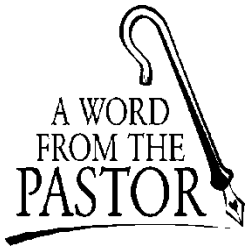


St. Mark & St. Luke Newsletter

THE MESSENGER



Dear Friends in Christ,

Is there anything good going on at St. Marks?

It seems like all we hear and read in our newsletters is concerns about money and the need for more people to step up and volunteer.

So . . . is there anything good going on here?

In my humble opinion, YES THERE IS!

We are collecting enough money through our offerings and other donations to pay our bills and settle our debts.

We provide worship services and administer the Sacraments several times a week.

We provide educational opportunities for all ages.

People from this church are growing in their faith which in turn motivates them to go out in the community and provide meals with such organizations as Neighbor to Neighbor . . .volunteering to build houses for Habitat for Humanity.

We have a group in our church called the Busy Bees that makes quilts that are sent all over the world.

We have a women's group called the Sarah Circle that meets on a regular basis and coordinates a couple of great meals – The Chili Lunch & Pancake Supper – the reaches out to our community.

We have regular activities for our youth.

So, in spite of our challenges – There is a lot of good things happening at St. Mark's!

*In Christ,
Pastor Smiles*

WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Oct. 2 7:30 pm Order of Service- D.S. 3 (Printed Out)

Holy Communion is offered at the floor level

Elder Ryan Poppy

Elder Assistant Todd Olsen

Reach Out *October 3*

A bi- monthly Communion Service for those who have difficulty coming to the front of church for the Lord's Supper or wish to avoid large crowds but want to attend worship.

Oct. 6 10:15 am Order of Service- Divine Service Setting 3 (Pg. 184)

Holy Communion is offered at the Altar Level

Elder Steve Handrich

Elder Assistant Austin Heideman

Acolyte Aiden Heideman

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Oct 9 7:30 pm Order of Service- - Creative Worship (Printed Out)

Elder Wayne Wendt

Elder Assistant Paul Timm

Oct 13 10:15 am Order of Service- Creative Worship (Printed Out)

Elder Arnold Heideman

Elder Assistant Dale Voie

Acolyte Cora Voss

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Oct 16 7:30 pm Order of Service- - D.S. 3 (Printed Out)

Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level

Elder Ryan Poppy

Elder Assistant Brian Much

Reach out

Oct. 17 A bi- monthly Communion Service for those who have difficulty coming to the front of church for the Lord's Supper or wish to avoid large crowds; but want to attend worship.

Oct 20 10:15 am Order of Service- Divine Service Setting 3 (Pg. 184)

Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level.

Elder Mel Hansen

Elder Assistant Dan Riske

Acolyte Olivia Duranceau

Reformation Day (Observed)

Oct 23 7:30 pm Order of Service- - Special Order- Reformation (Printed Out)

Elder Mel Hansen

Elder Assistant Keith Timm

Oct 27 10:15 am Order of Service- Special Order- Reformation (Printed Out)

Elder Steve Handrich

Elder Assistant Shannon Hansen

Acolyte Addison Claussen

All Saints' Day (Observed)

Oct 30 7:30 pm Order of Service- D.S. 4 (Printed Out)
Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level
Elder Wayne Wendt **Elder Assistant Paul Timm**

Nov 3 10:15 am Order of Service- Divine Service Setting 4 (Pg. 203)
Holy Communion is offered at the Altar Level.
Elder Arnold Heideman **Elder Assistant Austin Heideman**
Acolyte Carter Moericke

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, ask someone to take your place. PLEASE call the office (920)596-3241 to let the Church Secretary know when you exchanged with someone else.
Thank You

Have You Moved?
If you or someone you know has moved or will be moving, and the address or telephone number has changed, **PLEASE** inform the church office. The newsletter is not forwarded when we have a wrong address. It is returned and we pay extra postage.

ST LUKE'S ELDER/USHER TEAMS

- Oct. 6 Les Wilson
- Oct. 13 David Bork
- Oct. 20 Tom Feucht
- Oct. 27 Les Wilson
- Nov. 3 David Bork



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

We made a deposit of \$6,715.61 on September 17, 2024. Of that, \$6,191.00 was for current expenses. Welcome September and fall weather (I think)?! While we are short for the end of month, it is not as concerning. The month of October holds three deposits, so we should be sitting okay going into October.

Checkbook Balance (as of 9/18/2024): \$524.13



Monies to designate (memorials/fundraisers): \$0
Known Monthly Expenses: \$600.00
Missions Collected: \$907.90
Youth Collected: \$0 YTD
Endowment Fund Collected: \$0
Project Fund Collected: \$395.00
Total Expenses: \$1,902.90

Ending balance: - \$1,378.77

Savings Account Balance (9/18/24): \$13,034.65.

