



# *April 2022 Newsletter*

## *St. Mark Lutheran Church*

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## *From the Pastor*

The past several years have been a challenge for all of us. As we slowly return to what will be the new normal, my hope is that all of us will return to physically being present in worship. While the live-streamed services have served us well and are a blessing to many, nothing can replace the joy of being part of the congregation as it joins together for Word and Sacrament.

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I am hopeful that all of us will make every effort to worship at our Easter service. If you have friends and relatives at your home, please witness to them by inviting them to worship with us.

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We have seen an unusually high number of funerals this last year and a half. We had eight funerals last year and have had 4 funerals at St. Mark so far this year. One of the very important parts of any funeral is the more informal fellowship that follows. Our volunteers are a blessing to the family by making the meals possible. They are truly a blessing to our congregation!

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This Maundy Thursday two of our students will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Brighton Walkowski and Asher Melvin are being instructed by me regarding the honor and responsibility of receiving Holy Communion. Their actual Confirmation will occur in the future.



# 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. Thrivent dollars donated to St. Mark for the month of March: \$143.00.

## ST. MARK QUILTERS

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 on Peter continues on Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00. Some ladies from Our Savior-Bundy have been joining us here to study together. We will be learning more about Peter's time with Jesus, including the healing of his mother-in-law, and walking on water. I read a book once that said "If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat." Get out of your comfort zone, and do something special. If you have any questions, please let me know. Call Barb Scott 612-803-5694.

## BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism will once again be taking part in the *Art in the Park* that will take place on June 11, 2022 from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

It is a very enjoyable event and we will be looking for some volunteers to help us with this event. If you can put in one or two hours to help us out it would truly be appreciated. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We look forward to your participation at this event.

## LWML

Our next Ladies Guild meeting will be April 12 at 10:00. We will continue the Bible study that we began in February, "God's Quilt of Comfort: Wrapping up in the Psalms". We will be studying Psalm 78 and remembering God's comforts He gives to us. All ladies are welcome to come and join us for fellowship, and study. Please bring your mites to continue supporting the many worthwhile projects happening all over the world. FYI, one of the grants to be paid is to support missionaries that we have in the Czech Republic. God only knows how many refugees from Ukraine might be learning of the love of God with those serving there. They need our support and prayers.

## LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The ladies' lunch is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 12:00pm. We meet at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant (the old Wolff's Log Cabin Restaurant). Everyone is welcome.

## FOOD PANTRY

Since the next month with a fifth Monday is in May and that would be on Memorial Day which is not a day that they are open, we will not be working again until August 29th. 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



## Where Do My Donations Go?

Every year you find extra envelopes for donating to different entities. A few of these are known as: Bethesda, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Lutheran Bible Translators. These donations are mailed throughout the year or at the end of the year depending on dollar amounts that we are holding to the places on that envelope. We also receive special donations from members of the congregation during the year. We have recently mailed out several checks and thought that you would like to know where these have gone.

Bethesda:	\$ 75.00
Lutheran Hour Ministries:	\$ 25.00
Rhineland Area Food Pantry:	\$500.00
Lutheran Bible Translators:	\$ 5.00
Social Ministry:	\$ 60.00
Domestic Violence Center:	\$500.00

Thank you for all of you donations.

## An Easter Story

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the Holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew, which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful. But because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell." They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy Man said, "I don't understand." "It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves." "Remember this, when Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you."

HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE!

# 2022 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

17-Mar-22

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

Actual \$  
Received  
Budget

15534 9517  
12596 12596

