

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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October 2017 NEWSLETTER

Worship

Dear Friends:

October is a busy month for us in worship. My hope is that these worship celebrations will enhance our spiritual lives and help us live out the name Christian. May we be enriched in our personal lives and may we grow in confidence in our life together.

October 1 - World Wide Communion Sunday

We celebrate that Christians around the world pray for each other on this day and celebrate the unity we share through Christ.

October 8 - Blessing of the Pets

In the spirit of St. Francis all living creatures are invited to church for worship and will be blessed individually. If your pet does not do well with other animals a representative stuffed animal or a photo will do.

October 29 - Reformation Sunday

In the spirit of being "re-formed" this will also be a "Sing a New Song Sunday". We are celebrating 500 years from the day Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to the Wittenburg door.

Every Sunday is a time of worship, to offer God praise and to gather with other Christians. I am looking forward to this October with the diverse celebrations on our calendar. Let us praise God together!

Blessings,

Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Ministry



Food Pantry: The Food Pantry continues to have above average attendance. We are always grateful to All Saints ELCA in Fitchburg, St. Matthews New Life in Cottage Grove, Midvale Lutheran and Trinity United Methodist Church for the monthly contributions of food. We have also received weekly contributions from the Middleton Farmer's Market all summer. And as you know, the Soli's along with a few other neighbors drop by regularly with food. To all of them we say, "thank you!"

Work Day Needed: The waterproofing for the basement is scheduled for December 18th though Badger Basement said they have been working six weeks ahead of schedule - maybe November! We need people to help take down part of the wheelchair ramp and remove tiles around the edges. Then we need to put it back! If you are able to help, email the church office. Thank you!

Financial Giving

September Giving Summary

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$3985.00	\$2200.00
Friends	\$ 959.00	\$ 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		

We have received some extra funds for the waterproofing of the basement. Thank you! And thank you to members and friends who support



October Birthdays

October 10 - Cedarose Keeley
October 25 - Kathrine Moore



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

Thanks to everyone for their help assembling the baby kits and those who brought supplies. We are donating 58 baby kits this year, up ten from last year! Way to go!

Connect to Mission Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2017

We began the meeting with prayer and by reading Romans 12:1-12. We talked about who St. Mark's is and what characteristics are identified in this passage that describe St. Mark's. We are a ministry of cheerfulness.

1. Connect is asking participating congregations to begin a prayer ministry. We talked about creating prayer stations in the sanctuary and alternating our style of prayer one Sunday a month. This would also be a good time to get rid of broken pews.
2. Ideas for mission included Selfless Ambition, Becoming a Sanctuary Congregation, Beginning a 20/30's something group, offering a young adults with disabilities social group and supper church. We will: offer a November worship on immigrants and invite a speaker, begin young adult with disabilities social group, try supper church for either Advent or Lent. We will also highlight each church family in newsletter (November) and use pew pads on Sundays to have each person's address, email, and birthdate.

Blessing of the Pets: October 8th!

October 3, 1226 is the birthday of St. Francis. Because of his



example we celebrate the Blessing of the Animals in worship in October. Bring your dog, cat, rabbit as long as they get along well with others. If they do not, feel free to bring a photo or a stuffed animal representation and we will bless that!.



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God's work. Our hands.

Around the Synod

Lutheran World Relief Boxcar Loading and Congregational

In-Gatherings Are Coming!

Attention all quilters and kit makers! The Lutheran World Relief In gatherings in our synod are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, October 7 - Time: 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (note time change this year...only until 11:00 am)

Wisconsin Southern Railroad Yard - 1890 E. Johnson Street - Madison

