

# MARKINGS

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## A HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

The religious immigrants who came ashore from the Mayflower in 1620 called themselves *Saints*. They came for the sake of their faith. Because they had left the Church of England, they were called *Separatists* by others. The *Puritans* were those who remained behind in the Anglican Church to purify it from within.

The others on board, recruited to fill the ship, they called *Strangers*. These included the familiar John Alden, a maker of barrels, and Miles Standish, a soldier hired to oversee the new colony's defense. Americans applied the term *Pilgrims* to these religious dissenters two hundred years later.

In 1621, when only about one-third of the colonists had survived the severe winter, the Wampanoag Indians, under chief Massasoit, taught the settlers how to plant corn. They were blessed with a bountiful harvest. A great, three-day celebration followed, supplied primarily by Wampanoag gifts of turkeys, ducks, geese and deer. Two years later when Massasoit fell ill, Pilgrim families helped nurse him back to health.

Years later, while George Washington was camping at Valley Forge, he prayed for help and saw God's answer when the French sent military assistance. Washington called for a day of thanksgiving among the troops. Still later, in 1789, President Washington proclaimed the first National Day of Thanksgiving, November 26, as "a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer in gratitude for God's allowing the American people to establish a form of government so conducive to their safety and happiness."

The Day of Thanksgiving continued through the presidencies of Washington and John Adams. However, when Thomas Jefferson opposed such a day, the national observance fell into oblivion until Abraham Lincoln reactivated it in 1863 on the last Thursday in November. Between 1939 and 1941 President F.D. Roosevelt moved the holiday to the third Thursday of November, but Congress later restored the fourth Thursday date, where the holiday has remained since.

As Christians, we are blessed and have a lot to be thankful for. Let us remember to give thanks unto the Lord for He is good!

*Pastor Bruce*

## + THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S + November 1 - 7

<u>SUNDAY</u>	8:00 am	<b>WORSHIP</b>
	9:15 am	Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	<b>WORSHIP</b>
	11:45 am	Celebration Luncheon
<u>MONDAY</u>	8:00 am	Orphan Grain Train Packing
	12:00 pm	Staff mtg.
	6:00 pm	Education Ministry
	7:00 pm	Personnel Committee
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 am	MIA Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Choral Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Properties Ministry
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	6:00 pm	<b>Contemporary WORSHIP</b>
	6:00 pm	Tone Chime Rehearsal
	6:45 pm	Midweek School
	6:45 pm	Bible Study
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:05 pm	Celebration Choir
<u>FRIDAY</u>	12:30 pm	Food Pantry

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**MARKINGS** This week's MARKINGS is sponsored by ELLEN TRESS in loving memory of her husband, BRADLEY TRESS (11/29/33 - 6/10/15).

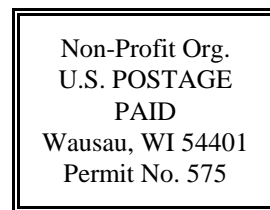
## **REACH UP, REACH OUT AND REPAIR**

After nearly 25 years it is time to replace and repair things around God's house at St. Mark's. At the October 4<sup>th</sup>, voters meeting it was decided to move forward with the parking lot replacement (\$100,000), boiler replacement (\$60,000) and roof replacement (\$100,000) projects. To date \$38,910 has been pledged toward our "Reach Up, Reach Out and Repair" Capital Funds Campaign with \$12,750 already given. Giving beyond our weekly offering is a sacrifice. We are asking that you allow your faith to become part of your decision of what you can contribute to the cost of these repairs. Please fill out a gold pledge card and place it in the toolbox located in the narthex.

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**THIS SATURDAY EVENING...**  
**OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> ...**  
**DON'T FORGET TO...**  
**TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK...**  
**ONE HOUR!!!**



#### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP/ALL SAINTS**

All that we have – our lives, families, possessions, labor, and talents – comes from God and belongs to God. From the Christian perspective, we are not owners but stewards of all that the Creator has given us. And all that we have is given to us for the good of others. The divine economy works with equity for all, a hand always open to the poor, the outcast, and the forgotten ones. God's bounty gives us the grace to hold nothing back in serving God.

Please join us this Sunday as Pastor Ken shares the message: **"What Does It Mean To Be Blessed?"**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12

#### **SEASONAL CHOIR**

*Our St. Mark's Seasonal Choir will rehearse Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. We will prepare songs for a Wednesday night Advent service and Christmas Eve. Do you love to sing but can't commit to an every-week rehearsal? Then this might be just the choir for you. Open to all – families, youth in Midweek, singles and anyone who enjoys singing and can carry a tune! If you have questions or can't make the rehearsal but would like to join us, please call Ella at 715 574-4091.*

#### **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

The Preschool children and their families enjoyed a trip to Wilke's Pumpkin Patch – a favorite outing we take each fall. For Halloween the children got to dress up and parade to the Fellowship Hall to sing songs they have learned for their parents.

