



April 2021 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

The worldwide pandemic has interrupted so many activities including our mission work done through our synod. I have recently talked with Pastor Gaugert to get an update.

Our work at the seminary in Togo has currently stopped. Several of the missionaries from America who were with Pastor Gaugert had left, leaving him the only missionary from the United States there. Our synod felt that it was unsafe for him to continue there until the present situation changed.

While he is in the United States, he has continued his studies in a graduate program. When I talked to him, he was on his way to the Dominican Republic where he is evaluating our current seminary program. Although everything is uncertain at this time, it is possible that Pastor Gaugert will return to Africa to be involved in structuring a program in the Congo. That part of Africa would possibly become a major seminary for all seminary students in the east part of Africa.

Pastor Gaugert is committed to mission work and will continue to work in Africa wherever our synod decides that his God-given gifts and experience can help the most. I assured him that he would receive our prayers and support during these uncertain times.

His experience is another reminder to all of us that we must plant the Holy seed of the Gospel whenever God gives us the opportunity. Just as the door opens, it can close quickly. Be sure to include Pastor Gaugert in your prayers.

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.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

We are starting up again! St. Mark quilters meet on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am and sewing until noon. We would love to have some new people who may be interested come and join us.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the lower level. They will be meeting on April 7th. All ladies are welcome. Please join us. Please wear your mask as we are all still practicing being safe for each other. Questions, call Barb Scott at 715-401-1670.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

As the Board of Education, we have not held an official meeting as of yet due to Covid and the inability to have in person Sunday school. We will be communicating with all board members and Jayme Wyss soon to take a look at where we are and how we should continue. As of right now, each of the church children receive a weekly bulletin and their Sunday school lesson in the mail and a parent’s packet is mailed out also for the parents to help their children stay current in their lessons.

LWML

Ladies, you are missed and we all miss the opportunity for fellowship and Bible Study. Now that many are receiving their Covid-10 vaccines, I hope you will join me for a gathering and Bible Study on Tuesday, April 13th at 10:00am. Please continue to wear a mask, and we will continue to practice social distancing, but still enjoy being together. As always, bring your mites! If you have any question please call Barb Scott at 612-803-5694.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The ladies' prayer lunch is suspended until further notice. Stay healthy and safe this holiday season. We will announce when we are able to meet again.

FOOD PANTRY

We are currently looking for someone to be the coordinating person for this program. If you are interested please let the church office know. The next time that St Mark will be working at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry will be on June 28th. Please mark your calendars for that date. We will need 12-15 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.





MORE NEWS AND NOTES



Getting to Know Our Members

The Board of Evangelism has decided that they would like to let you know about our new members. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been unable to formally introduce our newest members as they wanted to change all that. Each new monthly newsletter will feature information retrieved by an interview with our newer members giving you the chance to know a little about them. When we are able we will formally introduce them to the congregation with an installation service and a fellowship after the service. Read on for the introduction of one of our newest members....

NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

The St. Mark Congregation would like to welcome

Carol Schumacher

Carol comes to St. Mark via our online ministry. She said she belonged years ago, but came back to St. Mark after seeing the online services and appreciating the liturgy. It felt like coming home again to her. She misses being able to attend in person.

The Early Bird was Carol and her husband Harold's business before they retired in 2000. He passed away in April 2020. Carol said they had many wonderful people they met over the years there, including Boxcar Willie, who stopped in for a meal one night after performing at Countryfest.

Carol enjoys sewing, and has provided boys' shirts, girls' prom and special event dresses, and wool mittens for everyone from kids to grandkids.

Describing herself as a shy person, Carol looks forward to coming to St. Mark. We look forward to making her feel welcome soon!

Submitted by Chris Knitt

Board of Evangelism member

A New Lending Library!

The Evangelism Board would like to give you the opportunity to fill a void you might be feeling. As we are now in Lent, and still dealing with the effects of Covid-19 isolation, there are some books on the shelves in the Fellowship Room for you to borrow. There are devotional, meditative, biography, fiction and other choices. This is on the honor system, so come and help yourself. If you have books you would like to share, please bring them in. May these be an encouragement and source of hope for you.

2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

18-Mar-21

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

Actual \$ Re-
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Budget

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