



January 2025 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From Pastor Miller

“Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye”

Apples have always been a part of my life. I was literally raised in an apple orchard where my parents rented an upstairs apartment from the owner. As soon as I could walk and my parents gave me permission, I walked through the orchard.

In the spring I was fascinated with the millions of apple blossoms. One year when I had the measles and was told not to look into the direct sun, I took a chance and gazed at the blossoms. It was worth it.

I think God loves apples, too. After all, He planted an apple tree in the Garden of Eden. In the Song of Solomon the beauty and the fragrance of an apple is mentioned prominently.

Psalm 17 asks God to “keep me as the apple of your eye” and then goes on to plead “hide me in the shadow of your wings.”

In these days during the heart of winter where cold and clouds predominate, God sees clearly into your heart and sees you as the apple of His eye. Even though the cold and clouds of daily life might dim our eyesight, God sees you clearly and loves what He sees.

MORE NEWS AND NOTES



Why not make 2025 the year that you visit the quilters on some Tuesday morning? Stop by. Say Hi. See what we are up to from 9:00am until 12:00pm. **BONUS** if you pop in on either the 1st or the 3rd Tuesday, you can join the ladies for lunch at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant. Lunch is always a good time of building friendships and enjoying fellowship while sharing a meal.

article submitted by Cathy Ziolkowski

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

The quilters meet Tuesdays mornings at 9:00 am in the lower level. They are a fun bunch of ladies. All ladies are welcome to join us.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

7th and the 21st for a lunch with prayer and fellowship at the Rhinelander Family Restaurant at 12:00pm. The restaurant is closed from December 25th through January 4th for cleaning. That is why we are meeting different dates this month. We look forward to seeing you.

FOOD PANTRY

Part of the ministry at St. Mark is to help others that are in need. We are very blessed and thankful to all the people who help distribute food at the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. The many people that volunteer make the work easy and very rewarding. The next opportunity to volunteer at the food pantry is Monday, **March 31, 2025**. Please sign up on the list in the fellowship hall if you are available to help this month. Ten people are needed. You are asked to be there at 2:45pm and will work until 6:00pm. If you are interested in doing this kind of work please contact the church office at 715-362-2470.

More Church News

Movie Night

What's more fun than getting together and doing activities, making crafts and then watching a great movie together with popcorn and snacks? I can't think of a thing. Our children got together to enjoy some fun and a movie at St. Mark on Friday, December 13th. By the pictures, I would say that everyone had a great time! Thank you to the group that put this together for the kids. What a fantastic idea! Maybe we can do this again sometime. I would say it was a hit!



And Even More Church News

Sunday School Christmas Song Practice

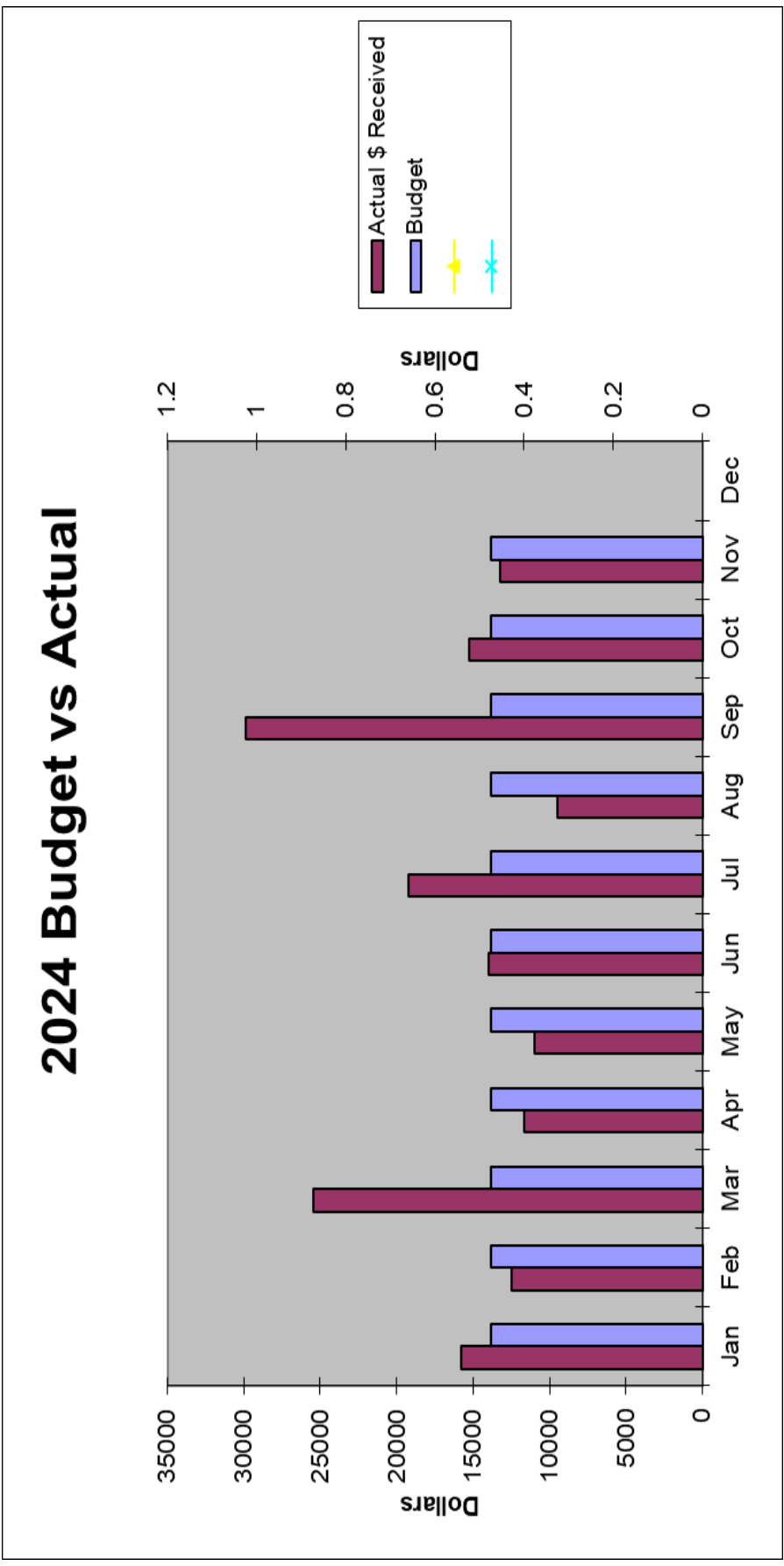
We have a fantastic Sunday School at St. Mark. Creative teachers, parent help, and of course, the students themselves. They are always busy learning about God and Jesus and the many stories in the bible. One of the congregation's delights is to see the children sing at Christmas and be a part of the amazing time of the Christ child being born. Thank you to everyone that worked on this event.



2024 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

27-Dec-24

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	15756	12467	25470	11661	11016	13986	19211	9510	29844	15269	13274	
Budget	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809	13809



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ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY WORSHIP 6:00 PM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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deadline is:

January 15, 2025



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stmarkrhinelander.org

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gary Buntrock	1/4
Henry Schienebeck	1/4
Lucas Knoeck	1/5
Allen Gerdes	1/10
Sally Miller	1/12
Jack Chmiel	1/19
Finley Gerdes	1/21
Sue Kuckkahn	1/22
Cathy Kuczmariski	1/25
Braxton Bolkema	1/26
Virginia Stefanez	1/30

JANUARY

ANNIVERSARIES

Gene & Inge VanKampen 1/14