

March 2021

## Chairman's Report to St. Mark Congregation

Hello St. Mark Members,

As you are all aware of St. Mark School is looking to fill a full-time teaching position in our kindergarten and a half-day position in our 1st grade class room. On February 14 we called Allison Bovee to fill the kindergarten position. Allison decided to return that call. The voters then met on Sunday, March 21 after the late service to place another call for the kindergarten position. The Lord directed the voters to call Ellen Zank, currently serving at Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy in Downers Grove, Illinois for the past 22 years. Ellen also has served at Lutheran Schools in Baraboo, WI and Greenfield, MN. She has ties to the Eau Claire area since her great grandfather homesteaded near Augusta. At one time the WELS had a church near Augusta which was served by Pastor Prah and was attended by the Zank family. Some of our older members may remember the Zanks. The voters then decided to place a call to Jackie Plant to fill the half-day 1st grade position. This call will be a one-year provisional call as advised by the synod and district president. Jackie has been a member at St. Mark for more than ten years and lives in Eau Claire. She has teaching experience in public schools in Muskego, Milwaukee and Pewaukee. May the Lord direct both Ellen and Jackie to decide that their skills are a good fit at St. Mark in Eau Claire.

The Board of Education and Principal Peter Micheel are working getting the Wisconsin School Choice Program up and running. It has been a learning experience for all involved. A new position of School Choice Director was approved by the congregation at the January voter's meeting. This position will help with the work load of the required paper work the state requires. Council approved Barb Langreck to fill that position at our last meeting. Peter Micheel will still serve as the School Choice administrator.

The Board of Buildings and Grounds is busy keeping the grounds and building looking good. One item they are looking into is updating the outside grounds around the church. Costs are being looked into for this project. The project may include a new sign if funds are available.

River City Property Management has been showing the State St. house regularly with quite a bit of interest. Unfortunately, no one was passing the credit checks and other requirements. I am glad to report that they did find a husband and wife with two children that passed all the requirements. At this point they plan to move in April 15.

The trustees are still working on compiling a list of members to serve on a St. Mark Vision Committee. Thanks to those that have reached out and showed interest. I would like to put out a request for a couple females that would like to be included. If you have interest please let me or one of the trustees know you are interested. The plan is to organize sometime this summer and be running full steam ahead in the fall.

May the Glory of the Risen Lord fill your Hearts with Joy this Easter Season. Happy Easter to all.

Serving Jesus kingdom.

Mark Roekle  
Chairman