



May 2022 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor

As I write this we have just finished the Lenten-Easter season. Our various boards did a great job with the Thursday meals before the services. Between those meals and the great help that we have gotten at the funeral meals, we have served hundreds of people these past several months. That to all who have helped!



This next month we will celebrate Pentecost on June 5th. Again this year we will be ordering large amounts of geraniums. The order forms will be in the bulletins soon. It would be great to have everyone also wear something red to really set Pentecost as a special time to celebrate God's grace to His church.



June is also the time Art in the Park will be held (June 11). We will again need a number of volunteers to help. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship area. More volunteers will mean that no one needs to spend the whole day there. If you would like to share the clown suit, just let me know.



Summer is the time when we will again see a number of visitors attending our worship services. Be sure to personally greet them and introduce yourselves. A number of visitors have told me how friendly our congregation is. Let's keep it going.



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. The Thrivent Choice deposit for the month of April is \$657.00.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm in the lower level. They will be meeting on May 5th. All ladies are welcome. Please join us. Please wear your mask as we are all still practicing being safe for each other. Questions, call Barb Scott at 715-401-1670.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark Quilters meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 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.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism is going to start collecting items for Frederick Place which is our homeless shelter in Rhinelander. They will have a box for you to leave your donations in the fellowship hall. Items listed as needs for the shelter are: tweezers, Men’s boxer (all sizes), bathroom cleaner, bras (all sizes), dry erase markers, coffee, coffee creamer, olive oil, butter, and cooking spray. Thank you for your donation.

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.

LWML

Since we are all anxious for Spring, with new activities and warming weather, our Ladies Guild is going on a day outing. We will carpool to Merrill and have lunch at the Johnson's of Merrill Gift Shop and Cafe. We will go on Monday, May 16 and not have our usual meeting and Bible study. We plan to meet at the Henkle's Town Pump on Hwy 8 and Crescent Road at 10:30 and ride together. Think of a Mother/Daughter day out. All ladies are welcome to join us, but to help with reservations and driving, if interested please call Barb Scott at 612-803-5694 before May 9. It should be a fun day of fellowship.

SPRING CLEANUP

You will be hearing about Spring Cleanup soon. If you can spare some time to help out with the spring cleaning of the church, please sign up when you see the sheet with the dates and time go up in the fellowship hall. Many hands make for light work.





MORE NEWS AND NOTES



The Trustees would like to extend a thank you to all the groups that provided meals for Lenten Services. Also a very special thank you to the women that have provided lunches for the numerous funerals that required many hours of service and hared work. You are all a very dedicated group of

Food For Thought

Greatest man in history named Jesus, Had no servants, yet they called Him Master. Had no degree, yet they call Him Teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. He had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

Jesus is your friend. A friend accepts you as you are. A friend likes to spend time with you. Being a friend of God implies faith in God and intimacy with God that is available even today to you and me through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. To become a friend of Jesus starts with a love for God through Christ Jesus. Only love can produce love in return. God bless and do tell the Lord thank you for He has promoted us from the status of "slaves" to "friends" by faith through His Son Christ Jesus. He calls you His friend.

Did you know that Thursday, May 5th, is our National Day of Prayer? Our country and this world is in bad need of God's grace, mercy and deliverance. Set aside some time this day with your Bible and/or hymnal to raise your petitions to our

Praise God

All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way. But the Lord made the punishment fall on Him, the punishment all of us deserved. Isaiah 53:6

The Gospel in 20 Words:

All sin leads to death, but we are promised eternal life by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus Whispers...

Beloved, I am with you. I look forward to the times you talk to me. I want you to share your heart and concerns with me daily. I want to help you work things out in your life for the positive. Listen to my still, small voice during your prayer time and throughout your day. I will be sharing my wisdom with you and will guide your steps.



Please remember tomorrow, and all the days after that, that the Lord blesses those who want to improve, who accept the need for commandments and try to keep them, who cherish Christlike virtues and strive to the best of their ability to acquire them. If you stumble in that pursuit, so does everyone; the Savior is there to help you keep going.

2021 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

13-Apr-21

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

| Actual \$ Received | 8467 | 15922 |
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| Budget | 11545 | 11545 |