In November the Preschool will be emphasizing our thankfulness to God for all the good gifts He has given us. We are having Thanksgiving Chapel with Pastor Bruce on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. All are welcome. God Bless!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Want something posted in the powerpoint announcements, on St. Mark's Facebook page or website? E-mail Jill Michaud [jillkm@frontier.com](mailto:jillkm@frontier.com), Julie Krueger [julieannkrueger@gmail.com](mailto:julieannkrueger@gmail.com), or Curt Dahlke [curt@stmarkswausau.org](mailto:curt@stmarkswausau.org) (or stick a note in one of our mailboxes) and we'll get the word out!"

#### **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S**

**Be sure to join with us in giving God thanks and praise at our traditional Thanksgiving Services...**

**Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am**

#### **CONSECRATION SUNDAY IS HERE – NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*Join us for our Consecration Sunday celebration this Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. During morning worship we are asking our members to make their estimate of giving to our church's ministry in our community and around the world.*

*Following the worship services, those who have signed up will enjoy a delicious, fully catered Celebration Luncheon.*

### **2015 BUCK\$ BOARD**

Pastor Bruce will be tracking this year's deer harvest for members of St. Mark's. To join the buck\$ board, please sign up in the Narthex and place a dollar (or more) in the box to support the St. Mark's Food Pantry. If you are blessed with a buck why not give a dollar a point? Please report your deer harvest to Pastor.

### **2015 DEER HUNTERS SERVICE**

*Wednesday night, November 18<sup>th</sup> we will be inviting all deer hunters to join us for worship at 6:00 pm to ask God's blessings upon this year's hunt. Following the service there will be a time of fellowship, sponsored by Thrivent Financial, where we will sample deer sausage and cheese and give away special door prizes. If you can help by bringing deer treats, please sign-up by the buck board. Hunting to Fight Hunger we ask that you bring a food donation for our food pantry.*

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

It seems early... but please mark your calendars to help decorate the building for Christmas on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. Many hands make the job that much easier for everyone. Watch for more information in the bulletin.

### **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

St. Mark's will have an opening for an office administrator (40 hour position) beginning January, 2016. Applicants must have excellent communication skills, experience using office software and outstanding teamwork. Weekly tasks include answering phones, creating and printing bulletins, preparing mailings, and assisting church personnel. A competitive salary is offered based on experience. A resume with cover letter is required and can be delivered to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 during normal business hours or e-mail to Dennis Wald at [icedge@charter.net](mailto:icedge@charter.net).

### **BOOKKEEPER**

St. Mark's will have an opening for a part-time bookkeeper (approximately 10 hours a week - flexible schedule) beginning January, 2016. Applicants must have an associate's degree in accounting or related experience preferred and demonstrate proficiency in computer skills and accounting based software. A competitive hourly wage is offered based on experience. A resume with cover letter is required and can be delivered to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, WI 54401 during normal business hours or e-mail to Dennis Wald at [icedge@charter.net](mailto:icedge@charter.net).

### **♪♪ MUSICAL NOTES ♪♪**

TAKE A MINUTE to thank a choir member or praise team member for their singing, whether it be for a particular Sunday's anthem sung that day or praise song they led in worship; or in general for their gifts of music this fall. They really appreciate this. The choirs are used to putting in hours

of rehearsal, from preparing for regular worship, to preparing for special festivals, but they take this in stride because they love to sing. A spontaneous "Thank You" is like the "frosting on the cake," as it were. Thank You!

**BREAKING NEWS!!** Actually it really is no surprise that our church choirs are no different than other churches (higher quality here perhaps! ☺) in seeking new singers. Over time, one or more members come and go. Reasons vary. But this year we have experienced some health-related issues.

Specifically we are seeking one or more tenors, basses and sopranos. Come and try it out won't you? Incidentally, we would love to also include high school, teen singers.

**THURSDAY EVENINGS NOT ALWAYS GOOD? TUESDAY EVENINGS MAY BE BETTER?** Well then it just may be possible for you to sing in our Advent - Christmas Worship Festival on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at both morning services. AND Tuesdays can provide for more individual help in learning the music since regular choir rehearsals are on Thursdays.

