

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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June 2016 NEWSLETTER

More Planning

June has started off as busy as ever! I have a few items for us to consider as we plan for fall and bounce back from the sewer construction project.

1. I read at least three articles a week on renewing and transforming churches. This quote by Diana Butler Bass on the difference between tradition and custom's I thought was significant. What do we mean by tradition? "Customs are the way we cut our communion bread, what time the service takes place, and what our buildings look like. Traditions are the act of receiving communion, gathering for worship and setting aside sacred space". We have a strong and wonderful tradition to celebrate! Let us make sure it is tradition and not customs or practice upon which we build.
2. Planning for our August "After the Road Construction" Block Party needs to begin. We will have a conversation regarding this event after worship on June 19th. It is Father's Day but dads know that good things come to those who wait – a few minutes for an important meeting. ☺
3. On June 12th we are celebrating our three graduates. They will be recognized in worship and there will be a reception following worship (with cake!) to honor their hard work. Let us congratulate Max, Cedarose, and Isaac on a job well done.
4. I will be on vacation (more in the newsletter) from July 17th to August 6th. When I return our new initiatives begin.

Blessings,
Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Ministries



We have been averaging ten families each time we are open often with half of the guests being new to our food pantry. Sue Rose one of our volunteers from the food pantry and Friday meal weeded and planted our food pantry garden. It looks awesome! The next time you are at church stop by the garden and admire its beauty! Our guests will receive fresh tomatoes, peppers, zucchini, collard greens and the big favorite – cabbages!

Financial Giving

May Giving Summary

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$2325.00	\$ 2200.00
Friends	\$ 22.00	\$ 350.00
Rent Rec'd from FCBC	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
Rent from Seventh Day Adventist	\$800	
Rent Rec'd from St. Mark's Community Foods	\$737.50	
Rent Rec'd from MOSES	\$175.00	
Rent for kitchen	\$50	

Thank you to members and friends who give generously to the ministry of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

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.



June Birthdays

June 4 Debbie Thorp

June 6 Jim Benz

June 14 Lily Mae Fowler

Strategic Planning for 2016 – Latest Updates

On June 19th after worship we will plan for our “After Construction Party” in August. At the party we will hand out a schedule of our fall events and invite neighbors to attend.

Our Graduates:

Max Jonas Krueger is graduating from East High School with high honors. He plans to attend UW Stevens Point next year and continue his love of fishing and playing the saxophone.

Cedarose Keeley graduated two weeks ago with her Masters of Social Work from UW Madison. She is looking for a job and is hoping to find one working with people with intellectual disabilities.

Isaac Powell Miller is graduating from LaFollette High School. He plans to participate in a national work program called Project Search at the UW Hospital. He is also hoping to get a drum line started for people with special needs.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARTY!

Isaac is inviting everyone to his house on Saturday, June 11th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM to celebrate his graduation. Brats, yard games and general summer fun! Please come and help him celebrate!

Pastor Lori's Vacation Plans

I shared with Pastor Erik from the Synod that my family had plans for this summer. He offered the support of the Synod while we take vacation time. My job is to get a supply pastor who can be present for four Sundays. I will be gone from July 17th to August 6th. Barb Zimmerman will be in charge of the Food Pantry.

Raise Money for ELCA World Hunger

The Tim Hansen Project “Stumped in the Middle” 18th Annual Concert for Hunger

June 25, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Sun Prairie Performing Arts Center - 888 Grove St.

This unique event will take place at the beautiful Sun Prairie Performing Arts Center. Come to enjoy the inspiring music of the Tim Hansen Project! Admission is free with a non-perishable item(s) for the Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry. A free will donation will be taken during the show for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. All donations will also apply toward our synod's Campaign for the ELCA goal for ELCA World Hunger. No reservations necessary! Just come!