



April 2024 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

As I write this, Palm Sunday is approaching. I have always been amazed at the various groups that gathered for Palm Sunday to Easter.

On Palm Sunday Jesus is joined by a large crowd as He enters Jerusalem. As I read the account again, it reminds me how easy it was for the crowds that gathered. Many of the “Hosannas” were easily shouted. I think that is where faith started for some in the crowds. It’s also true that others were there only casually, and their interest in Jesus soon faded.

Later that week, when the admiring crowd had gone, it got more difficult. As His trial began and then the verdict was shouted, the crowd grew much smaller. As Jesus was led to the crucifixion even fewer dared to follow. The groups that stood near the cross at the crucifixion were a mixed group. Along side the onlookers, the few who loved Jesus were even smaller. Their faith needed to go beyond comprehension. They relied on a faith that clings to trust.

We are represented by all those groups. It is sometimes obvious and even easy to shout when the whole crowd does the same. But there are also times when easy answers elude us, when the questions burn in our hearts but the answers seem far away. May your trust in God cling to a faith that knows, regardless of the path that you are traveling, that Jesus has already been there. And He knows the way.

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. We received \$25.00 for the month of March.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark quilters meet on Tuesdays every month at 9:00 am and sew until noon. We would love to have some new people who may be interested. You do not need to know how to sew to join this group. If you can tie a knot, your help would be appreciated and you will enjoy the fellowship with this group of ladies. Come and join us.

FABRIC

Do you have extra cotton fabric at your house that you no longer need? There is a group of ladies at St. Mark that could put your scraps to good use. Even lightly used cotton sheets, that are not stained, come in quite useful when these ladies are putting together their quilts. Please consider donating your extra cotton fabric to the St. Mark quilting ladies. Donations can be left on the tables in the church basement.



LWML

Hi ladies. I hope and pray that you all enjoyed a blessed Easter holiday with your families. He is risen! What joy we have in declaring that! We will have our usual meeting and fellowship on April 9 with a Bible study. On April 25, our zone Spring Rally will be held in Eagle River at Our Savior's. I have no information other than the date at this time. I should have the details at our next meeting. I hope that some will join me for the day. It's always nice to get together with these other LWML sisters for Bible study, lunch and fellowship.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The St. Mark Ladies Luncheon is held the first and third Tuesday of every month. We meet at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant across from the American Inn at 12:00pm. It is a great chance to spend some time with your fellow members. Everyone is welcome to come.

GOD'S LOVE

Nothing feels better than knowing God loves you, that he is always there for you, and that he will always take care of you.



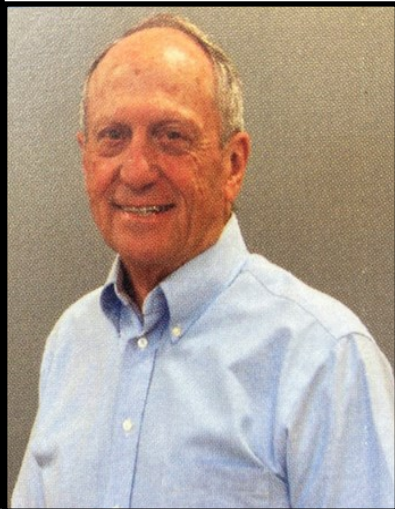
Getting to Know Our Members



NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

The St. Mark Congregation would like to welcome

Ed Bauer



Ed was born in North Dakota to a family of 10 children. He has two children and 5 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ed was married to his wife Pat for 50 years before he was widowed. Forestry was his career. In retirement he volunteers at St. Mark Church in many areas, including being an Elder for the congregation. He is a member of the Northwoods Honor Guard and is an Ombudsman which is a volunteer advocate for residents in nursing homes for the State of Wisconsin. I am sure that you have seen or met Ed here at St. Mark. It is just nice to know a little about the man he is. Ed also makes and serves Sunday morning fellowships here after the service. He is quite a baker.

*Submitted by Lucille Kinney
Board of Evangelism member*

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Carol Schumacher

It is very likely that you have seen this beautiful lady here at St. Mark. She has been here for awhile but we have not formally introduced her. Carol is a native Wisconsinite. She is the mother of 4, grandmother to 8 and a great-grandmother to two children. She enjoys quilting with the ladies here at St. Mark and often joins the ladies for the ladies' prayer luncheon twice a month. She is one busy lady elsewhere also. She works for Ruby's Pantry and at the Memory Café here in Rhinelander. She is always finding more ways to help others. She is the picture in your mind when you think of "the cheerful giver." She truly enjoys life. Thank you Carol for everything that you do for others and welcome to our family here at St. Mark



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2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

12-Mar-24

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

Actual \$ Received	15756	12467
Budget	13809	13809

