



May 2024 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor

This month we will celebrate two important dates on the church calendar. On May 9th, we will remember the *Ascension* of our Lord. That will also be the weekend we recognize the blessings of family as we celebrate *Mother's Day*.

We will celebrate Pentecost on May 19th. I hope that we will be able to introduce a new song, called "*I Speak Jesus*". It is a contemporary song with a very simple but appropriate message for the church's mission. We will also continue a Pentecost tradition that we started May 28, 2020, by asking every member to wear something red. I also encourage you to order some geranium plants which will be placed in the altar area.

The plants can be taken home after the Sunday service to be part of your summer garden. Geraniums can easily be kept over the winter months stored in a cool dark place. Sal and I have about 70 geraniums in our cellar, some of which are 4 years old now.





Business Old & New



HOLY COMMUNION

If you need to have Holy Communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know. Pastor will be happy to accommodate you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

“Thank you” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church. The Thrivent Choice deposit for the month of April is \$351.00.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark Quilters meet every Tuesday at 9:00 am and sew until noon. If you can tie a knot we would love to have some new people who may be interested. Come and join us.

LEFTOVER COTTON FABRIC

Do you have leftover pieces of cotton fabric at home with no projects in mind? The quilting ladies at St. Mark could sure put them to good use. They also accept cotton flat sheets with no stains that are in good shape. They come in real handy for making quilts. Please let the office or Heidi Buntrock (715-282-2127) know if you have any of these items that you would like to donate.

SPRING CLEAN UP

The church will be having their Spring clean up on Tuesday, May 14th at 3:30pm. If it rains, it will be on Wednesday, May 15th at the same time. We are asking for volunteers to help with this project. Many hands make light work. Anyone can help. There will be jobs for all abilities, so we hope to see you there. Pizza and beverages will be provided to all that help out.



FOOD PANTRY

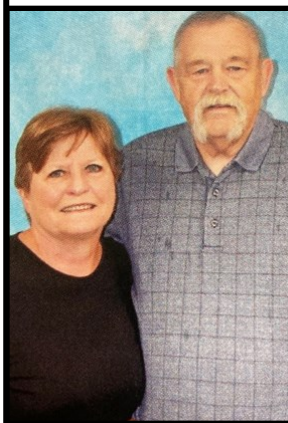
Our next date to work the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry in Monday, July 29th. We will need 10-12 people to volunteer for helping with the distribution of food items. The hours needed are 2:45pm until 6:00pm. Many hands make light work. Please consider donation some of your time to help at the food pantry.

LWML

We're going to do something different for our May Guild meeting that we haven't done in quite some time. We will be watching a movie about the prophet Jeremiah, starring Patrick Dempsey. It should be pretty interesting and entertaining. Our meeting date is May 14 at 10:00. I hope some of you ladies will consider joining us for the morning. The fellowship is always great. And, all you Moms out there have a very special Mother's Day!

MEMBERS OF ST. MARK

David and JoAnn have been members of St. Mark since August 14, 2021. They maintain a home in Illinois and a home in the Rhinelander area. David and JoAnn have tow children and two grandchildren. David was in the Navy for four years, two of them in Viet Nam . Thank you for your service Dave. He then worked for the Chrysler corporation for many years.



JoAnn along with being a wife, mother and homemaker worked as a teacher's aide for 30 years.

We look forward to Dave and JoAnn returning to our Northwoods sometime this month. Welcome back, we missed you!



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recipes, Recipes, Recipes

Through the years I've heard members wanting other member's recipes. Either at funeral, fellowship, Lenten dinners, breakfasts or whatever kind of gathering we have, people are always wanting recipes. I'm thrilled when they ask me for a recipe. We have a lot of AWESOME cooks and bakers in our church. With that being said, the Board of Education would like to put a St. Mark cookbook together. So start gathering up your recipes and we will have a basket in the fellowship area to drop off your recipes and we will also have recipe cards there for you to take and write them down on. I've heard lots of positive feedback on this idea and more details will follow, but we would like to get going on collecting recipes. We would like to have all recipes by July 31st. If you have any handy tips for cooking or baking we will have a special section for "tips and tricks". For our online friends we would love to have you email your recipes to the church email.

Board of Education

Car Show

This is a busy month for the Board of Evangelism. We will once again be handing our popcorn and snocones for the 2023 car show. The car show is being held on Saturday, June 10th and will take place on Brown Street this year because of the roadwork taking place around the courthouse. We would love to get some volunteers to help us with this project.. There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for any amount of time that you can volunteer. This a very fun day to volunteer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A Huge thank you to the parents of St. Mark's Sunday School students. It is because of your great example of faith and love for our Savior that has resulted in such wonderful attendance in our Sunday School classes.

Many of our members have commented on how wonderful it is to see your children excitedly heading down to learn about Jesus.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We are grateful that you are fulfilling God's command.

We will be following Pastor's lead with his Bible class by taking a summer break. The last class will be Sunday, May 19th, and we will be looking forward to starting a new year on Sunday, September 8th.

In His Service,
St. Mark's Sunday School Staff

2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

09-Apr-24

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Actual \$
Received
Budget

15756	12467	25470
13809	13809	13809

