



January 2021 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



21 S. Baird Avenue, Rhinelander, WI 54501 (715-362-2470)

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From Pastor Miller

January is usually a time to evaluate how things have gone during this past year. Numbers usually help us when we look at attendance and finances.

The pandemic has so changed everything that numbers have less value because we have no comparisons to use.

How was our attendance? When we look at “live attendance” we are reminded that we don’t have any comparable figures. If we look at the households who watch via the internet, we can be thankful to God that He has expanded our reach beyond those able to attend in person. We are now reaching beyond our community into a number of different states. We have people who are shut-in able to be a part of our worship. God has blessed us in the middle of the pandemic.

How have we been able to survive financially? We have published those numbers for you on a regular basis. We are doing beyond what we could have anticipated. Our contributions have enabled us to do much more than survive. God has blessed us in the middle of the pandemic.

How have we been able to grow spiritually? While the pandemic has put stress on all of us, our God has not left us alone. He has worked through our council and boards here at St. Mark to make sure we do everything in our power to keep our ministry alive and well. Difficult decisions about worship and the everyday challenge of maintaining our facilities have been made. God has blessed us in the middle of the pandemic.

Will we glad when the pandemic is over? Of course we will! Will being able to worship in person and begin a number of other activities be a welcome change? Yes! But take a moment with me to look back at 2020 and thank God— We have been blessed in the middle of the pandemic.

ALTAR GUILD: TAMMY LEMMER & SUE KOMP

TRUSTEES:

JANUARY 3	GARY BUNTROCK
JANUARY 10	BRUCE VANZO
JANUARY 17	JOHN ROBINSON
JANUARY 24	DALE KINNEY
JANUARY 31	ED BAUER

ELDERS:

JANUARY 3	GREG LUEBKE (Communion)
JANUARY 10	MARK LAMMERT
JANUARY 17	ANDY WYSS (Communion)
JANUARY 24	SHANE DORNFELD
JANUARY 31	GREG LUEBKE

COUNTERS:

JAN. 3, 7, 10	AL PETERSON & STACIE ROBINSON
JAN. 14, 17, 21, 24	JOYCE ALSTEEN & TRISTA ALSTEEN
JAN. 28, 31, FEB. 4, 7	DALE & DEBBIE KINNEY

COMMUNION: JANUARY 3, JANUARY 17

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 2:30 PM Evangelism Meeting 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<u>11</u> 6:00 PM Elders Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 6:00 PM Council Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:00 AM Worship with Communion	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> 9:00 AM Worship Service						

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
OFFICERS AND BOARDS 2021**

PRESIDENT	Chuck Komp	BOARD OF	Nancy Funk
SECRETARY	Stacie Robinson	EDUCATION	Terri Lammert
FINANCE. SECY.	Kathy Lueck		
TREASURER	Debbie Kinney		
TREAS. ASSIST.	Terri Lammert		

ELDERS	Mark Lammert	EVANGELISM	Sue Vanzo
	John Lemmer		Angela Lorenzen
	Greg Luebke		Christine Knitt
	Andy Wyss		Barb Scott
	John Lueck		Sue Kuckkahn
	Shane Dornfeld		

TRUSTEES	Dale Kinney	STEWARDSHIP	Gene Belmas
	Baird Cook		Inge VanKampen
	Ed Bauer		
	Bruce Vanzo		
	Gary Buntrock		
	John Robinson		

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>NON-BUDGET</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>
12/3-12/6	21	\$2,168.25	\$145.25	\$100.00
		+\$5.00 Social Ministry)		
12/10-12/13	20	\$8,155.00	\$ 62.00	\$160.00
		+\$166.00 Turkey Trot)		
12/17-12/20	15	\$2,830.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 50.00



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



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

Having the health of our ladies in mind, we are suspending getting together for quilting until further notice.

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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies bible study group will meeting on Wednesday, January 6th in the church's lower level at 1:00pm.

LWML

The Women's Guild will not be meeting in the month of January We will decide about the February meeting at a later date.

FOOD PANTRY

Part of the ministry at St. Mark is to help others that are in need. We are very blessed and thankful to all the people who help distribute food at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. The many people that volunteer make the work easy and very rewarding. The next opportunity to volunteer at the food pantry is Monday, March 29, 2021. You are asked to be there at 2:45pm and will work until 6:00pm. If you are interested in doing this kind of work please contact Mickey Steil at 715-362-2282.