In addition, free CD's will be available (first-come basis), for part or all of the new anthems being prepared. In addition, you may decide that you can't necessarily stay for an entire 6:30 - 8:00 pm Tuesday rehearsal some weeks; and it may even be that we won't always need the full 1½ hours. We understand, and that ok. Stay as long as you are able. Matter of fact, our Choir Director, Bill Messerschmidt, will set up other rehearsal "appointments" or times - 15 minutes, 30 minutes, 45 minutes or whatever works for you.

We would love to have you be a part of the chorus for this wonderful season of Birthday celebrations for our Savior!

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY**

Thanksgiving is a time for our annual ingathering of food and paper products for our St. Mark's food pantry. During

*Thanks for  
Caring*



the week of November 22-29, please place your items on the table located in the narthex. Some of the food pantry needs are: macaroni and cheese, cereal, spam, hamburger/tuna helper, canned fruit, detergent, toilet paper/paper towel, pasta sauce, spaghetti O's/canned ravioli, elbow/egg noodles, and personal hygiene items. Thank you in advance for your caring with your sharing!

### **TOYS NEEDED**

The Men In Action (MIA) are holding their annual toy drive to give to children who have less on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please drop off your used toys (in good condition) at church by Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

Please be sure to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the mission of your choice. You can designate them online or by phone. To direct your Choir Dollars online: 1) Visit [Thrivent.com/thrivent choice](http://Thrivent.com/thrivent choice). 2) Scroll down and click on "Get Started" in the "How Do I Direct My Choice \$'s" box. 3) Log in and enter your user ID and password (if you don't have one, register). 4) Look for your Choice \$'s to direct on the right side. 5) Search the catalog for the organization you want to select. 6) Click "Direct Now" to direct your Choice \$'s. To direct your Choice \$'s by phone: 1) Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice." 2) Press 1 to direct Choice \$'s or press 2 for program terms. 3) A representative will then work with you to direct your Choice \$'s. You can choose St. Mark's or another mission.

### **ORGAN RECITAL**

You are invited to Mark Schultz' graduate Organ Recital at Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 Stewart Avenue, Wausau on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The program will feature music by Couperin, Franck, Bach, Buxtehude, Manz, Mendelssohn and Howells.

### **GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES**

GWCS would like to thank everyone who offers their time in assisting with Elder and Nursing Care Services, Jail Ministry, as well as the Juvenile Ministry. Their needs are growing as well as the services they provide. GWCS is working hard to fill vacant board positions and increasing our contributing churches to meet the needs of the community. For more information go to their website: [www.gwcsvservices.org](http://www.gwcsvservices.org) or 'like' on Facebook at Greater Wausau Christian Services.

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you would like to put a shoe box together, pick one up off the table in the narthex and fill it with items such as toys, school supplies or hygiene items (no liquids). Use the labels provided to mark the box for boys or girls, ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. Have your filled shoebox back to church by **November 11<sup>th</sup>** so they can be shipped out in time for Christmas. Gifts are also welcome to help cover shipping costs.

A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.

News & Notes  
St. Mark's LWML  
Lutheran Women in Mission



LEAF RAKING

This past week the youth and families went out and raked up leaves for some of our members who needed a helping hand. Thank you to everyone who helped and if you missed having your yard cleaned up this year, do not worry we will be doing it again next year.



**NEXT MEETING**  
*Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
**1:00 pm**

Guest Speaker: Michelle Schwoch  
*"Radon – Testing / Poisoning"*

All interested please attend this  
very important presentation.

**THANK YOU!!! THANK YOU!!!**  
TO EVERYONE TAKING PART IN OUR LWML SUNDAY  
AND DONATING MITES

LATEST LWML MISSION GRANT NEWS!!  
\$10,000 PAID TO WISCONSIN VALLEY LUTHERAN  
HIGH SCHOOL

THE TIME IS **now!!**

**SOW – NOURISH – REAP**

Questions? Please call Lorraine at 715 845-9192 or  
e-mail [lwilde9192@charter.net](mailto:lwilde9192@charter.net)

*"Serving the Lord With Gladness"*

YOUTH BOWLING

Calling all Midweek youth. Are you ready for some Bowling and Pizza? We will gather at Day's Bowl-A-Dome on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for bowling, pizza, soda and a good time. The cost is \$5.00 plus a dry goods item for the food pantry. Bring a friend!



SHINING DEER

Have you ever gone deer shining? Well Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is your chance. Bring a friend and we'll meet at St. Mark's at 8:00 pm. Along with Trevor and a number of other drivers we will head out to shine deer. Pizza and soda will be provided when we return to church.

