

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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August 2017 NEWSLETTER

Final Flings

Dear Friends:

I recently saw a Facebook post that asked the question, "Did June and July last about five minutes?" Except when using a shop vac, it sure seems that way. August is the time to get in those last summer flings and appreciate the beauty of the season, to truly celebrate. Even though this has been an challenging summer with the water in the basement, there is much we here at St. Mark's need to celebrate.

Having such a wet summer has us inspired to tackle the water problem once and for all. We know it is the foundation. Zander Solutions will be out in early September to let us know what we need to do. Information is always empowering. I am excited and hopeful about moving forward on this project.

Our summer concert and ice cream social were a success thanks to everyone who participated. I'm sorry I didn't get to hear more of the music as Jim and Chris were great but I enjoyed getting to know more of our neighbors. And that was the point - for members of the church to get to know our neighbors. Thank you to Chris and Jim and all who brought cookies.

I am also very grateful for the visitors we have had this summer. I believe in the ministry of St. Mark's and am so grateful when we are able to share our spiritual journey with others. Every person who comes offers something to the collective worship experience.

Plan those final flings and enjoy August in all of its' beauty.

Blessings,

Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Ministry



Food Pantry: The flood in the basement has not effected the distribution of food to families that need it. Our numbers are high again with twenty new families finding their way to the food pantry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The trick is to have enough food. Donations have been good.

Friday Meal: I am excited to introduce Elaine Bogen as our new Friday Meal Coordinator. Elaine also works part-time for Middleton Outreach Ministry and brings great experience to this position. We have served lunch twice in the sanctuary because of the wet floor in the basement. It was great to use space in this way.

Currently the Balance for the Food Ministries is \$11,317.10.

Financial Giving

July Giving Summary

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$3002.00	\$2200.00
Friends	\$ 172.00	\$ 350.00
Rent Rec'd 7th Day	\$ 860.00	\$ 860.00
Rent Rec'd Foods Mins	\$ 737.50	\$ 737.50
Rent Rec'd MOSES	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
Chef Joel	125.00	

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

St. Mark's Calendar

Every Tuesday

Food Pantry 10 a.m. – 12 Noon

Every Thursday

Food Pantry 5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday

Friday Free Meal 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

August Birthdays

August 9 Lynn Miller
August 20 Nancy Peterson



God's Work, Our Hands - Sunday, September 10 - Baby Kits



For the past few years the ELCA has encouraged congregations to be in mission on either the first or second Sunday of September. These projects are called "God's Work, Our Hands". It has been a perfect opportunity for St. Mark's to put together Baby Kits. This has been an ongoing mission of the congregation. Betty Smith, Debbie Thorp and Chris Scoville have been leaders in this event.

If you like going to garage sales we need size newborn to 24 months: cotton t-shirts, long or short-sleeved gowns without feet, baby blankets, cloth diapers, jackets, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, baby hats and socks. The clothing should be stain free and in good condition.

For those more inclined to purchase we need bath sized gentle soap (not Irish Spring), hand towels, and cloth baby diapers. **Baby Kit Assembly is after worship on September 10th**

Connect Retreat - September 9th

Last year the congregation began participating in a renewal program called Connect. We met with other congregations working towards renewal. The first Connect Retreat is Saturday, September 9th from 8:30 to 3:00 at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Verona. We need four people to volunteer to attend. The activities have been enriching. Volunteers bring back activities for the whole congregation to participate in.

Wagon Drive This Saturday, August 5th



The Wagon Drive has roots here at St. Mark's. If you would like to bring school supplies on Sunday, August 6th, I will get them to the Wagon Drive.

The Wagon Drive is a project of collecting school supplies for the students at Lincoln Elementary and food for the Food Pantry of St. Mark's. Supplies can also be dropped off Lincoln Elementary on Saturday morning.



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Connect Retreat - Saturday, September 9th

Good Shepherd Lutheran, Verona