

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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May 2017 NEWSLETTER

Living Into the Resurrection

Dear Friends:

Yes, we celebrated Easter on Easter Sunday but Easter is not over. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Easter story. The day of Resurrection is so meaningful, so far reaching that it takes us a whole season to talk, pray, and worship around the truth, He is Risen! Does the Resurrection of Christ impact our lives? If so how? These are some of the questions we ask ourselves.

Many congregations start to slow down once May arrives. For them the Program year is completed. Here at St. Mark's, in keeping with the Gospel reversals, our mission tends to pick up. Summer is always a good opportunity to work on our building and grounds – crucial pieces of our ministry of hospitality. On Memorial Day week-end is Bratfest, a terrific fundraising opportunity for us. In June the youth group from Trinity Lutheran Church on Washington Island is coming for a mission trip. They will be working in the food pantry and at the Friday Meal sharing hospitality one on one as well as helping us with other tasks needed for the care of the church.

Last summer we tried a “welcome back to the neighborhood” carnival after road construction impeded traffic to the church for the spring and early summer months. Is this something we would like to do again?

When we live into the Resurrection, we not only have hope for our own lives, we have hope for the work of the church and the community we serve.

May the truth of the Resurrection continue to fill your heart during this beautiful season. May the warmth of the sun be a symbol for us of God's ever present love. May we bloom like the flowers all around us.

Blessings, Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Pantry



The new Outreach Team is working on how to promote both the food pantry and the Friday Meal. We are connected through United Way 211, through the VA and other area agencies but are looking forward to finding other ways to connect with people in our neighborhood.

We have also been blessed with Girl Scout cookies! Food Pantry guests are always grateful this time of year for the donation of Girl Scout cookies. The Food Pantry is greatly appreciative of Girl or Boy Scout Troops doing food drives. If you know a Troop who would like to get involved with the Food Pantry by doing a food drive, contact Lori at the church.

Financial Giving

April Giving Summary (as of April 28th)

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$ 2450.00	\$ 2200.00
Friends	\$ 144.00	\$ 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	

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. – 7:30 p.m.
Friday Free Meal 12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

May Birthdays



May 8 Jean Buchanan
May 15 Lisa Manion
May 19 Jim O'Connor
May 21 Chris Scoville
May 26 Howard Mueller

Connect Update:

We continue to think about the gifts God has given to us, both as individuals and as a church, a part of the body of Christ. We continue looking to the Bible as a source that helps us identify our gifts. Hospitality is a gift that we recognize as a part of our mission. In every activity we ask ourselves, are we showing hospitality? Would a stranger find hospitality here? We will continue this reflective work on May 21st.

May 21st Team Meetings:

Following worship on May 21st we will have a brief congregational meeting and then break into Ministry Teams. Tasks to consider:

Administrative Team: Updating leases, and reviewing projects for the upkeep of the building, floor under shed, dirt in mural garden, floor in fellowship hall...

Outreach and Mission Team: Signs for Food Pantry and Friday Meal, reaching out to let others know of our ministries, defining hospitality.

Worship Team: Should worship look different in the summer? How can we invite others with a focus on the 4th Sunday i.e. "Sing a New Song" Music Sunday?



New Member Sunday, May 21st

If you are interested in becoming a new member, talk to Pastor Lori and we will set up a time to get together before May 21st. St. Mark's welcomes you regardless of where you are on the faith journey. Exploring and understanding God's love is something we do together.



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.

Attend or work Bratfest for the benefit of non-profits! May 25-29. The Powell Miller Family is on Sparkle Patrol!



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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/>