

SAINT MARK'S EPISTLE

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are so blessed to be a part of God's called to community here at St. Mark's!

As Thanksgiving approaches and we think about the things we are grateful for, will this fellowship and it's mission and ministries be on your list? How has it mattered to you and how will it matter in the future?

I would like to ask you to consider those questions seriously. In thankfulness for this ministry we have been given, we need to discern where the Lord is leading us and how St. Mark's ministry will grow in God's will and follow Christ's way, so that it remains focused where we are doing a good job and grows in discipleship where we are falling short.

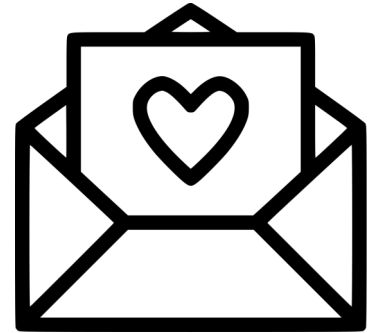
One of the ways we can start to address those issues is with caring people considering council. We have an excellent group of leaders right now on council, but as you may remember, we were short in people stepping up last year. This is understandable, considering what the last year and a half has been like, but much has relaxed and the needs are as great or greater.

Another is moving from a membership model to a discipleship model way of thinking. Much of what the council does is what we all should be doing. It not only will make being on council easier (some folks get burned out, to be honest), but is also truer to the intention of Christ for his followers. We all have gifts for various works of the church and to move toward the future God wants for us, we all have a roll to discern.

I will be addressing our gifts in coming months and how they might be used to thank God for what we are continually being given and how St. Mark's can grow in faithfulness now and in the future. Have a blessed Thanksgiving, Pastor Karen

Saint Mark's Women of the Evangelical Church in America

Since Martha's Circle has disbanded, the greeting cards, located in the Narthex, will be taken over by St. Mark's Church. Therefore, checks should be made out to "St. Mark's Lutheran Church" for purchasing cards. There are boxes of SYMPATHY, GET WELL, BIRTHDAY, and THINKING OF YOU, which are \$5.00 per box. If there are any questions, contact Janice Smith at (402) 385-2361.



Quilt Raffle

Quilt Statistics: Size 90x91 Queen Bed Sized
Fabric and Pattern donated by Joanne Ahlers
Sewn and quilted by Connie Schnier

Cost: 1 ticket - \$5.00, 3 tickets for \$10.00

Dates: Now thru Thanksgiving Eve

Directions: Write your name and phone number on piece of paper and place it in the jar. Place your money in the envelope. If you choose to write a check make it payable to St. Marks.

The quilt is on display at St. Marks



Congratulations to our newest Confirmands

Carter Hansen son of Josh & Melissa Hansen

Addilynn Johnson daughter of Mandy Johnson & Mike McNeill

Hadley Walsh daughter of Joe & Kristin Walsh

Allie Rutar daughter of Jesse & Nicole Rutar

Anastin Geisert daughter of Cam & Jaima Geisert

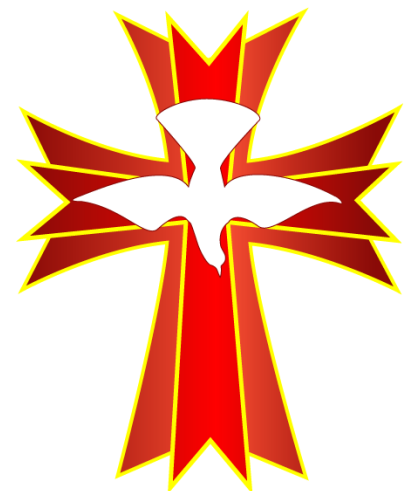
Reece Heineman son of Matt & Krista Heineman

Farris Swinton daughter of Dan & Kira Swinton

Zander Welsh son of Andy & Candice Welsh

Kaddo Schrunk son of Dustin & Kelly Schrunk

Linkin Baker son of Kris and the late Josh Baker



WORDS OF THANKS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Family of Dale Robert Krusemark would like to express our thanks to the members of St. Mark's for all of the kindness shown during his passing. The funeral service and lunch served was greatly appreciated. To all of you who donate your time to St. Mark's, it does not go unnoticed. Thank you Again! Peggy, Jackie, Scott, Robin & Families

Thank You!

The quilters want to send a Big Thank You to the women of Martha circle for their generous gift supporting the mission of sewing Lutheran World Relief Quilts. The monies will be used for the purchase of batting and fabric. Thank you.

Sunday School Kids:

We will begin our Christmas program practices beginning November 7th. Our program will be on December 12th during the church service.



The Worship and Music Committee will meet on Sunday November 7th following worship.

