

THE SERVANT

A monthly newsletter for St. Mark's Lutheran Church
January 2019

JANUARY CALENDAR

Events and Activities

January 1 Office Closed

January 27 Annual Meeting

WORSHIP TIMES

SAT 5:30 pm Worship

SUN 8:15 am & 10:45 am Worship

Office Hours & Contact Info

Elly Swartz, Office stmarks@smluth.org

Mon–Thurs. 8:30 am–2:30 pm

Fri. 10:00 am–2:00 pm

Karin Lindell karin@smluth.org

Tues. 9:00 am– 11:30 am

Wed. 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Thurs. 9:00 am–11:30 am

Mary Johnson, Financial mary@smluth.org

Thurs. 1:00–4:00 pm

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:30-31

2019 is here and it comes with so much hope and possibility but also some fear of what will this year bring. We enter each new year like each day - we have no idea what good or bad things will happen; we go forth with trust. 2018 began with such possibility and so many good things happened in this congregation and in my own life; but sad things happened as well. Loved ones died, beloved pets had to be put to sleep, wars continued with new ones beginning, new diagnoses were heard in shock, marriages ended and the stock market bounced all over the place.

We stand facing a new year with all the unknown, and yet one thing we have learned as people of faith is that somehow hope in the Lord renews our strength each and every minute, hour, day, week, month and year. We find one day at a time is a reality no matter how much we try to micromanage, control or manipulate our lives. Trusting in God's love, peace and grace is all we really have as we live our wonderful, painful, beautiful and heartbreaking lives. Rainer Maria Rilke wrote, "And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been."



Happy New Year,
Pastor Lori

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new pictorial directory is here! Please pick up a copy at church and mark your name off the list so we know who has received their copy. There are extra copies available as well. **Please note Mary Mortenson's phone number is now 605-496-5841 and new member Liz Pfeifle's contact information: Address 8511 W Grinn Pl, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. Phone 712-229-0330. Email revliz49@gmail.com.** If anyone has other changes to note, please let us know. Thank you!

SPECIAL THANKS

To the St. Mark's Quilters,

Glory House is extremely grateful for your generous donation of 18 quilts for our residents. These works of love provide warmth both literally and symbolically for the recipients. They will be given out to clients who successfully complete their program of recovery here at Glory House, and will be a lasting reminder of the kindness that still exists in the world, regardless of the challenges that they still face. On behalf of our grateful clients, THANK YOU ST. MARK'S QUILTERS!

Allan Saugstad, Development Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW?

Frozen meals are available for St. Mark's members to share with fellow St. Mark's members, family, friends, or neighbors.

The meals are currently in the freezer in the right refrigerator in the kitchen. Please make a mark on the sign posted of which meals you take.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you are interested in being on a task force for organizing a prayer chain within St. Mark's, please contact the church office:

605-332-4092

stmarks@smluth.org

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, January 23 - February 13

We will gather for 4 weeks to study "Making Sense of the Christian Faith" by David Lose from the Book of Faith series. We will cover many topics: Theology, Creation, Sin, Covenant, Law, Community, Incarnation, Atonement, Church & the Holy Spirit and Eschatology. Please sign up or let the office know if you will be joining us.



St. Mark's is going to watch the Stampede on Saturday, January 12 at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$10. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or email stmarks@smluth.org.

St. Mark's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 11:00am following a 10:00am joint worship service. **There will be no worship on Saturday, January 26.** We will gather all together in worship at 10:00am, join together for a potluck meal and our annual meeting immediately following the worship service. We ask every household to bring a main dish; A-K bring desserts and L-Z brings salads.



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



We Welcomed The Following New Members On November 10 and 11



Deb & Bruce Carrier

Deb and Bruce retired to Sioux Falls a little more than a year ago from Winner where Bruce was the Superintendent of the Winner School District and Deb worked as a sales associate for American Family Insurance. They have four daughters and nine grandchildren. Deb and Bruce decided to join St. Mark's because of their close relationship with Pastor Lori who they knew when they lived in Presho.

Adam & Katy Des Efants

Adam and Katy are natives to South Dakota, both growing up in the Clear Lake area. Adam works as a computer engineer for Scherer, Inc. in Tea. Katy is an elementary and high school music teacher at Viborg-Hurley School. Their cat is named Roxie. Katy enjoys singing with the choir, and Adam likes to lend his talents for technology wherever they are needed. They are excited to join St. Mark's because when they first walked in, it felt like home. Katy grew up in a very traditional church and was pleased to find another church like hers.

