



February 2020 Newsletter

St. Mark Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

As winter continues, we have no idea if we will need to cancel a worship service. The best and most recent cancellation information will be via the email we send to most of you. If you do not have an email address, please call our church office at (715) 362-2470. There will be an updated message there.

Whenever a worship service is cancelled, it always affects our contributions. You're encouraged to continue your regular contributions, even if the weather makes it impossible to hold a worship service.

If you or anyone in your family is hospitalized, please contact our church office or me at my home at (715) 420-0076. No hospitals contact us on a regular basis and we have no access to the patient list due to federal privacy laws. I would also be happy to visit a non-member in the hospital, if you refer the name to me.

You remain our best contact with anyone who has moved to our community. As you meet your new neighbor, please ask them if they have a church home. If there is any interest, please share their name and address with me and I'll follow through with a note.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Board is sponsoring our 3rd Annual Game Night on Saturday, February 8th, starting at 5:00pm. We are preparing soups to enjoy. Please bring some dessert to share and your favorite game. We've enjoyed this fellowship gathering in the past and hope to see you there!



Business Old & New



Chex Mix

3/4 c. butter or margarine
3/4 c. brown sugar
Cook 1&1/2 to 2 minutes.

Put in a (9 X 13 pan
2 cups Rice Chex
2 cups Corn Chex
2 cups Wheat Chex
1 cup pecans
Pour butter/brown sugar mixture over Chex mix....stir
Bake in a 350° oven for 6-7 minutes, stir and bake another 6 minutes.

Submitted by Mickey Steil

HOLY COMMUNION

If you need to have Holy Communion brought to you in the pew, please let an usher know. Pastor will be happy to accommodate you.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

“**Thank you**” to all members continuing to participate in the “Choice Dollars” donation to St. Mark Church. Our deposit from Thrivent Choice for the month of January was \$150.00.

ST. MARK QUILTERS

St. Mark quilters next quilting day will be February 4th at 9:00 am in the church basement. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00am. You are welcome to join us. We always have a great time quilting and visiting. Our quilts are for a good cause. Come join us.

LADIES PRAYER LUNCH

Ladies Prayer Lunch will be at noon at the Tula’s Restaurant on February 4th, 2018. Any questions, just call Mickey Steil at 715-362-2282. Please come and join us.

LWML

Ladies, again in February we won’t have a regular meeting. We will, however, gather on the 11th at 10:00 to plan for the Chili Supper, which will be on February 26, which is Ash Wednesday. We will enjoy fellowship and a treat while we are together. If the weather is bad, we will reschedule. I hope that you will think about joining us.

Please pray for the Mission Project for January, which is a Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus for the people of Guatemala. This bus will provide opportunities for medical teams to reach our to the people of Guatemala in the name of Jesus.

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MORE NEWS AND NOTES



Food Pantry

Thank you so much to all of the people that helped at the food pantry on January 29th. We served 14 households and 1358 pounds of food were handed out. The next time that St. Mark will work at the food pantry will be on March 30th. All workers are asked to be there by 2:45pm and the evening ends at 6:00pm. We need about 12 people to help out with all of the stations that people come to. Watch for the signup sheet in the fellowship hall.

Note Request

A special thanks to the Trustees for putting up the Christmas trees and to the church council and its boards for decorating the church. Thank you also to Tammy Schultz-Lemmer and Debbie Kinney for providing the new wreaths. We are truly blessed!

2020

We are off to a great start for 2020. The basement repairs have all been completed and we can get back to normal activities down there and we are also looking to greatly improve the area down there for an awesome Sunday school experience. Stay tuned for more on that. The council and boards are working diligently to keep the church clean, safe and up to date. We are still looking for a treasurer and at least one more person for the board of education. If you are interested or have any questions about these positions, please contact the office or Council President Chuck Komp.

Thank You, Board of Evangelism

As reported in the last newsletter, the Board of Evangelism took Christmas gifts to the group home of ResCare. They took little lanterns that they made, a gift card for each caregiver and a bowl of fruit for each home. The caregivers were really happy and so thankful that we thought of them. When I went to sing with the "kids", the caregivers asked me to make sure the ladies were thanked the next time I saw them.

For those that aren't aware of ResCare, previously Bethesda, there are 7 group homes in Rhineland, each with 3-4 developmentally disabled "kids". So, thank you, Board of Evangelism, for celebrating Christmas with them.

Mickey Steil

Ash Wednesday Chili Supper

Please join us for a hearty chili supper with all the fixings hosted by the LWML prior to the service on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. It will start at 4:30pm and will be held in the lower level multi-purpose room. There will be a free will offering collected at this event. The ladies hope to see you there and bring your appetites.

Upcoming Summer Projects

Please watch your bulletins for some of the upcoming projects here at St. Mark. We try to do a Spring Clean-up Day in May that requires some helping hands. The date will be posted in the bulletin. Many hands make short work and the help is always appreciated. A lunch will be served for the workers. At the end of May, the Evangelism board always hands out bottled water at the Memorial Day ceremony and we could use a few people to help out with that. Our Veterans are always very appreciative of this. Art in the Park is scheduled for June 6th on the Court House lawn. For those of you that do not know, the Evangelism board has a clown that walks around the crowds handing out tickets for a free bag of popcorn or snow cone to all of the children attending this event. We put up a canopy on the church lawn and spend the day making the treats to hand out to all of the families that come to enjoy the event. It is a good way to get our name out there to people and also to people that are new to the area and looking for a spiritual home. Prayerfully consider helping out at some or all of these upcoming events. It is a great chance to get some things done and to have a lot of fun with fellow members doing it.



2019 BUDGET VS ACTUAL

14-Jan-20

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual \$ Received	12825	8386	13820	12085	15411	12367	11305	10212	15702	9364	8488	18484
Budget	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215	10215

