



July 2023 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

When I was a young boy, I remember getting a small transistor radio for my birthday. I could carry music with me! I could only get a few stations and the reception was sometimes poor, but it seemed like a miracle to me.

How things have changed. I now listen to music with my Smart Phone and Spotify, and choose the music I want. Technology during our lifetime has been amazing.

One of the blessings of technology is the system that we now use at church to broadcast our services live. We use four cameras installed on the walls, that can be seen on the monitor pictured. These cameras are controlled by Jim Hext or one of his staff. Their process is the same as television studios use. The signal is sent through the internet, where it can be watched live or up to a year later. We normally have between 20 and 45 households viewing the service live. We no longer count those who watch it later. Those who can't be with us in person can still be with us. Technology used correctly, for the right purpose, has been a great blessing.

Having said that, I also hope that this blessing does not become a substitute for those of us who can attend in person. I believe that being together with fellow Christians is still very important.





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.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

St. Mark has fellowship after each service all year long. It feels so good to connect with fellow members again. Please consider hosting the fellowship after one of the services. You can do it as an individual, as a family, as a group, or any other way that you choose. Please sign up on the calendar in the fellowship hall. With all of the wonderful cooks that we have here at St. Mark it will be such fun tasting all of the fun snacks that each provide.



LWML

I hope that you are all enjoying a memorable summer, full of special activities and time with family and friends. In the spirit of doing that very thing, the July Ladies Guild gathering will be a special event, joining with the ladies from Our Savior's Lutheran in Bundy, another small group like our's. We will enjoy fellowship on July 13, beginning at 11:00 with a lunch here at the church and opportunity to spend time together. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know so we can plan our food accordingly. Call Barb Scott at 612-803-5694.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The Ladies Prayer Lunch lands on Tuesday, July 11th this year. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month but that landed on the 4th of July this year.. The lunch is held 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

The next time that St. Mark volunteers at the food pantry is July 31st. Please consider giving a little of your time to help distribute food to those less fortunate. The pantry is open from 3 -6pm, so we should be there by 2:45pm. There will be a sign up sheet in the fellowship room. Please consider helping out at this event. The next time that we work is October 30th.



EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism would like to shout out a huge "Thank You!!" to all of the members that showed up to help us at our Car Show event. It was challenging doing the event at an alternate site but with the help of our members we persevered and all ended well on event day.





MORE NEWS AND NOTES



New Members

Say “hello” to Wayne and Carol Tabaka. They are new members of St. Mark. Wayne and Carol are from Mosinee. After retirement they moved to Rhinelander. They have 2 grown daughters. One lives in Wausau and the other in Colorado. Wayne worked at window manufacturing places for the majority of his work career. Then he ended his career by working at Greenheck Fan Corporation in Schofield. Carol worked at a computer programmer in Port Edwards, Schofield, Marshfield, and Wausau. She ended her career as the Marathon County Vital Records Clerk in the Register of Deeds office in Wausau. Wayne’s hobbies are walking, fishing, snowmobiling, downhill skiing, and riding his UTV on the trails around Wisconsin. Carol’s hobbies are walking, downhill skiing, working on organizing photo albums of relative pictures and doing some genealogy. They generally attend Thursday evening service. Please introduce yourself to these wonderful people when you see them.



Welcome, Welcome!

One of our newer members likes to call St. Mark the “secret of Rhinelander.” She finds its members so warm and friendly. Her name is Patricia Sparks and she is one friendly gal herself. She loves the outdoors and enjoys gardening and does all her own yard work. She enjoys taking walks with her trail buddies and just taking in everything that the outdoors has to offer. She worked for Foster and Smith for 22 years in technical support. She could take any problem with a disgruntled customer and turn things around leaving them very satisfied with the service that they received. Before working for Foster and Smith, Pat and her husband owned a bar for 12 years. She loved working there and really enjoyed the people. Pat is a real “peoples” person. Pat loves how friendly everyone is here at St. Mark. She stated, “People just walk up to you and start talking to you and I don’t even know their names yet. St. Mark members are so accepting.” Patricia is also very creative. She loves to create things out of whatever she can come up with. It may be grass or bottles and green food coloring. She said that she likes everything about St. Mark Church, but she loves hearing the organ music at church. She said that she hadn’t heard one for quite awhile. “Everything at St. Mark is *“Exceptional!”* she states. If you have not done so yet, please introduce yourself to Pat when you see her.



2023 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

19-Jun-23

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

| Actual \$ Received | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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| 13429 | 13429 | 14765 | 10449 | 20503 | 16405 | | | | | | | |
| Budget | 12995 | 12995 | 12995 | 12995 | 12995 | | | | | | | |