Bob Fitch

I have attended St. Mark's for many years with Mary Lee Gayer. We will be married next spring and I thought the time to formally become a member had come. I grew up in the Congregational-UCC tradition. In our little town, I went to the little white church in the south end; the Lutheran church was the big church on the north end of town. We folks in the little white church were pretty sure we would get to heaven, but we weren't too sure about those Lutherans...well, as the saying goes "now I are one." I love St. Mark's, Pastor Lori, the services, and all the good folks that belong here.

David and April Hokanson

Dave and April both grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Augustana in Sioux Falls in 2004. Dave is a CPA and April is an elementary music teacher. Their son Connor is seven years old and loves math and learning about animals. Their daughter Cora is nine years old and enjoys legos, math, and musicals. They can frequently be found doing home remodel projects and exploring national parks - their favorite is Yellowstone!

Erika Lapour

I grew up in Vermillion and graduated from USD. I have worked in advertising, non-profit public relations and special events planning, and was a stay-at-home mom and freelance writer for several years. Currently, I'm working at Plums Cooking Company and World Market while seeking full time work in communications. I have two sons, Julian (17) and Jackson (16). Julian graduated from LHS last year, and is taking a gap year to work before starting college at Creighton. Jackson is a sophomore at LHS where he plays percussion for the LHS band, and he participates in Groove, Inc. I enjoy cooking, antiquing, camping, singing, and gardening, and I play the ukulele.



New members continued...

Bob and Joanne Ramsey

Bob and Joanne were born in Illinois and spent most of their lives there. Bob worked for Illinois Bell, which ultimately became AT&T, as a cable splicer for 30 years and retired in 2001 to mow grass on the local golf course. Joanne taught elementary school for 26 years and retired in 2005, then subbed until 2012. She then spent time playing in her back yard in the flowers. In 2004 their son and his family moved to Sioux Falls with his job. Since their grandson, now aged 18, and granddaughter, now age 14, played hockey at the time, Bob is a huge hockey fan. They went back and forth from Illinois to Sioux Falls 13 times in 15 months, 500 miles each way. Needless to say, with the blessings of their daughter and son-in-law in Florida and their kids in Sioux Falls, they moved to Sioux Falls in 2016. Bob has spent much of that time either mowing grass at Baker Crossing, golfing around the area, or at hockey games. Joanne also goes to hockey games, watches the grand pup - an English mastiff - when games are out of town, or keeps unpacking boxes. They have spent the last two years visiting churches in the area trying to find just the right home after leaving Grace Lutheran Church in Loves Park, IL, their home for over 60 years. 2018 has been a blessed year for them. Bob and Joanne not only celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, but God led them to St. Mark's Lutheran, a warm, caring and open church. They feel truly blessed to spend the rest of their lives in Sioux Falls, SD

We Welcomed New Member, Liz Pfeifle, On December 22

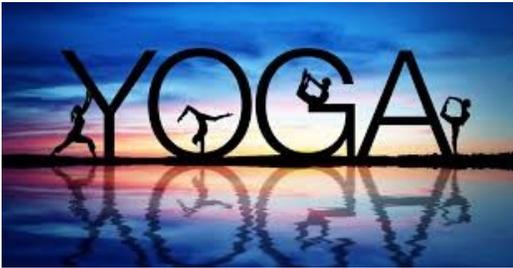
Liz Pfeifle

My name is Elizabeth (Liz) Pfeifle. I was born and raised in Eureka, SD. I graduated from Northern State College In Aberdeen, SD with a B.S. in Education. I taught school in Armour, SD for five years. I then worked for the Department of Agriculture-FmHA for twenty years. After that I attended Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Following that I accepted a call to serve a two point parish in Northwest Iowa. I retired after 14 years of service and moved to Sioux Falls. I'm single and love to read, travel and watch sports.

YOGA AT ST. MARK'S

Gail Duncan is the instructor.

Gail's biography: I completed my 200 hour yoga teacher training in September 2014. In April of 2017 I received my chair yoga certification. I also incorporate somatics and the Franklin Method in my classes. Somatics and the Franklin Method seek to foster internal awareness of one's body.



Chair Yoga

Monday, January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:30-7:30pm

Chair yoga is a sitting and standing class. There are no poses done on the floor. We concentrate on breathing and proper alignment to experience each posture. Yoga creates balance, strength and flexibility in the body.

Hatha Level I

Tuesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29 from 6:30-7:30pm

In class postures are practiced to align, strengthen and promote flexibility; with an emphasis on core strength, balance as well as breath control. You can expect simplicity, repetition and ease of movement.

