

welcome

sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. for *the current* and at 8:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for the Traditional Service. You can either join us in person at St. Mark's or view from our website or Facebook page anytime (you **do not** need to have a Facebook account to view). Visit stmarkscarmel.org/connected.

sunday small groups

Adults

Detailed information is on a sign at the GROW Connection Tables and online at the bottom of stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

Kidz Church:

Nursery & Toddler Care 8:15, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.

Staffed by experienced, caring adults and teens, our nursery is here to care for our littlest members. Check-in children ages 6 weeks to 3 years in the education wing.

current kidz 9:40 a.m.

This program opens with music and worship arts, followed by age-appropriate classes with bible stories, experiments, crafts and games! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

Club 56 for Middle Schoolers Lower Level Den, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 5-6 meet in the Lower Level Den. Club 56 weaves together Bible instruction, some theology, service projects and relationship building.

Thank you for putting all electronic devices on silent mode during worship.

March mission focus

Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis

Family Promise is a nonprofit organization, 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 and Diversion Program, offering individual skill development & rehabilitation, striving for economic stability for the guests they serve. 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 www.stmarkscarmel.org/familypromise.

Harmonic Voices Room 6, 10:30-10:55 a.m.

Music Ensemble for grades 4-8 directed by Joyce Click.

Kidz Learn & Grow 11:00 a.m.

Bible stories come to life through music, crafts, games and video! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

Kidz Music & Praise 11:00 a.m. (hybrid)

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" during this in-person and online high energy class incorporating music, drama, art and puppets. Seasonal musicals are also rehearsed.

Youth:

Cornerstone AM Class Room M, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 7-12 meet in Room M where we read and discuss God's word & interactively apply it to everyday life.

Cornerstone Youth Fellowship Wesley Hall, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to meet together for games, fellowship, and a short message. Contact Don Broad at dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.

circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Phyllis Delp, Phyllis Gidley and Georgia Herzog.

sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Kassie Schaefer in memory of Dearl Glick.

the CURRENT

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent



So Many Questions

John 9:1-41

God, please break through and open doors to new hopes, dreams, and possibilities for our church and in our own lives. We surrender and faithfully follow Christ to Your new and unknown future. May Your will be done. Amen.

notes

give

We hope you'll give out of a desire to share what you've been given:

- ⇒ online at stmarkscarmel.org/give
- ⇒ 100% of what is designated as mission offering during March will be given to **Family Promise**. Gifts for the operating budget, along with all undesignated gifts, support St. Mark's daily operations.

Karla Elliott / Associate Pastor
Eric DeForest / Worship Leader

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ST. MARK'S IS A COMMUNITY OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST THAT STRIVES TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE, **GROW** IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE, AND **SERVE** OUR NEIGHBORS, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

March 19, 2023

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

4th Sunday in Lent

order of worship

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude *Good, Good Father* by Anthony Brown Casey Hayes

Introit *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Traditional Irish Melody St. Mark's Chancel Choir

*Welcome and Call to Worship Pastor Karla Elliott

Leader: When the world is dark and full of hate and fear, when we cannot see God,

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: When we cannot find our way back to love and peace,

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: When our vision dims due to the darkness within,

People: we will turn on the light.

Leader: Christ opens our eyes with the gift of sight.

People: The light of the world is Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come and worship the one who brings sight to the blind.

People: Hallelujah! Praise God, the light of the world!

*Opening Hymn *Take My Life, and Let It Be* Hymnal No. 399

*Opening Prayer Joan Dunn, 8:15 a.m.
Peter Reist, 11:00 a.m.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, who created us in God's own image, we are grateful for all that you have done for us, for all that you are doing in us, and for all that you will do through us.

Open our eyes to see your presence among us, moving in powerful ways at all times and in all places.

Open our ears to hear familiar words in new ways—ways that will change us and challenge us to become the people you created us to be.

Grant us the power and the courage to come out of the darkness and into the light of Jesus Christ, that we may serve you by serving others.

We love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen.

*Passing God's Peace
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Reflecting Our Mission, Hospitality and Generosity
(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.)

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13 OT 259
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Hope of the World* by Lloyd Larson
St. Mark's Chancel Choir
Jason Sloan, oboe

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 *Opus 85, #49* Mendelssohn

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Gospel Lesson** John 9:1-41 NT 102
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Heart-to-Heart Talks: So Many Questions* Pastor Karla Elliott

***Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal No. 451

***Closing Prayer**
God, please break through and open doors
to new hopes, dreams, and possibilities
for our church and in our own lives.
We surrender and faithfully follow Christ
to Your new and unknown future.
May Your will be done. Amen.

***Response** *Spirit of the Living God* Hymnal No. 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***Postlude** *Simple Gifts* arr. Russell Widmar

Community

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

St. Mark's Presents: Indy Ceili Band TODAY | 2:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Join us for a concert of "The Finest Traditional Irish Dance Music", including fiddles, flutes, banjo and accordion. This is an experience you won't want to miss! Concert is FREE and open to the public.

Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch Saturday, March 25 | 10:00 a.m.
Come and enjoy brunch and an Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring a brunch item to share. Coffee & Juice provided. Sign up to let us know you will be attending at stmarkscarmel.org/easteregg hunt.

