



St. Mark's
Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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"A Heritage of God's Grace" Since 1910

February 2019

February is the month of our annual Love Offering for the work of the women of St. Mark's.

The Love Offering is held in lieu of bazaars and other fundraising events. Through the gifts of money received, missions and charities are supported locally and globally. A partial list of donations this past year include: Northlands Rescue Mission, Red Willow Bible Camp, CVIC, Lutheran Social Services, students attending Bible camp, supplying coffee and paper goods for our Sunday morning coffee hours and kitchen needs and the expenses for the Christmas Brunch and the Mother-Daughter-Sister-Friend events. For a complete list of income and disbursements, see the WELCA report in St. Mark's annual report.



As members of the congregation, you are invited to give a donation to the Love Offering. Envelopes will be placed in a Sunday bulletin and available at the back of the sanctuary for this purpose. Donation envelopes can be placed in the basket at the back of the sanctuary or turned in at the office.

Thank you from the women of St. Mark's for your support in previous years, and we hope to continue being a blessing in supporting missions of the church.

A Message from our Intern Pastor.....

Notes from Dale.....

Thank you for allowing me the two weeks of continuing education at the Luther Seminary, they were intense, and extremely interesting as usual.

The Professors are subject matter experts and make the classes truly memorable. For example, a professor from Argentina taught my class on "Christianity in the Global South." His insight along with the guest speakers from Africa and Asia gave us an understanding of the growth in Christianity in the Southern Hemisphere in more detail than the required texts. My class on "Applied Theology: The Case of Cancer" was taught by a Professor whom is dying from cancer. Her insights and first hand experiences gave us all a different perspective on pastoral care to congregants and their caregivers.

We are knee deep in the season of Epiphany, and along with it arrived the Polar Vortex with a vengeance. The Sanctuary Ministry has started planning for the upcoming season of Lent so please check the Bulletin and churches Website and Facebook for updates.

As I look on the Horizon, I see that my time as your Intern is half over, and even though it is cold we must remember that "Spring" is less than 50 days away. Spring is a time for growth, and I still have things to do and learn from you all during my time with you. Please feel free to give me suggestions and input on things you would like to see here at St. Mark's.

Blessings to All,

Pastor Dale



Highlights from the Annual Meeting

--Results of the Elections were:

- Mark & Michele Peterson will be our delegates to Synod Assembly in June.
- Amy Christianson was elected to serve on Abiding Memorials for a 5 yr. term.
- Linda Simmons will represent St. Mark's on the Board of Valley Memorial Homes
- Art Ruud and Tom Henderson will attend the VMH annual meeting on our behalf.
- Tom Henderson will be our representative at the Red Willow annual meeting.
- The 2019 Budget and the revisions to the Constitution to keep us in compliance with the ELCA were both accepted and approved.

Sandy McCleary, Kathy Mutcher, Marsha Oss, Linda Simmons, and Olive Weber.

WELCA will serve at Tuffe Manor on January 18th, at 2:00 p.m. Olive, Kathy and Linda will bring the pumpkin bars for treats.

Olive will put a notice in the newsletter and bulletin about the Love Offering for the month of February.

WELCA will serve the soup supper on March 13th.

Upcoming Events: Rummage Sale, April 6th
Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Brunch, May 4th

We would appreciate any donations of the following items needed in the kitchen:

- o Aluminum Foil
- o Quart Size reseal plastic bags
- o Dish soap
- o Plastic wrap

Our next meeting will be February 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Simmons, Secretary

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*

Our Sympathies to: Kathy & Ray Mutcher as they mourn the death of Kathy's uncle, **Robert Paulson**.

The Parents of Loss group will meet on Wednesday, February 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's. This group is for all who are grieving the loss of a child or grandchild, regardless of age. They meet here the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



The deadline to submit information for the March newsletter is February 22nd.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

February 3rd is Boy Scout Sunday.

To honor this anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program, Troop 130 will be serving coffee and goodies following worship. Members of the troop will also be serving as worship helpers during service.

Boy Scout Troop 130 is sponsored by St. Mark's and is led by Perry Vogel.

NOTICE: Our Boy Scout Troop no longer recycles newspapers or cardboard. Please recycle these curbside at your homes or at Hugo's. They will continue to recycle cans. Thank you for your past support for this project.

