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St. Mark -- A Caring, Christian Community

The mission of St. Mark Lutheran Church is to sow God's Word; celebrate what Jesus has done.

Grow in His love and forgiveness, that we may know His peace, freeing us to serve others.

The Weekly Messenger

APRIL 1, 2018

SUN	APR	1	WORSHIP- EASTER "SON"RISE/HC	6:00 AM
			WORSHIP/HC	10:15 AM
MON	APR	2	NO WORSHIP	
TUE	APR	3	BD. OF STEWARDSHIP MEETING	6:00 PM
WED	APR	4	CATECHISM	6:30 PM
			SPECIAL YOUTH MEETING	7:30 PM
THU	APR	5	REACH OUT/HC	11:15 AM
SUN	APR	8	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP	10:15 AM
			BIBLE STUDY	11:15 AM

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Those attending the Lord's supper at St. Mark Lutheran Church are publicly saying that they believe that Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. Also those partaking of Holy Communion must believe the words "*given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,*" (LSB 326-327)* and they must be able to examine themselves (LSB 329-330) as we are taught in Luther's Small Catechism. Visitors who have not been instructed in the meaning of this holy and sacramental act should speak with the pastor before taking part in the Sacrament if possible. Our concern is no one take this Sacrament to harm as St. Paul warns in 1 Corinthians 11:27 -- *Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.* No one is obligated (member or visitor) to partake in the Sacrament of the Altar every time it is offered. Children who have not been confirmed can come forward for a blessing.

*LSB- Lutheran Service Book



CONGREGATION NEWS

EASTER LILIES Have been given by the following: The Smiles Family, Myrene Janke, Ruth Schoen, Donna Krueger, and Merlin and Georgie Becker "To the Glory of God", Marvin & June Pethke in memory of Ranee Frank, Audrey Partika in memory of Mom and Dad (Elmer and Velda Prill), Tracy Heideman in memory of Mom, Marie Bestul in memory of Mom, Dad, and Brother David, Alice Prill in memory of Dean and Susan, Diane Werth "Feeling Blessed".

PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN There are old hymnals and coloring pages on the bookshelf in the narthex for our little "singers" to use. Please do not let them play with or color in the pew hymnals. Thank you! There are also books on the shelf that they can take to look at during the service.

DIRECTORY SIGN UP- WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART!!!! It has been decided to do another pictorial directory for the church. You can find our online sign-up link on Facebook as well as the church's website at www.stmarksymco.org

Photography Dates are: April 12th & 13th (Thurs, Friday) from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM, April 14th (Sat) from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and April 17th & 18th (Tues, Weds) from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM



FINANCES God Bless all who are able to give! We made a deposit of \$6,833.44 on March 19th. Of that, \$5,377.00 was for current. Our end of month expenses are still large due to the fuel bill (Good news- there is only one left due at the end of April!). With that said, we are still struggling, as you can see by the number below. As of February, when looking at the actual budget, we are still behind by \$14,000. By God's grace, we will get through.

Checkbook Balance (as of 3/20/18): \$8,933.28

Monies to Designate (memorials/fundraisers): \$3,776 (this has been moved to a separate holding account)

Upcoming Expenses/Payroll & Benefits: \$9,861.89 (includes 1320.66 for fuel)

Missions Collected: \$1324.76

Youth Collected: \$7

Endowment Fund Collected: \$686.44 from the Ladies Aid

Project Fund Collected: \$0

Ending balance: -\$2,964.81

Savings Account Balance (3/20/18): \$9,332.12 (includes endowment interest of \$7,785.62 yet to be designated)

PARSONAGE ROOF Can you hear the drip-drop of water in a bucket during a rain storm? Neither can Pastor or his family...for now. The parsonage roof is in desperate need of replacement this year. The Mission and Ministry Team (MMT)- formerly called the Church Council, has been working on this concern. They are ready to contract a roofer to complete this project. The cost will be around \$13,000. We have around \$4,000 saved in the project fund. We'll have to borrow the rest... unless we can raise the remaining amount by June of this year. If you can spare a little extra, please designate it to the project fund.



