



October 2023 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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After WW1, Arab chieftains were brought by Lawrence of Arabia to the Paris Peace Conference. While they were impressed by all of the modern technology that they were seeing for the first time, nothing impressed the desert inhabitants as much as the running water in their bathrooms. In their own countries water meant life, power and wealth.

When they were leaving the conference, they tried to take the magic faucets with them. Although Lawrence tried to explain to them that the faucets only worked because of the plumbing that connected them to the water reservoirs, they refused to listen. They adamantly believed that the faucets magically produced the water.

Faith can't survive apart from God's Word and Sacrament any more than a faucet can provide water apart from the plumbing. God loves to see you at worship because He has wonderful gifts to share with you. God is jealous of His relationship with you because He cares. Because the relationship is precious to Him, He guards it carefully. If we understand God's motives, we can more fully appreciate his call to worship.

Keep your faith plugged into the pipeline of God's grace showered upon you. God wants you to hear the Good News that only He can offer. As the ancient Psalm reminds us, "He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul".



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.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

The St. Mark Quilters have been busy working on their quilts. They have a wonderful group of ladies participating in the piecing and sewing of these quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They meet at 9:00 am on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the church’s lower level and anyone is welcome to come and join in the fun and fellowship of this group.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Members of the Board of Evangelism are once again handing out water and Gatorade to the runners of the Three Eagle Half Marathon in October. If you would be interested in handing out water or Gatorade please talk to Terri Lamert.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant. It will be on October 3rd and the 19th. Any of the ladies at St. Mark are welcome to join us.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for the October Congregational Assembly meeting on Sunday, October 29th, right after the service. There will be a lot of important information shared including the operational budget for the 2024 year.

LWML

Our Ladies' Guild had an enjoyable and productive meeting in September. We selected 2 Orphan Grain Train Projects that you can all help us with.

The first one is for children. Since it’s Halloween in October, we decided to focus on them for an Undie Sunday. Starting October 9th, and for the remainder of October, please bring in new (in package) underwear for boys and girls of all ages. As I said, they will be sent to children here in the United States and abroad. Cash donations will also be welcomed and will be used to purchase more undies and to help with shipping costs.

We would also ask you to bring all of your plastic shopping bags (Trigs, Dollar Tree, etc.) to the church. They can be cut into loops and made into sleeping mats which are also sent around the world. Please NO Walmart bags, but others are needed. If you have any fun colored plastic bags, they will work also.

Our next meeting is October 10th at 10:00AM. Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship. We would love to see you there.

We have been given information to make boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This could be a fun family activity. The boxes are collected for shipment in November so that they can arrive for Christmas. If you would like information, please contact Barb Scott at 612-803-5694.

2023 BUDGET NEWS

A copy of the church council’s 2023 proposed budget will be on a table in the fellowship hall 2 weeks prior to the Congregational Assembly. Please take a copy and bring your questions and suggestions to the assembly meeting schedule for October 29th right after the 9:00am service.



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



LWML FALL RALLY

The LWML Fall Rally is being held October 12th at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction. The registration will be at 9:00am with a fee of \$8.00. The Christian Life Topic will be Steadfast in Christ-The Holy Trinity in accordance with the first three Articles of the Apostles' Creed. In place of a speaker, they will be singing some favorite Lutheran Hymns from bygone days, with a brief historical synopsis of each hymn. The "Gifts of the Heart" will go to the Camp Jomn YMCA Child Care Center of Manitowish Waters. Items collected for the "Gifts of the Heart" will include : child socks, diapers, baby wipes, crayons/markers, story books/coloring books or a monetary donation. We look forward to all who can join us at the Fall Rally.

QUILTING WORK AT ST. MARK

It usually gets pretty quiet here in the summer, but this summer has truly been the exception. Several ladies have been busy, busy making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They have made over 150 quilts so far which is close to 40 boxes of quilts that are ready for shipping in October and they have not slowed down one bit. What a wonderful gift these ladies are! Well done, well done!



ST. MARK COUNCIL NEWS

It is that time of year when the church council is very busy working on the budget for the new year. A lot of work and discussion goes into creating the new budget. Please look the proposed budget over when they are handed out after church and brings your thoughts and/or concerns to the Congregational Meeting scheduled for October 29th right after the service.

The council also creates, reviews and adopts a number of policies for the well-being of the church. These include a Key Policy for managing all of the keys of the church, an Internal Financial Control Policy which sets guidelines as to how the finances of the church are handled, a Service Animal Policy guiding access for service animals at church facilities and events, a Conflict of Interest Policy keeping the highest degree of integrity and honesty consistent with the Scriptures, and more policies that are not listed here. The council encourages all member interested in learning more about our policies to look through them. Policies are available in the binder available in the fellowship area for members to read if they wish.

2023 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

13-Sep-23

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	13429	14765	10449	20503	16405	11119	26847	14884				
Budget	12995	12995	12995	12995	12995	12995	12995	12995				

