

March 30, 2025

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



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Congregations in our Prayers

Living Water, Kilmarnock
Zion United Methodist Church
United Methodist Church
St Mark's Lutheran Church, Springfield

Calendar at a Glance:

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Coffee Hour and Sunday School between services
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7:00pm First Things First (*Zoom*)

Tuesday 4/1

9:00am Garden Stewards
4:00pm Ecuador Meeting

Wednesday 4/2

8:30am Spirit Walkers (*Yorktown Beach*)
11:00am Book of Revelation Bible Study
1:00pm Quilters (*Room 216*)
6:00pm Soup, Bread & Holden Evening Prayer
7:00pm American Indians Activities Meeting
7:00pm Pack 595 Den Meeting

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No Scheduled Events

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April 5, 2025

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