



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

May 2023



WELCA BRUNCH **May 6th – 10:00a.M.**

*In gratefulness to God, we can gather again for the
Mother-Daughter-Friend event on May 6 at 10:00 a.m.*

*The board is pleased to announce that
Pastor Chris Dawes and family
will present an inspirational musical program.*

*We encourage "each one to bring one"
to attend the gathering.*

*Let 's fill the fellowship hall in joyful thanksgiving
as we enjoy a morning of inspiration, fellowship and food.*

An attendance sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

St. Mark's Spring Meeting of the Congregation

St. Mark's held their spring meeting following worship on April 16th. Pastor John led the congregation in prayer to begin the meeting. The following business was conducted:

- ❖ Dave Christianson, Donna Hubbard, Michele Peterson and Art Ruud were elected to serve three year terms on the council.
- ❖ Mark Peterson was elected as the St. Mark's representative for GF Homes.
- ❖ Mark Peterson will represent St. Mark's at the Synod Assembly in Fargo in June.
- ❖ President, Dave Christianson, gave updates on the call process. The committee has met several times and are working on finding a pastor for the parish.

God's Work, Our Hands



Outreach Ministry has met and chosen the project for the summer months to benefit Global Friends Coalition. Grand Forks is expecting to settle four new families (17 people) in the area soon, who are from El Salvador, Syria, Columbia and Guatemala.

Global Friends is putting together "Welcome Boxes" for these families and has broken down their requests by room. Each month, we will highlight a different room and are asking for your support. Items can be brought to St. Mark's during regular office hours. If you would prefer to make monetary donations, we can do the shopping for you! Thank you!!

In May, we are asking for donations for the "**Bathroom Box**". **Items requested:**

Shower Curtain

Wash Cloths

Hand Soap

Shower Curtain Liner/Rings

Hand Towels

Waste Basket

Towels

Bath Mat

Bathroom Cleaner

For those of you who would like to "work ahead",

In June, we will work on the Kitchen Box, which includes, spatulas, wooden spoons, kitchen knives, serving utensils, can opener, table, chairs, kitchen cleaner and fire extinguisher.

July's box will be the Bedroom Box – Full or Twin beds, bed frames and box springs, sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blankets, and alarm clocks.



During worship on May 21st, we will be recognizing and honoring Navy Oss and Joey Swenson. Both will graduate from Central High School this spring. Following worship, the WELCA group will host coffee and refreshments.



The JOY Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, May 10th, at Noon in the Youth Room. **Please note this change of date.** Lunch will be provided – a free will offering will be taken. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex or the office so that we can order food for all.

Grand Forks Master Chorales will hold their spring concert at St. Mark's on Saturday, May 6th, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door.



Highlights from the April St. Mark's Council Meeting

ST MARK'S FINANCIAL REPORT - 01/01/23 through 03/31/23

BUDGETED GIVING:	\$ 24,485.00
(2022 YTD Giving \$ 28,482.00)	
2023 YTD Fund Income	\$ 39,148.00
2023 YTD General Fund Expenses	\$ 39,735.00
GENERAL FUND <u>Difference</u>	\$ - 587.00

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.

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. Please make sure you complete the appropriate application form. Thank you!

Scholarships Available!!



Bible Camp Scholarships are available for all St. Mark's youth who plan to attend camp this summer. WELCA is offering \$50 towards tuition. And, Abiding Memorials has approved 50% of the cost. This is available for any Bible Camp that is attended. Contact the office to get more information on the paperwork that should be submitted to these two ministries. It is easy and is a wonderful gift offered to our youth.

WELCA will meet Monday, May 1st at 5:30 pm in the Church Library

Men's Ministry meets the first Thursday of each month. They will meet for breakfast May 4th, at 8:00 am, at Grama Butterwicks. No registration is needed and all are welcome.

St. Mark's Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. Their meeting is on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6:30 pm, in the office conference room.

Parents of Loss meets the second Tuesday of each month in the St. Mark's Chapel. The support group will meet May 9th, at 7:00 pm.

J.O.Y. meets Wednesday, May 9th, at Noon in the Youth Room.

The deadline for the **June Newsletter** is May 23rd.

GIFT Council will meet on Monday, May 8th, at 5:30 pm at St. Mark's.

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

May Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

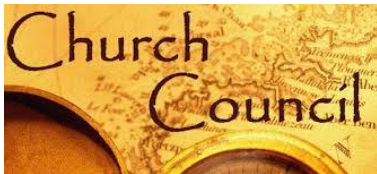
- 1 Ryan Christianson
- 2 Marla Danielson
- 6 Charisse Vetsch
- 8 Jay Gilbraith
- 9 Linda Keehr
- 12 Judy Vatnsdal
- 14 Kathy Keeley
- 15 Michael Moon
- 17 Brexton Humble
- 18 Tom Henderson
- 20 Ryan Keehr
- 23 Amy Christianson
- 25 Rose Keeley
- 30 Zachary Bohm

Anniversaries:

- 28 Rose & Pat Keeley



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



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

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