



January 2023 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From Pastor Miller

This past month I had the opportunity to be at the Northwoods National Cemetery at the wreath laying ceremony in Harshaw. I was privileged to lay several of the wreaths on the graves of veterans who have served our country. Our congregation also provided some of the food that was served at the luncheon at Rondele Ranch. It is my hope that our congregation will continue to be involved in this project. As one of the speakers said, “We are here to remember not their deaths, but their lives. Each wreath is a gift of appreciation from a grateful nation.”



Our synod President, Matthew Harrison, reflected on our church’s strained relationship with secular government here in the United States. Here is a quote from his recent article.

“ For the church, the chief issue at stake is not the troubling rapid drift of America away from Christianity or morality. The chief issue involves government and society on all levels defining what is moral or not for the church, and particularly for churchly institutions that interface with government. The Respect for Marriage Act will invite challenges to the nonprofit status of our faithful agencies of mercy and provide impetus for continued challenges to our schools and universities. This may even affect our congregations, since all of them have nonprofit status.”

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MORE NEWS AND NOTES



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We continue to support our church's efforts to train a smaller and smaller number of students preparing for pastoral ministry. St. Mark has contributed \$5,000 a year toward Brandon Johnson who will be completing his training this year. Below is a quote from his recent letter to us. At the present time there are 537 congregations seeking a pastor.

“Dear Saint Mark Lutheran Church,

I bring you greeting from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, and the Red River Valley. The snow has started to fly, and the wind is blowing. We all have begun to prepare our hearts for this Advent season. We remember the birth of Jesus, the Word became flesh, and also the return of Christ in His glory! Both Hannah and I hope you have a blessed Advent and Christmas season filled with family and friends.”

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

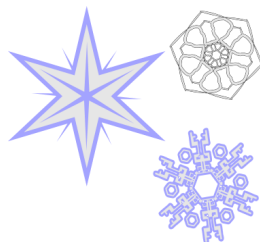
“Thank you” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church.

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 January 3rd at the **Friendship House at 12:00pm**. Our usual restaurant is closed from January 1st thru January 3rd for cleaning. We look forward to seeing you.



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies bible study group will meeting on Wednesday, January 5th in the church's lower level at 1:00pm.

LWML

There will be no LWML meeting/Ladies Guild in January. We look forward to getting together on February 14th, 2023, for fellowship and Bible study. Keep warm and safe.

FOOD PANTRY

Part of the ministry at St. Mark is to help others that are in need. We are very blessed and thankful to all the people who help distribute food at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. The many people that volunteer make the work easy and very rewarding. The next opportunity to volunteer at the food pantry is Monday, **January 30, 2023**. You are asked to be there at 2:45pm and will work until 6:00pm. If you are interested in doing this kind of work please contact Anne Anderson at 715-362-5810.

2022 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

21-Dec-22

	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	
Budget	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596	12596