Whoever is able and has been giving extra- thank you! Let's see if we can all increase our giving; just a small amount will do wonders!
Glory to God!!



HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY DON! In honor of his 80th birthday, Don Hanson has given a monetary gift to be used toward the church parsonage repairs. God Bless you Don and thank you!

CHURCH TREASURER St. Mark needs a church treasurer! Some time ago, we put the Treasurer position, the church secretary position, and the Congregational (Council) Secretary positions all together as one position.

The time has come to reevaluate that decision. It may be better to separate the Treasurer' position and the church secretary position as it had been in the past. Tracy Heideman, who currently serves this position, would agree. She is willing to continue as our church secretary but would like us to find someone who would take on the Treasurer' duties. In the past, this was an elected position and the person assuming the responsibility was paid a salary for their time. Contact the church office for more information.



Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Be the Chief Financial Officer of the congregation and shall be responsible for the overall financial program of the congregation in accordance with policies approved by the church council and Voters' assembly.
2. Be responsible for the safekeeping of all funds, securities, and fiduciary documents of the congregation.
3. Be the disbursing agent of the congregation. All checks shall be issued under the authority and supervision of the treasurer, who shall be responsible for the establishment of appropriate fiscal controls over the congregation.
4. Serve as the controller of the congregation and be responsible for the financial accounting system, the preparation of financial statements and the periodic reporting of them to the congregation, and the establishment or review of all financial accounting procedures. All accounting procedures are subject to the approval of the church council.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THANK YOU!!

The volunteers at the Manawa Area Community Food Pantry wish to extend a most sincere thank you for your continued and generous support. With the rising cost of food, hygiene, and cleaning products we, and our struggling families, are so appreciative of your help and support.

God Bless you for your help,
Barb Lightfuss

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING: October 27th at approximately 11:30, after the morning worship. Your presence and input are appreciated. At this meeting we will elect and re-elect members of MMT, and we will adopt a budget for 2025.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY. . . A bible study began in September and will continue in October. See the calendar for dates (typically the 2nd & 4th Sundays).

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE The members of the altar guild are wondering what should be done about the 14ft artificial Christmas tree that was purchased from Balsam Hill? It is too much to handle and difficult for the ladies to set up and take down.

In place of the large tree, the Riske family donated two smaller size trees to use at Christmas time.

Would someone (or even another church) be interested in this large tree? Call the church office and let us know if you or someone you know would be interested!

GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Sarah Circle

Sarah Circle will be meeting on **Thursday, October 10th**. The meeting will begin at **6:30 p.m.**

Altar Guild

Before we know it, Christmas will be here! The altar guild will be decorating the Christmas tree on **Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 AM**. Taking down the Christmas tree will be on January 5, 2025, after the worship service.

Youth and Family Ministries

ATTENTION YOUTH!! There will be a youth event in after Confirmation class on **Wednesday, October 2nd!** Hope to see you there!!



S'more about Camp Luther...

Faith, Family, Friendship



“Building up all people in Christ for service and witness in the world.”

THANK YOU!

We were so blessed this summer to serve such amazing campers, families, volunteers, and staff! Our youth campers arrived every week ready to learn about how we have a God who is with us and play in His creation. Family campers enjoyed time together in a place set apart from the hustle and bustle of their daily lives by participating in our family focused activities. We are so grateful for everyone who came out to camp this summer! Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

Summer 2024 by the numbers:

- 43 Summer Staff Members
- 71 Junior Counselors
- 1,545 Summer Program Campers
- Over 20 new families experienced Family Camp!
- 31,850 meals served in the Community Center
- 1,000 Perfect Polar Bears
- 1 Amazing God!

FALL WORKBEE WEEKEND

October 18-20, 2024

Spend a weekend serving at Camp Luther! Workbee Weekends are crucial to the ministry of Camp Luther, their goal is to help clean up camp and get things ready for our next season of groups. Bring the whole family, there is a project for everyone!

Registration for this FREE event is now open on our website.

NEW NAMES AT CAMP!

Tyler “Yata” Scholz- Retreats Program Manager

Derrick “Rock” Minnick- Summer Program Manager

Evan “Cannonball” Peters- Seasonal Ministry Staff

While Camp Luther has some new names, they do have some **HIRING** opportunities too.

- **Business & Office Coordinator (Development & Communication)** - As part of the year-round team, this role supports the mission by being the “face of Camp Luther” through direct contact with guests, donors, volunteers, visitors, vendors, and service providers, as well as the successful performance of office, communications, and donor relations duties.
- **Director of Facilities** - The purpose of the Facilities Director is to maintain a high level of upkeep and safety of facilities, vehicles, and equipment. To provide leadership, direction, training, and management of all facilities/maintenance staff, vendors, and volunteers.

Full job descriptions at www.campluther.com/hiring