



September 2024 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

Did You Know...?

Occasionally I'm reminded that not everyone knows *everything* that's going on at St. Mark. I'd like to mention a few of the blessings.

Did you know that we support mission work to the extent that we do? Almost \$20,000 has been allocated for Missions in the budget for 2024. It includes \$6,000 to our Missouri Synod and local North Wisconsin District. We send \$4,400 to help support Rev. Jordon Andreasen, who will live in Brasov, Romania, and spread the Gospel in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria and Greece. Another \$4,400 is spent on local missions, and \$5,000 helps support a seminary student, Andrew Vought, with his schooling in St. Louis.

Did you know that *missions* doesn't only include monetary donations? Our Quilters will be sending over 200 quilts for distribution throughout the world. Their supplies are supported through our General Fund as well as donations from individual members.

Did you know that our worship services are broadcast via the internet using four cameras located in the worship area? This is another *mission* activity that costs close to \$5,000 a year.

Fellowship is important to us at St. Mark. Did you know that we're having a fall picnic this September? Details are in this newsletter. Fellowship also occurs after every service during the year. It's dependent on members signing up for a service and providing whatever they want. If you don't want to host by yourself, why not find another person to join you.

And even more news

Early this year St. Mark quilters were bold enough, or maybe just crazy enough, to set a goal of making 200 quilts to send to all parts of the world through Lutheran World Relief.

With the combined efforts of ladies who iron and cut fabric, sew blocks together and tie them together they are on track.

Thank you to the individuals of St. Mark for your financial support, fabric donations, supplying boxes, set up and take down of tables.

Look what can happen when members of the body work together!



Ladies on a “Mission”





Business Old & New



ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark quilters will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00am and sewing until noon so that they can attend the Ladies Luncheon. We would love to have some new people who may be interested come and join us.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

The Ladies Prayer Lunch is attended on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We meet at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant at 12:00pm. All ladies are welcome to join us. If you have any questions please call the church office at 715-362-2470.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

“Thank you” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church.

FOOD PANTRY

The next time that St. Mark will work at the Food Pantry work at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry is Monday, September 30th 2024. Workers are asked to be there at 2:45pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please call the office at 715-362-2470.

FELLOWSHIP

Now that we are having fellowship after each service we find that we need members to look at the calendar and decide when they might take a turn at hosting. Please check the open dates to see if any of them would be a great day for you to host this wonderful fellowship. You may host it alone, with a partner or as a board, whatever works the best.

Rev. Jordon and Alison Andreasen

The Andreasen family are the new missionary family that we are hoping to support at St. Mark. Their mission is in Romania. Jordon works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania to plant Lutheran congregations in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.

Jordan was born in Delaware, Ohio, and the family's home congregation is Our Savior Lutheran Church, in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Concordia University, Nebraska, and a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Jordon enjoys golfing, fishing, hunting, reading and spending time with his five children

His wife Alison is from Little Rock, Arkansas. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a Lutheran teacher diploma from Concordia University, Nebraska. Alison previously served as director and teacher at a preschool before becoming a stay-at-home mother. In her free time, Alison enjoys reading, writing, cooking and crafting.

They have five children. Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan.

(See insert in newsletter to read about them.)

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all that set the example by signing the attendance book at every service that they attend. Those records help our Elders out a great deal and also lets Pastor Miller know of visitors that visit us. Any information that you can share such as address, telephone number, etc. also helps the office to keep our records up to date.



More Business Old & New



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A BIG THANK YOU to all who brought school supplies. You probably noticed that the table was overflowing with them. You've blessed many children and families with your gifts. So thank you to the many members that participated in our annual "School Supply" program.

We're Going Back To School



PLANNING FOR THE NEW YEAR

Fall is the time of year when the council starts working on plans for the new year. As of right now they are working on the budget for next year. Each board comes to the table with what they feel they will need for the following year and then it is all discussed, tweaked, and an agreement is reached. When the council feels that it is complete, the budget will be brought to the congregation for approval. This will take place at the Congregational Assembly on October 27, 2024. Please mark this on your calendar as your input is very important and all recommendations will be looked at. This is your church and it is important to stay informed.

