



October 2024 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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Lift High the Cross

Our computer monitor uses a screensaver that continually mixes pictures that are loaded on it. The other day I noticed shots taken during the remodeling of the sanctuary.

The pictures that especially struck me were those that showed the huge cross being positioned on the wall behind the altar. Several of the pictures show how massive the cross is, and how difficult it was for 7 men to lift it into place.

The cross is *empty*. The statue of Christ that once hung behind the altar is now placed high on the west wall. It is a reminder that Christ, once crucified, is now risen and watches over us as we leave and begin a new week. This is not only symbolic, however; it must be real in those of us who claim Christ as our Lord and Savior. As we hear repeatedly during our worship services of Christ's death and resurrection, we are reminded to take Him with us into our daily life.

The well known hymn says it well.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim*

Till all the world adore His sacred name.





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.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant. It will be on October 1st and the 15th. 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 27th, right after the service. There will be a lot of important information shared including the operational budget for the 2025 year.



2024 BUDGET NEWS

A copy of the church council’s 2024 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.

Operation Shoebox

St. Mark will be once again be participating in the “Operation Shoebox” program. This program distributes these Christmas shoeboxes around the world where they are needed to children who would otherwise not be getting presents for Christmas. **This year will be the first year that they are able to send these gifts to children in Israel.** Even when we are so far away, we can still send hope and happiness to this and other war-torn countries. What a blessing for everyone! There will be a list of items that we can use to put into the boxes inserted in upcoming bulletins. We will have a container in the fellowship hall to collect these. Please pay attention to the size of the shoebox so you will know if the item will fit. The children from Sunday school be packing the shoeboxes with the items that you donate. It went so well last year and it was a great way to involve them in this program. All items will need to be collected by November 10th. Thank you for participating in this wonderful opportunity to give a present to a child and to learn about Jesus.





MORE NEWS AND NOTES



We Did It! You Did It!

210 quilts will be sent from St. Mark to all corners of the world through Lutheran World Relief. We pray that they warm bodies and the recipients will feel God's loving arms wrapped around them through our Christian love.

Come visit us some Tuesday morning anytime from 9:00am until noon and find out how you can choose how involved you want to be. Just a few hours can make a difference. There are many parts to the quilt making process. You can choose which part suits your talent best.

We know that everyone is busy. Thank you for considering being a part of this ministry in a new way. Thank you for all you've done.

Submitted by Cathy Ziolkowski



This is a picture of the 200th quilt being tied.

Can You Help????

Our friends at "Our Savior" church in Bundy are in need of plastic shopping bags. The ladies crocheted these bags into sleeping mats for missions. If you would like to donate your bags to this cause you can drop them off at Marsha Schneider's house at 615 Door Avenue.

Trunk or Treat

St. Mark will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, October 31 from 4pm-7pm. It has been such a great success over the last two years and we love doing it as much as the kids love coming here. Any member is welcome to join in the fun. Just bring some candy, back up your car in the parking lot and enjoy all of the great costumes. See you there!



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 bring your thoughts and/or concerns to the Congregational Meeting scheduled for October 27th 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 members 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.

2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

11-Sep-24

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	15756	12467	25470	11661	11016	13986	19211	9510				
Budget	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809				

