

# *St. Mark's Newsletter May 2018*



## **Pastoral Message:**

Dear Friends:

On April 20<sup>th</sup> Mark and Lisa (they did a great job!) presented out Mission Plan to the other congregations that have completed the two year Connect Renewal Program. I have put the Power Point presentation on the bulletin board but these are the action points we have discussed as a congregation:

1. Replacing sign seasonally as well as including Food Pantry and Friday Meal times on new signs.
2. New banners and décor in the sanctuary to follow the liturgical year.
3. Continue to explore worship participation through prayer stations and other activities.
4. Building relationships with other groups including but not limited to: the Bay Creek Neighborhood Association, Restoring Roots, and Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice.
5. Create a Little House of Prayer to pray for the neighborhood.
6. Invite feedback from those who attend the Friday Meal to determine future planning.
7. Apply for a Disability Grant to begin a relational ministry for young adults with intellectual disabilities.
8. Put together a committee to look at Long Range Building issues.

In my sermon on April 29<sup>th</sup> I talked about how Jesus invites us to abide in him just as he abides in us. It is one way of talking about the spiritual journey and the companionship of Christ. In the Gospel of John, the writer, quoting Jesus says this is how we will bear fruit. This means we need not be afraid to consider new ways of living out our mission. The need for a Long

Range Building committee became clear as Lynn and I walked around the building and looked at the repairs our building needs.

Our mortgage has a variable rate which means some months we pay a fair market rate, other months eighteen per cent goes to principal and eighty two per cent goes for interest. It is good we have this mortgage to give us time to pray and plan but eventually we need to get out from under this mortgage. Can we do this by finding another significant tenant or is there a better building in the neighborhood for us? By asking these questions we invite the Holy Spirit to discern with us, fully confident in our mission.

Let me know if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori

### **Financial Report for the month of April 2018:**

Tithes and Offerings for the month: \$2446.00

Rental Income for the month: \$1947.50

We had an increase in rental income this month as we have been trying to rent the building more. This is a way of developing relationships with other organizations and to be good stewards of the building. Successful building management can take many hours.



**Clean up date at the Church - May 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM**

Please join us Saturday morning May 19<sup>th</sup> as we work on cleaning up around the church following the long winter. Lynn Miller has a list of projects that need completed. Bring a rake and a shovel if able.

## May Birthdays



May 8<sup>th</sup> Jean Buchanan    May 15<sup>th</sup> Lisa Manion

May 19<sup>th</sup> Jim O'Connor    May 21<sup>st</sup> Chris Scoville

May 26<sup>th</sup> Howard Mueller



May 20<sup>th</sup> Baptism Day for baby Rhea!

Thanks to those who walked Sunday!

Faith Voices for Peace and Justice.



**Have you signed up for Bratfest?**

**Have you signed up to be a Reader or a Greeter?**

**Team Meetings (Administrative Team, Worship Team and Mission and Outreach Team) will meet after worship on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

