

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 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: Gracious and loving Lord, we have come to your house of prayer, realizing that this is a privilege and opportunity to grow spiritually through your word. Cause us to be well fed and nourished in the faith. Then lead us to live a life that does not grieve the Holy Spirit, but which gives honor and praise to your holy name. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

(Additional prayers on p.10 CW)

TODAY'S FOCUS:

God still shares his living Word for us to hear; NOT to ignore!

LITURGY: The Common Service, on page 15 (without Holy Communion)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119a, on page 109

WORSHIP NOTE: Hymn #260 will be sung in the place of pp.16-17.

HYMNS:	#282	Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear
	#260	Let All Things Now Living
	#290	One Thing's Needful
	#438	In God, My Faithful God
	#517	Almighty Father, Strong to Save

SERMON Genesis 18:1-14

The LORD still chooses the appropriate time ...

1. To wake us up
2. To visit with us

COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING OUR SUMMER SERVICES!

For the remaining Sundays August, we are looking for volunteers to donate bars, donuts or cookies. Sign-up and help out. NOTE: each donor is also asked to stay around to help with any clean-up and straightening up of the fellowship area afterwards. Thank you very much!

Calendar Events (July 25 - August 2)

JULY 25 (Sun)	. . .	9:00 a.m., Morning Worship (PENTECOST 9) With the WELS CONNECTION 10:00 a.m., Coffee hour with bars/rolls
JULY 26 (Mon)	. . .	6:00 p.m., Softball team meets at the Sandlot For this game vs. Covenant Red team 7:00 p.m., Evening Worship With the WELS CONNECTION
JULY 28 (Wed)	. . .	SET UP FOR THE CHURCH'S BOOTH AT THE BELTRAMI COUNTY FAIR
AUG 1 (Sun)	. . .	9:00 a.m., Worship w. Holy Communion (PENTECOST 10) 10:00 a.m., Coffee hour with bars/rolls
AUG 2 (Mon)	. . .	Church Softball League Playoffs TBA 7:00 p.m., Evening Worship w. Holy Communion

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Rebecca Jewett (as she will soon undergo more tests at Mayo Clinic in
Rochester, MN)

Darold Krenz (as he receives his treatments of Chemotherapy)

Charles & Rita Buhman (with health concerns)

Sally Carroll (as she recovers from surgery)

Kiki Schnackenberg (as she recovers from surgery)

Janet Bitzer (as she recovers from surgery)

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)

SIGN-UP SOON:

- To help with the church Fair booth! Please sign up and help us put a welcoming and cheerful face on our fair booth. The days for manning this booth are Thursday through Sunday, July 29th to August 1st.
- To send your child to Saint Mark's VBS! This summer's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 2nd – 6th. The theme will be **"THE ARMOR OF GOD"** based upon Ephesians 6. ALL children of 4 years old through those entering the 6th grade are welcome to enroll. Our sessions will begin on Monday, August 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. through 11:45 a.m. Spread the news of this invitation with your neighbors and co-workers and relatives. Please also consider donating your time and/or snack foods.

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.

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