

St. Mark Chairman's Monthly Report

August 2021

Hello Members of St. Mark.

Hope everyone is doing well. August had some good news for St. Mark.

As I reported in my July report the congregation approved the go ahead to purchase additional copies of the new hymnal so we would have three hymnals in every rack. The Board of Stewardship was asked to put a fund-raising plan together. A member has come forward and offered to cover the cost of the new hymnals, so no fund raiser will be needed. Thanks to the Lord and to the member for their thoughtful gift. The order will be placed as soon as possible with the Board of Elders deciding when the new hymnal will be implemented.

The other good news was after about 18 months we received the final gift from the Bainter Estate. The final gift was \$63,000. The money was put toward the funds we borrowed from to pay for the State St. property. With this gift that leaves St. Mark debt to ourselves at about \$87,000.

The first meeting of the vision committee was held on August 1st. We reviewed information from previous vision committees. There were plenty of great questions. The committee consists of the following members: Connie Anason, Rosemary Bounds, Dan Bieberitz, Adam Duquaine, Ryan Hoefler, John Jastrow, Zach Jastrow, Kristin Knickelbein, Wanda Miller, Kyle Staebell, Travis Walker with Eric Fischer as chairman of the group. Tom Kuzenski and Tim Petermann will be consultants helping with past vision committee information. Pastor Hollmann, Pastor Naumann, Peter Micheel and the Trustees will participate as needed. Please pray that the Lord will direct these members as they plan the future of St. Mark for now and the next generation.

The July voter's meeting approved the carpeting of three classrooms with funding coming from the Donor Entrusted Fund. Glad to report that all three classrooms have been finished. Thanks to those that helped get the work done in time for the teachers to ready their classrooms. Also approved at the July voter's meeting was to work with St. Paul's Menomonee of starting up talks again of opening an area Lutheran High School. They were looking for a St. Mark member to chair this group. Ryan Hoefler agreed to take this position and represent St. Mark.

It is hard to believe but the first day of school at St. Mark was on the 24th. As of this writing St. Mark opened with 108 students. May God look over the staff and students and bless everyone with a successful and safe year.

Note for those that plan ahead, pending voter's approval, the St. Mark Children's Christmas Service will change from being held on Christmas Eve to the Sunday before Christmas. This year it will be held on Sunday, December 19th, during the 10:30 AM service.

If you have any questions about St. Mark you can contact me by email, mroekle@aol.com or phone, 715-829-6401.

May God bless all of you as we go into the fall season.

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