



February 2022 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From Pastor Miller

While I have included the normal list of statistics at St. Mark for 2021, let me remind you that numbers never completely reflect any situation, and the numbers below paint a very incomplete picture of the past year.

God blessed us beyond measure during the two years of Covid, a pandemic with no parallels in our generation. The church was literally closed for a week or two in 2020 before we began live-streaming services with no in-person attendance and no music. That phase lasted for about 4 months.

Hospitals and nursing homes closed their doors to everyone but patients and staff. When St. Mark opened to *masked in-person worship, seated every other pew, with no singing and no fellowship*, some members returned. Members who were vulnerable stayed in their homes.

Even after we returned to *almost normal* after a vote to stop wearing masks, our in-person attendance was less than 2019. In fact, in-person worship has actually decreased by almost a third. But **many** households joined us on the internet to worship via our live-streamed services. Faithfulness on the part of our membership also enabled our finances to stay strong throughout the year.

My hope for 2022 is that we can return to complete normalcy, but we can't know for sure. What we can know is that the God who blessed us throughout 2020 and 2021 will continue His grace this year. *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



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 quilters meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 am in the lower level. All ladies are welcome to join us.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The ladies' prayer lunch will be held on February 1st at the Friendship House at 12:00pm. Our usual restaurant is closed from January 3rd thru February 3rd for cleaning. We look forward to seeing you.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A new ladies Bible study will begin on Wednesday, February 2 at 1:00. This LWML prepared study is Peter... from Fisherman to Fisher of Men. We will start by watching a DVD about part of Peter's life, then discussion for us to learn. The study covers Peter's calling and walking with Jesus, and follows his accomplishments in Acts, 1 Peter and 2 Peter. We know Peter had his struggles, like we do. Come and join me so we can learn his strengths and help us in our walk with God. The study guide is available for \$12.99 which gives great insights and room for your notes. I hope you will join me. For questions, please call me, Barb Scott at 612-803-5694.

LWML

Please come and join us for our Ladies Guild gathering on February 8 at 10:00 for fellowship and time to remember God's Valentine and Love for us. One of the mission grants we are supporting during this biennium with our mites is Sharing God's Love in India. It will be preparing Scriptures in Braille and large print for the many visually impaired people of India. Remember your mites to help this and the other grants which God has prepared for us to support. I hope to see you there!

What is This Season of Epiphany?

