

The MARKINGS

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR KEN ALBERS

We are coming to the beginning of Holy Week. So the question is asked, “How does one make or keep Holy Week holy?”

A day or a week is not holy of itself. We make it holy by giving time to the Word of God in meditation and by believing all that Christ has done for us and for our salvation. That means that, as we begin Holy Week's journey starting with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, to Good Friday, and then Easter, we should make an intentional effort to meditate upon the Passion account of our Lord and Savior and thereby Holy Week becomes holy for us. Colossians 3:16 reads, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*”

I think sometimes we have the wrong impression of what ‘holy’ means. It really means to be set apart or consecrated to something higher than ourselves. We are not the people of this world. *God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.* So we are called to follow Christ to the cross, to the empty tomb, and one day to heaven. We are a different people. We are, as Peter 2: 9-10 reads: “*we are a chosen (peculiar) people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him.*” We are made holy by the blood of Christ which cleanses us from all sin and made righteous in His sight. So then, as a people set apart by God's grace, how do we make this week holy and consecrated?

We do this by going to the special worship services and taking the time to meditate, to partake of the Lord's Supper and to hear how the people around Jesus reacted as if you were really there and to ask yourselves what would you have done if you were there? I'm not so sure that you would have reacted any differently than many people did in the passion account of Christ.

Then in meditation, in looking back to the passion account, we ask if I am living now as someone who knows that Jesus died for my sins, that He rose for me and that I have been called to live a life set apart, peculiar, and holy? Luther says, “*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*” So the one thing we should do during Holy Week is to take the time to meditate on the Word of God, on the Passion of our Lord Jesus and ask, “Were you there?”

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A graphic with the words "Thank You" written in a large, elegant, black cursive font.

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by **Ruth Tritten** in loving memory of her husband Herb (1/30/43—3/11/18).

A graphic with the words "Christ is Risen!" written in a golden, cursive font on a light yellow background.

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Speaker—Brian Cole

After 30+ years involved in Satanism and the occult, 27+ years of incarceration (4 as a juvenile, 23 as an adult), 25+ years as a drug addict, and caught up in many other addictions such as cutting, pornography, sex, dungeons and dragons, etc., in 2009 after being suicidal and almost succeeding on 3 occasions, I was arrested for the last time! At the age of 44 I had finally “come to myself,” and through a faith based drug and alcohol program offered in the County Jail, I came

to know the Truth of Jesus Christ and was born again on January 22, 2009, being radically saved by the very same God I had denied for so many years!

~ Everyone is welcome to listen to Brian speak about his life path and how he ended up preaching the word of the Lord.

- **April 7th starting at 6pm**
- **Worship: 6:00-6:30 pm**
- **Brian Cole: 6:30-8:00 pm**
- **Fellowship: 8:00-10:00 pm**

St. Mark's LWML – Ladies Guild

“Serving the Lord with Gladness”

IT'S RALLY TIME!!

Zone 11 LWML Spring Rally

April 9, 2019

Hosted by St. Mark's Ladies Guild

Registration and meal: 4:30 pm

Rally: 5:00pm

Meal and Rally \$5.00



Sharon Hanke will be the presenter and will speak on her Three Michigan Missions.

“True Worship Hinges on Honor” will be the Christian Life Topic.

Gifts from the Heart for “The Open Door”: coffee, sugar, creamer, peanut butter, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stamps, handwarmers and hygiene items (especially travel size). Monetary donations are also welcome.

Please call Lorraine at 715-845-9192 or email Lorraine at

lwilde9192@charter.net by April 1,

2019 to reserve a spot or ask a question.

SAVE THE DATES

May 7th—5:30 pm

Mother / Daughter Salad Buffet

June 11th—5:30 pm

Annual Picnic

Potluck, games & fellowship

June 20th—23rd

38th Biennial Convention, Mobile, Alabama

Reservations now open!

NO Meetings in July and August

Heartfelt Thanks!!

“Serve the Lord with gladness”. This is the motto of our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). The Ladies Guild is a partner in Christ's mission through the LWML.

Therefore, on behalf of the NW District LWML, and personally, I wish to thank all who helped serve coffee and lunch to the Board last month as I was unexpectedly unable to do so.

A special thanks to Joan Crisman for so willingly stepping in to oversee this event and all who helped in any way. Many compliments have been received. Your serving has helped to extend the 76+ years of Christ's mission at home and abroad. Bless you and Praise the Lord!

With deep gratitude,
Carol Leopold

OFFICIAL ACTS

March 2019

Received

Nick & Amber Hoelter (New Members)

Removed

Becky Menebroeker (Funeral 3/2/19)

Sharon Paetzold (Funeral 3/21/19)

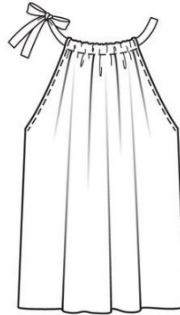
Ruth Wetzel (Funeral 3/25/19)

Pillowcase Dresses Update

We finished another 15 dresses at our March workshop and have many more in progress! Thank you to our many workers!

