

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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April 2015 NEWSLETTER

The Resurrection in a Broken World

I was concerned by the media hype surrounding the release of the Department of Justice report concerning the police shooting of Tony Robinson. There were some who thought the report would so declarative that people would either rejoice in the streets or the protests would resume larger and with more energy. Instead, the report has been passed on to the District Attorney's office and they will have to study it before any conclusions are made. What we know is that while the report may shed new light on the Tony Robinson incident we have to do more as a community to make opportunities for all people. We have to ask our police department to be less military and more community service. Lynn and I stopped to help a man last Brat Fest who was clearly intoxicated and also white. I was shocked at the "swat team" approach by the police officer who arrived when we called the paramedics. There has to be a better way of working with people.

As we walk with Jesus through the events of Holy Week and into Easter we see Jesus modeling how to confront those in power with love. We see that even though Jesus was a master at loving confrontation there were still those so threatened by Jesus' way they determined that he had to be killed. Jesus carried a deep belief in God's kingdom where everyone is included. Jesus' loving approach in confronting the powers and principalities gives us a vision for creating community. If and when we live as Jesus did, our community will change.

Every Holy Week we have to decide whether we have the courage to follow Jesus to the cross – believing in a better vision for our lives and our community. In God's time, we celebrate the resurrection – whether we are ready for it or not.

Blessings,
Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Pantry



Tuesday 10 a.m. - Noon & Thursday 5:45-7:30 p.m.

We remain grateful to Trinity United Methodist, All Saints Lutheran, St. Matthews New Life, and Midvale Lutheran for partnering with us on this ministry. We are also grateful to the many individuals who volunteer, contribute food or financially. God Blesses this ministry all the time!

Bathroom Boxes - Lenten Mission Project

Thank you to all who contributed to the Bathroom Boxes as a part of our Lenten Mission Project. We assembled four boxes to be given to four different families as they arrive in the United States as refugees. Imagine coming to a new country and when arriving at your new apartment there is toilet paper, soap and towels and the necessities for "cleaning up" after a long journey. Thank you to all who participated!

Financial Giving

March Giving Summary (does not include the 29th)

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$2400,00	\$ 2200.00
Friends	\$ 322,00	\$ 350.00
Rent Rec'd from FCBC	\$ 995.00	\$ 960.00
Rent Rec'd from St. Mark's Community Foods	\$737.50	
Rent Rec'd from MOSES	\$175.00	
Rent Rec'd from Forward! March	\$50	
Rent Rec'd from Raging Grannies	\$50	
Rent for kitchen use	\$125	
New Ministry Opportunity	\$2500	

Thank you to members and friends who help St. Mark's serve in Christ's name.

St. Mark's Calendar

Every Tuesday
Every Thursday
Every Friday

Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
Food Pantry 5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Friday Free Meal 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.



April Birthdays

April 1 Lori Powell
April 10 Karen Pettey
April 25 Maxine Moore

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Anti-Bullying Ministry Team Brings You This Learning Opportunity!

Bullying is pervasive. It takes place in schools, at work, in person and online. Join in the conversation as we discuss ways to be allies for one another and how our faith can lead the way. At this special event, there will be breakout sessions for youth (11+) and for adults.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 25th, 2015, 9am – 2pm

Barneveld Lutheran Church

\$10/person includes lunch and refreshments

Watch “What Matters” or visit <https://www.facebook.com/LABSCSW> for future detail

Holy Week Events

April 3rd 12:00 PM Good Friday Worship with Trinity United Methodist at St. Mark’s.

April 4th 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt for Children 2 – 10 years of age. Free and Fun!

April 5th 9:30 Easter Worship Service



Council Corner

The Peace of the Lord Be With You,

We’re moving into April which means, I think, spring has sprung. And I for one am ready! I’ve had enough of snow shoveling. It’s time for grass mowing. Well, at least the grass isn’t heavy. Of course, with warmer weather there are more outside things we can do. For example, now that St. Mark’s has new signs we can put them up. After some thought we’ve decided to put the new signs on the building rather than putting them on the cross sculpture. If you are mechanically inclined let me know. A little help with this project would be appreciated.

Another outside job for this summer is to install the playground climbing structure. Completing our playground is one more way St. Mark’s can be invitational and community oriented. Speaking of community oriented, St. Mark’s is planning to offer a book club during July for kids in third through fifth grades who need help reading. There will be more information on this as plans are firmed up. And speaking of reading, if anyone is interested in building a little free library for St. Mark’s let me know and I can help get you blueprints. Enjoy your spring!

Yours in Christ,

Lynn Miller