

# The Markings

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## From the Desk of Pastor Vaudt

Sermon on the Mount ~ Lenten Series for 2019

During this year's Lent we are going to focus our attention on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." As mentioned previously, a good preparation for this Lenten season would be to read Jesus longest recorded sermon from Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5-7. If you have already done that you could read it from a different version.

To help our members focus on, truly understand, and apply Jesus' teachings to our lives, the congregation will be providing devotional booklets and a Sunday morning Bible Study which will supplement the Lenten messages.

Messages based on the "Sermon on the Mount" will be featured at each Lenten service and during Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Easter).

The promotional material from the publisher sums it up like this:

*This series for Lent takes parishioners through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.*



## Special Voters Meeting

There will be a special voters meeting on **March 3rd** between services to grant Trevor a peaceful release from his call.

~ Please join us for a small gathering after the vote to wish Trevor the best as he starts on his new path.

## EXPERIENCE the SEASON of LENT: SERMON on the MOUNT

The series will take us through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapters 5-7.

The services led by Pastor Steve Vaudt will reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

So take the month of February to read through Matthew chapters 5-7 so you are prepared to study and learn more about the Sermon on the Mount.

MARCH 6 - ASH WEDNESDAY with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion: 10:30am and 6:00pm.  
"Blessed are You"

MARCH 13 - Week 1: "Salt and Light"

MARCH 20 - Week 2: "Prayer and Fasting"

MARCH 27 - Week 3: "Do not Worry"

APRIL 3 - Week 4: "Judge Not"

APRIL 10 - Week 5: "Build on Rock"

\*\*Week 1 through Week 5 will begin after the Lenten suppers at 6:00pm. Holy Communion will only be celebrated on Ash Wednesday.

*Thank  
You*

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by **Paul & Jackie Duerst** in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings they have received.

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jeff Kern  
Mackenna Ojala  
Beverly Rothwell

2 Roger Burk

3 Logan Fike  
Erin Hopkins  
Joshua Hopkins  
Mary Jane Hopkins  
Chris Maahs

4 Phyllis Koppa  
Phoenix Plautz

5 Niklas Drews  
Dorraine Graveen  
Jack Hill  
Usona Mallak  
Scott Prochnow  
Shirley White

6 Irene Goetsch  
Tom Plautz  
Tim Utecht

7 Larry Pike

8 Joyce Frickenstein  
Sally Reinke  
Matthew Rhyner

9 Evan Mayer  
Tracy Radenz  
Tim Vergara

10 Linda Bootz  
Katelyn Greguire  
Sheri Mayer

11 Kevin Prochnow  
Susan Woller

13 Seth Grosskreutz  
Blake Sherfinski

14 Drew Christensen  
Martin Hannemann  
Sally Landwehr  
Bradley Peterson  
Jan Pike  
John Simon  
Jayne Waksmonski

15 Fran Belmas  
Maria DeBroux  
Kysan Samuelson  
Janet Werner



17 Erma Becker  
Sylas Prochnow  
Michael Sheehan  
Ethan Tallitsch  
Shawn Wiedenhoeft

18 Chad Drews  
Andrew Schoch

19 Michael Brandt  
Bono Brown

20 Sandra Cotey  
Marie Heinking  
David Koch  
Mark Kopetzky  
Kyle Mason  
Doug Leopold  
Keith Maahs

21 Sydney Snoeyenbos  
Josh Woller

22 Kristine Gollhardt  
Isabella Vardon  
Ruth Wetzel

23 Darlene Burk

24 Julie D'Acquisto  
Karen Golding

25 Mark Golding  
Kong Khammanivong  
Darol Peterson

26 Rachel Young

27 Jacob Wanish

28 David Hartman  
Matthew Mayer

29 Lorraine Buck  
Carol Koch

30 Shirley Bremer  
April Wanish

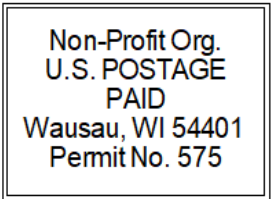
31 Mark Kramer  
Tom Radenz



Roger & Helen Prochnow: 3/7/1981  
Kenneth & Christine Sulzer: 3/14/1998



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### **MARKINGS Sponsors**

Sponsors are needed for upcoming issues of the MARKINGS. We currently have sponsors for the May and June issues but other months are available for sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a special date, please contact the church office at 715-848-5511. The cost is \$50.00

### **April MARKINGS Deadline**

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the April edition of the MARKINGS will be March 26, 2019. Thank you!