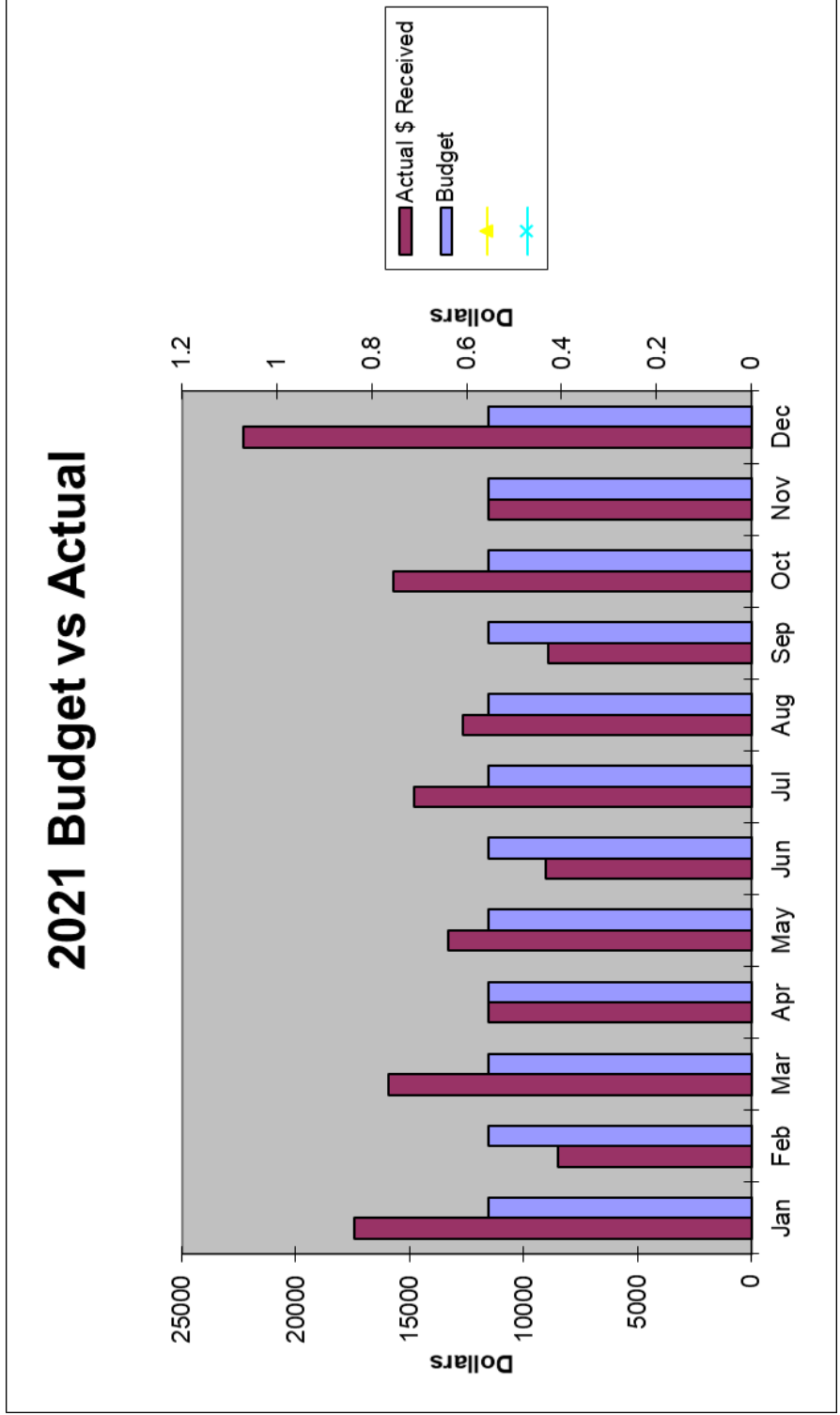
In the season of the church year called Epiphany, we learn of the glory of God as it was revealed in Jesus. In His miracles, the almighty power of God was revealed in Him. By these acts of power it could be seen that Jesus was the Son of the living God. The first of these took place at the wedding in Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. With this work Jesus “*manifested His glory*” by doing something that only God could have done. His disciples saw it and believed in Him.

But Jesus did not perform this work of power merely to impress. It was the “*beginning of signs,*” the first of many miracles that identified Jesus as the Christ, the promised Savior. It was not just in divine power that the glory of Christ was manifested at the wedding in Cana; it was in divine love. The miracle of transforming water into wine showed that here was God’s Son, who had come to suffer and die to rescue us all from our sins, from death and eternal damnation.

2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

18-Jan-22

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	17427	8467	15922	11541	13330	9003	14790	12666	8924	15710	11521	22324
Budget	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545	11545



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY WORSHIP 6:00 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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deadline is:

February 15, 2022



We livestream all our services
and
provide other happenings and schedules
at St. Mark Lutheran church on our website at:
www.stmarkrhinelander.org

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

John Lueck	2/1
Adeline Rezny	2/2
Kayla Fish	2/4
Britney Bolkema	2/5
Carrie Jane D-Vozka	2/6
Desirae Knitt	2/9
Rose Cook	2/21
Natalie Sprink	2/24
Baya Wyss	2/26
Janice Scheeler	2/29

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Jean Cook	2/14
Tom & Kim Davis	2/19
Bruce & Susan Vanzo	2/25