



# October 2021 Newsletter

## St. Mark Lutheran Church



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### Reformation Sunday

Reformation Day, annually occurring on October 31, honors Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the Castle Church doors in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This holiday is largely exclusive to Protestants as a commemoration of the origin of the Protestant Reformation. Luther's 95 theses sparked the Reformation, as they were quickly translated and spread across Germany within weeks.

On Reformation Day we pause to give thanks to God for Martin Luther and for the recovery of the gospel truth that we are declared righteous in the eyes of God solely on the basis of what Jesus Christ accomplished for us in his bloody death and victorious resurrection.

On October 31, 1517, an obscure monk named Martin Luther, desiring to spark theological discussion over the medieval practice of selling indulgences, nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. That happened 503 years ago today. The spark he set off ignited a flame that spread across Europe and became known as the Protestant Reformation. By challenging the church's authority and its doctrine, Luther reclaimed for Christianity the central doctrine of salvation-justification by faith alone.

Martin Luther composed the hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God." It is a bold affirmation of our powerful and loving God:

*"A mighty fortress is our God. A bulwark never failing.  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe.  
His craft and power are great, And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not His equal."*



# *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**

The St. Mark Quilters have been busy working on their quilts. They have a wonderful group of ladies participating in the piecing and sewing of these quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They meet at 9:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the church’s lower level and anyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and fellowship of this group.

## **BOARD OF EVANGELISM**

Members of the Board of Evangelism are once again handing out water and Gatorade to the runners of the Three Eagle Half Marathon in October.

## **LADIES PRAYER LUNCH**

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant. It will be on October 5th, 2021 Any of the ladies at St. Mark are welcome to join us.

## **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

For the October Congregational Assembly meeting on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, right after the service. There will be a lot of important information shared including the operational budget for the 2022 year.

## **LWML**

The Mission Statement of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (an official auxiliary of the LC-US) is: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Does that sound like you? October is the traditional month to celebrate this organization that’s been blessed by God, doing His work for over 77 years. On October 14, 2021, there will be a Fall Rally for our area at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Eagle River. The cost for this day of fellowship, lunch and learning is \$8 and registration begins at 8:30am. The Gifts of the Heart are cash donations to Chick a Dee farms. We can carpool up. I hope you will join us for a day gathering. Please call me, Barb Scott, 612-803-5694 with questions or to say you will join us before October 4.

## **2022 Budget News**

A copy of the church council’s 2022 proposed budget will be on a table in the fellowship hall 2 weeks prior to the Congregational Assembly. Please take a copy and bring your questions and suggestions to the assembly meeting schedule for October 24th right after the 9:00am service.

## **Review Past Minutes**

Please read over the minutes from the July 25, 2021, Congregational Assembly that are included in this newsletter and bring any of your questions or concerns to the next Congregational Assembly that is scheduled for October 24, 2021, promptly after the Sunday morning service.



# MORE NEWS AND NOTES



## Turkey Trot 2021

Kick off your Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 25) with the annual 5K Turkey Trot in downtown Rhineland. The run/walk starts and ends at the parking lot of St. Mark Lutheran Church (next to the historic Oneida County Courthouse building).

This event will be chip timed. Registration prior to November 1st is only \$20. On or after November 1st, it will be \$25, with \$30 same-day registration. Youth 12 and under are \$10 less than the current adult prices, and will be adjusted accordingly at check-out, as our way of supporting families who want to run together. Packet pick-up and same-day registration will likewise occur at St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Winners of each age group will receive a Thanksgiving pie as their award. Age groups will be in 10-year increments.

Funds raised from this event will pass through St. Mark Lutheran Church, and then be disbursed to area individuals or organizations in need. Each year the recipient may change, but it will always stay local to help make our community in and around Rhineland the best it can be.

### **Schedule:**

8AM - Race Start

6:45AM-7:45AM - Same-Day Registration and Packet Pick-up Thursday morning

9AM - Awards

Volunteers needed.

**How you can be involved:** We will need race day volunteers to help with registration and pick-up, oversee the post-race food, and a couple of on-course volunteers to help direct participants. We could also use help in getting out posters and connecting with area businesses regarding potential race sponsorship. If you are interested in helping, or have questions, feel free to contact us!

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# 2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

23-Sep-21

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

