

St. Mark's Inclement Weather Policy

Approved by the Congregation Council

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church generally follows the Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) inclement weather decisions. Please check your local TV channels for such announcements.

Sunday Services

- If the FCPS close, all services and Sunday school may be held depending on the conditions of the roads and the church parking lot.
- Please check the St. Mark's website (www.stmarks-elca.org), your email, or call the church office (703-451-4331) to receive updated information about our services.
- In the event of a church closing, please mail your weekly offerings to the church.

Monday-Saturday Services or Activities

- If the FCPS are closed, the services and activities at St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be cancelled.
- St. Mark's Montessori School will not be open.
- The St. Mark's office will be following the recommendations of the FCPS offices' schedule.
- Committees of the church can elect to meet if they:
 - have a church key,
 - seek the advice of the Minister residing in the Parsonage as to the conditions of the parking lot, **and**
 - a majority of the committee are able to get to the church safely.

Sunday-Saturday Services and Activities Guidelines:

- One-hour or two-hour late openings of the FCPS will not affect the services or activities.
- Leaders of activities using St. Mark's properties are responsible for notifying their members of the policies.
- The Property Committee will attempt to have the parking lot cleared as soon as possible after each snowfall.
- The church office will see that every means of communication available will be employed to notify members of pertinent information.
- In case of emergencies, consult your St. Mark's Membership directory for the contact information of both the Ministers and Congregation Council Members.

The safety of our members is our first concern. Be safe and follow county and state directives during inclement weather emergencies.