



**St. Mark's**  
Lutheran Church

# The Messenger

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**June 2019**



## Vacation Bible School at Northern Air Mon-Wed. ~~~ June 3-5 ~~~ 6-8:15 pm

St. Mark's is joining with Augustana Lutheran for VBS at Northern Air.

We will have VBS lessons, VBS activities and the kids will have time to use the trampolines and laser tag. The event is free but a food donation is requested (see the registration packet for more information).

Each Education child is encouraged to bring friend! If anyone has grandchildren who might like to attend, please contact Michele, we may have available slots. VBS is for kids ages 5-15. Registration deadline is May 27 or until VBS fills (Max 40 students). Confirmation students can register as VBS Helpers. Supper will not be served but we will provide a small snack at 8 pm.

# A Message from our Intern Pastor.....

Notes from Dale.....

As we slide into June we Pray for Sunshine and Warmth since we haven't really had too much of either one of those yet this year. The farmer in me really itches to be in the field and I am sure the farmers that are waiting for the ground to dry out are too. As the flowers bloom, the Hostas climb skyward and the grass and yard needs care, please help out wherever you feel called to help out with.

The Ascension of Our Lord takes place on May 30th with the Seventh Sunday of Easter on June 2nd, bringing a close to one Church Season and giving way to another. As some of you know Green is my favorite color and we will be moving into the long Green Season of Pentecost, but on June 9th everyone should wear Red to Worship Service to celebrate the "Day of Pentecost." Unfortunately, I will be at the Synod convention, and will not be present to witness everyone in Red, but I would appreciate it if a group picture could be taken.

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and words of encouragement during my studies leading up to my Graduation on the 19th of May. The Baccalaureate and Commencement Services were joyous services for everyone especially since it was the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Luther Seminary. I am proud to be a part of the 150th class to graduate at Luther Seminary.

Don't forget about the Bible Study on Monday's at 0930 and 1830. Prayerfully we will see you there!

Remember to make Good Life Decisions!

Blessings to All!

Pastor Dale



**Pastor Dale will continue the Monday morning Bible Study each week. Sessions are offered at 9:30 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. No registration is needed.**

Congratulations to Dale! Dale graduated from Luther Seminary on May 19<sup>th</sup>.



**The J.O.Y. Group** will meet on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. Following the luncheon, Nancy Joyner will present a program on advance care planning. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

## Education News

**Bible Camp Funds Available** Abiding Memorials and WELCA will graciously provide funds for St. Mark's kids to attend Bible Camp. Abiding will pay for half the registration and WELCA will also give \$50 towards registration. We are grateful for our church's support of our youth and their spiritual growth. Contact Michele (cell 701-732-0297) or the St. Mark's Office for more information.



# God's Work, Our Hands



## St. Joseph's Summer Food Program

Thank you to all who helped with the first packing event for St. Joseph's Summer Food Program. Your time is so appreciated!! The next packing will be **on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm.** **If you are available at 1:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup>, we would appreciate volunteers for the set up.** These bags of food provide weekend meals to kids to supplement their diet during summer weekends. It is difficult to imagine hunger in our community but the need is real and our help at St. Mark's is critical. Each year, your work has packed 3600 bags or the equivalent of 7200 meals for hungry kids! This event has become a staple for our congregation and one which everyone can participate.



**Our Summer Mug & Muffin Bible Study series  
will be held Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
and Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
(August date TBD)**

This is a 3-part series entitled, "Esther the Queen: Voices in the King's Court". The study will take us into the book of Esther, where we will meet the women who will shake up King Ahasuerus' kingdom.

This study is found in the "Gather" magazine, but you don't need to be a subscriber to take part. Copies will be available at the church.

The study, led by Pastor Dale, will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the office conference room.



**The Parents of Loss group will meet on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.**

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

From the rummage sale on April 6 and we collected \$1,172.

The WELCA Synod Fall Convention "Confident Women in Christ" at Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND, is on September 21, 2019.

The Women's Retreat sponsored by Eastern ND Synodical Women's Organization, Maryvale Retreat Center, Valley City, ND is on August 17, 2019.

