

St. Mark Chairman's Monthly Report

September 2022

Greeting St. Mark Members.

The month of September was a fairly quite month for news. Here are some updates from last month report and from this month's council meeting.

The order has been placed for the new hymnals, psalter and support materials. We received word that our order is ready for pick up in Brainerd, MN. It was decided that we would pick the order up to save the shipping costs. They should be in our building sometime next week. A worship committee will be put together to develop a plan to gradually introduce the new hymnal to the congregation. Once again thanks to the donor for the great gift of covering all the hymnals, psalters and support materials. The gift also covered new hymnals to the St. Mark School students that are required to have one.

The Lutheran High School committee is active and providing updates. Those updates are being emailed to you by Barb. A webpage link to the St. Mark web site will be added to view updated information to the new high school activities.

Pastor's reported that the new paraments have arrived. They look fantastic and will add a nice touch to the front of the pulpit. Pastors have started a new BIC class with three potential new families. September was also the startup of the campus ministry, various youth group activities, campus ministry activities, Lions Heart Bible study and Friday morning men's Bible study. Check the bulletin for times when these groups meet. The Pastor's attended a symposium for professional study and personal growth in Milwaukee a few weeks ago.

It was reported that St. Mark Lutheran School has 108 students. The board of education is putting a plan together for staffing needs for the 2022-2023 school year. There is still a need for an aide in the 5th grade classroom. The work on the 4K accreditation is ongoing.

The Board of Buildings and Grounds reported that the three classrooms targeted with new carpet was completed before school started. All have a nice fresh look. Plans are being made to do some major landscaping improvements around the church and school next spring. Included in those plans will be a new sign on the corner of State St. and Hamilton Ave.

There is still a concern about our weekly offerings for the general fund. Our average during the month of August was \$11,478 per week. We have a million dollar plus budget and I know that \$11,478 per week will not pay the bills. We are meeting our responsibilities for now, but the cash reserves are falling fast. As of September 1, our internal debt is down to \$82,993. I would hope we wouldn't have to increase that debt to meet obligations. Please see Paul Jastrow's Treasures Report.

Note that the next St. Mark Quarterly Voter's meeting will be October 24 at 6:30 PM.

Serving Christ,

Mark Roekle
St. Mark Chairman