



# August 2022 Newsletter

## St. Mark Lutheran Church

Hello,  
August



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## From the Pastor

During these summer months I have been trying to catch up on some reading. While I have also been reading some fiction, the following quotes are from some of my religious studies. The following is from the theological journal of our St. Louis Seminary: “There are more Lutheran members in Ethiopia than in all the Lutheran churches in America combined.” Those numbers call for us to ask why African Lutheranism is growing while Lutheranism here in the United States struggles.

One of the books that is actually a small pamphlet is Prayers for the Sickroom by William Lauterbach that has long been out of print. I remember getting a call from a nun at our local hospital in Mt. Clemens, MI, saying that she had found it in a room where one of our members had been. She asked if she could possibly keep it because she found it very helpful. This is a section of one of the prayers. “Dear Lord, You have instructed us to run with patience the race that is set before us, and You know how difficult I find it to be patient in my suffering. Therefore, give me grace always to trust You wholly, for You know better than I what is good and wholesome for me and when the proper time has come to deliver me from my troubles.” The nun who called me was right. I have tried to have our Concordia Publishing House reprint the booklet. I’ll keep trying.

I still find the best religious reading is Scripture itself. I have an extra Bible that I bought at Goodwill (they are very inexpensive there and hardly used!). I can mark up the Bible as I read. This is one of these passages that I underlined. It speaks of our calling today. “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one... As you sent me into the world, I have sent them.” Jesus’ words are as true today as when He first spoke them.

Here is a final quote taken from a collection of his works donated to our congregation by Gene and Peg Funk in memory of Darrin Funk. Luther writes this about the estate of marriage. “God divided mankind into two classes, namely, male and female, or a he and a she. This was so pleasing to him that he himself called it a good creation. Therefore, each one of us must have the kind of body God has created for us. I cannot make myself a woman, nor can you make yourself a man; we do not have that power. But we are exactly as he created us: I a man and you a woman. Moreover, he wills to have his excellent handiwork honored as his divine creation, and not despised.”



# 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.

## 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. **We still have a few dates open.** 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.

## LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The Ladies Prayer Lunch is attended on the first Tuesday of each month. Our August Ladies Prayer Luncheon is on Tuesday, August 2nd at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant at 12:00PM. All ladies are welcome to join us. If you have any questions please call the church office at 715-362-2470.

## FOOD PANTRY

It is our turn to work at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry this month on Monday, August 29th, 2022. 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.



## 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.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

“Thank you” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by St. Mark Lutheran Church.

## LWML

The LWML ladies of the St. Mark and Our Savior congregations are working together making plans for the fall rally being held at St. Mark this fall.

## ST. MARK QUILTERS

The ladies are being so productive and having so much fun doing it. If you enjoy sewing, you are welcome to come and join in on these worthy projects. The joy these quilts bring to people all over the world and how grateful they are to receive them will bring comfort to your own heart knowing that this work is for the good of people less fortunate than you or I. They meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9am in the church basement.





# MORE NEWS AND NOTES



## School Supplies

It's that time of the year. St. Mark is asking for members to donate school supplies to help the children in our community to get off to a good start regardless of economic situations they may have. Please consider donating anything from the list below. There will be a table set up in the fellowship hall for you to leave your items. We will be collecting school supply items until Sunday, August 21st. Thank you for your donation.

**Single subject folders**

**Wide lined notebooks**

**Wide lined paper**

**Crayons**

**Colored pencils**

**Markers**

**Elmer's glue**

**Rulers**

**Scissors**

**Erasers**

**Kleenex**

**Pencil boxes or cases**

**#2 pencils**

## Church Bulletin Board Amusing Reads

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon for tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm—prayer and medication to follow.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

The ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10:00. All ladies are invited to lunch in the fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale, It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in the school days.

Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.

(and that one was for the friends who forgive **my** typos.—Terri Lammert)

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

# 2022 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

13-Jul-22

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

Actual \$  
Received  
Budget

Month	Actual \$ Received	Budget
Jan	15534	12596
Feb	9517	12596
Mar	13797	12596
Apr	19445	12596
May	11739	12596
Jun	10823	12596
Jul		
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Sep		
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