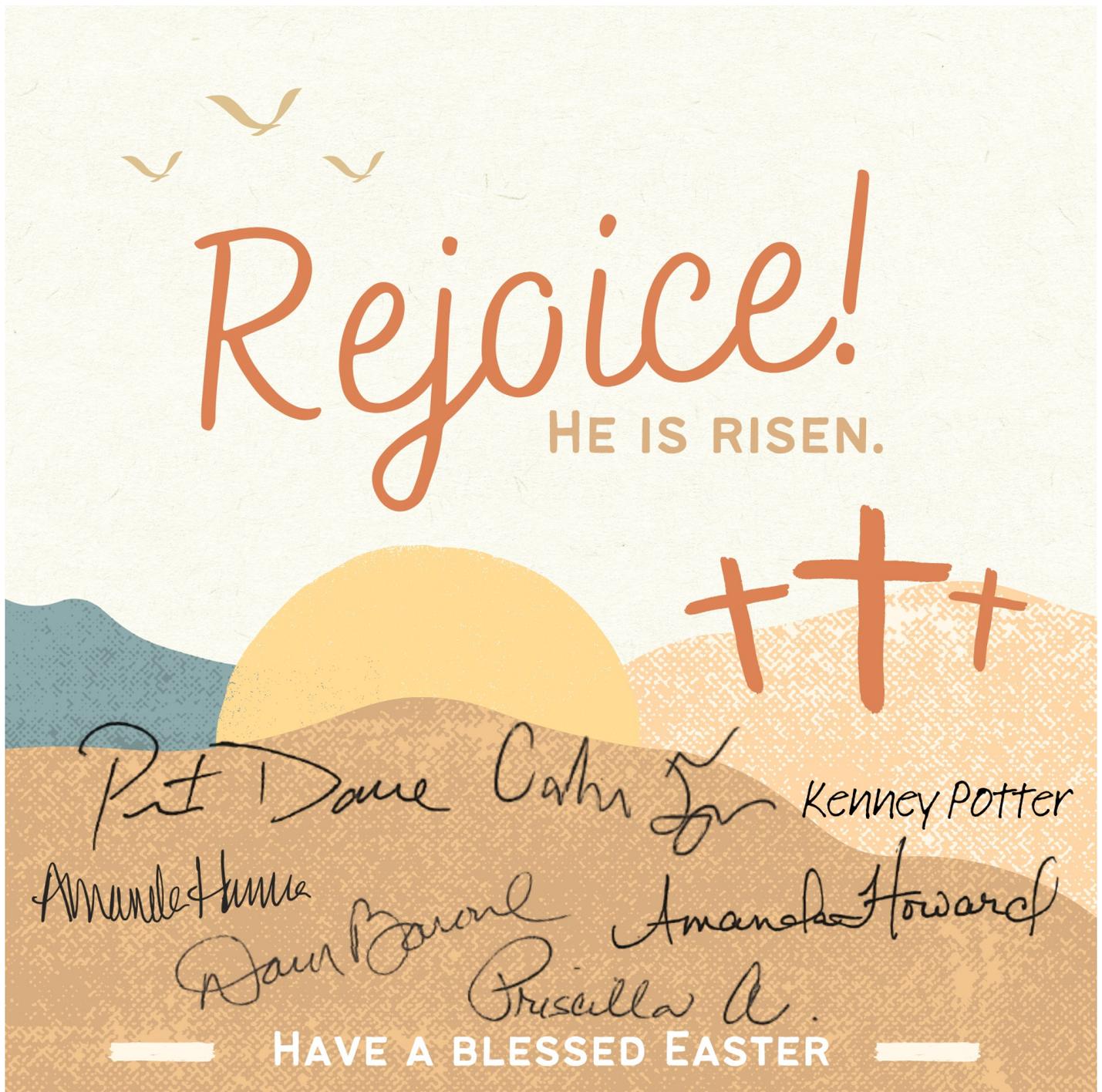


# The Marker

*April 2026*



HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

Bring fresh cut flowers  
to put on the cross in  
front of St. Mark's  
Saturday, April 4 or  
Easter Sunday.