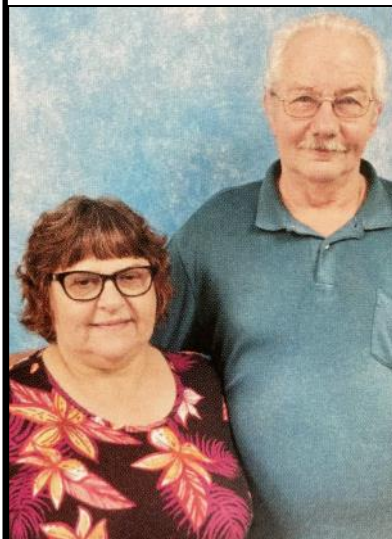
Welcome Newer Members

Michael and Terry Bucheger

Mike and Terry Bucheger come to us from Glidden, Wisconsin. They have lived in Rhineland for the last 2 years. They have been married 48 years and have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Mike spent many years in the logging industry. Terry was an Administrative Assistant for the Glidden School district. You may have seen them around church and wondered who they are. They are indeed members and have even enjoyed helping out at our Trunk-or-Treat event

in the past. If you see them at church, introduce yourself and get to know them. They are a lovely couple and we are blessed to have them here.

Welcome to St. Mark
Michael & Terry!



Welcome Newer Member

Jacci Hauser

Jacci comes from New Richmond, Wisconsin, where she spends time with family and friends when she is not working in her flower garden or helping people in her neighborhood, or spending time with her 8 & 11 year old grandchildren. Jacci also enjoys camping. During Jacci's working years, she worked at the clinic as an Executive Assistant for 20 plus years. She is always smiling and seems very happy in her new church home. She is very easy to talk, so introduce yourself and get to know Jacci. She has also

been a great volunteer with our church since she has been here.

Welcome to St. Mark
Jacci Hauser!





MORE NEWS MEMBERS

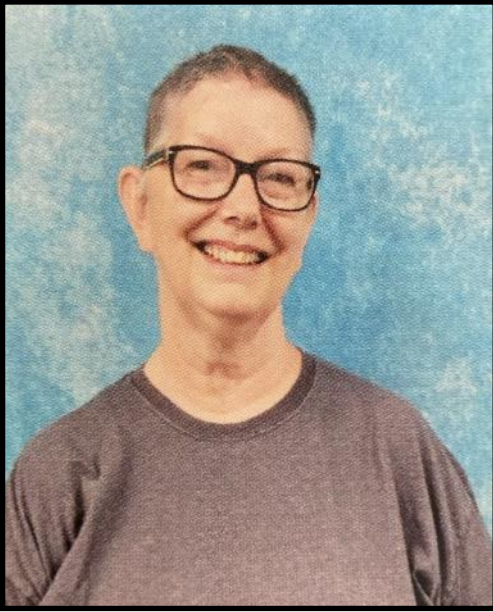


Welcome Newer Member

Barb Bailey

Barb grew up in a family of 5 in Chatsworth, Illinois. She attended St. Paul Lutheran Church while growing up. Barb has 3 daughters. Sarah Melvin, also a member here at St. Mark, is one of her daughters. Her other daughters, Becky and Susanne, live in Illinois. Barb has 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She moved to Rhineland 3 and a half years ago. She waited her whole life to move to the north. Her hobbies are sewing, crocheting, drawing, and reading. Barb has a special connection to the woods and nature. Her Dad was a carpenter. She spent many summers in Wellston, MI. She is a soft-spoken lady but don't let that shy you away. She is very friendly and great to talk with. Introduce yourself and get to know Barb.

Welcome to St. Mark Barb Bailey!



Time for Sunday School

Sunday school will begin on Sunday, September 8th

Sunday school will resume as of September 18, 2024 Giving your children a good religious background by learning bible lessons together with fellow children is one of the best gifts that you can give your children as a parent. The bulletin that they receive at each service gives them pictures and activities to learn about the Gospel each week. Here are just some of my favorite benefits of Sunday School.

- 1) Kids learn church is a fun, safe place.
- 2) Children develop relationships with other trusted Christian adults.
- 3) Kids connect with other Christian kids.
- 4) Kids can learn from others' creativity and perspective.
- 5) Parents build relationships that can provide resources for helping minister to our kids at home.
- 6) It reinforces lessons kids learn at home.
- 7) It provides a safe place for kids to practice having faith discussions outside of the home.
- 8) It provides a safe place for older children, teens, and adults to express their gifts and serve God and his people.

