



June 2024 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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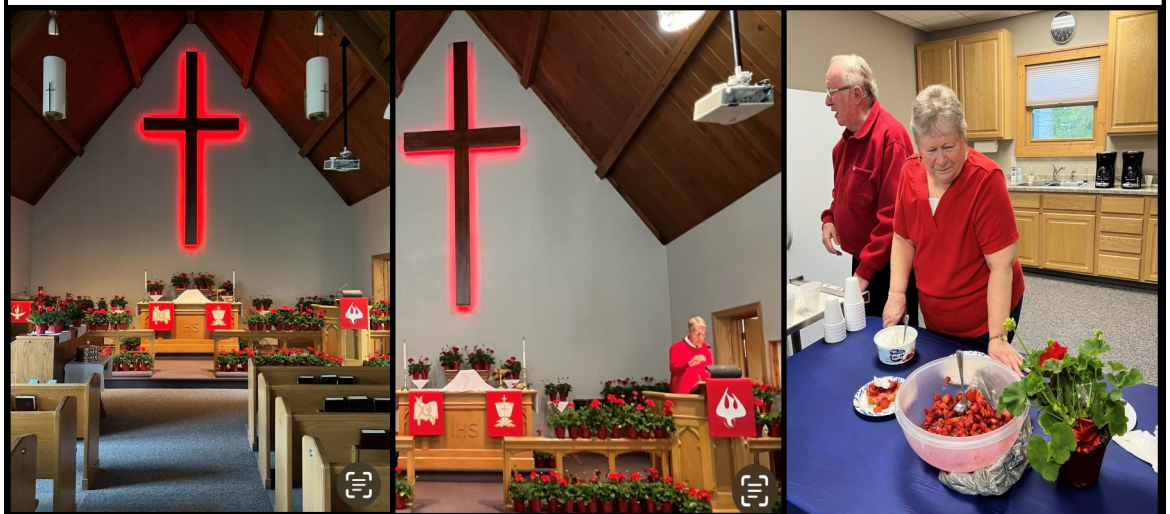
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From the Pastor

What did it take to end up with 152 geraniums in church for our Pentecost celebration? Beyond those who grew and sold us the plants, it took a lot of work from a number of members. Orders were taken and kept track of by Kathy Lueck. Kathy and Jean Cook, as members of Altar Guild, spent over an hour placing the geraniums in the church and fellowship hall. Mark and Terri Lammert spent hours watering the plants on Saturday. Any project like this only works when members support the idea and a number of people then do the work to make it possible.

At the first Pentecost, God empowered the disciples to speak in languages that they were miraculously given to use. But then the disciples needed to actually *use* them, overcoming the criticism and the persecution that followed. Later in history, Christians needed to support mission activities abroad and in their communities, and prepare the next generation through Christian education, while still overcoming criticism and persecution.

This Pentecost reminds us that the church continues when God blesses His people and then His people use those blessings to His glory.





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.

AFTER SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

We will be having fellowship after each service all year. 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. Coffee, juice and milk will be provided along with paper plates, napkins and cups. If you have any questions call Gary & Heidi Buntrock at 715-282-2127.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark Quilters meet every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am and sew until noon. If you can tie a knot we would love to have some new people who may be interested. Come and join us.

ART IN THE PARK

With the construction done on Oneida Avenue we will be returning to St. Mark Church for the Art in the Park event. We will be doing our usual thing of handing out snow cones and bags of popcorn for this event. We could sure use some extra help this year. 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 18h for Art in the Park. **If you are interested, please sign in the fellowship hall.**

LWML

Dear ladies of St Mark, I've enjoyed many memories and times of fellowship and Bible study with some of you here and sharing about the Lutheran Women in Mission. It's with sadness that I announce to you that our group will be going inactive at this time. My continuing health concerns indicate it's time for me to step down from serving as president and since we are a small group there aren't enough to sustain activities. Please pray for LWML and the many wonderful, worthwhile projects that they support. I thank you for your past support with our special projects.
Barb Scott, President, Ladies Guild

THANK YOU LETTER

Thank you for your support during my seminary journey. These last 4 years have prepared me to become a pastor. I have learned a lot of great knowledge and waded further into the infinite grace of Jesus. I seek always to remain a student of the Gospel as I work to share Christ's love with all people. Without the support of the LCMS community, I would not be here. From the bottom of my hear, thank you for all your support. Your thoughts and prayers have sustained me through the difficult times and your financial support has given me and my wife financial peace as we have gone through the Seminary.

Please keep in touch as you are able and moved to do so. Our new address, beginning in June is 400 4th St. NE, Little Falls, MN 56345. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you shine the light of Christ on your neighbors in your life.

In Christ our Lord,
Brandon and Hannah Johnson

Other News

LADIES LUNCHEON

If you haven't already done so, be sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 4th and 18th for the Ladies' Prayer Lunch. We will be meeting at noon at the Rhinelander Family restaurant (the old Wolf's restaurant). 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 the church office at 715-362-2470.

A note from the Church Council regarding gifts and donations

Gifts further the Lord's work through the ministry of St Mark Lutheran Church. The congregation, through the work of its Boards and the Church Council identifies and authorizes initiatives and activities in agreement with the purpose of St Mark. Funds are established to receive gifts and donations for these initiatives.

Gifts to the General Fund and Building Fund support all planned and budgeted activities of St Mark and provide the most flexibility for the congregation to address the greatest needs.

Gifts to designated funds support an identified initiative or activity the congregation has undertaken. Examples are the Adopt a Student and International Missions programs. Should gifts to a designated fund exceed the need or should the activity or initiative be concluded, the Church Council directs any excess funds to the area of greatest need.

Special Gifts and Donations are gifts offered to St Mark that fall outside of the scope of the congregation's established funds or initiatives. St Mark welcomes gifts that are consistent with its purpose. Members considering a special gift or donation to St Mark are asked to discuss this with pastor or an elder in advance.

Members considering a gift to St Mark that is designated for a particular social services organization are asked to consider offering such gifts directly to the organization. Direct donations will get to the organization more quickly and donating directly will save St Mark administrative costs to manage these funds. St Mark has established accounts for the Food Pantry, NATH Shelter and Domestic Violence Center. Members wishing to provide gifts to any other social service organizations are asked to make those gifts directly to that organization.

Did You Know...

You as an individual can invest your money through the Lutheran Church Extension Fund? Yes, investing is also open to congregation members and at this time they have a 4.5% on a 6-month Rate Term Note, minimum \$500 investment or a 5% 18-month fixed rate Term Note, minimum \$500 investment. That is a great rate. You will find an attached sheet that you can use to look over this opportunity. You can use this sheet to start your investment today.

2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

20-May-24

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

Actual \$ Received	15756	12467	25470	11661											
Budget	13809	13809	13809	13809											

2024 Budget vs Actual

