



St. Mark's
Lutheran Church

The Messenger

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"A Heritage of God's Grace" Since 1910

Member of GIFT of Grace Lutheran Ministry

March 2023



Our Wednesday evening schedule during Lent will begin at St. Mark's on March 1st with a family supper at 6:00 p.m. (served by WELCA) followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

***March 8th St. Mark's - 6:00 pm Worship (Rick Jackson)
Walle - 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Worship***

***March 15th St. Mark's - 6:00 pm Worship (Rick Jackson)
Evanger – 6:00 pm Supper 7:00 pm Worship***

***March 22nd St. Mark's - 6:00 pm Supper (Host-Council)
7:00 pm Worship***

Miriam Circle

The Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14th, at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Marsha Oss will be the host and Sandy McCleary will lead the Bible Study. The meeting begins with coffee time followed by the study and concludes by 3:30 p.m. A welcome is extended for others to attend.

WELCA

WELCA will meet on March 6th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

St. Mark's Abiding Memorials Ministry meets on a quarterly basis – generally the first month of the quarter. In order to have the time to handle all fund requests, they request that **all requests for project funds be submitted to them by the last week of each quarter.** This will give them sufficient time for all members to review the paperwork. Thank you!

Highlights from the February St. Mark's Council Meeting

- The Council scheduled Lent worships at St. Mark's on the evenings that the GIFT Parish is scheduled at one of the other churches. Members have the option of worshipping with the parish at the rural churches for supper at 6 and worship at 7. Or, attend worships at St. Mark's at 6:00 pm on March 8th, and 15th. Ash Wednesday was also scheduled for 6:00 pm at St. Mark's.
- The GIFT Parish Council was visited by Pastor Dave Skogen to give the council information for the call process.

ST MARK'S FINANCIAL REPORT - 01/01/23 through 01/31/23

BUDGETED GIVING:	\$ 6,095.00
(2022 YTD Giving \$ 7,924.00)	
2023 YTD Fund Income	\$ 10,263.00
2023 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 12,280.00
<u>GENERAL FUND Difference</u>	\$ -2,017.00

Pastoral Care A reminder to our members. Please call the church office to inform the church of persons who have had surgery, deaths in their relationship, etc. The office will inform the WELCA Sunshine woman to whom cards should be sent. WELCA continues this caring contact to our membership in Christian love and concern.



Women of the ELCA Board Meeting February 6, 2023

Amy Christianson, Sandy McCleary, Kathy Mutcher, Marsha Oss

Kathy reported that donation checks were sent to the Salvation Army and Northland Rescue Mission for Giving Heart Day.

Kathy purchased stamps for the Love Offering letters as well as for the Sunshine cards.

Donations for the annual Love Offering are being received in the month of February.

We discussed the upcoming soup supper that WELCA will be serving on March 1. Sandy M. and Kathy M. will thaw the soup and prepare it during the day. Marsha O. and Amy will serve in the evening. We will have bread, crackers, and bars to supplement the meal. We will provide lemonade to drink and will make a small pot of coffee if needed. Following the Gift of Grace Council meeting, we will contact members of the Gift of Grace Council to see how many people we should anticipate in order to prepare adequately. Once we have a ball-park number, we will contact members for donations of bars and breads.

We checked supplies for serving and discovered the need for additional bowls and lemonade. Amy will pick those up from Sam's club.

Our next meeting will be at 5:30 on March 6.
Submitted by Amy Christianson



Men's Ministry meets the first Thursday of each month. They will meet for breakfast March 2nd, at 8:00 am, at Grama Butterwicks. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

WELCA meets on Monday, March 6th, at 5:30 pm, in the library.

St. Mark's Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. Their meeting is on Tuesday, March 14th, at 6:30 pm, in the office conference room.

Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, March 14th, at 1:30 pm, in the library.

GIFT Council meets on Monday, February 13th, at 5:30 pm at Walle.

Parents of Loss meets the second Tuesday of each month in the St. Mark's Chapel. The support group will meet March 14th, at 7:00 pm.

The deadline for the **April Newsletter** is March 24th.

Quilting Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9-noon at St. Mark's

G.I.F.T. of Grace Council Meeting Summary

Highlights of February 13, 2023 G.I.F.T of Grace Council Meeting

- ✓ All 3 churches in the parish are now represented with 3 members on the Call Committee. Pastor Brad Skogen has met with this committee.
- ✓ The GIFT budget was approved.
- ✓ The schedule for Lent was set for the parish. (See front page of this newsletter)
- ✓ Next meeting is March 20th at Evanger.

Annual Rummage Sale -- April 21st and 22nd



The date has been set! 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!

REMINDER ----REMINDER ----REMINDER ----

During these winter months, it is especially important to **make sure all meetings/functions are on the church office calendar.** If the office isn't aware of your events, the rooms won't be scheduled for heat. So, to be assured that you will have a comfortable space for your meeting/function/event, be sure that that you notify the office you will be here. Thank you.



Winter Weather Cancellations

Please look for weather cancellation information on the local television stations of KVLV, KX4 and WDAZ. You will also find cancellation information on the St. Mark's Facebook page or the GIFT of Grace Facebook page. If you would like to be contacted directly to be notified of church cancellations, please contact the church office.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

4 Sandra Buchmann
 9 Sandra Gerszewski
 12 Jay Hubbard
 16 Michael Wurzbacher
 18 Hannah Bohn
 Catherine Hoekstra
 20 Synje Peterson
 24 Cody Oss
 26 Kathy Wyum
 28 Bruce Hoekstra
 Tyler Keehr

Anniversaries:

18 Kathy & Lynn Wyum



(Please contact the church office if you have any corrections.)



President	David Christianson		
Vice President	Iver Buchmann		
Secretary	Jeanette Gratton		
Treasurer	Michele Peterson		
	Donna Hubbard	Rose Keeley	
	Jane Humble	Marsha Oss	Art Ruud

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March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9-Noon Quilting @ St. Mark's 6:00 Supper 7:00 Worship	2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	3 	4
5 8:30 Walle 10:30 St. Mark's	6 5:30 WELCA 7:00 Scouts	7	8 9-Noon Quilting 6:00 Worship St. Mark's 6pm Supper-Walle 7pm-Worship-Walle	9	10 	11
12 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 8:30 Evanger 10:30 St. Mark's	13 7:00 Scouts	14 1:30 Miriam Circ 6:30 St. Mark's Council 7:00 Parents of Loss	15 9-Noon Quilting 6:00 Worship St. Mark's 6pm Supper-Evanger 7pm-Worship Evanger	16	17 	18
19 8:30 Walle 10:30 St. Mark's (Special Music by Callee Stadem)	20 5:30 GIFT Council 7:00 Scouts	21	22 9-Noon Quilting @ St. Mark's 6:00 Supper 7:00 Worship	23	24 	25
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