



June 2019 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

“Are you a paraclete?”

Even if you are familiar with the word, that might sound like a strange question. The word “paraclete” is a Greek word used in Holy Scripture for the Holy Spirit. The word is read in John 15 “When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.” When we look at different translations, we can see that the Greek word has challenged all the translations to find the proper word in English. The various translations do the best that they can—“Counselor” (NIV, RSV), “Helper” (TEV), “Comforter” (KJV), and “Advocate” (Jerusalem Bible, NEB).

The Holy Spirit is THE PARACLETE. As our Small Catechism explains, “The Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.” Our Christian life begins with the power of the Holy Spirit and is able to be maintained and grow only through Him.

That Holy Spirit in us births us as John 3 tells us “The Spirit gives birth to spirit,” or, as the Living Bible translates this verse “the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven.” The new life that we have been given gives us a blessed opportunity and responsibility to be messengers and laborers of the Holy Spirit. I don’t believe that it is overstating the case to say that we become paracletes with a small “p.” The Holy Spirit empowers us to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with this world. We become the “strangers of the world” and yet have the calling to tell and show the world that our God, in the person of Jesus Christ, has redeemed this world and given us hope.

Contrary to the mistaken belief that Pentecost equips us with the ability to perform miracles and instantly speak in strange languages, Pentecost calls us to be the people God has called us to be. May God bless us as we celebrate Pentecost again this June 9.



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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

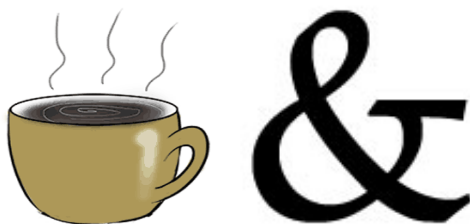
The new Ladies Bible study will be on June 5th, the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. We'll read and study Donna Pyle's book "Quenched". All ladies are welcome. Please join us. Question, call Barb Scott. 715-401-1670.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

The ladies are being so productive and having so much fun doing it that they have decided to **continue with quilting for the summer**. Anyone is welcome to come and join in on the worthy projects. They meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 9AM.

COFFEE AND ...

Summer is just about upon us and with that we will be starting our Coffee and... season. 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 for Coffee and ... It would be great to fill the sign-up sheet for all of the weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. If you would like to sign up but do not want to do it alone, just call the church office, and Terri can either help you or find someone to help you.



LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

If you haven't already done so, be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 4th, for the Ladies' Prayer Lunch. We will be meeting 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.

LWML

Ladies, as is tradition, our Ladies Guild will end the season with lunch out. We have a reservation at Tula's on June 11th at 11:am. We can enjoy a time of fellowship, and a brief report will be given of our visit to Camp Luther for the Lutherans for Life presentation. Please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall to help us make final plans.

Thank you, everyone for your contributions for the Orphan Grain Train. We'll be getting them delivered to St. Mark's Lutheran in Wausau, who is a regional distribution center for the Orphan Grain Train.

ART IN THE PARK

It is a sure sign of summer when this time rolls around each year. The Board of Evangelism is anticipating another busy year and this is just one of the projects that we work on but enjoyed very much by all that participate. We may be calling to ask if you would be interested in spending a couple of hours with us on June 8th for the big day. More hands are definitely needed and we only ask for a little of your time and believe me, that time flies by. Please consider helping on June 8th for Art in the Park. If you are interested, please give the church office a call at 715-362-2470.



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



Popcorn Salad

2 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
2 cans water chestnuts, drained and chopped
1/2 to 1 pound of bacon, fried and crumbled
1/2 cup onion, chopped
1 cup celery, chopped

Dressing: 2 cups Miracle Whip
2-3 tsp. vinegar
1/2 cup sugar

Mix first 5 ingredients. Mix dressing separately and then add to the salad. Add 6.5 oz. or more of popcorn. I use the white cheddar flavor because we like it. You may use plain if you prefer. Mix it all together very well until all of the popcorn is mixed in. ***Don't add the popcorn until a couple of hours before serving.

It sounds unusual but I guarantee you that friends will be asking for the recipe.

Submitted by Terri Lammert

Special Olympics

St. Mark had some very fine athletes take part in the Special Olympics this year. Maria Dornfeld and Darrick Nelson both participated in some of the events and did very well. Maria will represent the Rhinelander High School at state in the softball throw event. And Darrick Nelson will also be participating in some of the events at the state level. The mission of Special Olympics Wisconsin

is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with cognitive disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

Special Olympics Wisconsin (SOWI) provides year-round sports opportunities to more than 10,000 athletes, of any age and skill level, across the state. Give these two competitors a high five and let them know how proud we are of them here at St. Mark.



2019 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

20-May-19

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

Actual \$
Received
Budget

12825	8386	13820	12085									
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2019 Budget vs Actual

