



# *St. Mark Lutheran Church*

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Dear St. Mark Family,

I pray you are well and resting securely in our heavenly Father's care! These times have certainly been trying for everyone. May the peace of Christ reign in your heart as we endure and pray for an end to this pandemic. I just want to update you on a few things happening and being planned for the coming months.

This Sunday, August 23, at our 5 pm outdoor service we have the string quartet Dvorak playing for worship. They will begin preservice music at 4:45 and it will be streamed on Facebook live. Plan to join us in person or online for this special occasion.

The worship schedule for September and October will follow the same times we have worshiped through the summer months, 8:30 and 10:30 am and 5 pm, with one small change. The 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall will not have singing during the service. So the schedule will be: 8:30 in the church sanctuary with singing; 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall with just video music, and 5 pm outdoors with recorded music. The 5 pm service will meet in the gym in case of rain. We ask you to continue to sign up for the morning services on the website. This is the plan at the moment. As with all things, we may need to make some changes as we go. We'll do our best to keep you informed.

Beginning September 13th we are going to be journeying together through the "Being" Challenge. This is an extension of last year's Red Letter challenge, focusing on how to BE and GROW in relationship with Christ. You will be challenged to practice the five keystone habits of Jesus Christ, and ultimately, can become greater followers of Him. Small groups are being formed for in-person and online gatherings. You can participate by going to our web site, [www.stmarkmuskegon.com](http://www.stmarkmuskegon.com), and signing up with Signup Genius. Our Sunday services will also be focused on this renewal and growth opportunity. Please consider participating with others in a group. Those who followed the Being Challenge in the spring found that you will be blessed! May God bless our growing in the faith and with each other.

St. Mark is an incredibly blessed congregation! Everyone has been so faithful in their offerings to support the ministries of our church even during this time of limitations. Thank you! We are now providing online giving. Just click on the link on our website for this convenient giving option. It is very easy and secure.

Family is so important, especially at difficult times. God has blessed us to be a part of His family, which means we belong to each other.

Peace and Joy in Christ,

Pastor Mark Gilson

*"Together, With Faith, We Can!"*