

June 21, 2026

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown  
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



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*Office Holiday*

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