

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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June 2017 NEWSLETTER

## Being the Church

Dear Friends:

This Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the first Pentecost when a small following of people, mostly of Jewish descent gathered for worship and to follow the Jesus Way. They numbered around one hundred fifty people. The Spirit touched their gathering and by the end of Pentecost their numbers were near three thousand. The Spirit came upon the church and touched off a fire inside each of them.

Two thousand years later we are still the church. The role of the church is not to constantly create new projects but to be a place where people can find the fire inside of them. Sometimes the Spirit leads us into new activities because of inner fires burning but at other times it is a call to spiritual renewal – finding a deeper connection with God individually and as a community of faith.

As a part of the work of the church, I am grateful and pleased with the work of the three ministry teams that met on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Congregational members chose the team for which they felt some passion and some fire. Decisions were made. This is a new style of governance for us and while there may be a learning curve the best way to keep the fires burning is by honoring the work and the decision making efforts of each team. I will not second guess, sabotage or undermine any of the efforts of the Ministry Teams. I invite all church members to do the same. To be the church we have to honor and support each other as we do the work God has called us to do. There may be times the Ministry Teams will seek counsel from each other or ask for extra support. We will meet as a congregation to do just that. While my job as pastor is to facilitate much of the work, the works belongs to the church. May the Spirit guide us in this work.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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# St. Mark's Food Ministry



**Food Pantry:** As we enter into the summer months, extra volunteers for the Food Pantry are always welcome. Tony Esser is doing an excellent job of managing the new volunteers we have for Thursday evenings. Another volunteer would be great for Tuesday mornings. We are also beginning to receive produce from the summer Middleton Farmer's Market.

**Friday Meal:** As the Friday Meal goes through transition extending hospitality remains a priority. A job description for the Friday Meal cook position will soon be available. The position is five hours per week and pays \$20 per hour.

**Currently the Balance for the Food Ministries is \$10,983.52 though this does not include a \$2000.00 grant from the ELCA Hunger Ministries to be deposited.**

## Financial Giving

### May Giving Summary

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$2682.00	\$2200.00
Friends	\$ 64.00	\$ 350.00
Rent Rec'd 7th Day	\$ 860.00	\$ 860.00
Rent Rec'd Foods Mins	\$ 737.50	\$ 737.50
Rent Rec'd MOSES	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00
Chef Joel		\$ 25.00

**Thank you to members and friends who support  
the ministry of St. Mark's.**

### St. Mark's Calendar

Every Tuesday  
Every Thursday  
Every Friday

Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 12 Noon  
Food Pantry 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Free Meal 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.



### June Birthdays

June 4     Debbie Thorp  
June 6     Jim Benz



### Decisions from the May 21<sup>st</sup> Team Meetings:

**Administrative Team:** The Administrative Team discussed our lease with MOSES and added rules to the lease regarding scheduling meetings as well as our Safe Sanctuary Policy. Lori Powell, pastor and Lynn Miller from the Administrative team met with MOSES on Tuesday, May

23<sup>rd</sup>. There are ongoing discussions regarding whether MOSES will sign the lease and comply with the Safe Sanctuary Policy.

**Outreach and Mission Team:** Discussed plans for a new sign on Park Street as well as building signs for the Food Pantry and Friday Meal. The sign on Park Street has to be approved by the city. Discussed the Friday Meal and finding new ways to share hospitality.

**Worship Team:** Decided June 18th is the day we recognize graduating seniors. An invitation will be sent to graduates who have worshipped with St. Mark's. Discussed adding a candle lighting ritual to worship on the 4th Sunday of each month. Decided July 16th is the day for our concert and either ice cream social or cook-out to share hospitality with our neighborhood. Also discussed turning up the microphones on the sound system.



### **Baby Kit Supplies:**

If you are out attending garage sales this spring and summer look for lightly used (no stains) sleepers without feet, pants, t-shirts, jackets for infants up through 2 years. In September we will put together baby kits for the ELCA World Relief.



**Thank You Thank You Thank You**



Thank you to all who worked Bratfest on behalf of St. Mark's and especially to Debbie Thorp for once again arranging this great fundraising activity. There will be a thank you card at worship for all to sign to thank Gary and Pam Gates who live across the street and worked on our behalf.

### **June 18th Celebrate Graduates**

During worship we will recognize piano player and musician Ogden Greene who graduated from UW Madison. This is what Ogden says about his future:

After graduating from UW Madison with a BS in Computer Engineering and Computer Science, Ogden will be quickly moving into the workplace. He will be developing web applications at Centare for various clients starting in June. He plans to remain in Madison for a couple years with his girlfriend and future dog.



Tony Powell Miller is graduating from Lafollette High School. He will continue at Lafollette High School for vocational training in the fall.

Cooper Hart, son of Dave and Kris Hart is graduating from high school. Hannah and Patrick Lines, grandchildren of Debbie Thorp and great grandchildren of Betty Smith are also graduating from high school.



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### **Around the Synod**

**SYNOD'S SECOND ANNUAL STEEPLE-TO-STEEPLE BIKE RIDE FOR HUNGER!**

JUNE 24, 2017 We hope to see you pedaling for world hunger June 24! Register or donate today at <https://scsw.eventbrite.com/>