## Prayer Concerns

*St. Mark's Members:* Glenn Feiste, Arden Lown, Garron Wright, Bri Yarbrough, Lorri Monterose, Bob Anderson, Ruth Ann Swart, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

*St. Mark's Friends & Family:* Bob Cunningham (friend of Nina Keck), Frank Owens (brother of Liz Whitlow), Randy Shoe (brother of Jeff Shoe), Maureena (sister of Karen Pettit), Lisa Santapaola (friend of the Pettits), Mike Staley (Tracy Staley's dad), Wendy Phillips (father of Nina Keck), Sandy Monterose (Tommy's sister), Luz Ortiz (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Sandra Davis, Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Clark 'Tiger' LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell, Kim Dobbins (friend of Terry Seyllar), Andy Rakowsky (friend of Peter Cuocolo)

*St Mark's Military Members:* Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman, BK & Laura Barringer's great-grandson- Christopher Barringer.

*Congratulations and God's blessings to:* Courtney and Dylan West and all their family at the birth of William Myers West on March 25! Jennifer (Sloop) and Eddie Rodriguez and all their family at the birth of Emery Sloane Rodriguez on March 20!

*We extend our Christian Sympathy to:* the family of Gwen Sink at her death on March 24; the family of Michelle Corbett at the death of her mother Sue Wilson.

**We extend a warm welcome  
to new sisters and brothers  
in Christ at St. Mark's.**

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# Holy WEEK

2026

29  
MARCH

Palm Sunday

8:30am and 10:30am Worship in the sanctuary  
Service with palms and procession

1  
APRIL

Holy Wednesday

6:00pm Potluck Supper & Devotions from Exodus  
“Passover.” (Note: The Jewish Passover Festival begins April 1 at sundown.)

2  
APRIL

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Worship in the Family Life Center with  
Prayer around the Cross and Holy Communion.

3  
APRIL

Good Friday

12:00pm Worship in the sanctuary  
7:00pm Tenebrae Service of Darkness in the Sanctuary



*April 5 EASTER*

*RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD*

*+7am SONrise service outside*

*+7:30am Breakfast in the FLC*

*+Easter Egg hunt between services*

*+8:30 & 10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary*

# EASTER EGG HUNT

April 5, 2026 - Between Services

All children are welcome!

Bring a Basket!



## Homemade Cards by Hands On



Send kind words  
to bless others.

Free in the FLC  
and Narthex

## Hands On

Tuesdays at 12:30pm  
in the FLC

No meeting  
on April 7

Serving our community and beyond

**E.N.J.O.Y.**

*Empty Nesters  
Just Older Youth*

Are you between the ages of 45ish and 65? Meet up  
with us on **Friday, April 17 at 6:00pm** at  
**Bottles and Taps**, 106 Wagner St, Troutman  
Contact Kristie Ward with any questions at 704-807-  
6155 or [rkward93@yahoo.com](mailto:rkward93@yahoo.com)

# BEER & BIBLE



@ ON TAP (MAIN ST)

7:00 PM  
2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

## Food for Days

### ITEM OF THE MONTH

January: Chewy Granola Bars  
 February: Pudding Cups  
 March: Chicken noodle soup(10.5oz)  
**April: Beans & Franks-8 oz**  
 May: Ravioli (flip top cans)  
 June: Oatmeal, variety pack  
 July: Crackers (variety pack))  
 August: Ramen Noodles  
 September: Pop Tarts  
 October: Lg. Chef Boyardee  
 Nov: Fruit & Applesauce Cups  
 December: Vienna Sausages



Please check the option that works best for you:

I am interested in sponsoring a child in 2025-26 that needs backpack meals:

Any donation will be a blessing

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor a child for the school year @ \$250.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (can be paid monthly)

Sponsor a child for one month @ \$25.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering to pack food bags

*If you are interested in volunteering, please add your name and the best way to contact you:*

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the office by dropping in the offering plate, leaving it in our secure mailbox or by mail.

# HOLY-GUACA BINGO!



**MAY 1ST • 6:00 PM**  
**NACHOS AND TACOS**  
**IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**SIGNUP TO RSVP OR BRING FOOD**



**3RD THURSDAYS** (except July & Aug)  
**NOON IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
**FELLOWSHIP GROUP**  
 COVERED DISH LUNCH & A PROGRAM  
 OPEN TO ALL SENIOR (55+) MEMBERS



**ST. MARK'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP:**  
 This group represents St. Mark's members who are 55 and older. Did you know our church has over 150 seniors?

