

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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January 2017 NEWSLETTER

The New Year “To Do” List

People have been making New Year's Resolutions for centuries. I like the idea of New Year's Resolutions but have not found them to be very effective for me. I do better with having short term goals, long term goals, and the ever present “to do” list. My list for the ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church includes:

1. Having a New Member class in January and welcoming new members.
2. Having our Annual Meeting when we approve a budget for 2017, adopt a Safe Sanctuary Policy, add addendum's to our rental contracts that reinforce our Safe Sanctuary Policy, and look at new ministry opportunities to be in relationship with the people of our community.
3. Find ways to be ambassadors of God's generous love – crossing human created boundaries of race, sexual orientation, ethnicity and economic divides.
4. Explore together good stewardship of this building including looking at our impact upon the earth and getting pricing for solar panels on the roof. I understand the implementation of this might be a ways off but it will be good to have the information.

Do you do better with New Year's Resolutions? Do you prefer a “to do” list? Are you one for imagining the future and figuring out the steps you need to take to get where you want to go?

May the New Year for each of us be grounded in God's love. Each day may we visit the holy place inside each of us where we connect with God and discern how to best be in ministry. Blessings, Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Pantry



A big thank you to the Van Hise Elementary School! They had a holiday food drive and brought in more than thirty bags of food for the food pantry! The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas are always difficult for food pantries as the push is for Thanksgiving baskets and that does not leave much for pre-Christmas planning. This is one of the many reasons we are grateful to Van Hise.

Financial Giving

December Giving Summary

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$1590.00	\$ 2200.00
Friends	\$ 1738.00	\$ 350.00
Rent Rec'd	\$ 860.00	\$ 860.00
from 7 th Day		
Rent Rec'd from St. Mark's Community Foods	\$737.50	
Rent Rec'd from MOSES	\$175.00	
Rent Chef Joel	\$100	
Rent from kitchen	\$275	

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.

January Birthdays



Jan. 6th Isaac Powell Miller
Jan. 23rd Brian Benz
Jan. 24th Mason JonasKrueger

Revitalization Update:

Anyone interested in finding out their personality type for our next Connect discussion is welcome to go to 123test.com disc personality test. The short test is free.

The next Connect meeting is Monday, February 6th at 4:00 for those who are able to make it and would like to continue the discussion on living out our mission and how who we are effects who we do!

The 4th Sunday of the month is now Special Music Sunday



Chris and Jim will be sharing their own brand of special music as well as leading hymns the fourth Sunday of every month beginning January 22nd. We will learn new music, and we will learn how to sing some old favorites a new way. This will be something fun to invite friends to.

New Member Class

There will be a New Member Class following worship on Sunday, January 22nd. Anyone interested in learning what it takes to be a member is welcome to join. New Member Sunday will follow on January 29th. New members will be recognized in worship.

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 29th following worship. The agenda for the annual meeting is briefly stated on the front page of this newsletter. Supplemental information to follow. This will be an important and exciting day for St. Mark's as this is also the day we welcome new members.



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Around the Synod

Anti Racism Training Workshop January 28, 2017 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Synod Hosted Event Our Savior's Lutheran Church 550 Lincoln Drive, Sun Prairie, WI

SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2017 – “Now What? The Next 500 Years” - Saturday & Sunday April 29 & 30, 2017

Time: 8:30 am Saturday – 12:30 pm on Sunday*