



September 2021 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

One of the challenges for our church body is the shortage of pastors in the future. It takes eight years of schooling beyond high school to become an ordained pastor in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Many of our students are now married and face tremendous financial challenges.

Our Board of Elders and church council have studied what we as a congregation could do and a recommendation was received at our last congregational assembly. It made me proud to be part of a congregation who has decided to adopt a seminary student for his four years at the seminary. We will work through the St. Louis Seminary providing \$5,000 per year toward his tuition expenses. This contribution will be part of our mission budget which also supports Pastor Jacob Gaugert as a missionary in Africa, as well as our continuing support of district and local missions. What a joy to say that we are a congregation that knows mission work is one of the essential reasons that God has called us together.

Our St. Louis Seminary will soon provide us with the name of the seminarian who needs our help. I am anxious to put a name and a face on this expanded mission outreach here at St. Mark. We will certainly share that good news as soon as we receive it.



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.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark quilters will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00am and sewing until noon so that they can attend the Ladies Prayer Lunch. We would love to have some new people who may be interested come and join us.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant across from AmericanInn. It will be on September 7th, 2021 for lunch and fellowship. All women of the congregation are invited to join the ladies in prayer and fellowship.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Bible Study meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome to join us. If you have any questions you may call Barb Scott at 715-401-1670.

Nominating Committee

The St. Mark nominating committee will be hard at work trying to fill some positions on the church council. If you are interested in getting more connected with your church, please reach out to Chuck Komp, Dale Kinney or Pastor Miller. They would love to hear from you.

FELLOWSHIP

Now that we are having fellowship after each service we find that we need members to look at the calendar and decide when they might take a turn at hosting. Please check the open dates to see if any of them would be a great day for you to host this wonderful fellowship. You may host it alone, with a partner or as a board, whatever works the best.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A BIG THANK YOU to all who brought school supplies You probably noticed that the table was overflowing with them. You've blessed many children and families with your gifts. So thank you to the many that participated in our annual "School Supply" program.

We're Going Back To School



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

"Thank you" to all members continuing to participate in the "Choice Dollars" donation to St. Mark Church.

FOOD PANTRY

The next time that St. Mark will work at the Food Pantry work at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry is November 29th, 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

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all that set the example by signing the attendance book at every service that they attend. Those records help our Elders out a great deal and also lets Pastor Miller know of visitors that visit us. Any information that you can share such as address, telephone number, etc. also helps the office to keep our records up to date.

MORE NEWS AND NOTES

Love Those Quilter Ladies

The quilter ladies have been busy not only making quilts but having a rummage sale. The ladies were gifted with a massive amount of items from Jim and Joanne Abens when Joanne sold her home and moved to Tennessee. There was a lot of sewing items but also a lot of other items that mad them think to hold a rummage sale here at St. Mark. As luck would have it they planned it for August 21st which also just happened to be the city-wide rummage sale weekend. It was very well attended and a lot of things were sold. They couldn't help having a little fun as they worked as you can see by some of the pictures. The weather was great and it was a good day.



The Trustees Have Also Been Busy

Here you can see Ed Bauer and Gary Buntrock prepping the rear wall of the building for painting. Those Trustees are always busy doing something for the church. What a great bunch of guys!!



MORE NEWS AND NOTES

What Was That Mess All About in the Basement???

With money left over from the insurance claim from the water damage, the Trustees decided to put some new flooring in the lower level offices, hallway and up in the old entrance. First everything had to be emptied out, thus the MESS. The floor was put in by Carpet City and it looks amazing! Lots of work but very worth it.



Audio/Visual Changes

Work on the Audio/Visual system has also had some updating. The wires are not running across the floors and the cameras can be controlled by the livestreamer all from one location in the church. The cameras are all installed and Jim Hext has been testing the system out over the last two services. Please let a Trustee know what you think of the services being livestreamed.



2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

11-Aug-21

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

Actual \$ Re-
ceived
Budget

Month	Actual \$ Received	Budget
Jan	17427	11545
Feb	8467	11545
Mar	15922	11545
Apr	11541	11545
May	13330	11545
Jun	9003	11545
Jul	14790	11545

