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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

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

SUN	FEB	4	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP/HC	10:15 AM
MON	FEB	5	BUSY BEES	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP/HC	6:30 PM
WED	FEB	7	CATECHISM	6:30 PM
			SMYL / LYF	7:30 PM
THU	FEB	8	SARAH CIRCLE - GUEST SPEAKER	7:00 PM
			DARTBALL- BYE	
SUN	FEB	11	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP	10:15 AM
			GRADES 3-8 SING	
			BIBLE STUDY	11:30 AM

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**GOD WANTS US TO DENY OURSELVES,
TAKE UP OUR CROSSES, AND
FOLLOW HIM.**

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).



CONGREGATION NEWS

CHILI LUNCHEON THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the people who worked on Saturday; it's always a fun morning preparing for a big day on Sunday. Also, thank you for all who donated food, made and cut pies, and all who worked in the kitchen on Sunday to make our chili luncheon a success again in 2018! Also to the people who did the advertising and to anyone else who helped, waited tables, or attended. Thanks, Bob and Pat Janke

WORSHIP TIMES The Elders have met and decided to continue the Monday night services through Spring. In May, our usual Wednesday night summer outdoor services (at 7:30 PM) will take place. At the end of summer, the Elders will re-evaluate the service times again to determine what direction will be taken.

BIBLE STUDY Will begin on February 11th after the Sunday service at around 11:30. This study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. There will also be a bible study held on Wednesdays after each of the Lenten services; starting around noon.

SARAH CIRCLE WATKINS SALE Will be coming up mid-month. Please contact a member if you would like to order any of their wonderful products (vanilla, hand soap, cleaners, etc.)!

GUEST SPEAKER All are welcome!! On **February 8th at 7:00 PM**, during our Sarah Circle group get together, there will be a guest speaker. It is Jamie Lane of the "Wine Maker's Daughter" of Manawa. She will be giving a presentation on the introduction of oils and balsamic vinegars for use in cooking.

LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICES Ash Wednesday is on **February 14th**. This year's Lenten series is entitled, "Thy Will Be Done". "Not as I will, but as you will." Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week.

Ash Wednesday February 14th	God's Will and God's Promise 11:15 AM with Reach Out / HC 7:30 PM
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Lenten Week 1 February 21st	God's Will and My Inadequacy 11:15 AM 7:30 PM
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Lenten Week 2 February 28th	God's Will and My Dreams 11:15 AM 7:30 PM
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Lenten Week 3 March 7th	God's Will and My Identity 11:15 AM with Reach Out / HC 7:30 PM
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Lenten Week 4 March 14th	God's Will and My Worldview 11:15 AM 7:30 PM
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Lenten Week 5 March 21st	God's Will and My Response 11:15 AM 7:30 PM
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FINANCES God Bless all who are able to give! We made a deposit of \$15,130.99 on January 22nd. Of that, \$6,387.37 was for current- This included our 4th quarter shared expenses from St. Luke of \$2,346.77. Yes, there is a negative balance showing below, but our end of January expenses are covered. I thought it may have been a trying month, with fuel and repair costs, but we are holding our own yet.

Checkbook Balance (as of 1/24/18): \$10,258.48

Monies to Designate (memorials/fundraisers): \$4,215.21

Upcoming Expenses/Payroll & Benefits: \$7,680.89

Missions Collected: \$924.28 (includes \$201 to Rachel Meyer, missionary going to Uganda)

Youth Collected: \$0

Project Fund Collected: \$50

Ending balance: - \$2,611.90

Savings Account Balance (1/24/18): \$12,740.66 (includes endowment interest to be designated)

ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS 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.

PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPTS Due to economic times and decreases in overall store sales, The Waupaca Piggly Wiggly store (effective January 15th) will be issuing gift cards to the church in lieu of a check for earnings.

SCRIP CARD PROGRAM Don't forget about our scrip program too!! As you can see above, 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.
Some cards are on sale; feel free to ask when purchasing.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILI LUNCHEON St. Paul's Men's Club will be hosting a chili luncheon on **Sunday, February 11th** from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Free will offering accepted.

POLKA SERVICE AND SOUP DINNER Peace Lutheran Church in Tilleda is hosting their polka service (Second Edition Band) and soup dinner on **Sunday, March 4th**. Polka service at 10:00 followed by luncheon at 11:00 Am to 1:30 PM. Cost is \$7 adults, 10 and under \$4.

THANK YOU! Thank you for your support in the sock drive. 184 pairs of children's socks, 51 pairs of underwear, and 6 pairs of gloves were donated to the Manawa Elementary School. 52 pairs of adult socks were also donated to the Waupaca Foundation for Living! Both places were very appreciative!