2020 Turkey Trot



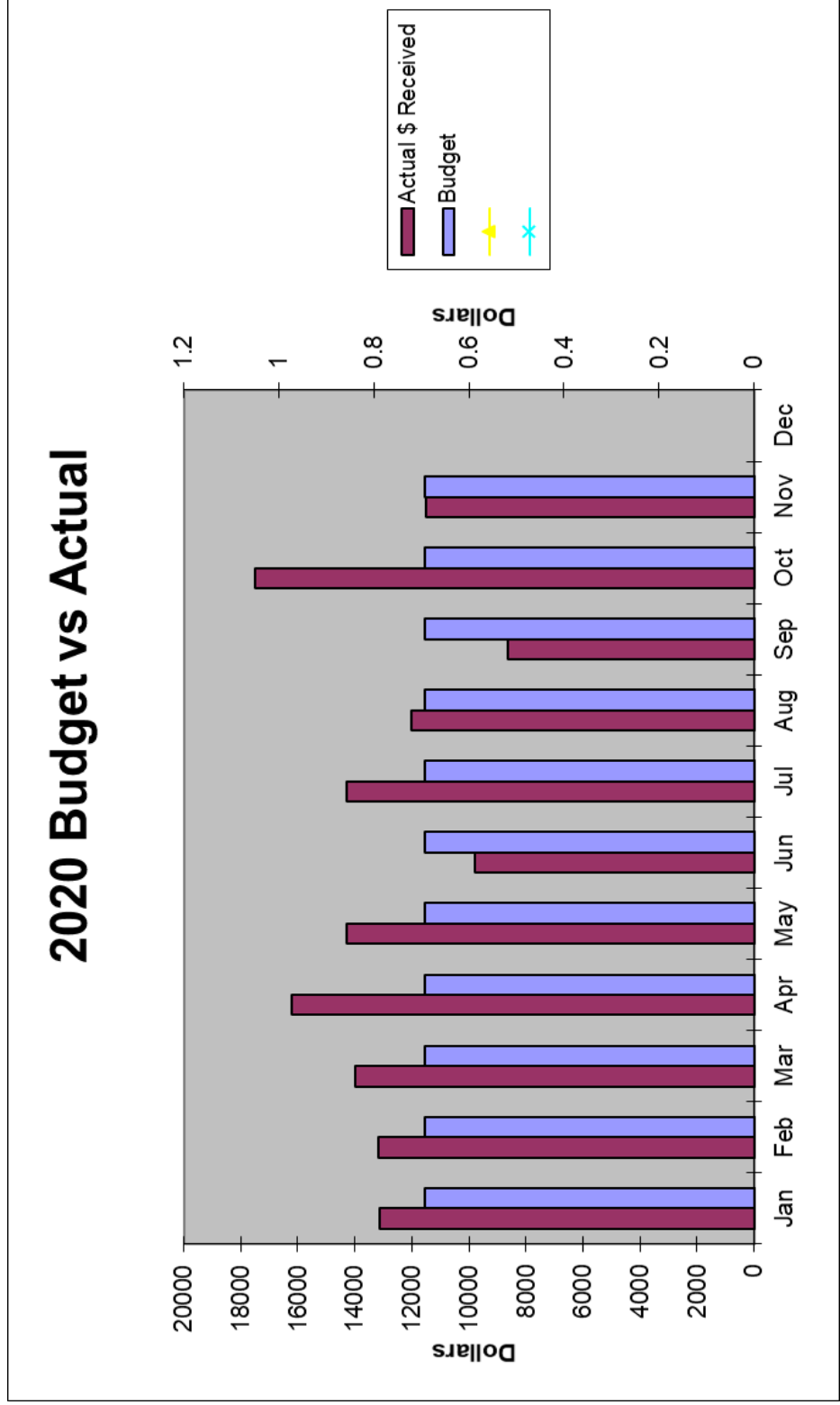
The 2020 Rhinelander Turkey Trot was held as an informal event this year due to COVID-19. We did not open registration. We did not seek sponsorships. There were no bibs, t-shirts, timing company, etc. We simply told folks they could show up in the parking lot at St. Mark Lutheran Church if they wanted to run "together" on Thanksgiving morning. We still took donations through our race website and also set out a donation box on Thanksgiving morning. We still collected nearly \$500 in donations, of which we gave 100% to the Rhinelander Food Pantry on behalf of St. Mark Lutheran Church. The fact that we were able to raise that much money when we didn't even hold the event speaks to the support the local community has for each other. We were very happy to help the Food Pantry in any capacity, especially with the added need this year in particular. Every little bit helps.

Left is Andy Wyss, Rhinelander Turkey Trot Race Director.
Right is Jane Motowski, Manager of the Rhinelander Food Pantry

2020 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

16-Dec-20

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	13112	13165	13993	16190	14275	9790	14265	12035	8655	17515	11495	
Budget	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY WORSHIP 6:00 PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

February 2021 Newsletter

deadline is:

January 15, 2021



BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ron Gerdes	1/2
Gary Buntrock	1/4
Lucas Knoeck	1/5
Allen Gerdes	1/10
Sue Haug	1/11
Sally Miller	1/12
Jack Chmiel	1/19
Finley Gerdes	1/21
Sue Kuckkahn	1/22
Cathy Kuczmariski	1/25
Braxton Bolkema	1/26
Virginia Stefanez	1/30

JANUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Inge VanKampen	1/14
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