### **Silent Auction- copier**

We will be having a silent auction to sell an extra copier that is currently sitting in our music room. It is a Ricoh Aficio MPC2500. If you would like to see the copier prior to bidding please stop in the office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 – 5:00. We will be taking bids until March 31st. You can send your name and bid amount to Jean at [jdrake@stmarkslcms.org](mailto:jdrake@stmarkslcms.org) or call 715-848-5511.

### **American Guild of Organists**

The Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a series of Lenten Meditations. These 30 minute recitals will be presented from 12:15 pm -12:45 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant Street, Wausau on the following **Fridays: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12**. The church is handicapped accessible. A free-will donation will be received.

### **St. Mark's Monthly Dinner Club**

**Saturday, March 23rd 6:00pm - ?**

At The Great Dane in Wausau.

EVERYONE IS INVITED for food, fun and fellowship (singles and couples of ALL ages). We have a private room at The Great Dane in Wausau starting at 6:00pm. You can order off the menu and spend as much or as little as you want. The bill is yours to pay. This is just an opportunity for fellowship and a few laughs. Invite another person or couple to come with you. This could be just a start to a fun "date" night for those of who need a night out from the family. The first 30 people to call/text Family Ministry Coordinators, Dan and Cathy Page at 715-921-0404 will have a spot.

**Ash Wednesday Service times:  
10:30 am & 6:00 pm**

**St. Mark's LWML – Ladies Guild  
Lutheran Women in Mission**

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – 1:00 pm  
Carol Matchok-Safety tips for senior citizens  
**OPEN TO THE CONGREGATION**

**Save the Dates:**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Young Women's and Young at Heart Retreat  
At Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI  
Retreat Registration is \$30 per person  
(In case of cancellation, funds will remain with the North  
Wisconsin District LWML to offset program costs)

Mail registration to:

Lisa Glessing,  
W6915 Pair O'Lakes Rd.  
Trego, WI 54888

**BY MARCH 13, 2019**

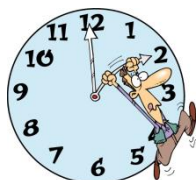
**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

Zone 11 LWML Spring Rally at  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church  
Registration & meal at 4:30 pm - \$5.00  
Rally begins at 5:45 pm  
Speaker: Sharon Hanke on her  
Three Michigan Missions  
To reserve a seat and meal call Lorraine  
at 715-845-9192 by APRIL 1, 2019

***"Serving the Lord with Gladness"***

Questions? Please call Lorraine at 715-845-9192 or  
Email lwilde9192@charter.net

**Saturday evening, March  
9<sup>th</sup>... Don't forget to turn  
your clocks ahead one hour!!**



### **Wednesday Night Suppers**

March 6th - Chicken Rice Soup & Chili  
March 13th – Taco Boats  
March 20th – Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
March 27th – Hot Ham Sandwiches, all the fixings  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hot Turkey Sandwiches  
April 10th- Loaded Baked Potatoes

### **Ouzinkie Mission Lenten Meal Ash Wednesday, March 6th**

We will again be serving our homemade chicken soup and homemade chili for the first Wednesday night meal of the Lenten season. The support that St. Mark's has offered to this mission in the past has been tremendous. The Ouzinkie Mission house is located on Spruce Island, in the village of Ouzinkie, a remote Alaskan village near Kodiak Island. The two missionaries that we served with on our service trip continue to spread the love and hope of Jesus through their programs and work in the community. The money we have raised has gone to help complete the basement classroom where the teaching of computer courses to help the village residents create their own software company can begin. They are also adding a coffee shop where young adults will have an opportunity to work and learn business skills. This spring Dan, Jacob and Caleb will be traveling back to Kodiak Island and Ouzinkie to continue serving the missionary work being done there. Dan will use his veterinary skills to help with the start up of a Dairy Goat milk production facility and quality assurance laboratory at the main mission in Kodiak. He will also be doing herd health work with their dairy goat and beef cow herd as well as horses. Jacob and Caleb will spend their time on Spruce Island in the Aleut village of Ouzinkie helping at the mission with construction work and other projects as needed. They are all looking forward to being reunited with many friends. Please feel free to talk with any or all of us (at our dinner or anytime) or ask questions about our past experiences or upcoming travels and continue to keep us and this Alaskan mission in your prayers. Thank you again for all of your support. Hope to see you on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

~ Dan and Kristen Novitch and the Ouzinkie Mission Team

### Women's Psalms Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study of the Psalms will continue in March, 9:30 -11:00 in the Youth Room. We've had a very meaningful study of these 'conversations with God' and look forward to the remaining lessons:

**March 1st** Psalms 124 and 67 – God Speaks about National Distress

**March 8th** Psalms 137 and 139 - God Speaks about Hatred of Evil Doers

**March 15th** Psalm 73 – God Speaks about Doubt

**March 22nd** Psalm 90 – God Speaks When I Think of the Passing of Time

If you were unable to join us earlier, please consider coming now. Because the weekly studies are based on individual Psalms, they are very independent of one another. So please join us, even if you can only make it once or twice. The study and fellowship have been a blessing for all of us.

