

St. Mark Lutheran Church
SYMCO, Wisconsin
(LC-MS)

N7534 Church Street
Manawa, WI 54949
(920) 596-3241

E-Mail: stmarksymco@yahoo.com

Web Site: www.stmarksymco.org

REVEREND JEFFREY A. SMILES, PASTOR

Personal E-Mail: revjasmiles@yahoo.com

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

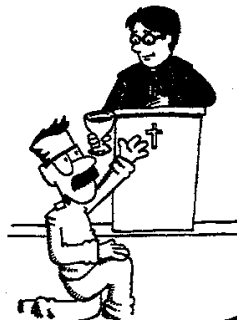
JANUARY 28, 2018

SUN	JAN	28	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP- POLKA SERVICE	10:15 AM
			CHILI LUNCHEON	11:30 AM
MON	JAN	29	BUSY BEES	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP	6:30 PM
WED	JAN	31	CATECHISM	6:30 PM
THU	FEB	1	REACH OUT/HC	11:15 AM
			DARTBALL AT HOME	7:30 PM
SUN	FEB	4	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:00 AM
			WORSHIP/HC	10:15 AM

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**AS GOD'S PEOPLE, WE ARE
STENGTHENED FOR STEWARDSHIP
THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT.**

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit
that will last" (John 15:16).



CONGREGATION NEWS

2017 STATEMENTS Offering statements for the 2017 year are out on the table in the back of the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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.

DISCONTINUED ALTAR FLOWERS The altar guild has met and decided that the altar flowers will be discontinued starting in 2018. If you would still like to purchase altar flowers, you may. However, you will be responsible for ordering and getting the bouquets to church. There are some liners here at church if you need to use them. Please let the church office know when you will be doing this so that we can include it in the weekly bulletin.

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)

EVERY KID TO CAMP LAST CHANCE! FREE CAMP!! Check out the information on back page of this messenger. If your child fits the requirements, sign up to see if your name will be chosen for camp. Name is picked on January 28th. You can even bring a friend for free!

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

WCWC Waupaca Chrisian Women's Connection is hosting a "Baubles, Bangles & Beads" Luncheon on **Monday, February 12th** from 12:00 to 1:30 PM. The cost is \$13. Main menu is beef stroganoff. Special feature is a jewelry exchange. Inspirational speaker is Marcia Mueller of Shawano on "how to overcome the tornadoes of life with peace and confidence!" For reservations, call Phyllis at 715-258-2886 or Ruth at 920-596-2492 by February 5th. More info on a flyer on the table in the narthex.

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!

**St. Mark Annual
Polka Service and Chili Luncheon
Sunday, January 28, 2018
11:30am - 1:30pm**



**Adults - \$7.00
Children 5-12 - \$3.00
Children under 5 - Free**

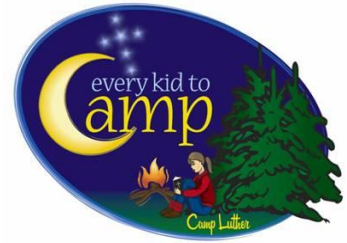
Serving: all-you-can-eat homemade chili, rye bread, cheese homemade pies & beverages.



St Mark Lutheran Church - Symco

3rd to 8th Grade

Sign up now for a free week at Camp Luther!



MUST BE TURNED IN BY JANUARY 28.

Connecting Kids to Christ Through Camp...One Kid at a Time.

What is *Every Kid to Camp*?

Every Kid to Camp is a program that sends kids to a week of summer camp at Camp Luther for FREE. Kids in the 3rd through 8th grades, who have not attended a summer camp before, qualify to attend. We see every kid in the North Wisconsin District attending a week of summer camp before they reach the 9th grade.

What is the awesome purpose of the *Every Kid to Camp* program?

The awesome purpose of the *Every Kid to Camp* program is to help kids build a stronger foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It's about connecting KIDS to CHRIST through CAMP...one kid at a time. Now, more than ever, kids need to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ....He lived, He died, He rose and He lives again for you and me. Eternal life is ours.

Why is a week of summer camp so important?

A week of summer camp is a life changing event that will make a difference in the life of a child....and their family. Kids who attend a week of summer camp will see life through a different set of eyes....Jesus' eyes. Kids will not only build relationships with new friends, but more importantly, with Jesus Christ. That's what we are all about.

Every Kid to Camp Sign up

Here at St. Mark we want to send a kid to camp for free. If your child has never been to Camp Luther and fits the other requirements mentioned above, then fill out your child's name below and give to their Sunday School Teacher or put in the box in the narthex of the church. One name will be chosen on Jan 28 (They will also be able to bring a friend for free!). If you have any question, contact Pastor Smiles at 920-596-3241 or at stmarksymco@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Parents: _____

Grade (2017-2018): _____ Phone Number: _____

or

E-mail the information above with the subject –“St. Mark Every Kid to Camp” to stmarksymco@yahoo.com