

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Reaching Out With the Unconditional Love of God

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July - August 2016 NEWSLETTER

Preparation

I've talked before about how summer is a great time to find some quiet space for God. For me, spending time in the beauty of God's creation always restores my spirit. The Powell Miller family is getting ready to go on vacation! Typically pastors receive four weeks of vacation a year but I have only missed two Sundays since coming to St. Mark's. In part because I wanted to be sure the church was in a strong place to continue our work. I am confident we are there now. As a congregation you have always enjoyed Rev. Jerry Folk who will be filling in July 24, 31, and August 7th. He will also be providing pastoral care during this time. If there is a pastoral emergency, he can be contacted. His phone number will be in the bulletins those weeks. Barb Zimmerman, one of our Food Pantry volunteers will be in charge of the Food Pantry during my vacation.

We need 2 volunteers for others tasks:

- 1. Isaac has been mowing the yard. If a volunteer could mow the week of the 31st it would only need to be done one time.**
- 2. A weekly check of the church's voice mail messages would be great.**

Let me know if you can do either one.

We are going to see the great Sequoias. I have every expectation of being awed by creation's splendor and having some quiet time to spend listening for the Spirit. I hope the same for you this summer. But if you are in town, come and hear Rev. Jerry Folk. You won't be disappointed.

Blessings,
Pastor Lori



Pastor Lori Powell

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St. Mark's Food Ministries



A big shout-out to All Saints Lutheran Church who brought thirty one bags of food and ten boxes of food to the food pantry this week! We are stocked up on convenience foods. Convenience foods are a luxury that our guests appreciate but which we are hesitant to purchase. When we receive a donation like this, it is a huge win for everyone. Thank you!

Financial Giving

June Giving Summary

	Actual Giving	Budgeted Monthly
Members	\$2082.00	\$ 2200.00
Friends	\$ 118.50	\$ 350.00
Rent from 7 th Day Adv	\$ 860.00	\$ 860.00
Refund from American Family Insurance	\$426	
Bratfest Sweat Equity	\$694	
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.



July and August Birthdays

July 7 Shirley Jonas
July 14 Dorothy Annen
July 26 Don Annen
August 9 Lynn Miller
August 20 Nancy Peterson



Strategic Planning for 2016 – Latest Updates

August 28th is our big Neighborhood Block Party. The church will be providing brats, chips, and beverages. We need people to run our carnival games. I think it would be very meaningful if each family picked a game to run. You can get the supplies or I can. Games:

Duck Pond

Ring Toss Game

Butterfly Balloon Burst

Fishing Game

Cake Walk

Bowling

Sign up will be in the church office. What game would you like to do?

Activities from the South Central Synod

We need 4 volunteers for Connect. Read this paragraph and think about signing up!

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin is Proud to Present: “CONNECT!” Connect is a unique, two-year process for developing a strategy for your congregation’s future. It is a renewal process that strives to empower congregations to grow spiritually, discover their gifts as a congregation, and live out their faith in the community by sharing the gifts with which they have been blessed. It consists of workshops, a coaching relationship, homework for the leaders and the congregation, and developing a strategy for the congregation’s future. Over the two-year period there are four workshops. A brochure with complete details will be mailed this week. Rostered leaders and Congregational Presidents should keep an eye out for it. The first session will be held Saturday, October 1. For more information and/or to register, contact DEM, Rev. Erik Jelinek

Women’s Synod Wide Event Hosted by the SCSW Women of the ELCA The Cracked Pots & Transformations Saturday, September 24, 2016 Join women from around the synod for a day of learning and sharing! LOCATION: Good Shepherd – West Lutheran Church 7291 County Highway PD, Verona

* 8:30 am registration and refreshments * 9:00 am to 3:30 pm program and workshops Cost is \$15 and includes a box lunch. Look on the Synod website for more info.