

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 believe in God, but don't
feel God's presence.**

1 Kings 19:1-18

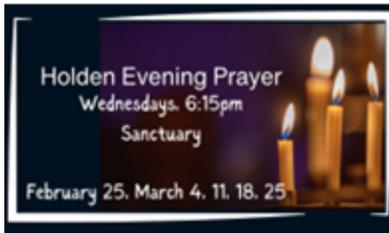
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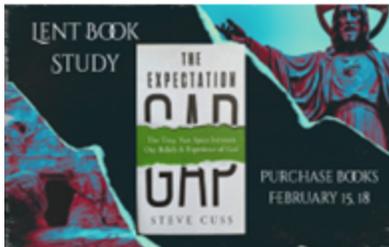
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Come hungry and come ready to support our youth! Beginning February 25, join us for our Lenten Soup Suppers. We will have delicious soups made and served entirely by our youth and their families as they raise funds for their summer mission trip to Memphis, Tennessee.



Holden Evening Prayer was originally written during the winter of 1986 while the composer, Marty Haugen, was at Holden Village in the North Cascade mountains of Washington state. At St. Mark we use the simple Lutheran vespers service as we go through Lent. Join us each Wednesday at 6:15pm.



Have you ever heard things about God, but not really felt like they applied to you? This Lent our group study and sermon series is on *The Expectation Gap* by Steve Cuss. We will learn how to engage God at a deeper, more fulfilling level.



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.



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*, **March 1**.



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.



During Lent we can focus on a new discipline or abstain from a habit. This Lent, join the St. Mark Daily Devo to begin your day. Each week day the short devotion, unique to St. Mark, will arrive as a text on your phone.