

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2010

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

Website: stmarksbemidji.org

(This church is part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE OF WORSHIP!

To each visitor, we extend a sincere welcome. We feel honored to host your worship of our Triune God. He is truly our primary reason for joy, confidence and hope. We pray that your worship experience today will draw you closer to our Savior Jesus and bring you into a friendship with us. Please write your name and address on the friendship register shortly after you have seated for worship. Our pastor will be glad to meet with you regarding any questions about our church. Worship with us again soon!

OPENING PRAYER:

Lord of mercy I have entered your house, today, weary and burdened with stress and sin, accumulated over this past week. Make me sorrowful and regretful of the ways I have dishonored your holy Name. Then lift the burden and weight of such sins off of my shoulders for Jesus' sake. And empower me to be as forgiving and loving towards others, as you have been to me. Amen. (Additional prayers are found on p. 10 of CW.)

- Words of preparation for Communion are on p.156.

TODAY'S FOCUS:

There is no other way to heaven, but through Jesus!

LITURGY: Morning Praise, on page 45
PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 72, on page 93

HYMNS:
#581 Father, We Praise You
#389 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
#356 You Are the Way; through You Alone

SERMON TEXT Luke 13:22-30

How hard is it to be eternally saved?

- 1. It's not as easy as some think.*
- 2. It's much easier than some think.*

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

Because Jesus directs us, "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19) our mission at St. Mark's is to nurture believers with the Word and Sacraments, preparing them for a life of service to the Triune God; and to spread the good news of Jesus and his forgiveness to our community and beyond.

Calendar Events (August 29 - September 7)

AUG 29 (Sun) . .	9:00 a.m., Morning Worship (PENTECOST 14) 10:00 a.m., Coffee hour with bars/rolls
AUG 30 (Mon) . .	7:00 p.m., Evening Worship
SEPT 2 (Thur) . .	5:00 p.m., Evangelism Committee meeting 7:00 p.m., Church Council meeting
SEPT 4 (Sat) . .	10:00 a.m., Jesus Cares Bible Class
SEPT 5 (Sun) . .	10:15 a.m., Morning Worship w. Holy Communion (PENTECOST 15)
SEPT 6 (Mon) . .	NO MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP (Labor Day)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES

BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12th

- The Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 12th, at 8:45 a.m. The children will gather in the back of the church to sing songs and receive opening instructions. Then they will break into their groups and meet their teachers for their first lesson. Sunday school is available for those that are age 4-year-old preschool through those in the 8th grade.
- The teen Bible Class/Youth Group will meet at 9:00 a.m., with Paul Bellig leading their Bible class and meeting.
- The Adult Bible Class will meet at 9:00 a.m., in the church fellowship hall. Our schedule of study topics will be:
 - o God's people pray!
 - o RUTH, another tool in the hand of God.
 - o Christ's Love shown to us in his Means of Grace

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, SUNDAY WORSHIP
WILL BEGIN AT 10:15 a.m., and we will continue
to offer MONDAY EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:00 p.m.**

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Charles Buhman (with health concerns after arriving home
from the hospital)

Janet Bitzer (with health concerns)

Nancy Lee (with health concerns)

Anna Gack (home bound member of St. Mark's)

Della Schwanz (homebound member of St. Mark's)

Verne Tollefson (homebound member of St. Mark's)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HOSTED

OUR SUMMER COFFEE HOURS!

Every Sunday in June through August was served by these generous volunteers. These times after morning worship served our members well and helped not only mix our members with one another, but especially were a great way to welcome our guests and visitors.

NEW MEDITATION DEVOTION BOOKS START AUGUST 29th

These copies of daily devotions for the next three months are now in the church entry way. Take one, share one!

A BRIEF NOTE TO OUR THRIVENT MEMBERS

- Letters have been sent out from Thrivent regarding the Giving Choice Program. If you have any questions please call Deb Newell, 586-2956.

ALTAR FLOWER ARRANGEMENT!

Today's flowers (for Sunday, August 29th) are donated by Belinda Baumann.

GET TO KNOW ST. MARK'S

What We Believe

The one true God is Triune, one God with three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). All human beings are conceived and born in sin, and are worthy only of God's wrath. Eternal salvation is only available through the innocent life and bitter sufferings and death of Jesus Christ. God tells us everything we need to know about him and his will for us through the Bible. This is God's Word and it is Truth. Therefore, we believe that God's Word offers guidance, strength and comfort for all people in every situation in life.

What We Do

Worship from June through August, on Sundays at 9:00 a.m., and from September through May on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. (Worship services are also offered on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Our next Monday evening service will be on June 7.)

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of each month. (Note it is necessary that communicants be like-minded and within our doctrinal fellowship.)

Campus Ministry meetings are held at the Bemidji State University Student Union. (This is while classes are in session from September - May.)

Vacation Bible School will meet in the early part of August, 2010. The VBS will have morning sessions, from 9:30 – 11:45 AM.

Sunday School meets at 8:45 a.m. from September through May.

Teen Bible Classes meet Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Classes meet Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

JESUS CARES BIBLE CLASSES are intended for the developmentally disabled. We meet in the church fellowship on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of September – May. Please speak to our pastor about the next class.

Kids' Group is for all school-age children. This organization meets monthly and promotes fellowship activities (Sept. – May).

Youth Group is for young people in grades 9 through 12. We offer Bible study and encouragement in the face of peer pressure and fostering Christian friendships are the primary goals of this group.

The Church Choir sings and practices regularly, usually on Wednesday evening.

The Ladies Guild and Mission Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The ladies seek to learn about our missions and also plan projects for the church.

Child Confirmation Instruction is held weekly for our young people seeking to become communicant members (During the school year).

Adult Confirmation Instruction is also conducted by our pastor for adults seeking to learn more about what this congregation teaches and requires for becoming a communicant member. Talk to our pastor and he will gladly get a class started for you.

What We Have

St. Mark's Lutheran Elementary School exists as an arm of this congregation. Here we provide full-time Christian education for member children and a limited number of tuition students. The first and foremost reason for our school's existence is to impart a greater knowledge of God's Word upon each student. Our pastor and principal can also be contacted at their homes:

Pastor Lon Kuether 218-444-6334

Principal Nathan Bitter 218-759-0398