In January, we were asked about leading an elective junior high class at Trinity Lutheran School in Merrill, so several of us have been going up on Tuesday mornings to teach basic sewing skills while making boys shorts from pillowcases first and next we'll start making pillowcase dresses. The students have been interested in learning how to sew and very enthusiastic about repurposing pillowcases into clothing for those in need. Thank you again to Thrivent for giving us an Action Team gift card of \$250 for more bias tape, elastic, and thread, so we had all the supplies we needed for working with the students. God provided before we even knew about this opportunity! Praise the Lord!

Our next workshop at St. Mark's is on Friday, April 26th from 9:00 -11:30 in classrooms 1 and 2. We can always use more help cutting, ironing, or sewing. Hope you can join us!



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In the Lord's Prayer, the first petition says, *"Hallowed be Thy Name,"* meaning His revelation of the power of His Name. May that revelation be special to you. Luther, in his explanation of this petition wrote: *"God's Name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also."* Then the question is asked, *"How is God's Name kept holy?"* *"God's Name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God also lead holy lives according to it. Help us do this, dear Father in heaven, and anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the Name of God among us. Protect us from this, Heavenly Father."* So the Third Commandment and the First Petition talk about how we sanctify or make holy every day of our lives and it's by hearing and reading and keeping the Word of God and by meditating on it, living it, and like Mary, ponder it in our hearts.

So how does one make or keep Holy Week holy? Well, for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter to be holy among us is for us to come into the house of the Lord and be still before God and reflect on what God has done on the cross and what His life, death, and resurrection means for us.

Because when you put yourself in those scenes and start to reflect on all that's going on in the passion account of our Lord, you realize you really are there in the upper room and at the cross, not just as a spectator, but as the person being put to death. For 2 Timothy 2:11 reads, *"If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him."* St. Paul says in Romans 6:3-4: *"I have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."* We then come to realize that it was my sinful self that was put to death on Good Friday through Jesus' death. And so then we can fully appreciate the new life that comes Easter morning with the news that *because Christ lives, I will live also.* For whoever lives and believes in Him shall never die. And it's all because of His life, death and resurrection for you and me. He is risen. He is Risen Indeed! YOU WERE THERE!

FREE ADMISSION

Trinity On Stewart

501 Stewart Avenue

Saturday, April 13th—7:00 PM

Sunday, April 14th—2:30 PM

"Bow The Knee"

~ A Dramatic Easter Musical ~



Easter Breakfast

We are looking for 15-16 volunteers for the Easter breakfast to serve and clean up this year. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 – 10:00 am. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call Norma Baneck at 715-370-7781 if you are able to help. Can't be there? A donation of hard-boiled eggs would be appreciated!
~ Thank you!



PALM SUNDAY - April 14 - 8:00am/10:30am - Festival Worship with Brass and Choir

This day we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Hosanna in the Highest!

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 18 - 10:30am - with a potluck salad luncheon to follow at 11:30am

6:00pm - First communion for the 5th graders

We remember this day as our Lord and Savior shared His body and blood with his disciples in Holy Communion. We partake of a meal that was prepared by the hands of Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 19 - 1:00pm - Tenebrae Service

6:00pm - Tenebrae Service and the stripping of the altar.

We look upon the tree and see our sins laid upon the Holy One. We see our sins, we see our Savior, and we see our salvation. "It is finished."

EASTER SUNDAY - April 21 - HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

6:30am - Sunrise Traditional Service

7:30am - FREE Easter Breakfast - served until 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

8:30am - Celebration Worship with Choir and Brass.

9:45am - Sunday School Egg Hunt - ALL children are welcome to participate.

10:30am - Festival Worship - Easter hymns on the organ and contemporary praise songs led by the Praise Band.

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4

Easter for Kids

St. Mark's Family Ministry is teaming up with Trinity on Stewart to present **Easter for Kids** on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to come early and stay for the entire program as we have a lot of fun planned! There will be an Easter skit, crafts, games, an egg hunt, snacks, and so much more. Parents are encouraged to stay with your child and grandparents are welcome to stay too. Please preregister, if possible, your child (grandchild) at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/easter-for-kids-tickets57020655315>. Easter for Kids is in need of volunteers to make this day successful. If you are able to volunteer, please email CATHY PAGE: pagec@trinitynet.org. The events for the morning will be at Trinity on Stewart 500 W. Stewart Ave, Wausau **AND FREE FOR EVERYONE!**



