



May 2019 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor

Have you ever helped someone that you've never met? Yes, you have! There are people who used to work at Shopko or Foster and Smith that might need some help. There are others who never quite make ends meet. You might never see their smiles or see the relief on their faces as our Rhinelander Area Food Pantry gives them a needed boost, but our council has approved a \$1,000 donation to help the food pantry achieve their ministry.

We have also decided to have a special gathering of non-perishable food. You can bring that food any week and place it in the designated box in the old narthex. A special collection of food will be gathered on May 12th (Mother's Day) here at St. Mark. You may choose to make a money donation that will be added and given to the food pantry that week.

As we gather this food offering, I would also suggest the you include the less fortunate in our community in your prayers. A great place to do this is the prayer that you offer before meals. This would remind all of the members of your family both that there are people who are in need and also that our spiritual family at St. Mark cares for all people in our community.





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 Thrivent Choice deposit for the month of April is \$1,149.00.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark Quilters meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 am and sewing until noon so that the ladies may attend the Ladies Prayer Lunch the first Tuesday of the month. Come and help us finish up the quilts for the year.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. We’ll read and study Donna Pyle’s book “Quenched”. All ladies are welcome. Please join us. Question, call Barb Scott. 715-401-1670.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone that volunteered to work at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry on April 29th. Your help is greatly appreciated and it is always good to be out and serving our community in programs like this.



LWML

Ladies of St. Mark, are you up for a short day trip? There is a special event hosted at Camp Luther featuring the Lutheran’s for Life Executive Director, Pastor Michael Salemink. It will be from 11am to 1pm with a pot luck lunch, so please bring something to share. I would like to have everyone attending meet at church at 9:30am/ We can have a short business meeting, collect mites and carpool up to Three Lakes for the day. If you are interested, please call Barb Scott at 715-401-1670, or catch me at church. They would like an idea of how many plan to attend. This is a great special opportunity for us to learn and support the Lutherans for Life. This will replace our usual Tuesday Meeting time.

Also, I had an opportunity to stop at St. Mark Lutheran in Wausau recently, and I got more information regarding our Orphan Grain Train collection project. Here are a couple of updates and additions. They can use empty shoe boxes, so please bring them if you have them, and all soaps, shampoos, conditioners and lotions from hotels. You know you have some in a drawer, right? They really need the clothes and linens. We may do some special project later on, but hope this will help you with some cleaning out for now. We appreciate your participation!

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

If you haven’t already done so, be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 7th, 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.



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



RECIPE FOR A HAPPY FAMILY

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| 1 Husband | 1 pkg. work |
| 1 Wife | 1 pkg. playing together |
| Children—one Bible for each | 1 portion of patience |
| 1 Home | 1 portion of forgiveness |
| Generous portions of prayer | 1 small paddle |
| 3 cups of love, firmly packed | 1 cup kisses |

Submitted by Carolyn Borst

New Members

Have you met some of our newest members? Since the beginning of the year we have added 7 new members with more interested in joining. Our new members include Ed Bauer, Adeline Rezny, Time, Natalie, Tyler and Allie Sprink and Hannah Ness. If you see someone in your pew or in church that you haven't met, please introduce yourself and get to know them a little better. And if it happens that they are not a new member of St. Mark, they may be soon. Sometimes just reaching out to an unfamiliar face can make that visitor feel welcome here and it is amazing what you can learn about them and they about you in that single conversation.

Spring Cleanup

Wednesday, May 22nd has been designated as the church Spring Cleanup Day. Cleaning will begin at 4:00pm and an evening meal will be served to all of the cleaners. There are windows to wash, a yard that needs raking and a few other chores to spruce out church up for the summer. Many hands make light work. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We will have a signup sheet in the fellowship hall. All supplies will be provided as far as cleaning is concerned.

Memorial Day Tradition

Handing out water at the Memorial Day Ceremony has gotten to be a tradition as well as a chance for evangelism. It takes so little time and is so well received. The Evangelism board and volunteers hand out about 270 bottles of water with our church label to each person that comes to attend the ceremony. The people are always very grateful and we are getting the message out that we are here and active in our own community. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the church office at 715-362-2470.

The New Directory

St. Mark has a new committee at work. They are putting together all of the information needed to make a new church directory. We have not had one since 2013 and there have been a lot of changes in that 6 years. It is going to be done in-house this time using the Shutterfly company. That takes away the high pressure sales of the portrait selling that is done by other companies. One of our newest members, Ed Bauer, has volunteered to take the photos and the committee will be putting together schedules for your photo shoot. We are going to try to get everyone including our shut-ins and associate members in this new directory. We are very excited about this project and hope to be getting it under way very soon. Please watch your bulletin to set up your appointment time for your photo shoot. We will also use that information to update all of our church files assuring us here at St. Mark that we have all of your latest contact information. The committee hopes to get this all done and submitted for printing in June.

2019 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

17-Apr-19

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

Actual \$ Received	Feb	Mar
12825	8386	13820
Budget	10215	10215

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