



February 2023 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From Pastor Miller

Who says our lakes can only be used in the summer? The pictures were taken on Alva Lake in January. That's our youngest son Paul and our grandson AJ. While I wasn't there, I understand the inclination to do anything that gets us outdoors. God has allowed us to live in an area that few places can equal. Even if we don't jump in the lake in the middle of winter, we want to continually appreciate God's creation and not hibernate.

I don't know if it's a stretch to suggest that our life follows the same pattern. I don't know what the future will be, but my guess is it will be something between jumping into a frozen lake and hibernation.





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' luncheon will meet at the Rhinelander Family restaurant on February 7th at 12:00pm. All ladies are welcome to join us.



LWML

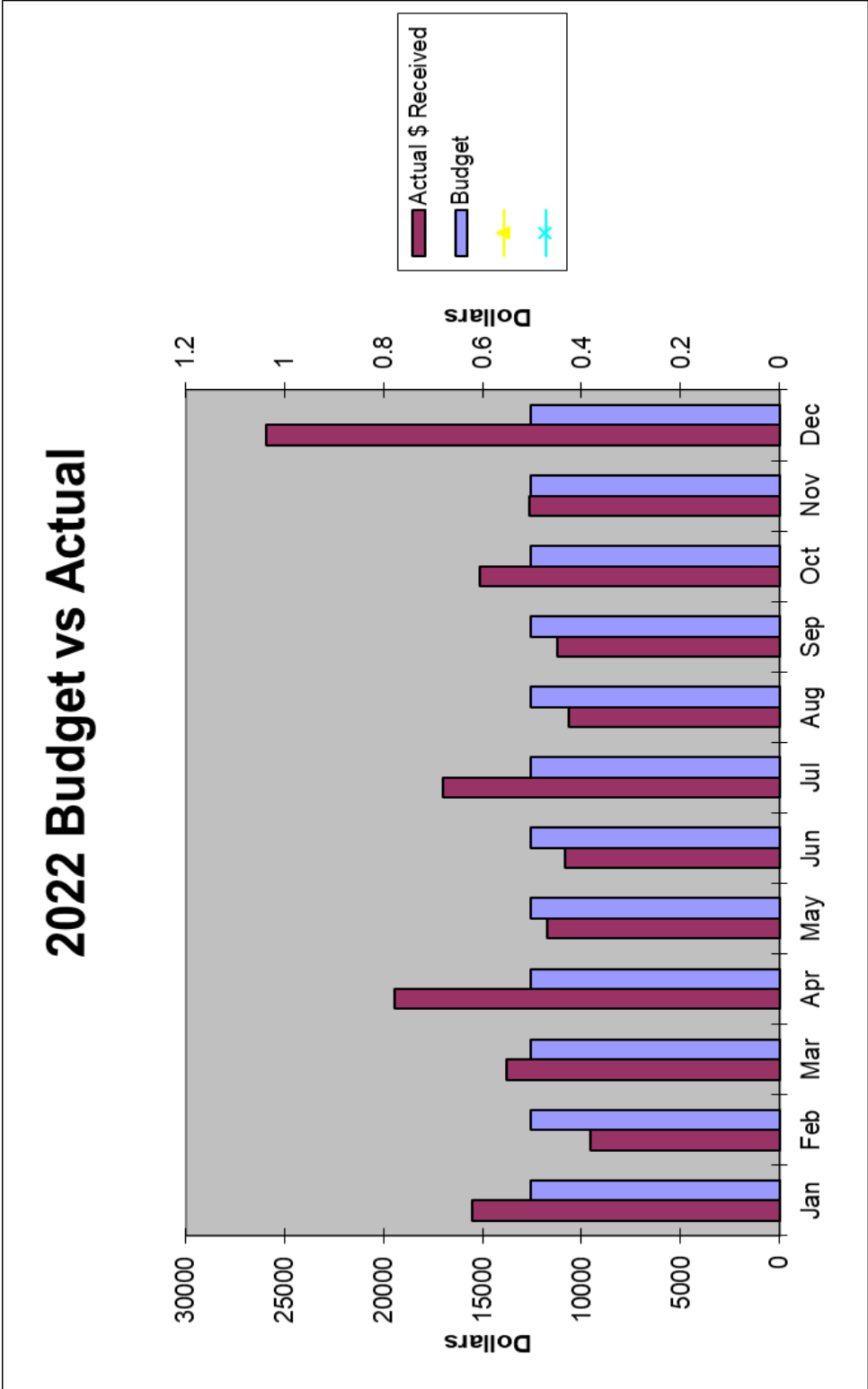
Ladies, we will be meeting for our February LWML meeting on Valentine's Day, February 14 at 10:00am. Let's learn how much God loves us with a Bible study and enjoy a time of fellowship with each other. All ladies are welcome to join us! I hope to see you there! If you have any questions you may reach Barb Scott at 612-803-5694.

The LCMS Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program

The LCMS Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program was introduced to members of St Mark at an information session Jan 8. The SMP program was developed by the LCMS and Concordia Seminary to help the Synod meet the need for pastors by providing an alternative to the traditional path of study on campus at St Louis. The program exists "to form pastoral leaders in existing or planned ministry and/or mission contexts where their presence is critical to the specific ministry in which they are serving." Participants are nominated by and supported by the congregation and the LCMS District in which they will be serving. Participants complete 4 years of study, with on-line courses and short on-campus intensive courses. They are guided through the entire program by a pastor mentor/supervisor. During the first two years the participants serve as Vicars at the sponsoring congregation. During the third year of the program participants may be declared qualified for a first call and ordination. The supporting congregation calls the Specific Ministry Pastor to serve while completing the remainder of the program.

The Board of Elders has been studying the SMP program as an alternative for St Mark and, along with the Church Council, will continue to provide regular updates. If you have questions about the program please feel free to contact Pastor Miller, Chuck Komp, Greg Luebke or the church office. The program is fully described on the Concordia Seminary website at <https://www.csl.edu/academics/programs/specific-ministry-pastor-smp/>.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	15534	9517	13797	19445	11739	10823	16985	10653	11198	15146	12602	25929
Budget	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596



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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, 2023

View our service online at
stmarkrhineland.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
Carol Tabaka	2/26
Janice Scheeler	2/29

FEBRUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

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