Earmarked

MaaSae	\$600
St. Mark's Lutheran Church Library	\$ 70

Distribution

Red Willow Bible Camp	\$200	Park River Bible Camp	\$100
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$100	Lutheran Social Services	\$100
Northland Rescue Mission	\$100	Hour of Worship	\$ 50
CVIC	\$100	Global Friends	\$ 50
	Sunshine Memorial Foundation		\$ 50

Our next meeting will be August 27, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Linda Simmons, Secretary



*With Heartfelt  
Sympathy*

Our sympathies go out to the friends and family of our member, **Diana Cardwell**, as they mourn her death. Private services are planned. God bless her memory.

**Men's Group** The Men's Group will meet for breakfast on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Bethesda Society** meets Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm at 4000 Valley Square.

**Council** will meet Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.



The deadline to submit information for the July newsletter is June 19<sup>th</sup>

## Highlights from the May Council Meeting

- ✓ New officers of the congregation are:
 

President – Jeanette Gratton	Vice President – Iver Buchmann
Secretary – Michele Peterson	Treasurer – Ann Henderson
- ✓ VBS is scheduled for June 3-5 at Northern Air. Contact Michele for more info.
- ✓ We will pack food for St. Joseph’s Summer Food program on May 28<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ The council is working on arranging for the elevator repairs to get done.
- ✓ A thorough audit of the Church’s Accounting has been done. No issues were found and Sandy is to be commended for her excellent record keeping.
- ✓ Options are being explored to fill our pastoral vacancy. The congregation will be updated as things progress.
- ✓ Sandy will be out of the office June 4-15 and June 26-27

### **ST MARK’S FINANCIAL REPORT - 01/01/19 through 04/30/19**

BUDGETED GIVING:	\$ 40,367.00
04/30/19 YTD GIVING	\$ 45,692.00
(2018 YTD Giving \$ 39,856.00)	
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04/30/19 YTD General Fund Income	\$ 63,256.00
04/30/19 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 56,864.00
<b>YTD GENERAL FUND <u>Difference</u></b>	<b>6,392.00</b>



**Dine to Donate Program** St. Mark's has become part of Texas Roadhouse's "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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## June Birthdays and Anniversaries...

### Birthdays:

3	Kathren Humble
9	Marty Helmoski Leslie Johnson Ivy Keeley
10	Lucille Peterson
12	Jan Jensen Sandra Pogatshnik
15	Brenda Metcalf
17	Kale Bozich
21	Kristyn Vetsch
22	Ava DeNault
24	Andrea Metcalf Miles Rodacker
27	Paul Robinson
29	Arlene O'Halloran
30	Shirley Maides

### Anniversaries:

11	Bob & Olive Weber
17	Steve & Brenda Metcalf
20	Gary & Donna Hubbard Ray & Kathy Mutcher
21	Dave & Amy Christianson
22	Megan & Korey Maple
25	Bruce & Catherine Hoekstra
26	Vaughn & Pauline Hesse
29	Scott & Darci Bohj

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





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# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship	3 9:30 & 6:30 Bible Study 6-8:15 VBS 7:00 Scouts	4 6-8:15 VBS	5 9-Noon Quilting 6-8:15 VBS	6 Zam Men's Breakfast	7	8 Synod Assembly LaGrave Rummage Sale
9 Synod Assembly 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship	10 9:30 & 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Scouts	11 6:30 Council	12 9-Noon Quilting 2:00 Bethesda 7:00 Parents of Loss	13 9:30 Mug & Muffin Bible Study	14  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15
16 <b>FATHERS DAY</b> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship	17 9:30 & 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 Scouts	18 Pack food for St Joseph's 1:30 Set Up 6:30 Packing	19 9-Noon Quilting 11:30 J.O.Y. <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	20 7:00 Al Anon	21  <b>SUMMER!</b>	22
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship	24 9:30 & 6:30 Bible Study 7:00 PLC & Scouts	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee & Fellowship						