



October 2019 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

This week Sal and I went to a large estate sale that advertised everything was 25% off. A good deal! We looked the normal stuff one finds at those sales until Sal discovered crystal stemware. All glasses, including the crystal, were marked 50 cents apiece. Sale priced at 38 cents. Even though we didn't know when we'd use them, we couldn't pass up a deal like that, and bought 8 pieces.

When we got home, Sal showed me how crystal glasses make a predictable and sustained high pitched tone when the top of the glass is rubbed with a wet finger. They're real. We wondered if they'd ever been used.

Never used? What a shame if that were true. Someone may have received these expensive glasses, and put them in a safe place so they'd be protected until just the right occasion. Did the **right occasion** ever occur, or was the concern that the pieces might be damaged if they were used? Did they always remain in safe keeping?

We're going to take the advice I recently read in an *LCMS Better Health* newsletter. "We don't need to wait to use things for a special occasion: life **IS** the occasion. Sure, our stuff will get worn and chipped, but each day we're getting worn, too! We might as well age together. Should that time come when our household goods are sold at auction, I hope the buyers look at our stuff and shake their heads at how worthless it all is - because it has been well-used!"

My thanks to Steve Gruenwalf for his advice. I hope you take it, too. Use the things God has given you, and thank Him for them. Time for Sal and me to have a diet Cherry Coke on our back porch in our new crystal stemware.





Business Old & New



Fred's Secret Key Lime Pie

- 1/4 cup water
- 1 pkg. (4 serving size) sugar-free lime flavor gelatin
- 2 containers (6 oz.) fat free key lime pie yogurt
- 1 tub (8 oz.) frozen reduce-fat non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
- 1 Keebler Ready Crust, reduced-fat graham pie crust

1. In a micro-wave safe measuring cup, heat water on high (100% power) for 45 seconds to 1 & 1/2 minutes or until boiling. Whisk in gelatin until dissolved.
2. In large bowl, whisk together gelatin mixture and yogurt. Fold in whipped topping. Carefully spread in crust. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or until set.
3. Garnish as desired. Store in refrigerator.

(This secret recipe came from the back of the label on a Keebler graham cracker pie crust shell.)

Recipe Submitted by Fred Fischer

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.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark quilters will not be meeting until the renovations in the basement have been finished. Thank you for your patience.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Members of the Board of Evangelism are once again handing out water and Gatorade to the runners of the Three Eagle Half Marathon in October.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Tula’s Restaurant. It will be on October 2nd, 2018. Any of the ladies at St. Mark are welcome to join us. Any questions, just call Mickey Steil at 715-362-2282.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For the October Congregational Assembly meeting on Sunday, October 27th, right after the service. There will be a lot of important information shared including the operational budget for the 2020 year.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all the workers and all that came to another successful fish fry. We received **\$695!!!** The Lord continues to bless us!



MORE NEWS AND NOTES



2019 Budget News

A copy of the church council's 2020 proposed budget will be on a table in the fellowship hall 2 weeks prior to the Congregational Assembly. Please take a copy and bring your questions and suggestions to the assembly meeting schedule for October 27th right after the 9:00am service.

2019 Turkey Trot

St. Mark will be helping to host the 2nd Annual Rhinelander Turkey Trot! Did you know that more people run on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year? Yet there has not been a Turkey Trot here until this year! Andy and Jayme Wyss are spearheading this endeavor with the help of St. Mark. All proceeds are to stay local and can change every year to meet needs in the area. Here are some details...

What: 5K Turkey Trot (Run/Walk)

When: Thanksgiving morning (Thursday, November 28th). Start time 8am. Race day registration and packet pick-up prior to the start.

Where: Late registration and pick-up will occur at the church. The route starts and ends in the parking lot.

How you can be involved: We will need race day volunteers to help with registration and pick-up, oversee the post-race food, and a couple of on-course volunteers to help direct participants. We could also use help in getting out posters and connecting with area businesses regarding potential race sponsorship. If you are interested in helping, or have questions, feel free to contact us!

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LWML

In October the LWML traditionally is celebrated and recognized in our churches. We will be doing this on October 20 with officers being installed, and opportunity for all to bring "mites" to help in the projects and ministry that is part of the LWML. At the convention in June a new goal was voted on by the delegates for the next 2 years of projects in the amount of \$2.1 million. I hope to share in the newsletters some of the projects that will be receiving some of those mites. Following is information regarding Mission Grant #3. The amount for this grant is \$100,000. At-Risk young women and their children in Kenya and Cameroon suffer from poverty and hunger. Many end up in a life of prostitution or are imprisoned. Lutheran Hour Ministries has programs in place to help change this desperate situation. LWML Mission Grant #3 for the 2019-2021 Biennium, Mission Outreach to At-Risk Young Women in Africa, will enable Lutheran Hour Ministries to continue ongoing programs to help young women and their children who are forced into unhealthy life styles learn of Jesus and turn their lives around.

The Ladies Guild will meet as usual on October 8, with Barb Frane and Elly Rogers serving. On October 24 the Fall Rally for our zone will be held in Boulder Junction at Trinity Lutheran Church. Registration begins at 8:30, and the cost for the day is \$8. All ladies are welcome to join us for these events. We will carpool to Boulder Junction for the day.

2019 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

25-Sep-19

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

Actual \$
Received
Budget

12825	8386	13820	12085	15411	12367	11305	10212				
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