



November 2021 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor



Welcome

Jean & Charlie Cook are new to our church. They still have their home in Madison but spend as much time as they can in Harshaw. Jean and Charlie love spending time on the lake with friends and family. They have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. When not in Madison or Harshaw, they love to travel. They especially like going on cruises. They first came to a Christmas Service and were very impressed with how Pastor Miller presented himself. They liked that it was a smaller church and felt very comfortable here. Jean is now on the Altar Guild and Charlie helps with ushering. We are glad to have them as part of our church family.

Meet Dave, Sarah and Asher Melvin. The Melvin family moved to the Rhinelander Area from South/Central Illinois over 2 years ago when Dave started working as the service manager for the Ritchie Propane Company in Minocqua. Sarah works at the High School in; the kitchen and helping to get the students fed. Asher is in 5th grade at Crescent Elementary. He is a big-time Packer fan, and likes to play football. He likes playing defense on his team. He also enjoys video games, TV, and eating and sleeping. Sarah likes to garden and Dave enjoys music. He enjoys doing some DJ work in his off-time hours, especially doing karaoke in some local taverns. Dave and Sarah have 3 other adult children, 2 sons and a daughter.





Business Old & New



“Quilts for Lutheran World Relief”

The ladies of the St. Mark quilting group made and shipped out 27 quilts this last year. They kept as busy as they could this last year with the pandemic going on. We have added a few more ladies to our group and that is an added blessing. Now you may ask:

Where do these quilts go?

To 24 countries as you can see on the poster in the fellowship hall.

581,456 people are beneficiaries of these quilts.

Last year alone 333,405 were shipped to 24 countries.

The cost of shipping per quilt is \$2.25 each. Because of the generosity of St. Mark congregation, we were able to send \$100.00 to defray some of the cost. The quilts we sew are “God’s love wrapped around a refugee’s shoulders.” Lutheran World Relief quilts brings us closer to our global neighbors and it serves as a reminder to “families in crisis” that they are not alone.

Thank you St. Mark for enabling us ladies to continue this worthwhile project.

God Bless You, Elly Rogers

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

St. Mark quilters are busy again this year. They meet in the church basement on the first and third Tuesdays at 9:00am. As always all ladies are invited to join them in the making of quilts and the fellowship that goes along with the pleasure of doing good for others less fortunate.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 1:00PM until 2:00PM in the basement. The date for the November Bible study is November 3rd. All women of the congregation are welcome to join them. Please remember to wear your mask so that we can all stay healthy.

LWML

There will be a chance for you ladies to join together for fellowship and Bible study on Tuesday, November 9th at 10:00am. I hope you will consider joining us. It’s good to gather together and give thanks. Bring your mites and help support all the wonderful mission projects that the LWML is supporting here in Wisconsin and around the globe. Questions? Please give me a call! Barb Scott 715-401-1670.

FOOD PANTRY

It is our turn to work at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry this month on Monday, August 30th, 2021. Workers are asked to be there at 2:45PM. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please call Anne Anderson at 715-362-5810.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

There will be a service for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 24th, at 6:00pm. This is in addition to our scheduled Sunday service for that week. Please call the church office if you would like to attend. The church office phone is 715-362-2470 from 9:00am until 1:00pm.



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



A Heartwarming Thanksgiving Story

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it." Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective? Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that you are the reason behind it!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

TURKEY TROT

As we enter into November, I hope everyone is looking forward to the return of the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day morning! We are still deciding on the recipient(s) of this year's funds we will bring in, but know that 100% of funds raised will go to a local non-profit. Please help us to make race day a success by becoming involved! Trotting begins at 8am, and we will need 5 people on-course helping direct runners/walkers at some of the turns/intersections. In addition, we will need 8 people for check-in/registration starting at 6:30am. Everything will be set-up prior to that, but you will be trained in quickly before people start arriving (6:45-7:45). After the race starts, we will change the set up of the fellowship hall for post-race activity.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall to volunteer for race day morning!

Thank you!

Jayne Wyss

2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

14-Oct-21

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	17427	8467	15922	11541	13330	9003	14790	12666	8924			
Budget	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545			

