



St. Mark's
Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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"A Heritage of God's Grace" Since 1910

March 2019



Ash Wednesday worship will be held
March 6th, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

The 11:00 a.m. worship will be followed by a lunch for the J.O.Y. group. If you plan to stay for the lunch, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

Our Wednesday evening schedule during Lent will begin
March 13th with a family supper at 6:00 p.m.
followed by worship at 6:45 p.m.

Schedule for Lent Supper Servers:

March 13 th	WELCA	March 20 th	Sanctuary Ministry
March 27 th	Outreach & Education	April 3 rd	Council
April 10 th	Men's Group		

SPECIAL OFFERING - - - St. Mark's has designated three special offerings taken throughout the year to be distributed among five special ministries. These ministries are: Christux Rex, Lutheran Social Services, Missionary Support, Red Willow Bible Camp and Valley Memorial Homes. **The first of these special offerings will be on Ash Wednesday.** The other two offerings are those taken **Maundy Thursday** and **Thanksgiving**.



A Message from our Intern Pastor.....

Notes from Dale.....

The season of Epiphany is drawing to a close, and this Sunday is the Transfiguration of Our Lord. We can only imagine what it was like when Jesus took Peter, James and John up into the mountain, and when they were alone. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And Elijah and Moses suddenly appeared and talked with Jesus. And then the voice from the cloud announced, 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' And as they walked down the mountain Jesus told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Can you imagine having to keep this kind of secret from the rest of the disciples?

The word "transfiguration" comes from the Greek word "metamorpho" which means to transform, literally or figuratively to metamorphose, or to change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. In this case Jesus' divine nature had been "veiled" in human form and the transfiguration was a glimpse of that glory in front of these three credible witnesses. We are entering into a time of incredible change in Jesus' life on this world. I am grateful to be walking through this story with you all this year.

We will start to meet on Wednesday nights for Lenten Services starting March 6th, there will be an Ash Wednesday services at 11:00 am and at 6:45 pm following a time of fellowship. Please refer to the calendar for the schedule.

I know that Winter seems to be hanging on but remember to turn your clocks ahead on March 10th (Daylight Savings Time) and then the first day of Spring is on the 20th. Have you got your garden planned out yet? I do!

Blessing to All,

Pastor Dale



St. Mark's annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 6th. We are currently accepting gently used items for the sale. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Items can be brought to the church during regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:00 or Sunday 8-Noon). Your donations are greatly appreciated!!

The Parents of Loss group will meet on Wednesday, March 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 April newsletter is March 22nd.



Education News

St. Mark's will have a rummage sale on April 6th. Now is a good time to do some early spring cleaning and bring in your donations! Kids toys and clothing are always popular items!

Sunday, March 24th – 11:00 a.m. We will make cookies with the Augustana Sunday School kids. Sunday School will be at Augustana Lutheran Church. The cookies will be given to the residents at the Northland Rescue Mission.

Wednesday, March 27th Education and the Outreach Committee will provide the meal before the Lenten Service.

Saturday, April 6th St. Mark's Education will sell baked goods at the St. Mark's Rummage Sale.

Sunday April 28th Feed My Starving Children food packing event.

A Message from Altru Pastoral Services.....

When You (or Someone You Love) Visits the Hospital

None of us looks forward to time spent in a hospital bed. Altru Health System seeks to both help with what is wrong physically and also to support patients in other ways. That includes spiritual support.

Some of you may remember the days when the local hospital would call churches to inform pastors when a parishioner had become a patient. That went away years ago. These days, patient privacy is protected carefully and hospitals are inspected in terms of protecting patient information private.

So, if you become a patient at Altru, your information will be kept private. You will have full control of who comes to see you.

“Will my pastor know I’m in so he/she can come to see me?”, you may ask. There are two ways that can happen and you, the patient, control both.

One way is for you to tell your pastor, or to have your family contact the church. Your pastor wants to know.

The second way is to ask an Altru Chaplain to contact your pastor. Altru’s Chaplains want to help and believe in the ministry and support your pastor can provide. If you ask, and only if you ask, a chaplain will make that contact.

The chaplains at the hospital want to serve you and to serve the church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastoral Services.

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Highlights from the February Council Meeting

- ✓ The Spring meeting of the Congregation will be held following worship on April 28th. The agenda will include election of four council seats.
- ✓ The council continues to pursue our options for our pastoral future.
- ✓ FMSC packing event will be the last weekend in April. We will attempt to get a slot for Sunday afternoon, April 28th.

ST MARK’S FINANCIAL REPORT - 01/01/19 through 01/31/19

BUDGETED GIVING:	\$ 10,092.00
01/31/19 YTD GIVING	\$ 10,652.00
(2018 YTD Giving \$ 10,412.00)	
+++++	
01/31/19 YTD General Fund Income	\$ 14,725.00
01/31/19 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 17,400.00
YTD GENERAL FUND Difference	(\$2,675.00)

Men's Group The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Thursday, March 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 **Tuesday, March 19th** at 6:30 pm. (Please note change)

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

March Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

2 Rachel Parvey
4 Sandra Buchmann
9 Sandra Gerszewski
12 Jay Hubbard
Kelsey Sigette
16 Michael Wurzbacher
18 Hannah Bohm
Catherine Hoekstra
20 Synje Peterson
Richard Thurston
24 Bruce Hoekstra
Cody Oss
26 Kathy Wyum
28 Tyler Keehr
29 Connor Stewart

Anniversaries:

12 Miles & Jane Rodacker
18 Lynn & Kathy Wyum



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



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!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education	4 7:00 Holy Land Trip Meeting 7:00 Scouts	5	6 Ash Wednesday 11:00 Worship 11:30 J.O.Y. 6:45 Worship	7 7:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 AI Anon	8	9
10 <u>Daylight Savings</u> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education	11 7:00 Scouts	12	13 9-Noon Quilt 2:00 Bethesa 6:00 Supper 6:45 Worship 7:00 Parent Loss	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 7:00 Scouts	19 6:30 Council	20 9-Noon Quilting 6:00 Supper 6:45 Worship  Spring is here!	21 7:00 AI Anon	22  NEWS LETTER DEADLINE	23
24 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 11:00 SSchool @ Augs. 10:40 Confirmation	25 7:00 PLC & Scouts	26	27 9-Noon Quilting 6:00 Supper 6:45 Worship	28	29	30 Eagle Scout Event
31 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 10:40 Education	31					