

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

~July 2024 Newsletter~

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PASTOR TIM WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WITH ANY PASTORAL NEEDS.

WELCOMING

WORSHIPPING

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ST MARK'S CHURCH PICNIC 2024

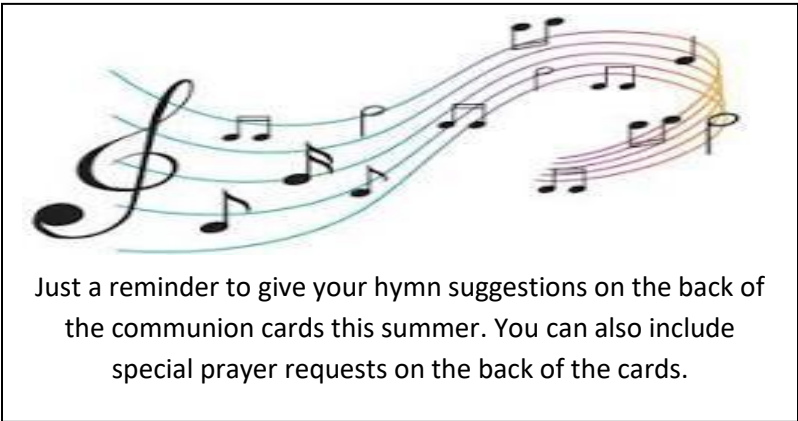


THANK YOU ALL FOR A GREAT PICNIC

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: July 17th at 7:00 p.m.



Come and Hear Great Sermon... Pastor is on Sabbatical

Hello Friends, happy July! I am off on Sabbatical this month with the express purpose of being renewed for life and ministry. While I am gone, the Sunday worship services will be conducted by Pastor Frank Janzow on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in July and Matt Fritz and Laura Zsebe handling the other two. The theme is going to be "Living the Lord's Prayer."

A Sabbatical is a time apart for a pastor and their congregation for renewal, rest and revitalization. For me is a change to properly grieve the passing of my mom so that I can be better available to handle the needs of others. As I write this, I feel emotionally exhausted. I don't want to live and do ministry from this place, so I requested a month away.

I would love it if you would pray for me as I work through my grief, learn some new pastor skills and seek to find God's presence in my life in a deeper way. Some things to pray for would be the memorial service for my mom up in the U. P. the first week of July, a week of continuing education and then a two week trip to hike and reflect in the Dolomite mountains in Italy.

I will be working on a few things the entire month. The first is my spiritual connection to God. I am good at history and theology but struggle when it comes to spirituality especially lately and I am going to work on this through quiet time with God, daily reflection through journal writing and doing daily devotions. The second thing is to improve my physical health through better diet and exercise. The third thing is to learn better computer skills so that I can help us to have a stronger presence online.

Thank you for all the support you have given to Sharon and me and for your prayers during this important time. If you have any questions or pastoral needs during July we have arranged for it and you need to contact our Church Council President Matt Fritz.

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Tim

3rd Tuesday

Escape the hubbub for peace and quiet at St. Mark's as the 3rd Tuesday group gathers at 1 00 PM on July 16th. Simple, fun games are played as we chatter away sharing laughter and relaxation. No age requirements as kids have visited and taught us their games while learning ours. Rumor is there may be a group or at least one learning dominoes. Those who wish to discuss the hubbub will be asked to use the beanbag room for the wellbeing of all.

PROJECT CONCERN PERSONAL CARE

NEED OF THE MONTH

JULY IS SHAMPOO

AUGUST IS DISH SOAP

THERE IS A BOX IN THE NARTHEX LABELED FOR PROJECT CONCERN FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Building/Memorial Gifts for May 2024	\$135
Balance as of April 30, 2024	\$(15,228)
Gifts for May 2024	\$8,945
Benevolence/Special Appeal Gifts	\$166
The missions that were supported by these gifts	
• Samaritan fund, local missions, world hunger, Lutheran Theology (from communion envelopes) and other special appeals	\$166
• 10% Benevolence (Synod, LSS, Interfaith, Camps, Divine Intervention, Tricklebee Cafe, Habitat, Project Concern, Outreach for Hope)	\$894
Current Expenses	\$9,506
Total investment in missions.....	\$10,566
Deficit as of May 31, 2024	\$(16,683)

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.

ST MARK'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

Thanks to the very generous donation of plants from Plantland



And the time donated by Jim, Sharon, Paul, Christa, Zak, Leo, Brandon, Jan, Beth, Doug, Laura and Joe who on a sunny breezy Sunday afternoon our Community Garden was transformed to ... well a Garden!



July Reminders for your shopping lists as you look for sales.

Rally Day Sept 8th - The collection for Project Concern is pet supplies.

September 15th – Last day of LWR collection for personal care kits. The Sunday School voted to support this project. Shopping lists are available. You are welcome to make a complete kit or bring what you wish for others to assemble.

Oktoberfest – The collection for this event is dubbed LongJohnFest as the folks at the Warming Room request long underwear.

