



May 2023 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

While I was Circuit Visitor, I helped a congregation in our area that was looking to Call a pastor. I was asked how viable it was to function in a less than full time position. My answer was twofold. It depended on the expertise of the Administrative Assistant and on how active lay leadership was. I can do my work because Terri is good at hers. And our lay leadership is knowledgeable and serves faithfully. We saw a great demonstration of that this past Lenten-Easter season. Lenten meals were served, services were prepared, bulletins printed, the Power Point presentations were created, music was played, sidewalks were shoveled, the altar was appropriately adorned, Easter baskets were made and hidden, and another great Easter breakfast was prepared and served by the Elders. St. Mark works because we all work together.

By the time you read this, the Elders and Council will have given our Voters Assembly an update on a mission project that will replace our past work in Africa. I am looking forward to our next participation in sharing the Gospel through our synod's mission outreach.

It's not too early to think about our Pentecost celebration on May 28th. We will shortly be getting you information on ordering geraniums again. That has been a great way to celebrate. We will also use Pentecost to welcome and introduce the new members who have joined our congregation.



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 \$83.00.

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

We have some exciting news!!!! We are holding a raffle for a beautiful quilt made and donated to us by the St. Mark Quilters. Thank you ladies. We will begin selling raffle tickets on May 11th and will sell them before and after each service. The ticket price will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt will be on display whenever we are selling the tickets so please take a look at the ladies’ beautiful handiwork. The proceeds of this raffle will be donated to a worthy cause. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 715-362-2470, or speak with anyone on the Board of Evangelism.



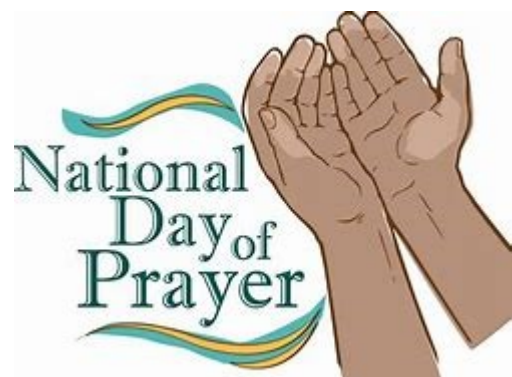
FOOD PANTRY

Our next date to work the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry in Monday, May 29th. That is Memorial Day afternoon. We have not worked that in the past because they were not open on Memorial Day but we have gotten the news that they will be open this year. We will need 10-12 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

Due to the fact that I will be beginning a daily radiation therapy before May 1, and through the month of May, we will cancel our May meeting. I will be thinking of you then and on Mother's Day. I pray that you have a wonderful day with your families.

The first Thursday in May, the 4th, is National Day of Prayer. Our country and church are in need of your prayers. St Mark's has no official service, but find a resource you like, such as your Bible or a hymn book and go to our Lord in prayer. It is needed so much, and will strengthen your walk with Him. Also, please pray for those planning for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention, which will be in June. Lots of work and planning are part of that huge endeavor.





MORE NEWS AND NOTES



Rummage Sale

On May 11th and 12th, the members of the Board of Evangelism will be holding a craft/rummage sale in the adjacent parking lot. Proceeds will go to the purchase of the rest of the blinds for the church windows. The rummage sale is being held the weekend of the city-wide rummage sale so we are hoping to do well with our sale. If you have anything that you do not want anymore and are willing to donate it to the rummage sale please give the office a call or drop it off at the office on any weekday prior to the sale. If you have crafts to sell you will pay a table fee of \$20 that will be donated to St. Mark. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and please come and browse our sale. If you have any questions, please call Terri Lammert or speak with any member of the Board of Evangelism.

Car Show

This is a busy month for the Board of Evangelism. We will once again be handing our popcorn and snocones for the 2023 car show. The car show is being held on Saturday, June 10th and will take place on Brown Street this year because of the roadwork taking place around the courthouse. We would love to get some volunteers to help us with this project.. There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for any amount of time that you can volunteer. This a very fun day to volunteer.

New Member

One of our newer members is Janice Scheeler. She joined us here at St. Mark in August of 2021. You may have met her if you go to the Thursday evening service. She is from the Rhinelander area originally. She lived in Illinois for 25 years and returned to Rhinelander in 1993. She has three children. She was in a major car accident that set her back a lot, but she is trying to get back to the things she loves such as gardening, snowshoeing and line dancing. It has been a hard road but she is working to get back to some kind of normal. She loves being a member here at St. Mark. She loves the pastors that preach here, the members are very friendly and they have been a great support system for her.



New Member

Lucille Kinney joined us in October of 2020. She is the mother of Dale Kinney., grandmother of five and great-grandmother of five. She lived in Stevens Point for 65 years and moved to Rhinelander in 2020 to be near Dale and Debbie. She has enjoyed many, many bus trips throughout the United States. She does a lot of hand embroidery work as well as other crafts. Lucille states, "I have a wonderful new church family at St. Mark and plan on being here for the long haul."

Lucille usually attends Sunday morning service so feel free to walk up to her and introduce yourself if you have never met her.



2023 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

18-Apr-23

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

Actual \$ Received	13429	14765	10449											
Budget	12995	12995	12995											

