



June 2025 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

One of the ongoing challenges in our Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, is the need for more pastors. We have faced this challenge for many years, but the reality of the ongoing shortage will be an issue for years to come. The question is what can be done where fewer students are enrolling and a number of pastors are retiring? I am proud that our congregation here at St. Mark has been active in meeting those challenges.

We have continued to offer financial support to seminary students beyond what we have given to synod through our mission commitment. Currently Andrew Vought is supported by us directly by contributing \$5,000 a year toward his seminary education.

We have also supported our foreign missions through our support of Jordan Andreasen, who is serving in Romania. Without support from congregations like St. Mark, our foreign mission program would not exist.

But what about a pastor here at St. Mark? We have begun our involvement in the Specific Ministry Program (SMP) in order to insure that St. Mark would not suffer an extended vacancy as many churches in our synod now experience. Andy Wyss will be our pastor after his completion of a four year program through our Concordia Seminary at St. Louis.

We are able to be active in the programs that I have mentioned above only because you as members have entrusted us with your contributions. May God continue to bless us, that our ministry continues to be what our District President has called “a shining light in the Northwoods”.



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

We will be having fellowship after each service all year. Please check the sign-up board in the fellowship hall for available dates that you or you and a friend would be willing to provide and serve treats. Coffee, juice and milk will be provided along with paper plates, napkins and cups.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark Quilters meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am and sew until noon. If you can tie a knot we would love to have some new people who may be interested. Come and join us.

ART IN THE PARK

ART IN THE PARK is taking place on Saturday, June 14, 2025. St. Mark will once again be handing out balloons, snocones and popcorn. They are looking for volunteers to help with setting up, blowing up the balloons and making and handing out the treats. There will be a signup sheet in the fellowship hall if you would like to help. They are hoping that volunteers can work at least 2 hours during that day, more if they choose. Thank you for any time that you can give them. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 715-362-2470 during office hours.

DID YOU KNOW....

You as an individual can invest your money through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund? Yes, investing is also open to congregation members and at this time they have a 4.5% on a 6-month Rate Term Note, minimum \$500 investment or a 5% 18-month fixed rate Term Note, minimum \$500 investment. That is a great rate. You will find an attached sheet that you can use to look over this opportunity. You can use this sheet to start your investment today.

LADIES LUNCHEON

If you haven't already done so, be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 3rd and 17th for the Ladies' Luncheon We will be meeting at noon at an area restaurant. They tend to change up the location sometimes for a little variety so if your interested, please give the office a call at 715-362-2470 prior to the specific date that you are interested in coming. They hope to see you there. There is always great fellowship at these meals and it is a great way to get to know more of the ladies at St. Mark.