SARAH CIRCLE SPRING TEA First Ever tea at St. Mark's! "God's Rainbow Garden" is this year's theme. Be sure to buy your tickets now- Advanced Sales Only! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from any Sarah Circle Member and also sold after the church services starting April 8th. See the flyer at the back of this messenger for more information.

ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS Our most recent check was for \$130.72. Keep turning in your Econofoods receipts, please! The youth receive money back from each receipt that gets turned in. You can put them in the slot in the triangle bulletin board in the narthex.

SCRIP CARD PROGRAM Don't forget about our scrip program too!! This has been a huge help to our church. Purchase gift cards where you would normally shop (Shopko, Kwik Trip, Fleet Farm, Walmart, etc.) and give the church some money back from your purchase! Many, many stores to choose from! Either stop in the office to purchase or there are order forms by the lock box; just place your order and money inside and we'll get your order to you. Contact the church office if you are interested in purchasing any (even sale items) of the scrip cards.

ST LUKE RUMMAGE/CRAFT & BAKE SALE St. Luke will be having their sale again this year coming up in May. There are a few members from St. Mark's church that enjoy the worship opportunity that St. Luke offers; this is a great way to support their ministry. All St. Mark members are also welcome to come and help out!! Any and all help is appreciated!

YOUTH RALLY DAY! Come and Meet the new youth board.

ST. MARK YOUTH *Rally Day*

APRIL 25 @ 7:15 PM

HAVE YOU HEARD? ST. MARK HAS A NEW YOUTH BOARD!

You are invited to come and meet the new Youth Board - Shawn Buchholz, Nikki Voss, Michelle Poppy and Stephanie Riske. We have a lot of new ideas and are excited to hear yours as well.

Please join us at 7:15 pm *(15 min. before catechism releases)* on Wednesday, April 25. The catechism students will already be there, and we would love to have the parents there too.

As members of St. Mark, kids grades 6th-12th are already members of our Youth Group - we would love to have all attend.

– Shawn Buchholz, Youth Director

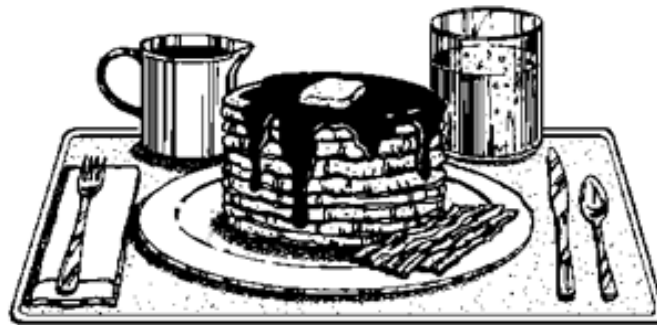
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

AS STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL, WE ARE COMPELLED TO SHARE THE NEWS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION.

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”
(Luke 24: 5b-6a).



St. Mark Lutheran Church
Pancake Supper
SYMCO WI
Sunday April 15, 2018
4 - 7 PM



SERVING

Potato and buttermilk pancakes
REAL maple syrup
Sausage Applesauce Cheese Dessert
Beverages

Adults.....\$7.00

Children(6-12).....\$4.00

Children(under 6)...Free

Supplemental Funding by Thrivent

ST. MARK'S SARAH CIRCLE

SPRING TEA

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018 AT 11:00 AM

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

"God's Rainbow Garden"

This will be our first ever tea!

When you arrive, a delicious tea will be set and awaiting YOU! A selection of 4 different teas, coffee, punch, sandwiches, salads, fruit and delectable bars and cookies will be offered for your enjoyment.



Entertainment this year will be the musical talents of Jill Willner on the keyboard as you arrive and while you dine.

Following will be a style show presented by Hello Beautiful Boutique of Manawa.

Proceeds to benefit

Camp Luther's Construction & Renovation Project

A basket raffle (with all proceeds going to Camp Luther) will once again be offered.

TICKETS ARE \$10.00 EACH

ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SARAH CIRCLE MEMBERS
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE

TICKETS WILL ALSO BE SOLD AFTER THE
SERVICES APRIL 8TH THRU APRIL 23RD

