

welcome

sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for the Traditional service and at 11:00 a.m. for *The Current*. You can either join us in person at St. Mark's or view from our website or Facebook page anytime, Visit stmarkscarmel.org/connected.

sunday small groups

Adults

Learn more about Sunday classes and small groups on the Welcome Center screen, on the GROW Connection Tables and at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups. All are welcome to an informal, drop-in gathering called "The Living Room," meeting in our brand new, permanent space in Room N (past Cornerstone Commons).

Kidz Church: (Check-in station & classes located in the Children's Wing.)

Nursery & Toddler Care

9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 weeks - 3 years

Staffed by trained & experienced leaders, our nursery & toddler areas are here to care for our littlest members.

Kidz Church: 9:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 2, Lower Level

(Children in grades 3 and up are encouraged to remain in worship).

This program opens with worship arts, followed by a rotational style class. Each week includes a variety of fun activity stations like music, drama, Bible stories, crafts and more.

Kidz Church: 10:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 5, Lower Level

This program opens with music and worship arts, followed by a grade-specific education hour that divides children into the following groups: Preschool (4+) - Grade 1; Grades 2 & 3; Grades 4 & 5. Classes include Bible stories, games, and engaging activities that help children relate God's word to their everyday lives.

Kidz Music & Praise: 11:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 5, Upper Level

This high energy program is an immersive experience that offers children the opportunity to explore the weekly bible story through singing, movement, instruments, drama, puppets, and more! This class also rehearses for seasonal musicals and shares their talents in worship services, programs, and special events.

Children's Worship Activities

Worship activities for children are available behind the sanctuary! There are shelves with items for children 3+ and Worship Bags for 6+. Please return all materials at the end of the service so they are available for others.

circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Doris Carlow, Phyllis Delp, and Mary Ellen Juratic.

sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Nole & Kassie Shaefer in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary; by Jane Van Dyne in celebration of Catherine Parisi's birthday.

altar rose

The rose on the altar today celebrates the April 3rd birth of Theodore Timothy Flick. He is the son of Evan & Taylor Flick and the great grandson of Bob & Pat Parks.

April mission focus

Family Promise

Family Promise was founded in 1994 in response to the crisis of family homelessness. While most traditional shelters separate by gender, Family Promise keeps families together while they work to get back on their feet. As the gap between housing costs and income continues to widen, more and more families are at risk of homelessness, increasing the likelihood that families will separate, children will fall behind in school, and may eventually drop out. Supportive services include the After Care Program, a Day Center, and a Diversion Program, offering individual skill development and rehabilitation. The Apartment Shelter program is another service that Family Promise provides, keeping families together while they work to get back on their feet. Your support helps them fill in the gap during a difficult transition as families restore their lives. To learn more or to donate, please visit stmarkscarmel.org/familypromise.

THE Current

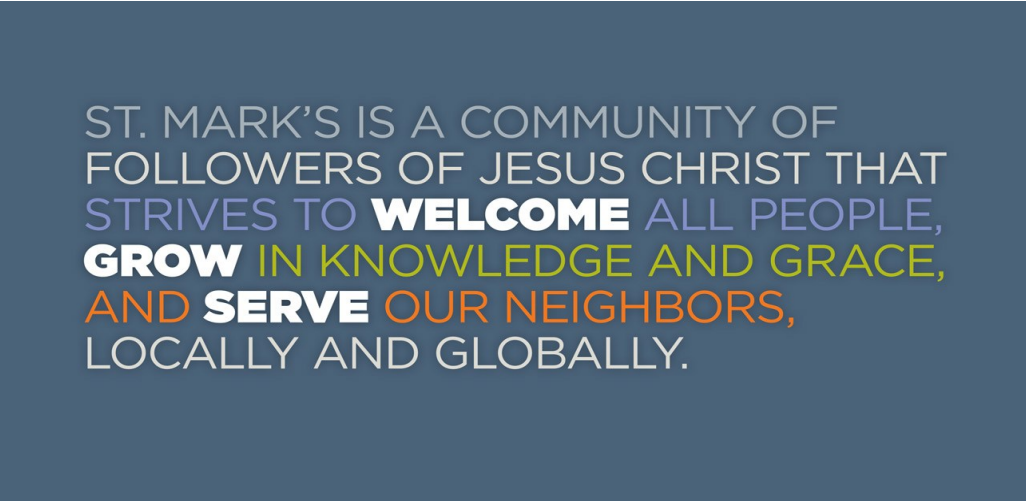
April 12, 2026 11:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Easter