ST MARK IN SERVICE



MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION SERVED JUNE 25 AT THE CUDAHY FAMILY LIBRARY CONCERT FUND RAISER
Thank you to the Friends of the Cudahy Family Library for the opportunity for St Mark to serve in the community



St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church
April 17, 2024 Church Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order-7:03

Members Present- Matt Fritz, LuAnn Barber, Mike Barber, Sharon Paprocki, Virginia Grossman, Lance Uttke, Lou Ann Uttke, Pastor Tim, Sharon Lee, Dave Odden **Members Excused-** Laura Zsebe

Prayer- Matt Fritz

Additions to Agenda- Pastor is running late due to a meeting so we may need to push Pastor's Report later in the meeting.-Motion-LuAnn Barber & Lou Ann Uttke

Previous meeting minutes- Motion Mike Barber & Sharon Paprocki

Pastor's Report- Sent 8 cards to invite recent guests to May 5th service for a gathering after service. There are also new kids in Sunday school, suggested to also invite their parents. The Pastor's cousin passed away, and will be traveling to attend the funeral. Lectio will continue during the summer, with the potential of being at peoples houses, but nothing is confirmed yet.

Old Business

- 1. Streaming/Posting Online-** Since starting to record parts of the service and post later, it was suggested to cut the announcements before the introduction of the Prelude. Owen will have time to record a message of pastor for the weekly video. King of Glory is willing to share the cost of streaming with them posting our service to their website. We are looking for more people to join the Social Media Team, currently Robin Uttke and Terra Scott. We need more people to help. We will start to update the job description for the streaming position after a few weeks of getting the hang of what is involved. It will start with Worship and Music and then to Personelle before heading to council.
- 2. Fundraiser/Car Show-** Kmart parking lot will not be the best option for a variety of reasons. Walmart has offered to host with no fee required. There is also a bathroom available but we will need to supply any electricity required. Cost is \$10 per car. Door prizes and awards will be given. Suggested date is August 17 with a rain date of 24, we will look at other events happing around and try to avoid large events like the State Fair, and also check the church calendar. Suggested time is 10-2 or 3. Will need at least 10 volunteers for the event. Food will be Hot Dog, Brats, Chips, Soda, water, etc. Payments can be cash or card. Suggested having a kids bike decorating place. Can advertise in parades with the Car Club (see Dave Odden).
- 3. Event Form-** Presented and discussed. Change name to Advertizing, Publicity, or Bulletin Form to better reflect its purpose. Committees are to made aware that the form is available. Lance will take it to be online/fill in friendly.
- 4. Committee Fair-** Postponed to fall for more time to prepare. Going to do it during the Stewardship campaign in October/November.

New Business

- 1. Council Mission-** Going to support the Tippy Canoe Warming Room/Divine Intervention. Will make a meal in the fall, or financial donation if time is not available. Will have a T-Shirt design contest to use during events. Designs need to include St. Mark's Logo. The winner will get "Ham Sandwich for Communion"

Committee Reports- Worship and Music will meet Sunday. Finance and Property minutes are included.

Questioned Property item "St. Mark's as an emergency housing site". Could be related to an apartment fire temporary relocation site. We also heard that St. Mark's could be a reunification site for schools near (St. Francis HS was mentioned). These things will be looked into going forward.

Finance- March was a good month. Deficit went down slightly. April has been less than average but it did include the Sunday after Easter which is expected. Annuity is doing good.

Adjournment- Motion-Lou Ann Uttke & Mike Barber Meeting Ended 8:09

Council Minutes May 15, 2024

Members Present-Matt Fritz, LuAnn Barber, Mike Barber, Sharon Paprocki, Virginia Grossman, Lou Ann Utke, Sharon Lee, Dave Odden and Pastor Tim Tahtinen **Members**

Excused - Lance Utke

Prayer - Pastor Tim

Additions to Agenda-

Streaming (old business), St. Marks Emergency reunification Site (old business), Motion by Lou Ann Uttke Seconded by Sharon Paprocki - Unanimously passed

Previous Meeting Minutes-Motion to Accept Lou Ann Uttke Seconded by Sharon Paprocki - Unanimously passed

Pastor's Report-New Summer liturgy written by Pastor Tim and Gary Gutzlaff

King of Glory will join picnic at Vrettner park

New Members Sunday postponed till fall

Old Business

Car Show Update by Dave Odden, new venue - Walmart Parking Lot on August 24th looking for 10 volunteers Dave brought flyers and discussion was had about food and pricing

Streaming - Worship and Music will talk to personal and report back to council.

Stewardship - Ministry fair tabled till fall

Emergency reunification site - Contacts made without response item closed

New Business

Social Ministry Report in council packet

Financial Report given by Mike Barber

Motion to accept by Sharon Lee, Seconded by Sharon Paprocki - Unanimously Passed

Next Meeting June 19th

Adjournment-Motion by Lou Ann Uttke Seconded by Sharon Paprocki - Unanimously Passed

Faithfully submitted to the best of my ability to read my own handwriting - Pastor Tim