Education News

February Schedule:



In February, we will continue to learn about Heroes of the Bible

February 3rd

- 10:30 The Boys Scouts will be serving rolls for coffee hour
- 10:45 Sunday School
- 12-1 pm Pizza & Bowling at Red Ray Lanes with Augustana Lutheran
\$5 per person, you are welcome to bring a friend



February 10th

- 10:45 Sunday School, we will be making valentines for Tuffe Manor residents and St. Mark's Daycare kids

February 17th

- 10:45 Sunday School

February 24th

No Sunday School -- Public School Break



Our Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 6th. We are currently accepting any new or gently used items for the sale. You can bring your items to the church during regular office hours. They will be stored in the Meeting Room between the nursery and the quilting room. Please – no electronics. Thank you!

The J.O.Y. group will meet on Wednesday, February 20th, at 11:30 a.m. Following our lunch, representatives of AARP will present information on Fraud Protection. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex.



WELCA WELCA will meet on Monday, February 4th, at 5:30 p.m.

Men's Group The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Thursday, February 7th, at 7:00 a.m. at Grama Butterwicks. All men are invited to attend. No registration is required! This is an informal group that meets the first Thursday of each month for food and conversation. You can still make it to work by 8!

Council will meet **Monday, February 11th** at 6:30 pm. (Please note change)

Bethesda Society meets Wednesday, February 13th at 2:00 pm at 4000 Valley Square.

Sanctuary Ministry meets Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m. – This will be a cleaning meeting.

Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm at the home of Sandra Robinson.



Dine to Donate Program Texas Roadhouse Restaurant has approached St. Mark's and we have become a part of their "Dine to Donate Program". The program is easy. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of food purchases to any Sunday diner who gives them a St. Mark's bulletin from that day. This program is for all Sundays, with the exception of holidays. Every quarter, they will issue St. Mark's a check for 10% of those sales. So, grab your bulletin and head over to Texas Roadhouse! Thank you!

Highlights from the January Council Meeting

The Council did not meet in January

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ST MARK'S FINANCIAL REPORT - 01/01/18 through 12/31/18

BUDGETED GIVING:	\$ 156,100.00
12/31/18 YTD GIVING:	\$ 115,524.00
(2017 YTD Giving \$ 155,005.00)	

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12/31/18 YTD General Fund Income	\$ 153,384.00
12/31/18 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 150,394.00
YTD GENERAL FUND <u>Difference</u>	\$2,990.00



MARK THESE UPCOMING EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR:

WELCA – Monday, February 4th, at 5:30 p.m.
 Men's Breakfast – Thursday, February 7th, at 7:00 a.m. at Butterwicks
 Council – Monday, February 11th, at 6:30 p.m.
 Miriam Circle – Tuesday, February 12th, at 7:00 at Sandra Robinson home
 Bethesda Society – Wednesday, February 13th, at 2:00 p.m. at Valley 4000
 Sanctuary Ministry – Wednesday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m.
 Parents of Loss – Wednesday, February 13th, at 7:00 p.m.
 J.O.Y. – Wednesday, February 20th, at 11:30 a.m.
 Newsletter Deadline – February 22nd

February Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

6 Mackenzie Dunnigan
 Mara Grenier
 7 Cheryl Parvey
 8 Cavanaugh Humble
 10 John Peterson
 14 Drew Mortenson
 16 Ingrid Eyre
 Jacob Grenier
 19 Jason Moon
 Mary Tingberg
 22 Janet Chatt
 23 Spencer Vetsch

Anniversaries:

19 Brad & Kristen Rundquist



(Please contact the church office if you have additions or corrections to this listing.)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Scout Lock In	2 Scout Lock In
3 Boy Scout Sunday 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education 12-1 Red Ray Lanes	4 5:30 WELCA 7:00 Scouts	5 7:00 Miriam Circle	6 9-Noon Quilting	7 7:00 Men's Breakfast 7pm Holy Land Trip 7pm Synrod Mtg	8	9
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education	11 6:30 Council 7:00 Scouts	12 7:00 Miriam Circle	13 9-Noon Quilt 2:00 Bethesda 5:30 Sanctuary 7:00 Parents of Loss	14 	15	16
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education	18 7:00 Scouts 	19	20 9-Noon Quilting 11:30 J.O.Y.	21 7:00 Al Anon District	22 	23
24 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee No Education Classes	25 7:00 PLC & Scouts	26	27 9-Noon Quilting	28		