THE Current

Welcome & Announcements <i>(Find this week's announcement slides at stmarkscarmel.org/announcements).</i>		
Worship in Song	<i>Giving It All To You</i>	by M. Gungor & L. Gungor
Opening Prayer		Scott Melvin
Kidz Chat		
Worship in Song	<i>Great Is The Lord</i>	by Housefires
Passing the Peace		
Message	<i>The Spirit Comes to Help</i> <i>Romans 8:18-28</i>	Scott Melvin
Prayers & Offerings	<i>Another In The Fire</i>	by Davenport & Houston
God, open doors to reveal new hopes and dreams for St. Mark's and in our own lives. Give us the courage to follow where You lead. Amen.		
<i>(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary or given online using the QR code inside the bulletin or at www.stmarkscarmel.org/give. May God add God's blessings to our gifts today and always.)</i>		
Sending	<i>Yes And Amen</i>	by McClarney, Moore, & Brown
Blessing		

Rev. Nathan E. Whybrew & Rev. Karla J. Elliott / Pastors
Scott Melvin / Worship Leader

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April 12, 2026 9:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Easter

order of worship *Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude	<i>Awake, My Heart, with Gladness</i>	arr. Camil Van Hulse Kathy Heetland
Introit	<i>Fanfare in D</i>	by Hal Hopson St. Mark's Handbell Choir
Welcome & Announcements <i>(Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew or register your attendance at stmarkscarmel.org/attend. Observe who is sitting near you and greet them after the service).</i>		
*Call to Worship		
	Leader: This is the good news we proclaim to you.	
	People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!	
	Leader: Walk in the light of his love.	
	People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.	
	Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.	
	People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.	
*Opening Hymn	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> <i>Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4</i>	Hymnal No. 57
*Opening Prayer		Gail Lee
	Let us pray: O God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imaginations. You keep finding ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out. Create in us a place where we can welcome you and receive the fullness of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.	
*Passing God's Peace	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	

Kidz Chat

Scripture Lesson *Romans 8:18-28* NT 158
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Festiva* by Kevin McChesney
St. Mark's Handbell Choir

Breakthrough Prayer
God, open doors to reveal new hopes and dreams for St. Mark's and in our own lives. Give us the courage to follow where You lead. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (*Offering envelopes may be found in sign-in folder.*)
Prayer of Dedication
Offertory *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness* arr. Wilbur Held
***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon *The Spirit Comes to Help* Scott Melvin
***Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Hymnal No. 154
Verses 1, 2, & 6

***Benediction**
***Postlude** *The Strife is O'er* arr. Wilbur Held

Community

To learn about other ways we connect and grow in community at St. Mark's, visit our website at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/events>.

UWF April Meeting
Tuesday, April 14 | 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
All women of the church are invited to the monthly gathering of United Women in Faith. Come and enjoy fellowship, devotions, and interest groups. Bring non-perishable food items or feminine products for a local food pantry. Morning childcare is available—register by April 9th at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. If you need a ride, email Mary Etta Yoho at maryetta.yoho@gmail.com.

New Member Class - Fast Track Version
Interested in exploring membership at St. Mark's? Learn more about how we welcome, grow, and serve at St. Mark's, and our broader part in the history and mission of the United Methodist Church. Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps or on the Connection Tables for one of three sessions: Sunday, May 3 (1:00-3:45 p.m.), Wednesday, May 20 (6:00-8:45 p.m.), or Wednesday, June 10 (6:00-8:45 p.m.)

