **\$110 for a table of 8**

+ Bring your own food and snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase including mocktails, soda, and water.

+ Costume and Table Decorating Contests - dress up as your favorite Board Game and/or create cool matching table decor. Time to GET CREATIVE!!

+ Generic trivia categories - there will be something for everyone!

+ Childcare available

+ Raffle baskets and 50/50

Let **Melanie know if you are planning to join, and she will sign up all the tables at once. Checks can be written to **St. Mark Youth**.



Bunny Bazaar Coming March 22!

On **Sunday, March 22**, in the tradition of November's "Pumpkin Palooza," we will host an Easter/Spring-themed **bake sale and craft sale** between and after all three services, with proceeds to **benefit our combined Food Pantry**. Bake an Easter/spring treat and bring before services on March 22!



St. Mark Offerings for 2/15: General Fund: **\$3,348**; Toni Brendel Memorial: \$100;

I'VE ALWAYS
LOVED
HOW JESUS
FACES DOWN
TEMPTATION.



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YEAH.



HIS POWER
IS IN THE
WORD OF GOD.



I WISH I KNEW
WHICH VERSE TO USE
AGAINST ANOTHER
PIECE OF
CHOCOLATE CAKE.



MATTHEW 4:1-11

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