



July 2025 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

I'm sure that you have noticed by now that since Easter we have added two sets of candles in the altar area. The candles had been used at St. Mark years ago. Candles have been in use by the church beginning already in the Old Testament.

Already in the book of Exodus where God instructs His people to build a tabernacle, candles or lamps are to adorn the holy place. When we light the candles, it is a signal that worship is about to begin.

The two candles on the altar itself are a signal to the worshippers that Holy Communion is going to be celebrated. Traditionally, the altar candles are not present whenever Holy Communion is not a part of the worship service.

We will begin to use acolytes as soon as we can. The children will need to be trained first, and appropriate gowns need to be assigned. We hope to have acolytes on a regular basis on Sundays beginning in the early fall.



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.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

St. Mark has fellowship after each service all year long. It feels so good to connect with fellow members again. Please consider hosting the fellowship after one of the services. You can do it as an individual, as a family, as a group, or any other way that you choose. Please sign up on the calendar in the fellowship hall. With all of the wonderful cooks that we have here at St. Mark it will be such fun tasting all of the fun snacks that each provide.



VBS 2025



Hi Congregation!

The Board of Education is so excited to bring you True North Vacation Bible School this summer! From July 7-11, 9am- noon, children ages 3-12 are invited to go on an adventure with us. Trusting Jesus in this wild world. Learning new bible stories, doing fun science experiments and games, eating yummy treats and making awesome animal friends! Registration is free but required. You can scan the QR code below or snag a paper registration form in the fellowship hall! Please reach out to Robyn Willey with any questions or email the Board of Ed. at stmarklutheraneducation21@outlook.com



you otter be here!

PRAYER LUNCH

The Prayer Lunch would like to extend to **all** members to join us for Prayer Lunch on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The lunch is held at an area restaurant which will be posted in the bulletin prior to the lunch. We meet at 12:00PM. **All** are welcome to join us. It is a nice opportunity to pray for others that need or request prayers. We then enjoy a nice lunch and fellowship. If you have any questions please call the church office at 715-362-2470.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

The quilters meet Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 am in the lower level of the church and they sew until around noon. They are a fun bunch of ladies. No training is necessary. If you can tie a knot, you are very welcome to join in on the process of making quilts for people in need throughout the world. All ladies are welcome to join us. ***Just a note for the month of July- there will be no quilting on July 8th. VBS is using the lower level for that week.**

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Congregational Assembly on July 27th, right after the service. Please mark your calendars and join us. Keep updated about what is going on at your church. You may even find an area that you are interested in joining in on the works of that particular group. Many minds bring great ideas.





MORE NEWS AND NOTES



Sad New

For the first time since 2015, we were unable to hold our Art in the Park event of passing out popcorn, snow cones and balloons. We were all prepared but God had other plans and felt the earth needed a **LOT** of rain. Thank you to all the people who volunteered to help with this event. This was the most volunteers that we have ever had! Thank you also to the Trustees who made sure that our canopy was up and weighted down. Thank you to those who stayed and helped to put everything away and **THANK YOU** to the guys that carried the canopy down to the garage so that it could dry. They certainly were not dry when they were done. We have done this with some rain, but Saturday rain was out of control! We appreciate our church family very much. Don't lose heart, we will be back again next June. We hope to see you all there!



2025 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

16-Jun-25

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	13365	11560	16213	16507	20093							
Budget	14712	14712	14712	15878	15878							

(Figures reflect \$15K added to budget for SMP program)

