

First Communion Workshops

The tradition of St. Mark's Lutheran Church is to provide instruction for our children and youth as they move along in their faith journey. One such time of instruction is preparing for Holy Communion.

Even though communion remains a mystery in many ways there are some things we can teach about.

- **We can teach** that in this meal God embraces us with a full commitment to forgive our lives and to bring new life into our thoughts, words and deeds.
- **We can remember** the stories of how God set people free and brought them to a new life. We can remember how God was willing to suffer and die in order to give us this new life.
- **We can celebrate** this new freedom and express our gratitude and praise to God.

These are themes that will be explored during the two Wednesday nights when the 5th graders come to prepare for their first communion.

We will meet on **Wednesday March 14 and March 21** for this two-part workshop from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A parent or parents and/or other significant adults need to come with the student to these workshops. There will plenty of "hands on" activities and some materials to take home to work on with the family.

On Thursday March 29 (Maundy Thursday) those students participating in the workshops will receive communion for the first time.

If you have any questions please contact me at beck1230@comcast.net

In Christ,
Interim Pastor Chris Becker

Please let me know if you plan on participating in the First Communion Workshops

Students Name: _____ Grade _____

Parent(s) Name (s) _____

e-mail: _____

Candidate Nomination Form

The task of calling a pastor belongs to the congregation. The pastoral call is God's activity, but God works through the congregation, committees, pastors, and synod staff to call pastors to serve the church.

As members of the call committee, we want to invite all members to participate to some degree in the process of calling our next pastor. If, as you visit other congregations or talk with your friends and relatives, you become aware of a pastor whom you think may fit the ministry of our congregation as described in our Ministry Site Profile, let us know by completing this brief form. This nomination will be shared with and vetted by our synod staff, so contact with this person is neither necessary nor encouraged.

Please remember that all information regarding candidates is confidential, except for the final candidate recommended by the call committee.

The deadline for all submittals is:

March 15, 2018

Thank you for participating in this important task.

Your call committee

Candidate Nomination Form

I wish to lift up the following ELCA pastor for consideration in the call process for this congregation:

Candidate Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Present position of proposed candidate: _____

Reasons for recommend candidate for consideration:

Submitted by: _____

Phone number: _____ Date: _____

WELCA MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. By President Diane Trapp.

Treasurer's Report was given. We have \$9,052.18. Motion to accept report was given by Pat and seconded by Arlene. Motion Passed

Secretary's report was read. Clarice made a motion to accept and Pat seconded it. Motion passed.

Food Shelf Report. There were 5 clients that came this morning.

Historical Showcase was discussed. Where to put it was the main topic. It was decided that we would sponsor this case but where it will be put will be discussed with the church council.

Arlene gave Thank You's from Arnie Felton and Jean Leese for the Christmas presents.

We will be planning an event for all the women of the Church possibly on April 7th. It will be called "Meet and Greet" so we can all get to know each other. Dorry Felton is planning the event. More info to come.

A suggestion was made again to collect for a Pregnancy Center with baby bottles. We would pass out bottles to everyone interested in helping and we would put our loose change in them.

Dorry also suggested that we collect clean, gently used tote bags for the Women's Shelter. We will ask Dawn to put this in the bulletin.

A Thank you was read from Pastor Chris and Linda Becker.

Prayer for the month: People in morning.

Arlene made motion to adjourn, seconded by Clarice. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Secretary
Karen Otte

Those present were: Clarice Krenik, Pat Otte, Colleen Thompson, Dorry Wallof, Diane Trapp, Arlene Ringeisen, Alma Johnston, Karen Otte

After the meeting, Pastor Chris asked if we would assist him on March 14th Lenten Service to tie blankets.

St Mark's Youth Event

Grades: 6th and up

March 25, 2018 4pm – 8 pm

Minimum # to hold event – 12 youth

Register online at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c44a5af2aa3f94-stmarks>

or text Carol Nassif @952-356-7867



Bring your friends and your nerf guns (no rival guns- guns must use only regular bullets)

We will provide the nerf bullets

Make your own personal pan pizza

St Mark's Youth Group Mission Statement

The Youth Group has been established to bring youth together for fun, fellowship and spiritual events and activities.

St Mark's Youth Group Vision

Youth Group enables youth to come together in an environment that is fun and non competitive. Activities will provide a space where youth can be safe, open and comfortable with each other.

Youth taking part in opportunities to serve the church, local charities, and each other will build a solid spiritual foundation. This should help youth when making future spiritual decisions.

Adults will work with youth to help identify opportunities and group interests. Youth group will be Adult led and coordinated to keep events organized and within acceptable Church Standards.

Several options will be available throughout the year on once a month flexible schedule.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 25, 2018

(Palm Sunday)

9 a.m.-Noon

Location: 28595 Randolph Blvd.

(North of Randolph, MN on Hwy 56)



Serving:

Pancakes & Waffles

Scrambled Eggs

Ham & Sausage

Juice, Milk & Coffee

Free Will Offering

Service Group C Contacts:

Chicky Otte 507-263-0332
 Karen Engler 507-263-2085

March 2018

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Girl Scouts and Brownies 6-8pm | 3 |
| 4 Service 10am Pre-k..1 st Sunday school Confirmation Pack 208 5pm | 5 | 6 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am | 7 FOOD SHELF 8-10 AM WELCA 10am Bible Study 11am Church school 6-7pm | 8 6-7pm Bear Den Meeting | 9 | 10 Dakota Stanton Meeting |
| 11 Service 10am Pre-k..1 st Sunday school Confirmation | 12 | 13 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am FOOD SHELF 5-6:30PM Council Meeting 7pm | 14 Church school 6-7pm Lenten Service 7pm | 15 Alzheimer's Support Group 9:30am Candidate Nomination forms due!! | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Service 10am Pre-k..1 st Sunday school Confirmation B&B 4H 1pm Pack Mtg 6pm | 19 | 20 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am FOOD SHELF 4-5:30PM | 21 Church school 6-7pm Lenten Service 7pm First Communion Workshop 6-7pm | 22 Newsletter Deadline 6-7pm Bear Den Meeting | 23 Crafting 5pm-10pm | 24 Crafting 9am-10pm |
| 25 Palm Sunday Service 10am Pre-k..1 st Sunday school NO confirmation | 26 | 27 Bible Study 9am Quilting 10am | 28 FOOD SHELF 9-11AM Church school 6-7pm CONFIRMATION MAKE-UP 7-8PM | 29 Maundy Thursday First Communion Service 7pm | 30 Good Friday Service 7pm | 31 |