

July 12, 2026

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



"Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry."
—2 Timothy 4:11b

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Lutheran World Federation;
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Calendar at a Glance:

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No GPS Bible Study (*reconvenes July 20*)
6:00pm Troop 306 Meeting

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9:00am Garden Stewards

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8:30am Spirit Walkers (*Yorktown Beach*)

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No Scheduled Events

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