Council Meeting on Wednesday November 3rd @ 7pm

The members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church WELCA have voted to disband due to the number of members attending meetings. There has been a ladies group at St. Mark's for over 100 years. We are however going to continue as a Bible Study Group. You are invited to come join. We will meet the first Wednesday of every month in the Church Council Room. There will be no lunch and you will not need to lead a lesson.

Just come and join the fellowship!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE, WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 24th @ 7:00PM
COFFEE AND TREATS WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE.**

Treasurer's Report for the Month of Sept. 2021

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand 08/30/2021	\$ 75,129.08
Income	\$ 8,187.82
Total	\$ 83,316.90
Expenses	\$ (10,695.14)
Balance on hand 9/30/2019	\$ 72,621.76

TOTAL BALANCE OF GENERAL \$72,621.76



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DATE

Join us Tuesday 25th March 2014

St. Mark's Soup Dinner – December 12th, 2021

Our soup dinner will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 11am following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken noodle, chili and vegetable beef will be served along with desserts. Please sign up for the soup ingredients and desserts in the entryway.

Thank you, St. Mark's Church Council

POINSETTIAS

Would you like to share a poinsettia with the church for the Christmas Holidays? This year you may order through church by December 12th. **The price is \$15.00, make your check payable to St. Mark's.** Fill out the enclosed order form and bring it and a check to church or bring it to the office or mail if you would like. The orders will be given to Puckett's and they will deliver them with your name attached. You may still bring your own if you desire. Poinsettias may be picked up following the Christmas Eve service or any day following. Order forms will also be available at church.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS (red only)

I would like to order _____ plants at \$15.00 each

In Memory of _____

or In Honor of _____

From (your name) _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (check _____ cash _____)

Checks payable to "St. Mark's Lutheran Church"
Orders & Payment due by Dec. 12th

ROLL OF SAINTS

We remember and give thanks to God for the lives of those members of our St. Mark's family who have passed on between All Saints Sunday, November 1, 2020 until today:

Julie Schmeckpeper, Vivian Hartwig, Faye Christiansen, Leslie Suhr, Dale Krusemark Dennis Munderloh, Janis Swanson & Dale Kai

ROLL OF BAPTISMS

We celebrate these St. Mark's Baptisms between All Saint's Sunday, November 1, 2020 until today:

Cole Siggins, Lillie Haymart, Jonathan Schmeckpeper, Ellie Doht, Palmer Doerneman, Maddison Cochran, Bristol Rabe



During the month of November our church has been asked to collect the following items for the food pantry:

Laundry Detergent

Men's Deodorant

Toothbrushes

Women's Deodorant



*Congratulations to
Our 3rd graders receiving their Bibles
Tianna Hansen
Liberty Swinton
Dyllon Lamprecht
Kolin Schrunk
Not pictured: Bentley Miller*

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To this believer in God's love:



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Nov. 1 ~ Shawn Doht
Sheri Fillipi
Rylee Lehmkuhl
Nov. 2 ~ Boyd Hightree
Trista Hansen
Candice Jewell
Nov. 3 ~ Agnes Habrock
Marcelene Tonjes
Nov. 4 ~
Tony & Mackenzie Smith
Nov. 6 ~ Austin Heineman
Derwin Roberts
Nov. 7 ~ Paige Swanson
Chase O'Mara
Nov. 8 ~ Nancy Johnson
Doug & Susi Schrieber
Nov. 9 ~ Phyllis Thomsen
Nov. 10 ~ Harold Janke
William Reppert

Nov. 11 ~ Gene Case
Lorna Wingett
Nov. 12 ~ Reece Heineman
Nov. 13 ~ Jennifer Tyrrell
Amanda VonSeggern
Nov. 14 ~ Scott Ostrand
Nov. 15 ~ Roy Kai
Breanna Schmeckpeper
Nov. 17 ~ Justice Sorenson
Nov. 18 ~ David Johnson
Carolyn VonSeggern
Nov. 19 ~ Susi Schrieber
Joanne VonSeggern
Nov. 20 ~ Rink Hansen
Nov. 21 ~ ***Steve & Mary Meyer***
Paul & Diane Randall



Nov. 22 ~ Don Heineman
Bailey Leonard
Paul Randall
Nov. 23 ~ Alyssa Geisert
Nov. 24 ~ Norma Hightree
Robert & Susan Urbanec
Nov. 25 ~ Quinn Gutzmann
Grant Lander
Ramsey Hansen
Steve & Jeanne Hansen
Nov. 26 ~ Skyler Prokop
Brett Tyrrell
Nov. 27 ~ Trevor Janke
Darin Suhr
Nov. 28 ~ Kim Urbanec
Matt Dregalla
Nov. 29 ~ Kooper Schrunck
Trevin Baier
Nov. 30 ~ Joslynn Jewell
Hoss & Jennifer Hammond