Fellowship Group is more social. Our goal is to get to know our fellow members.

We meet the third Thursday of each month excluding the summer months

LUNCH 12 P.M.  
 DEVOTATIONS 12:30  
 ENTERTAINMENT 1:00 (TABLE TALK GAME AND CHAIR EXERCISES)

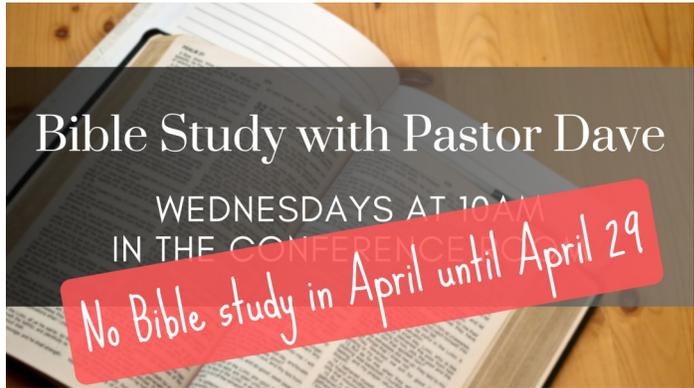
MARK YOUR CALENDAR APRIL 16 AND WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET THOSE 150 SENIORS.



**Wednesday Evenings  
 Dinner and Devotions**

**6:00 PM**  
**IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
 April 1, 15, 22, 29 (no meeting on 8th)

FOOD + FELLOWSHIP + FAITH + FUN  
**BRING A DISH TO SHARE!**



**Bible Study with Pastor Dave**

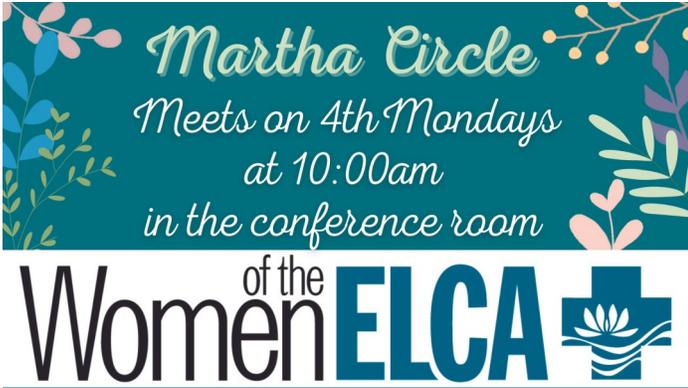
WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM  
 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

*No Bible study in April until April 29*



**Volunteers are Love in Motion**

*Thanks for your engagement!*



**Martha Circle**  
 Meets on 4th Mondays  
 at 10:00am  
 in the conference room

of the **Women ELCA**



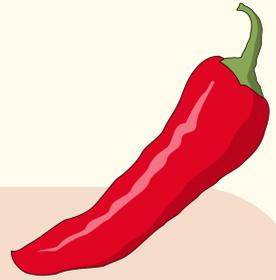
**LUTHERAN MEN'S MISSION**

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST**  
 April date change: Meeting on the 12th  
 OF THE MONTH  
 7:30AM  
 IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**ALL MEN WELCOME-  
 CHURCH MEMBERS  
 AND GUESTS**

**COME FOR BREAKFAST,  
 FELLOWSHIP, DEVOTIONS,  
 AND A BUSINESS MEETING.**

# St. Mark's Annual Chili Cook-Off 2026: Recipes from a few of the award winners



## Shirley's Sweet Potato Chili

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb sweet Italian Sausage
- 1 lb ground turkey
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 can garbanzo beans, drained
- 28 oz can of diced tomatoes
- 1 cup tomato sauce
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons sea salt

### Instructions:

- Brown sausage and turkey, remove from pan with slotted spoon and set aside
- Sauté onion in drippings until soft and add garlic
- Return meat to pot
- Add sweet potatoes, meat, beans, tomatoes, sauce, water, Chili powder, paprika, salt
- Cook for 2 hours stirring occasionally
- Adjust seasonings to taste
- Garnish with parsley
- NOTE: Can mix type of beans



