

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
10:30-12:30
AND WHEN NEEDED.

~May 2024 Newsletter~

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PASTOR TIM'S OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
10 A.M.-1 P.M.
*Unless otherwise noted in
bulletin.*

WELCOMING

WORSHIPPING

SERVING



April Showers

bring May Flowers!

As those showers continue into May, water those around you. Water the relationships you have and allow them to continue to grow and blossom.

Plant a seed or two outside your established garden and see what can grow or even how you can grow.



2024 Church Council

- LuAnn Barber
- Michael Barber (Treasurer)
- Matt Fritz (President)
- Virginia Grossman
- Sharon Lee
- Dave Odden
- Sharon Paprocki
- Lance Uttke
- Lou Ann Uttke (Vice President)
- Laura Zsebe (Secretary)

Next Council Meeting: May 15th 7:00 p.m.

A Good Way to Start your Day.

Pat Scaffidi shared with the Bible study folks and they asked she share it with you.

1. Smile at yourself in the mirror.
2. Make the sign of the cross on your forehead as you say out loud: "I am a child of God. I am loved. I am forgiven. I am baptized. I am saved." Romans 10:9
3. Then tap your heart and say: "God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit all live inside me!" Ezekiel 11:19
4. Thank you, thank you, thank you. God.

Hello St. Marks faithful,

This coming Summer we will again be worshipping outside weather permitting and I am excited to announce a new Sermon Series called, "What do you wonder?" I am going to let you, the good people of St. Marks, choose the questions I will then formulate a thoughtful and loving response to. When we have collected the questions you will get to vote on your top 5. I will supply the Scriptures and our Lectio Divino group will help to prepare the sermons.

The way this will work is for you to email your question(s) to me at pastor@stmarks-elca-cudahy.org. or text them to my cell 262-617-6226. An example of a question is, "How do we make sense of the violence in the Old Testament? or What does the bible say about _____?"

You can also join the Lectio Divino group which meets on Tuesday nights at 5pm for fellowship and discussion about the upcoming Sunday scripture. We meet in the comfy chairs in the narthex (the coffee room).

Can't wait to see what you wonder,
Pastor Tim



Social Ministry is collecting gratitude this month. Please stop at the kiosk in the narthex and write your word(s) of gratitude on a paper brick. Put in in the POST box and look for it next week as we build our wall of gratitude.



Game day is back after worship on Sunday, May 19th in the fellowship hall. Come for the tacos, stay for the games. Tacos, nachos, games and fun provided.




Games will be provided for all ages to enjoy. If you have a favorite game that you would like to share for the afternoon, please bring it along.



Save the date of June 23rd for the church picnic. It will be at Vretenar Park, Saint Francis. Please share suggestions for games and activities with Jill Hyatt, Susan Ploetz, Laura or Joe Zsebe. Volunteers will be recruited in May so please share your time and talents.

PROJECT CONCERN PERSONAL CARE
 NEED OF THE MONTH
 MAY IS HAND/BAR SOAP
 JUNE IS HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS
 THERE IS A BOX IN THE NARTHEX LABELED FOR PROJECT CONCERN FOR YOUR DONATIONS.



3rd Tuesday card group meets Tuesday, the 21st at 1 pm. Desserts are delicious. Conversations are stimulating. GAMES ARE SIMPLE. Laughter is everywhere. It does not matter if you win or lose. It is just fun to be together. Come and join us in the Gathering Space. We are a welcoming



Please join the property committee on May 18th for spring clean up around St. Mark's. Watch for more details as the date approaches.

- There is a lot happening on May 19th!**
- It is the last day of Sunday School until Rally Day (Sept. 8th) in the fall.
 - It will be another Youth Sunday. The Sunday school children all enjoyed helping during worship last month. Help encourage them to participate during worship.
 - It will be our last worship service indoors for the summer, weather permitting.
 - Lunch and Game Day following worship in the fellowship hall.

Please join us for the
The Eleventh Annual Musical Benefit Concert for Project Concern



featuring music by the families and friends of
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 3515 E. VanNorman Ave.
 Cudahy, WI

including:
 St. Mark's Cathedral Choir
 St. Mark's Handbell Choir
 St. Mark's Brass
 Plus a variety of solos and small ensembles

June 2, 2024
2:00 p.m.

