



March 2024 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

While it's impossible to know this year, usually March is filled with everything from sunny days and moderate temperature to frigid reminders that we haven't escaped winter, yet. March can play with our attitudes and lead us to wonder why we live so far North.

Life itself can be like that weather in March in Wisconsin.

Everything seems to be going well, even great, but then reality pushes us back into the cold. Just when everything seems settled, the potential storms in our lives might be just over the horizon.

What should we do? How can we adjust to circumstances beyond our control? If it's just the weather, we can think beyond March and hold out until summer comes. We don't know when that will be, but we know there will be months ahead when the dirty snow piles are replaced with spring and summer flowers.

But what about our other challenges, the ups and downs of every day? How do we master that? Instead of focusing on the back and forth of our everyday life, we need to focus where the path of life leads us. Our path might be crooked at times and our life might even seem as though we're heading backwards, but our life with Christ is heading toward Easter. Just as Christ rose on the third day and later ascended into heaven, our path has the same ultimate destination.



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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 Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 am in the lower level. They are a fun bunch of ladies. All ladies are welcome to join us.

EASTER FLOWERS

During the month of March you will be finding an order form inside of your weekly bulletin to place your order for flowers for Easter Sunday. Please make sure that you fill them out if you are interested in providing a lovely plant for Easter. You may put them in the offering plate as the ushers take collection if you like.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The ladies' luncheon will meet at the Rhineland-er Family restaurant on March 5th and 19th at 12:00pm. All ladies are welcome to join us.



LWML

We hear too often of natural disasters that happen in our country and want to pray for and support those in need. I want to tell you about two of the current mission projects that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is supporting, and has recently sent money for. The Disaster Response Team based out of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas has sent volunteer teams with needed supplies to assist after floods, storms and fires to help with recovery. They have received \$85,000 through the Mites and donations that have been given. In the Gulf Coast area, the group, Forged by Fire, has funded a mobile kitchen that is providing meals to those in the community who are in need, however that may have come to be. They have been supported by a \$50,000 grant that has been funded. These are just two of the 31 mission projects that were chosen by the voting delegates at last year's national convention in Milwaukee. Anyone can give donations, lovingly called Mites in the LWML to support these many needs. If you are curious about giving, I would love to talk to you. The need is always great, and God provides in His wisdom the miracles of success every time.

There will be no LWML meeting in March, since Denny and I will be traveling. God bless your Lenten and Easter preparations.

EASTER SEASON SERVICES

Palm Sunday	3/24	9:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	3/28	6:00 PM
Good Friday	3/29	6:00 PM
Easter Sunday	3/31	9:00 AM

Easter breakfast served after Easter Sunday service in lower level..



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Caramel Apple Bundt Cake

For cake:

3 c. flour	1 1/2 c sugar
2 tsp cinnamon	1/2 c light brown sugar, packed
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg	1 1/2 c vegetable oil
1 tsp baking soda	3 eggs
1/2 tsp salt	2 tsp. vanilla
3 1/2 c. peeled & chopped Granny Smith apples, about 3 large apples	
1 c. chopped walnuts, or pecans, optional-more for garnish if desired	

For caramel frosting:

1/2 c light brown sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
1/4 c butter	1 c sifted powdered sugar
3 Tbsp milk	

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch bundt pan, or use a cooking spray containing flour.
2. To make the Apple Cake: combine the flour cinnamon, nutmeg, soda, and salt and set aside.
3. Place the sugar, brown sugar, and oil in the bowl of electric mixer. Beat at medium speed until the mixture lightens, about 2 minutes.
4. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Add vanilla and combine. With a wooden spoon, stir in the flour mixture until combined. Fold in the apples and nuts if desire. Transfer the batter to the prepared bundt pan.
5. Bake the apple cake about 75-80 minutes, or until the top springs back when lightly pressed with a finger. Remove the pan to a wire rack and cool about 20 minutes and then turn out onto the wire rack to cool completely.
6. To make the caramel frosting: In a medium sauce pan, heat the brown sugar, butter, and milk, whisking constantly over medium heat, until it boils. Remove from heat. Stir in the vanilla and allow to cool about 10 minutes. Stir in the powdered sugar until you reach a consistency that you can spoon over the cake.
7. Note: you can add more milk if you would like a thinner frosting. Spoon the frosting over the cake and allow to run down the sides. Sprinkle with chopped nuts if desired. *This cake gets more moist with time. If you want you can make it a day or two ahead and then frost before serving. You can also wrap the cooled cake and freeze for later.
8. Enjoy your Caramel Apple Bundt Cake Recipe!

Having a child explain something exciting that he has seen is the finest example of communication you will ever hear or see.

Bob Talbert

2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

22-Feb-24

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

Actual \$ Received 15756
 Budget 13809