We look forward to seeing your children at Sunday School this year. Parents are welcome.

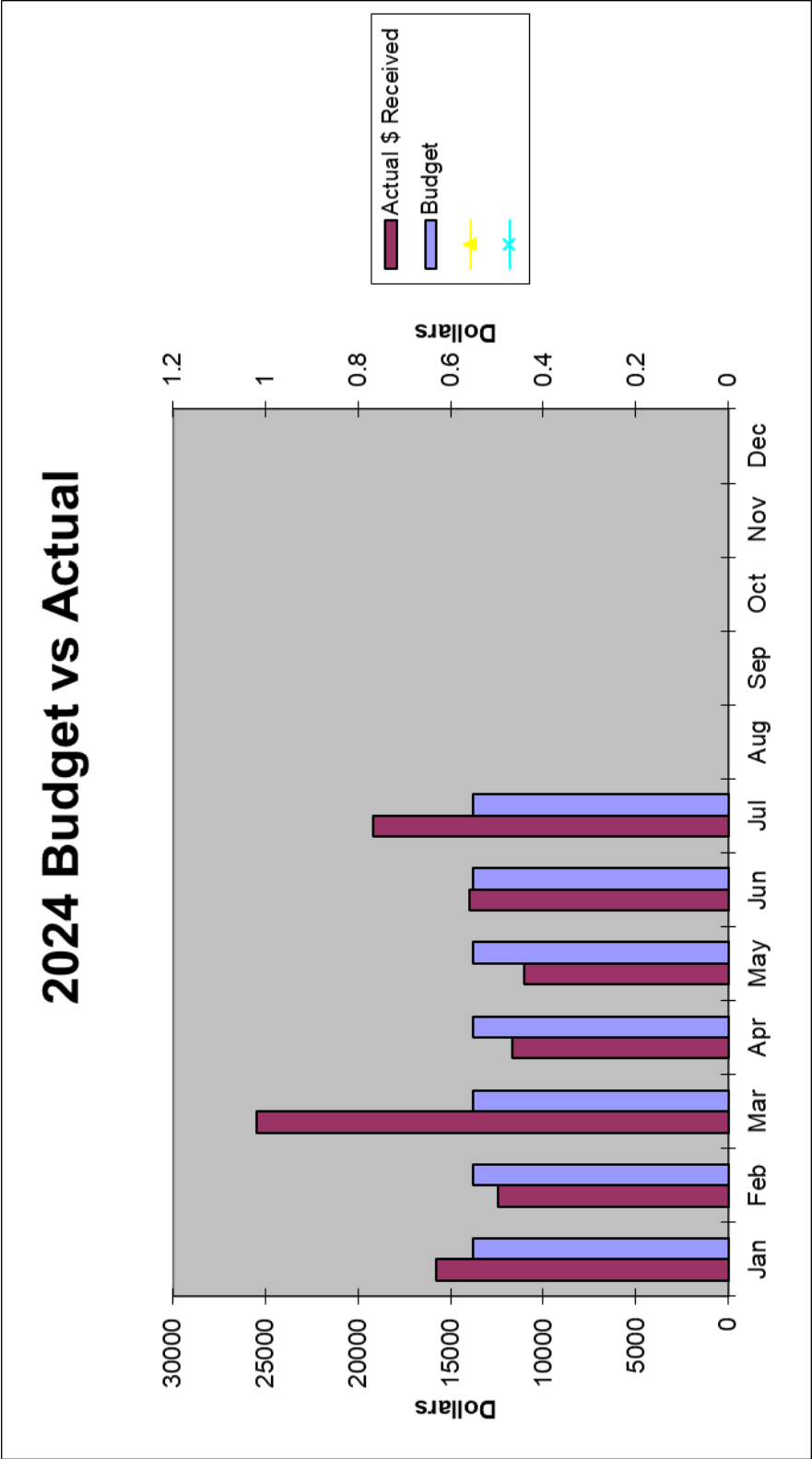
2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

15-Aug-24

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

Actual \$
Received
Budget

15756	12467	25470	11661	11016	13986	19211					
13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809					





COME TO THE CHURCH PICNIC!

St. Mark will be holding a church picnic on Sunday, September 15th right after the Sunday morning service. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. Everything else will be provided. There will be games for the kids and games for the "big" kids as well if you care to join in.



We look forward to seeing you!