Come to class on a fairly empty stomach. Wear comfortable loose clothing. We do yoga in our bare feet. \$10.00 per class with \$2.00 of the money going back to St. Mark's.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL GAIL AT 605-731-9263



ST. MARK'S FAMILY CAMP at Outlaw Ranch in the beautiful Black Hills

Kyle Alberty and Ann Rosendale are organizing a group from our congregation to attend family camp together the week of July 28-August 2. Each family is assigned their own cabin and counselor.

Daily activities include worship, games, crafts, bible study, horseback riding, canoeing, hiking, resting, campfire, and eating delicious food! Families even have flexibility to venture out on their own for a day to sight-see in the area. There is something for ALL ages, and all family configurations are welcome. Cost varies depending on number of people per family. **St. Mark's is providing generous scholarships of \$300 per family**

You can register online. Spots will fill quickly. Contact ann.rosendale@augie.edu if you and your family are interested in attending, or if you have any questions.

Family Camp is truly the best family vacation. The cost for the week includes everything (meals, lodging, etc.) and you can pay a little bit each month to make the cost more manageable. Counselors provide childcare if parents need a night away. Connecting with other families makes the week a fun adventure. The setting is beautiful, and God is guaranteed to show up!

Register your family or get more information at: <https://www.losd.org/family-camp>

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council

December 18, 2018

Attendees: Leslie Cunningham, Dawn Hartigan, Shari Smith, James Coffman, Chris McCallum, Pat Seiner, Terry Phillips, Dan Luke, Kyle Alberty, Pastor Lori Hope

Devotions: Leslie Cunningham led devotions on "Do not worry."

Minutes: MSC approved.

Old Business: Dawn Hartigan reported for the Nominating Committee. They still need a nominee for vice president and for Worship & Music.

Treasurer's Report: MSC approved.

*Do designated gifts need to be distributed before the end of the year: Bread for the World, Disaster Relief, Missionary Support, Train Up A Child, Transportation Ministry, etc.?

*Property insurance: we will stay with our current provider. Bid received from another company was higher.

President's Report:

*Task force for the annual meeting potluck. We will ask Karin Lindell to do a sign-up sheet.

-Only one service that weekend.

-Notice in the bulletin as to who is to bring what.

-Need a set-up and a clean-up committee.

Discussion:

*Hospitality treats:

-It seems like the same people are providing treats.

-Do we need to remind people who bring treats of their responsibility for clean-up?

-Could place the volunteer list on the table with the treats, so people see the sign up.

*Offering counters:

-Do we need more people to assist with offering counting on Sunday mornings?

-Do we need to do a spotlight on what is involved?

*Need more involvement for Sunday School: teachers, assistants, etc.

New Business:

*Cleaning service:

-Pastor is going to contact the cleaning service to clarify what is in our current agreement.

-New vacuum has been purchased. Do we need a commercial grade vacuum? Cleaning service uses our vacuum when they clean.

Committee Reports:

- Mission:
 - They plan to invite previous mission travelers to speak about their travels.
 - Fund raiser for the Glory House is being discussed.
 - Souper Bowl fund raiser.
 - More advocacy activity is needed.
- Worship & Music
 - Christmas Eve services: 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.
 - St. Lucia was a success
 - SS program was great
 - Blue Christmas December 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Congregational Life
 - Sticky note discussion: Need people to organize activities.
 - *Shari volunteered to start a Bunco group in the new year.
 - *Chris volunteered to do a video game night.
 - *Movie group was suggested.
 - *Living obituaries
 - *Use the television in the narthex to ask/answer questions about individuals/families and then a photo of the individual/family at the end.
- Property: written report
- Christian Education: new program in the new year.

Questions regarding property:

- Roof: if it needs to be done, a special campaign would be held to pay for it.
- Karin Lindell is gathering information on repairs and major purchases which have been done over the years to assist us in planning for the future.

Annual meeting: January 27th; one 10:00 am service that Sunday, no Saturday service.

Christmas Blessing Bags this Sunday with soup & chili at 11:45 a.m.

MSC to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Seiner, Secretary

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		OFFICE CLOSED	1pm – Office Staff 7pm - Choir	1pm – Ruth Circle		5:30pm - Worship
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15am – Worship w/ Com. 9:30am - SS & Forum 10:45am – Worship w/ Com.	Pastor's Sabbath 5pm - Property 6:30pm - AIAnon 6:30pm - Chair Yoga	9am - Quilters 9:30am - Office Staff 6:30pm - Hatha Yoga 7pm – Finance 7pm - Executive	7pm – 6 th – 8 th Conf. 7pm – Choir	10am – Book Study		5:30pm – Worship 7:05pm – Stampede Game
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