Grow

Sunday Lenten Dinners 3/19 & 3/26

You are invited to gather Sundays in March at 5:00 pm for dinner and small group gatherings for ALL AGES from 5:45 -6:30 to discuss *Dynamite Prayer: A 28 Day Experiment*. All food will be provided. RSVP at the connection tables in the gathering area or via stmarkscarmel.org/breakthrough.

Groups offered for kids:
Nursery Care - ages 6 weeks to 2 years
Toddler Small Group - 3-5 years
Children's Small Group - Grades 1-3
Tween Small Group - Grades 4-6
Cornerstone Small Group - Grades 7-12

Children's Ministries Internship
Are you interested in learning more about a career that combines the enjoyment of working with children with your passion for ministry? The Children's Ministries Department is excited to announce paid internship opportunities for summer 2023. Students must have completed their sophomore year of high school to be eligible. Visit stmarkscarmel.org/jobs for more information.

Children's Music Camp Apprentices
Sacred Puppet and Drama Camps are adding volunteer positions! Students who have completed Grade 5 up through Grade 12 are eligible to volunteer. Camps are June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Contact Joyce Click to apply at jclick@stmarkscarmel.org.

Summer Camp Registrations OPEN
Campers & volunteers may now sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/summercamps.

Holy Week & Easter Services
Maundy Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 9 - 7:00 a.m. (Sunrise)
8:15 & 11:00 a.m. (Traditional)
9:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Serve

Wings of Hope: Lenten Offering & Easter Card Campaign

Your Lenten offerings will benefit Outreach Indiana, who provides social services, safe haven, and assistance for homeless youth and young adults in Indianapolis. Honor someone special this Lenten season with a gift through St. Mark's Wings of Hope campaign. Honorees will receive an Easter Card from St. Mark's acknowledging your gift. Visit stmarkscarmel.org/wingsof hope to complete the online form with a minimum donation of \$5 per card, or by using the designated form at the connection tables.

March Housewares Drive & Meals for Apartment Shelter Program

During March we are having a housewares drive to support Family Promise's Apartment Shelter Program and collect donations of needed housewares. St. Mark's is also providing weekly dinner for 2 families in March. Visit our website to view and select from the specific list of houseware needs, as well as Apartment Shelter Meals. For questions contact Jeff DeaKyne at 765-491-3749 or jkdeakyne@gmail.com.

UMCOR Sunday - Special offering TODAY

This church-wide special Sunday offering supports the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and participates in ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace around the world. Donations can be made at stmarkscarmel.org/give.

Help Deliver Panera Bread

Each week St. Mark's participates in Panera Bread's *Dough-Nation* Program: end of day unused bread and pastries get delivered to food pantries, homeless shelters, or those in need. Food is picked up from a nearby Panera before closing on Wednesday evenings and delivered the next morning. Occasional subs needed-see stmarkscarmel.org/signups or connection tables for dates open. SEEKING REGULAR DELIVERER FOR 2ND WEDNESDAYS to Carmel location. Contact Stephanie Cohen for questions at scohen@stmarkscarmel.org.

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, March 19

- UMCOR Sunday special offering
- St. Mark's Presents: Indy Ceili Band (Sanctuary), 2:00 p.m.
- Confirmation (Cornerstone Commons), 3:15 p.m.
- Cornerstone Youth (Cornerstone Commons), 5:00 p.m.
- Breakthrough Prayer Dinner (Wesley Hall), 5:00 p.m. / Breakthrough Prayer Group Gatherings (various), 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 20

- Coffee N Cameras (Room B/C), 9:00 a.m.
- UWF Reading Group (Library), 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21

- Men's Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

- Men's Bible Study (Room B/C), 6:30 a.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study (Room J/K), 9:30 a.m.
- ROMEOs (LePeep), 11:00 a.m.
- AI Anon (Hybrid), 11:30 a.m.
- Encouragement Group (Conference Room), 6:00 p.m.
- Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 6:00 p.m.
- Volleyball (Wesley Hall), 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Practice (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 23

- Thursday Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
- AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.
- Quilting Group (Room B/C), 1:00 p.m.
- Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:00 p.m.
- Pickleball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 24

- Friday Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 25

- Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch (Wesley Hall), 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 26

- Hoosier Brass Band Concert (Sanctuary), 4:00 p.m.
- Cornerstone Youth (Cornerstone Commons), 5:00 p.m.
- Breakthrough Prayer Dinner (Wesley Hall), 5:00 p.m. / Breakthrough Prayer Group Gatherings (various), 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

ways to serve

- Donate candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, March 25
- Volunteer in the **A/V Booth**
- Help on Sunday Welcome Team as **Usher** __8:15am __9:40am __11:00am
- Help on Sunday Welcome Team as **Greeter** __8:15am __9:40am __11:00am
- Pick up & deliver Panera Bread** items to Carmel area shelters/food pantries (2nd Wednesdays of month)
- Help serve breakfast at **Fletcher Place Community Center** __March 24 __April 28
- Volunteer at **Brightwood Comm. Center Food Pantry** (2nd & 4th week of each month) __Tues., 11:30-2:00 p.m., receiving/stocking food __Wed., 1:30-4:00 p.m., help patrons shop/restock
- Provide a meal and/or deliver a meal to a family in the **Apartment Shelter Program** __March 23 __March 30

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Please check your area(s) of interest and place in the offering baskets or church office, or complete online at stmarkscarmel.org/ways-to-serve/. If you have questions contact the church at **317-846-4912** or staff@stmarkscarmel.org.

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