

August 2017 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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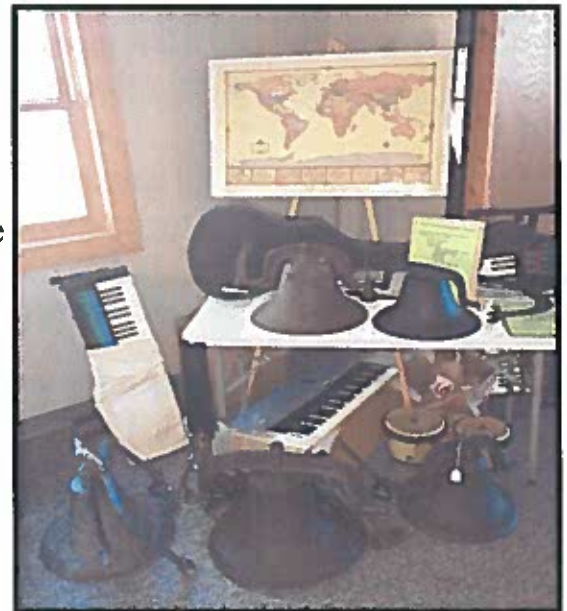
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From the Pastor

This month we will be privileged to fully pay off our final existing mortgage. After adding the fellowship hall addition and then remodeling our worship area, we were able to update our lower level. These projects totaled approximately \$240,000.00. We are able to do this by the grace of God and the dedication of our members, so at this point St. Mark is now debt-free. Even after repaying the last mortgage from surplus operational funds, we currently have \$26,000.00+ in reserve. Our mortgage burning ceremony will be on August 13th as part of our Sunday worship service.

You have probably noticed the growing number of church bells gathered in our fellowship area. These bells will be sent to our seminary in Togo, Africa. The bells will be used in churches in the remote areas of Togo, where the graduates will begin their ministries. They will be a clear message to the people in the predominantly Muslim area that Jesus Christ is worshipped in the newly established churches. Our mission project to support Pastor Jacob Gaugert and the seminary at which he teaches continues to expand.



Our circuit wide celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation continues with the showing of the new Martin Luther movie at the Conway Theater-Lakeland Cinema in Woodruff. Be sure to check the bulletin for details. Be sure also to mark your calendar for the Garms Family Concert that will be held at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, on Highway 70, in Minocqua on Saturday, October 14th, at 3:00pm.

MORE NEWS AND NOTES

What a Difference a Few Hands Can Make

The Board of Evangelism got together on July 26th and prepared a meal for our community's homeless shelter. Shirley Jesse also gave them the gift of her culinary skills by providing 2 cherry cheesecakes for dessert. The women prepared a pasta chicken salad, a fresh garden salad, and rolls. The shelter was very grateful and excited by the dessert. They have other dates open if anyone would like to provide a meal. They are very friendly and will provide you with any information that you might need. Just another way to share our many blessings with our community. Plus we had a lot of fun! Evangelism Board members pictured are Sue Haug, Barb Scott, Anne Anderson and Terri Lammert.



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. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by St. Mark Lutheran Church.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Hodag Bowling Lanes. It will be on August 1st, 2017. Any questions, call Mickey Steil at 715-362-2282.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Once again this year we will be gathering school supplies. The supplies will be taken to the Food Pantry where they will be distributed to those in need. There are sheets that give a listing of the items that are needed. There is also a basket for money if you aren't able to get the supplies and would like them purchased for you. Sunday, August 13th, is the last day they will be collected.



GROUPS STARTING

The LWML Women's Guild and the ladies that make the quilts for Lutheran World Relief will be starting to meet again in September. Watch for announcements and dates. If you are interested in joining either of these groups please contact Barb Scott for LWML or Sue Haug for the quilting group.

FOOD PANTRY

Once again it is our turn to work at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. We will be working there on Monday, July 31st. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Prayerfully consider adding your name to this list. It is a very rewarding 3 hours. The Food Pantry is open 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Please arrive a little earlier. The next time we work there will be October 30th.

Martin Luther Film

Don't miss this special event. There will be a one-time showing of the new Martin Luther movie, *Martin Luther The Idea That Changed the World*. The film will be shown on September 28th, 2017 from 6:30pm-8:18pm at the Conway Theater-Lakeland Cinema, 1002 2nd Ave., Woodruff. Tickets are just \$10.00 and they do need to be purchased in advance. Our church office will be ordering the tickets online for everyone so please have your request and monies in to the office no later than September 3rd. We are looking into the possibility of getting a bus for transportation if we have quite a few members interested in going.