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Patti Block Derek Simon Joan Steinagel	17	Brittany Ollhoff
4	Trevor Kunze Caitlin Kyle Madeleine Mayer	19	Jacob Faber
5	Jenny Stroyny	20	Hunter Kniess
6	Kyle Thurs	21	Matthew Lange Jill Loiz Aissen Witter
7	Lynn Schroeder	22	Owen Alters Elton Burish
8	Todd Hass Bev Hoffman	23	Deb Block Lana Borchardt Justin Kyle
9	Clarice Boehm Ruthann Dahlke Danielle Ojala	24	Joan Cohen Diane Kleinschmidt
10	Heather Larson Kayla Sann Amy Smet	25	Alice Siewert
11	Aria Paro Christine Sulzer	26	Don Graebel Mary Wadzinski
12	Karen Winter	27	Matthew Tackes
13	Macey Kniess Julie Krueger	28	Norma Baneck Suzanne Mais Julie Waterman Rhett Zwicky
14	Pamela Melander Tammi Viegut	29	Jeff Bielen Margarete Dahlke
15	Olivia Kennedy Eva Urmanski	30	Lee Ann Bornowski Lauri Utecht



Kim & Rosann Tucker	4/2/1977	Mark & Karen Golding	4/20/1999
Jason & Julie Grulkowski	4/5/2002	Ray & Eileen Hamann	4/21/1978
Mark & Amy Kopetzky	4/6/1999	Dennis & Gayle Wald	4/22/1972
Jan & Pamela Feucht	4/9/1988	Robert & Nicole Laduron	4/23/2005
Rod & Janet Werner	4/9/1969	Jill & John Simon	4/25/1987
Lyle & Sandy Royce	4/17/1985	Joe & Julie D'Acquisto	4/27/1985
Tim & Wendy Goffin	4/19/1980	Jerrold & Marliiss Fritz	4/27/1968



April 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Cable Channel 980 Broadcast of Worship Services:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tuesday - 11:00 am Wednesday—6:00 pm Thursday—7:00 pm	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting	6:30 MIA Bible Study 7:00 Education Min 7:00 Lay Min	4:15 Lenten Supper (Hot Turkey sandwiches) 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	5:30 Baptism 6:30 Autism Society	1:00 Food Pantry	11:30 Shower
7—Contemporary	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Bible class 10:30 Worship 11:45 Voters Mtg 6:00 Brian Cole	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting 4:00 Dartball Banquet	6:30 MIA Bible Study 6:00 Properties Min 4:30 LWML Ladies Guild Rally	4:15 Lenten Supper (Loaded Baked Potatoes) 6:00 Worship (1st Comm. Party after) 6:45 Midweek	6:00 Celebration Choir	1:00 Food Pantry	8:00 Shower
14—Palm Sunday	15	16	17	18—Maundy Thursday	19—Good Friday	20
8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Bible class 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting	6:30 MIA Bible Study 7:00 Education Min 7:00 PPC	No Service No Midweek	10:30 Worship H/C with potluck after 1st communion 6:00 Worship H/C	Tenebrae Services 1:00 Worship—NO H/C 6:00 Worship—NO H/C	Church decorating for Easter at 9 am
21—Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
6:30 Sunrise Worship 8:30 Festival Worship 7:45-10:00 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Blended Worship	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting 5:00 MIA Fishing Seminar	6:30 MIA Bible Study	No Service 6:45 Midweek		9:00-11:30 Pillowcase Dresses 1:00 Food Pantry 5:30 Piano recital	
28 -Contemporary	29	30				Save the Date:
8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School & Adult Bible class 10:30 Worship 1:30 Senior Game Day 6:00 The Bridge	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting	6:30 MIA Bible Study				May 10th—OGT Fish Boil

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Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Open Door Ministries of Marathon County. It was greatly appreciated.

May MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the May edition of the MARKINGS will be **April 23, 2019**. Thank you!

MARKINGS Sponsors

Sponsors are needed for upcoming issues of the MARKINGS. We currently have sponsors for the months of May, June, July and October 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.

Preschool News

The children have been learning about Community Helpers. We've had a doctor's office and we are setting up our Grocery Store unit.

We are planning our Easter Celebrations, learning that Jesus died on the cross and rose again to save us all. "Thank You" to all who helped with the Lenten Supper! We appreciated you all so much.

The 2019-20 school year enrollment is underway. Enrollment forms are available in the church office. Enroll early to secure a spot!

Thank You!

1 Corinthians 13:13b NIV "But the greatest of these is love." Jim and I wish to thank everyone for your expressions of care and concern during our recent health issues. The many, many prayers, lovely cards, phone calls and texts are greatly appreciated! God Bless you and yours as we look forward to Spring and Easter which brings us the gift of salvation. To God Be the Glory!

Our love and HIS,
Carol & Jim Leopold

APRIL OUTREACH EVENT: St. Mark's FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items: Spam, toothbrushes, toothpaste, graham crackers, pancake mix, canned fruit, canned pasta meals (Chef Boyardee) and cereal. Please leave your donations in the containers in the narthex. So many people need our help. The Sermon on the Mount has reminded us how blessed each one of us is. Thank you for your donations in reaching out to others in the name of Jesus. Monetary donations can be given to Jean or Sharon in the church office if preferred. .