



# March 2019 Newsletter

## St. Mark Lutheran Church



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## From the Pastor

As I am writing this the snow is still in the air and the promise is for more to come. It gives me a chance to read some of the theological journals that I get, and also to read through the Gospel of Luke again. This afternoon I read again the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

We have all heard that parable many times, but reading it in the middle of a snow storm helped me to see it in a different way. It reminded me that God's grace usually is manifested through neighbors. During these winter months, we have ample opportunities to be a good neighbor without leaving our community.

Do you have a neighbor who worked at Foster and Smith or Shopko? Are there ways that God would use you to spread His grace into those lives? Have you thought of an extra contribution to our food pantry? Do your neighbors need someone who will sit down and be a good listener?

The other side of this parable that Jesus tells in Luke is the person in need. Maybe you could use some help this winter. Maybe someone has even offered to shovel your walk or drive you to the grocery store, but you've resisted the offer. It's hard to be on the other side of giving. Don't deny a person ;the joy of being a Good Samaritan! God has sent that person and given him the opportunity to live our his Christian faith.





# 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.

## **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

“Thank you” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church. The Choice Dollars deposit for February was \$21.00. Thank you to all of the Thrivent members that participate in this program.

## **ST. MARK QUILTERS**

St. Mark quilters meet on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am and sewing until noon so that the ladies may attend the Ladies Prayer Lunch. We would love to have some new people who may be interested come and join us.

## **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies Bible study will not be meeting in March. They will resume their studies on April 3rd at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome. Please join us.

Questions, call Barb Scott at 715-401-1670.

## **SCRIP PROGRAM**

Thank you to everyone that participates in the Scrip Program at St. Mark. Any questions see Carrie Jane Danner-Vozka after service and she would be more than happy to explain the program to you. You already visit and spend money at a lot of these businesses, why not use the Scrip Program and earn “free” money for St. Mark.

## **LWML**

The ladies' guild will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 3:00pm. This is Ash Wednesday and we'll use the time to prepare for the chili dinner that evening. We have plenty of ladies bringing chili but could still use some volunteers to bring a dessert if you are willing. Cake, bars or cookies would be great! We are planning on about 60 people for the dinner so your help with a dessert would be greatly appreciated. There will also be crackers, shredded cheese, chopped onions and sour cream available for the chili.

On Tuesday, March 12th we will meet with a Bible Study. Jill Botsford and Terri Lammert will be hosting for us. I hope to see you there!

## **LADIES PRAYER LUNCH**

If you haven't already done so, be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 6th, for the Ladies' Prayer Lunch. We meet at noon at Tula's Restaurant. It has really been a great time for all. All ladies are welcome to join us. We meet on the first Tuesday every month. See you there! If you have any questions you may call Mickey Steil at 715-362-2282.

## **FOOD PANTRY**

The next time that St Mark will be working at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry will be on April 29th. Please mark your calendars for that date. We will need 12-15 people to volunteer for helping with the distribution of food items. The hours needed are 2:45pm until 6:00pm. Many hands make light work. Please consider donation some of your time to help at the food pantry. Questions: Mickey Steil-715-362-2282.



# MORE NEWS AND NOTES



## Peanut Butter Bars

Cream: 1/2 c. butter  
 1/2 c. sugar  
 1/2 c. brown sugar

Blend in: 1 unbeaten egg  
 1/3 c. peanut butter  
 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
 1/4 tsp. salt  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Stir In: 1 pkg. choc. chips  
 1 c. flour  
 1 c. rolled oats

Spread mixture in a greased 9 X 13 inch pan. Bake at 350° for 20/25 minutes. When cool frost with a peanut butter frosting.

Frosting: 1 c. powdered sugar  
 1/2 c. peanut butter  
 4-6 Tbsp. milk  
 1 tsp. butter

Cut in squares when frosted.

*Recipe taken from an old St. Mark recipe book that was submitted by Mrs. Earl Payne*

## “Family Dinner and Game Night”

Mark your calendars for our second annual “Family Potluck and Game Night” on Saturday, March 16th, from 6-8pm. We will have a family potluck and then enjoy an evening of bingo, cards, and board games. Sounds fun! The Evangelism board would like to break this winter up a little to enjoy an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass and your favorite game. Hope to see you there!

## Season of Lent Begins

Lent is a season of preparation, a time of reflection, a time of seeking a deeper relationship with Christ as we get ready for that moment of Easter. It is a season of penitence, confession, taking an honest authentic look at our faith and seeking ways of removing those obstacles that we have placed in our relationship with Christ. Asking God to help us to remove those obstacles so that we come prepared for that great moment of Easter. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal. Ashes symbolize two things. It’s a sign of repentance that we all need to repent of things that are not worthy of God in our lives and it is also a reminder that we are mortal. Our time on earth is limited. We should remember that, and keep our eyes set on the things that are eternal. On Ash Wednesday the pastor says “You are from dust and to dust you shall return” as he places the ashes on your forehead. It is not meant to be sad or morbid. It is meant to be a realistic reminder that our life in this world is limited and that we should make the most of it. We get consumed by other things in life and forget the bigger purpose of our life with God. Lent encourages us to take a deeper look inside ourselves. A lot of people focus on giving up something for Lent, but you can also take on extra practices, practices of service, of giving to the poor, of being in ministry with others, additional prayer time and additional bible study. We should see this as a time of taking on something we know we should be doing that maybe we haven’t been. Doing acts of kindness for others, thoughtfulness for the poor, hungry and those in need, remembering people who may need a visit. Those are things for Lent too. These are the things that we should always be doing and sometimes we forget that. Lent is also a time for us all who claim Christ as our Lord and Savior to come together to seek ways of reconciliation through peace and love. Now we have these 40 days set aside to re-focus our lives spiritually. The season of Lent is beautiful, if you take advantage.

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# 2019 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

28-Feb-19

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

Actual \$ Received	12825	8386
Budget	10215	10215