St. Mark's Presents: The Indiana Wind Symphony Chamber Ensemble
Sunday, April 19 | 2:00 p.m.
Please join us in the sanctuary for the incredible Indiana Wind Symphony Chamber Ensemble! This elite group will be performing a variety of wind ensemble music in the FREE concert, so make sure to mark your calendars!

Grow
Spring Studies Begin April 15-17
Sign up on the Connection Tables or at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups for the final books before summer break, including titles from popular authors Bob Goff and Adam Hamilton. Questions? Contact grow@stmarkscarmel.org.

Dine-to-Donate for St. Mark's Preschool at City BBQ
Tuesday, April 14 | All day! | Rangeline Road
It's a day off cooking! Mention this fundraiser or use online code, and 20% will be given back to our preschool. Event flyers at stmarkscarmel.org/events. Thank you for your support!

2026 Sacred Music Camps
June 15-19, 2026
Puppet Camp: Praise & Creation
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Age 4 - Grade 3)
Children will make a variety of puppets to tell stories of Jesus, play games, and enjoy a snack each day.
Sacred Drama Camp: O Chicken of Little Faith
12:00-2:30 p.m. (Grades 1-5)
Faith learns to trust God to overcome anxiety when she dreams the chickens on Grandma's farm have escaped! Register at stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps.

Serve
Blood Drive
TODAY | 8:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Wesley Hall
Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. You have the power to save up to 3 lives with just one donation. Walk-ins are welcome! It's quick, safe, and life-changing. Free snacks and drinks for donors. Be a hero in under an hour. Give blood. Give life.

Native American Ministries Sunday
Sunday, April 19
This special Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. Donations for Native American Sunday can be made at stmarkscarmel.org/give or by using the special envelope in your bulletin on April 19th.

Soup's On at Roberts Park UMC
Sunday, May 3
Each Sunday, volunteers help prepare and serve lunch for Roberts Park UMC Soup's On ministry. Meals are cooked and served onsite. This Soup's On ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for us to carry out Jesus' command to "feed the hungry." Sign up to help provide food and/or join volunteers that morning at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Habitat for Humanity Women Build
Team: Joe Newton Legacy Crew
Build date: July 8, 2026
The Women Build is a unique Habitat event where women volunteers solely raise all needed funds and then spend an exciting day building a new home for a family in our community. If you would like to donate to the build, visit stmarkscarmel.org/give and select Habitat Women Build from the pull-down menu.

Sign up for these opportunities at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.
Donations can be left inside Door #2, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

this week at st. mark's
Sunday, April 12

- Blood Drive (Wesley Hall), 8:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.
- The Living Room Informal Gatherings (Room N), 10:00 a.m.
- Disciple Fast Track Bible Study (The Living Room), 5:30 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

Monday, April 13

- Teatime Discipleship (The Living Room), 9:30 a.m.
- Song Circle (Cornerstone Commons), 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

- UWF AM Meeting (Gathering Area), 9:30 a.m.
- Men's Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.
- UWF PM Meeting (Gathering Area), 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15

- Men's Bible Study (Room B/C), 8:00 a.m.
- Pastors' Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
- Wed AM Study (Room J/K), 9:30 a.m.
- ROMEOs (Maple), 11:00 a.m.
- AI Anon (Room G/H), 11:30 a.m.
- Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 16

- Thurs AM Study (The Living Room), 10:00 a.m.
- AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.
- Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 6:00 p.m.
- Pickleball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 17

- Fri AM Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 18

- Confirmation Retreat (Offsite)

Sunday, April 19

- The Living Room Informal Gatherings (Room N), 10:00 a.m.
- St. Mark's Presents: Indiana Wind Symphony Chamber Ensemble (Sanctuary), 2:00 p.m.
- Messy Faith Life Group (Room G/H), 5:00 p.m.
- Young Parents' Life Group (Room J/K), 5:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

attendance



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