

March 1, 2026

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



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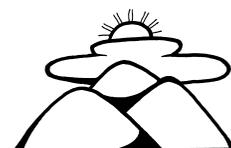
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