Free will offering and nonperishables will be accepted at the door.

Hunger Rumble 5K run/walk
 A community event to benefit Project Concern Cudahy/St. Francis
 June 22, 2024
 Sheridan Park, Cudahy



Call to Order: President Fritz called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

Pastor's Report: Verbal report given. Lenten Wednesday Worship has gone well, increased number of attendees at Lectio. He and Sharon will be on vacation from 4/1/2024 through 4/13/2024. President Fritz will preach on 4/7/2024. He has also visited member Tony Brooks. Tony would like to attend Sunday Worship if a ride was provided; L.A. Uttke is willing when she is able. Others are asked to help.

Old Business: None to discuss

New Business:

- 1. Fundraiser/Fair:** D. Odden shared his suggestions for a future fundraiser for St. Mark's. He is very involved in area car shows and feels that the church could sponsor a car show locally in order to hopefully make some profit. He suggests the church rent a space for this, possibly even the parking lot at the previous K Mart facility. The church could offer food, beverages, and prizes/trophies. He suggests this event occur in the summer on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. A rain date would also need to be set up. Dave is willing to DJ the event as he does this frequently at car shows. There would be some initial costs at on set but all profit would go to St. Mark's. Bathroom facilities would be needed. L.A. Uttke to check into use of the K Mart parking lot. Further discussion at next council meeting.

General Items:

- 1. Committee Reports:** Written report from Kitchen Ad Hoc Committee reviewed. M. Barber highlighted the planned stainless-steel backsplash which was measured and will be paid for out of the profits from the food sold at the Cudahy Family Library last August. Property Committee also purchased a retractable screen for the kitchen alley door to help with ventilation in the warm months without allowing animals access to kitchen. Verbal report on Worship & Music given by L. Uttke regarding streaming the Sunday worship service. St. Mark's has been videotaping live the Sunday worship service. At previous council meeting, suggestion was made to record an introduction by Pastor Tim followed by choir anthem and sermon. Pros and cons of live videotaping of service vs. recording and later posting limited part of the worship service discussed. If the church changes to recording limited part of worship service and posting it later the job description for the Video Technician would need to be revised. Part of discussion was if this would continue to be posted on You Tube or on the church's website. This recording would be combined for St. Mark's and King of Glory. There will also be a Maundy Thursday meal and service.

- 2. Finance:** M. Barber reports that giving was up slightly in February, for the third month in a row. St. Mark's deficit has not increased, it is still present but relatively unchanged. There is increased loose giving since we have returned to passing the offering plate.

- 3. Communication:** President Fritz noted the three upcoming events which are listed at the bottom of the agenda page. One of the events, Ministry Team Fair, discussed. Committees are reminded to be prepared to highlight their ministry. Pastor Tim suggested he ask a member of each committee a question to peak the interest of those present. It was determined that M. Barber will prepare an egg bake and pancakes to serve to those attending the Ministry Fair. Others are asked to help with preparing this food. He will be working on the food on Saturday, 4/13 at 10 AM. It was suggested that the Personnel Committee, Mutual Ministry and Church Council participate also.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Motion to adjourn meeting made by L. Uttke with second by V. Grossman; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lu Ann Barber, Volunteer Recording Secretary



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Building/Memorial Gifts for March 2024	\$620
Balance as of February 29, 2024	\$(17,172)
Gifts for March 2024	\$14,631
Benevolence/Special Appeal Gifts 2024..	\$550
The missions that were supported by these gifts	
• Samaritan fund, local missions, world hunger, Lutheran Theology (from communion envelopes) and other special appeals	\$550
• 10% Benevolence (Synod, LSS, Interfaith, Camps, Divine Intervention, Tricklebee Cafe, Habitat, Project Concern, Outreach for Hope)	\$1,463
Current Expenses	<u>\$10,720</u>
Total investment in missions.....	<u>\$12,733</u>
Deficit as of March 31, 2024	<u>\$(14,724)</u>

2024 Financial Plan as set at Annual Congregational Meeting

Monthly giving needed to fulfill the missions of the people of St. Mark's (operating expenses, stewardship, education, benevolence, etc. **\$11,389**

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.