

## **Welcome to St. Mark!**

We are delighted you are here and hope your faith will be strengthened as we celebrate God's presence in our lives.



**"I thought my faith would  
be stronger by now."**

**Mark 9:14-29**

**March 8, 2026**

### **St. Mark Lutheran Church**

1115 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50265  
(Office/Mailing address: 1105 Grand Ave.)

**LENT SOUP SUPPERS**  
*Soup with a purpose!*  
 A St. Mark Mission Trip fundraising event.



Wednesdays during Lent  
 5:35-6:15 pm  
 Fellowship Hall

Come hungry and come ready to support our youth! Join us for our Lenten Soup Suppers. We will have delicious soups made and served entirely by our youth and their families as they raise funds for their summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee.

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A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who directed a total of \$3,800 to various St. Mark ministries in 2025. If you have not taken advantage of the opportunity to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to a charitable organization, visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or contact your representative for more information.

The St. Mark Youth Musical Presents



Friday, March 27, 2026 - 7:00pm

Bring the family to a song-and-dance filled evening with the St. Mark Youth Musical! Celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> show with *MTI's Broadway Junior Revue: Raise Your Voice*, a collection of songs from a variety of musicals. Performance in the Sanctuary one night only: Friday, March 27, 2026 at 7:00pm. Free-will donation.

*Lord, Send Thy Light:*  
**A Hymn Festival**



*St. Mark Chancel Choir and Central College Chamber Singers*  
 Mark Babcock, organist Christopher Ellerton, conductor  
 March 8, 2026 3:00 P.M.

Come hear and sing with the St. Mark Chancel Choir, in collaboration with the Central College Chamber Singers, and organist/choirmaster emeritus Mark Babcock. This event is made possible by the Fine Arts at St. Mark. See you **today**, 3pm, in the St. Mark Sanctuary.

Lutheran World Relief  
 Supports Girls in  
 Sierra Leone



During Lent, our Wednesday offering and community service donations will support Lutheran World Relief's efforts to keep girls in school in Sierra Leone. Donate via Church Center or check with *LWR* in the memo line.

**NEW TO ST. MARK?**



COME TO  
**COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS**

Welcome! We want to learn more about you and help you connect here at St. Mark. A great first step for visitors like yourself is to have *Coffee with the Pastors*. Pastors will share with you about St. Mark and learn about your faith journey. Register in Church Center for an upcoming *Coffee*.

**Lent School Kit Collection**

Equip a child with the supplies they need to keep learning even in a crisis.




During Lent, we will collect specific school supplies to fill LWR School Kits. In 2025 they distributed more than 179,000 kits in 8 countries including the U.S. Visit the Courtyard for a list of needed items and a QR code for our Amazon Wishlist.



St. Mark hosts a First Communion class for 1st-4th graders who have not yet communed. The class helps families understand the meaning of communion. The first of two classes is March 25. Sign up or learn more by contacting Natalie: [Natalie@stmarkwdm.org](mailto:Natalie@stmarkwdm.org).