



## **St. Mark's Children's Ministry**

### **2025 - 2026 Church Year Calendar Highlights**

- September 7, Sunday – Kick Off Sunday, Sunday school at 8:30 am and 10:15 am; hot dogs, bounce house and more at 11:30 am
- October 1, Wednesday – St. Francis Pet Blessing – 6 pm – 6:30 pm – front lawn
- October 4, Saturday - Pumpkin Unloading – 9:30 am – all ages welcome to help!
- October 19, Sunday – “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” boxes distributed
- October 26, Sunday - Pumpkin decorating during Sunday School – display at coffee hour
- November 2, Sunday - All Saints' Sunday – with children processing at 10:30 am
- November 16, Sunday - Help Stock the Food Pantry – bring donations for the Glen House Food Pantry to Sunday School
- November 30, Sunday - First Sunday of Advent – make Advent wreathes during coffee hour
- December 7, Sunday - St. Nicholas visits St. Mark's with a special coffee hour at 11:30 am
- December 14, Sunday - Christmas Pageant at 10:30 am
- December 24, Wednesday - Christmas Eve – Family services at 3 pm and 5 pm
- January 2, Friday – Winter Break Play Date in Mahon Hall for PreK+; 9 am to 12 pm
- January 4, Sunday – Epiphany and Three Kings at all services
- January 11, Sunday - Wear pajamas to Sunday school and church!
- January 19, Monday – Martin Luther King Day – service project for ages; 9 am to 11 am
- February 8, Sunday – Sunday School activity: create Valentines for Veterans
- February 17, Tuesday - Mardis Gras! Celebrate with pancakes and bingo at 6 pm
- February 18, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday – Ashes To Go 7 am to 7 pm
- February 22, Sunday - Plant bulbs during Sunday School; UTO boxes distributed
- March 29, Sunday - Palm Sunday with Donkey Processions at 8:30 am and 10:30 am; make crosses out of palms during coffee hour
- April 3, Friday - Good Friday “Walk through Holy Week” at 10 am
- April 5, Sunday - Easter Sunday Egg Hunt – services at 9 am and 11:15 am
- May 3, Sunday - First Communion Celebration at the 10:30 am service
- May 24, Sunday - Pentecost and Teacher Appreciation – wear red!
- June 7, Sunday - Summer Sunday school begins (10:30 am service)
- July 12, Sunday – Worship and potluck picnic at Lake Ellyn Park, 10 am – 2 pm
- July 13-17, Mon – Fri - Vacation Bible School (VBS), 9 am to 12 pm
- August 23, Sunday – Back to school blessing of the backpacks at all services