### PULPIT EXCHANGE

St. Mark's will be participating in a pulpit exchange with some of our circuit pastors during the season of Lent. Pastor Steve Vaudt will be leading the Lenten services but NOT preaching on the following Wednesday's services: **March 20** - Pastor Stransky from St. John Lutheran, Easton; **March 27** - Pastor Ferhmann from Zion Lutheran, Aniwa; **April 3rd** - Pastor Swanson from Rib Mountain Lutheran, Wausau. Pastor Steve Vaudt will be preaching on March 6, March 13 and April 10. Make sure to come and learn from them. Make them feel welcome at our church.



### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool registration for the 2019-20 school year is underway. Enrollment forms are available in the church office. Our annual Open House for new students will be held on **Monday, March 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.** Come See What Makes Us Special!

### Authentic Celtic Gospel Music Dinner Show

Paddygrass, a Celtic Bluegrass & Gospel group will be performing on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at W2604 Cty. Rd. P in Merrill. Also featured will be a Celtic Dancer and a catered meal by Bob's Catering. Only 110 tickets sold at \$37.50 per person. Doors open at 11:30 am. For more information call Lois Oestreich at 715-536-6965 and leave a message. For tickets, send check with self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Lois Oestreich

Attn: Paddygrass Tickets  
247128 County Road WW  
Wausau, WI 54403

### Contemporary Services (Wednesday and Sunday)

The Contemporary Service on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm is transitioning the service outline and songs to be more like those you listen to on 89Q (89.5 FM). This will enrich our time of worship as we spend time in His presence. This is a great service to invite someone to church. It is less formal and relaxed. If you do not listen to 89Q, we encourage you to do so. A Christian radio station needs more listeners and our prayerful support. We will also be transitioning these songs into Sunday morning worship in a more focused and careful design.

### Support Make-A-Wish Wisconsin

On **March 27, 2019** the Men in Action is doing the Lenten Supper with the proceeds going to Make-A-Wish Wisconsin. A child qualifies to receive a wish as long as they have been diagnosed with a progressive, degenerative or malignant medical condition that has placed their life in jeopardy (as determined by the treating physician), are referred between the ages of 2 ½ and 18 and have not previously received a wish from any other wish-granting organization. A wish has the unique ability to transform a child and family's life during some of their most difficult trials. Join us for supper and support Make-A-Wish Wisconsin.

## **From the Desk of Pastor Ken Albers**

As we enter the season of Lent, it's good to talk about the symbols that color our churches during the season and what they mean. You see, over the years, colors have taken on meaning. This is true around the world, both inside and outside the church. What do you think of when I say "gold"? Perhaps it is wealth or royalty. How about "green"? Perhaps it is the environment or plants.

That's how color works for us. Color fuels our imagination. They set a mood. The church uses colors to do exactly that. And colors take us through what is called the church year. During Lent, purple points to our unworthiness before God, the King of kings. It is a color of repentance, confessing our sins to God and standing in awe of Jesus as He suffered and died for us.

What are some other colors of the church year and what do they mean? As I cover the colors, let me describe a bit of the flow of the church year. Unlike a calendar year, the church year begins with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas. The color is blue. Blue symbolizes hope and anticipation. It helps us remember what we're waiting and hoping for to come. At the same time the color blue sometimes is used to talk about feeling down; the idea that maybe something important is missing and you feel blue. But God sent us the promised Messiah in the babe of Bethlehem. That's the idea. Colors express feelings and ideas as well. And it's important for us to say that the church has always appropriated the fullness of the arts and of music all as a part of its witness to the beauty of God's message of hope for the world in Jesus Christ.

So the colors mark seasons, emotions, feelings, ideas. I'm not sure what kind of church we would be if there wasn't beautiful music, beautiful art, stain glass windows that glow with the message of the Gospel, and the colors that surround us as we hear the Word of God, celebrate it, receive Baptism and the Lord's Supper. God's gifts do make the world a more beautiful place, so we have some

color to celebrate that fact, and that brings us back now to the season of Lent.

Lent is the color purple, a time of repentance and self-examination as believers prepare for the coming Passion of Jesus who suffered and died for our sins. It's a time when the church thinks long and hard about life, its purposes, and the Lord who came to bring that life to us abundantly as the suffering Servant for all. In that sense, Lent is preparing us for Easter, and the season of Easter is represented by the color white.