## Doug's No Bean Chili

### Ingredients:

- 2 lb ground beef
- 2 med yellow onions (diced)
- 1 large green pepper (diced)
- 1 large stock of celery (diced)
- 1 jalapeño pepper (finely chopped)
- 1/2 cup flour (heaping)
- 1 - 28oz can petite diced tomatoes
- 4 - 8oz cans tomato sauce
- 2 cups tomato juice
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoon salt

### Instructions:

- Cook meat, onion and Jalapeño pepper. Do not drain.
- Add 1/2 cup flour (heaping)
- Add 4 cans tomato sauce
- Add 1 can petite diced tomatoes
- Add 2 cups tomato juice
- Add 1 tablespoon chili powder
- Bring to boil, simmer 2 hrs.
- Add green Pepper and celery
- Cook 30 more minutes

## Ellen's Chili Dip

### Ingredients:

- 2 blocks of cream cheese, softened
- 1 small can of diced jalapenos, drained
- 1 block of shredded pepper jack cheese
- 1 can of chili (thick not runny)
- 1 block of shredded cheddar cheese
- Green onions, chopped for topping
- Diced seeded jalapenos for topping

### Instructions:

- Mix cream cheese, diced jalapenos, shredded pepper jack cheese with a mixer
- Press cheese mixture in bottom of greased Casserole dish
- Add layer of chili
- Top with shredded cheddar cheese
- And toppings of onion and jalapenos
- Bake at 350 for about 30 minutes, until bubbling
- Serve with chips

Save the Date!  
**VBS**  
Friday, June 5 to  
Sunday, June 7

Volunteers are needed. Please contact  
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Susan B- [sjbostian1@gmail.com](mailto:sjbostian1@gmail.com)



Use the QR code to register or find a link  
in our weekly emails.

# 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**JOIN OTHERS WITH  
A GOAL TO...**

**S** *eek God's Truth*  
**E** *xpress God's Love*  
**R** *espect All People*  
**V** *olunteer with Joy*  
**E** *xalt His Name*

**Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
Each Month during the  
Connect hour  
between services**

**See Michael Fitzgerald  
if you have questions.**

2027 ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING

IMAGINE  
more

MYLE, THE TABLE,  
& YOUNG ADULTS

Youth in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
invited!

Minneapolis, MN,  
June 28th-July 2,  
2027

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1 Horton, Jenny	11 Mueller, Kurt	20 Wenzel, Ronald
2 Redden, Wanda	12 Meadows, Betty	20 Gooden, Margaret
3 Grace, Maxwell	12 Abraham, Carissa	21 Lidstrom, Jennifer
4 Haacker, Tim	12 Maher, Paxton	21 Mattingly, Harrison
4 Davis, Larry	12 Homick, David	26 Winford, Cailynn
4 Locklin, Lisa	13 Hofer, Akemi	26 Gilligan, Samuel
5 DeVerna, Delilah	14 Knox, Jennifer	26 West, Bill
6 Weymss, Karlie	16 Isetts, Laurie	27 Morrison, Sophia
7 Wenger, Lynn	16 McCann, Paige	27 Redden, John
7 Dorn, Kim	17 Yost, Carl	28 Milholland, Drew
8 Stone, Eleanor	18 Proefrock, Jeff	29 Hofer, Matthew
8 Leonard, Leslie	18 Shangle, Todd	29 Ward, Kristie
9 Goethals, Reagan	18 Martin, Charles	30 Proefrock, Mackenzie
9 Kaiser, Alaric	19 Carter, Betty	30 Hansen, Lily
10 Johnson, Debby	19 Damon, Savannah	



6 Jonathan and Ellen Cline	24 yrs
7 Derwin and Karen Wagoner	25 yrs
7 Mark Brady & Debbie Crowder-Brady	23 yrs
11 Danny and Susan Leone	39 yrs
12 Jim and Liz Chelgren	41 yrs
17 Charles and Virginia Buckley	55 yrs
21 Matthew and Kristin Miller	14 yrs
22 John and Wanda Redden	53 yrs
24 Mitch and Priscilla Abraham	44 yrs