



July 2026 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

Sometime this month our congregation will be receiving information on the establishment of a trust fund here at St. Mark. You will hear a brief presentation followed by more detailed information in written form. Rather than duplicate any of that, I'd like to tell you a true story that caused me to encourage my former congregation in Manitowoc to establish one.

We had a couple who were always kind to me and generous to our congregation. They had no children and lived modestly in an apartment. After her husband died, I began to visit her as a shut-in. During those visits she would mention to me that she owned an apartment building in another city that would be given to the church after her death.

As she became older, she went to a nursing home. During those visits she continued to say she wanted our congregation to prosper and hope that her gift would help. As dementia set in she no longer controlled her finances, and a lawyer was put in charge. Her wishes never were put in writing. The church never received the gift that she obviously wanted to give.

The above true story could have been far different. Her wishes could have been written down and documented legally, but they weren't. A trust fund could have been used to see that what she had wanted would have in fact happened.

After that happened, we established a trust fund that enabled members to designate their gifts and honor any specific areas of ministry that they chose. When I retired from Redeemer, we had over one hundred thousand dollars set aside.

Please listen carefully as you hear this program introduced at St. Mark. If you have any questions, please ask one of the members on the trust fund committee.



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.

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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

St. Mark Quilters are taking the summer off. They are hoping that more cotton fabric will be brought in over the summer so that they can start fresh in the Fall. Please check you leftovers of projects that you may have accumulated. Any color and size is appreciated. We will keep you posted as to when they will start again.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a Congregational Assembly on July 19th, 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



A NOTE FROM EVANGELISM...

Thank you to all the volunteers during Art in the Park! We had amazing help and great conversations. Although the traffic was slow, we have many thoughts and ideas to make the event better next year.. Our next event will be helping with the church tent at the Oneida County Fair which is July 30th-Aug. 2nd. And mark your calendars for our church picnic on September 13th! (which will kick off the Sunday School Year! Thank you to all of our members that worked on the demo

OUR NEW AND IMPROVED KITCHEN

It took some time and a lot of work. It is great to say that the kitchen remodel is finished and we couldn't be more happy. We would like to give a HUGE shoutout to Dale Kinney. He worked diligently with us on this project and we truly appreciate everything that he did! Thank you also goes out to all of the members that worked on the demo of the old kitchen. We could not have done it without you. We dedicated our new kitchen on June 18 & 25, 2026. Thank you everyone!