Lenten preparation gives way to God's Easter victory, the celebration of the risen Christ, who conquered death and offers His life to us all. So you will see white and maybe gold during Easter symbolizing the majesty of our victorious Savior over sin, death, and the devil. So the flow of the church year is trying to cover the life of Jesus and marking it with appropriate colors that convey anticipation and fulfillment.

That is why the first half of the church year is called "the time of Christ." It proclaims the life of Christ from the prediction of His coming through His birth. It teaches about His ministry and miracles. It walks with Jesus in His suffering, death on the cross, and His resurrection from the grave. Then it tells of His promise to return and His ascension into heaven. After that, the color changes from white to red on Pentecost Day!

For red symbolizes the fire and power of the Holy Spirit for the mission of the church. Jesus ascended visible into heaven so that He could be everywhere invisibly through His church by the power of the Spirit. Pentecost Day is the day of the New Testament Church being born. It's also the beginning of the second half of the church year called "the time of the Church."

And that's when the color green takes over because it's time to get to work in the life we've been given to live! But, even before that, there is one Sunday all decked out in white, called the Sunday of the Holy Trinity. For as we begin the season of the Church, we are reminded of the God of the Bible, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, the One who



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makes all of this life and mission possible! These colors help us to remember God's goodness for us in Christ and they serve as a way of reminding us to show our colors as a follower of Christ and to let our light (colors) shine before others, that they may see your good works (true colors) and give glory to our Father in heaven! (Matthew 5:16)

### Orphan Grain Train Update

Thank you to all who helped load the semi on Thursday, February 21st. We shipped **over 800 boxes** packed with clothes, shoes, household items, quilts, soap, and medical supplies. We were also able to send a number of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and shower chairs. Thank you for your support and prayers for this ministry.

~ Wayne Flanagan  
715-842-4204



### Pillowcase Dresses Workshop

Due to our overabundance of snow, we were not able to get together for our Pillowcase Dress Workshop in February. We have rescheduled it for **Thursday, March 14th**, from 9:00 -11:30 in classrooms 1 and 2. Thank you again to Thrivent for giving us an Action Team gift card of \$250 for more bias tape, elastic, and thread. With these items replenished, we are set to make many more dresses... we just need willing workers to cut, iron, stitch, and thread elastic! Hope you can join us!

### Sunday School Singing

The Sunday School students will be singing **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> before the 10:30 service**. The pre-service songs will be *Behold, What Manner of Love* and *Lord, Be Glorified*. Please join us to hear their wonderful voices.



### Our Home Bound Members

*Please remember and pray for these members of our congregation who are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis. They are visited monthly and offered the Lord's Supper.*

Please keep these Fellow believers in your prayers and if you know them, please consider visiting them.

- Delores Andringa
- Greg Barton
- Erma Becker
- James Brumm
- Lorraine Buck
- Elton & Joyce Burish
- Marion Fehlhaber
- Irene Goetsch
- Elaine Holbrook
- Dee Johnson
- Verland Kasten
- Adam & Becky Menebroeker
- Rex & Adeline Mortensen
- Harvey Ohde
- Adalyne Osterbrink
- Eileen Rantanen
- Ryan Schultz
- Elaine Treu
- Ruth Wetzel

### OFFICIAL ACTS

January – February 2019

#### Received

Isaac Allen Hamman (Non-member baptism on 1/6/19)

Rykert Thomas Kramer (Non-member baptism on 1/27/19)

Cora Ann Hoelter (Non-member baptism on 2/9/19)

#### Removed

Ron Schram (Funeral 1/10/19)

Ruth Ziegel (Funeral 2/15/19)



## EASTER DECORATING FUND



Following our observance of the Lenten Season, our hearts are filled with new hope and joyful anticipation.

Gifts in the form of a thank offering and memorials will be gratefully received for our Easter Decorating Fund to help beautify our worship sanctuary for the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Members and friends may give any amount and, as has been our custom, names of those giving as well as those being remembered will be listed in the MARKINGS. After the last service on Easter Sunday, you may take your plant(s) home with you, or designate a plant for one of our shut-ins.

This year we'll again offer a choice of three plants: lilies, tulips, and mums. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily (\$13)      \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips (\$14)      \_\_\_\_\_ Mums

(\$14)

\_\_\_\_\_ Thank Offering (Occasion)

\_\_\_\_\_ Memorial in loving memory of

\_\_\_\_\_ For the beauty of God's house

\_\_\_\_\_ Save the plant      \_\_\_\_\_ Give the plant to a shut-in

Given by:

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #

Please return this form (with check or cash) to the church office by **March 24th.**