

The MARKINGS

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Greetings in the name of Jesus, The Light of the World, and thank you for the wonderful welcoming of Pastor Hauan into our church community. What a great time to be a part of the St. Mark family!

This letter is for all of us regarding a very important document that we, as a congregation, voted on when we called Pastor Hauan. The document I am referring to is Pastor's call document, specifically the 'Supplement to the Diploma of Vocation'. This document was approved by our congregation and sent to Pastor Hauan this past summer. This document is printed below. Please read it. In it are two major parts: Part one is what Pastor Hauan has promised to do as our pastor. Part 2 is what we promised to do for Pastor Hauan. We have a great responsibility to Pastor Hauan and his family. I'm sure you'll agree.

The Lay Ministers have put their minds together to develop a refrigerator magnet that most households have already received. If you didn't receive one, they are on the table in the narthex, by the main doors into the sanctuary. Please take one per household and stick it to your refrigerator or any other visible metal surface. The magnets purpose is to keep these responsibilities, especially prayer, in front of us as a daily reminder.

We've shortened the list up to fit on the magnet. I've added a short explanation, in parentheses and italics, for each responsibility. They are as follows:

Pastor Eric, I pledge to partner with you to accomplish God's mission and to:

Worship and study God's Word regularly (*We worship and study God's Word regularly because of who God is and what God has done for each of us. Our worship is a response to God, to give Him honor, praise and glory. As Christians, our worship is centered in the Gospel, in the good news of what God has done in Jesus Christ. That's why we continually remember the Gospel in our worship, whether in word or sacrament, in praying or singing, in silence or celebration. We also commit to read and study God's Word regularly in order to better know the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, His love for us and what He did for you and me.*)

Support pastor in word, deed and prayer (*Pray for pastor, Jill, Julia, Cal and Hazel every day. Tell them, face to face, that you appreciate and love them. Pick a ministry and volunteer to help out where it is needed. Be a good steward of your resources. Teach your children, grandchildren and family members to love and respect Pastor and his family. Keep a positive spirit and be an encourager to pastor's family and the whole family of God at St. Mark.*)

Assist pastor in extending God's Kingdom (*Just ask, "Pastor, how can I assist you in extending God's Kingdom?" See what he says. Two ways we can help extend God's Kingdom is by GRACE and GENEROSITY. For Christians, there is no working your way to God; no perfection by achievement; just a God who loves you enough to see you through Jesus-covered glasses. We are saved by GRACE through faith. So, let's live by GRACE to others. Forgive one another.*)

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by Tom & Marlene Beattie for all the fond memories of St. Mark's and for the friendships formed here.

Thank You

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We are growing! Please see all our new members since July 2019. We have received the following people through baptism, transfers and reaffirmations.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Nick ,KC, Michael & Mackenzie Alft
- Chloe Beam
- Tucker Borrero
- Tim Coppersmith and Sally Rindal
- Matt and Jody Duranceau
- Jonathon, Jessica, Jonathon Jr., Justice Gutowski
- Nick, Amber & Liam Hoelter
- Jim and Beth Holzem
- Henry Houston
- Wendy Knuth
- Kevin, Jeana, Andrew, John & Connor Kraft
- Jamie Krombholz
- Gail Martinez
- Hudson Mesalk
- Chloe Miller
- Ozmond Myers
- Tim Myers
- Dan Page
- Lydia Shewmake
- Gavin Svacina
- Justin Taylor
- Ryan & Bridger Voigt
- Travis, Tracie Jacklien & Helaina Wills
- Ellianna Yadro
- Gail Zak
- Rodney & Rhonda Zick



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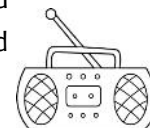
Thanks to Thrivent and its members, St. Mark’s Lutheran has received Choice Dollars grant funds since 2010. Thrivent Members, don’t forget to direct your 2019 dollars by **March 31, 2020!**

Help strengthen communities and change lives. Eligible Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds by directing Choice Dollars. Learn more by call Joel Rueber, Thrivent Financial Advisor, at 715-679-3600.



What are you listening too?

As our contemporary services introduce NEW music songs you may be wondering where are they coming from. We encourage you to listen daily maybe for at least an hour to FM 89Q. Turn off talk radio for a moment and listen to Christian radio. You will hear some encouraging scripture and beautiful music. TUNE IN!!



THE VAPE DEBATE – Your kids, grandkids, and friends are at risk!! Learn about the latest trends, see the products, and understand the link between the growing threat of vaping and other drug use. **Tuesday, March 3rd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at Rib Mountain Lutheran Church, 227150 Harrier Avenue. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. Call 715-261-1962 with any questions.



Next New Member Class

Pastor Eric is taking names for the next New Member Class which will be **April 30th, May 7th and May 14th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.** If you know someone who would be interested, please have them call Pastor at 507-993-5564 or 715-848-5511 to sign up. Anyone is welcome and would benefit from attending!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Preschool registration for the 2020-21 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 2nd from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.** Come See What Makes Us Special!

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- | | | |
|----|--|--|
| 1 | Jeff Kern
Mackenna Ojala
Beverly Rothwell | Martin Hannemann
Sally Landwehr
Bradley Peterson |
| 2 | Roger Burk | Jan Pike |
| 3 | Matt Duranceau
Logan Fike
Erin Hopkins
Joshua Hopkins
Mary Jane Hopkins
Chris Maahs | John Simon
Jayne Waksmonski |
| 4 | Phyllis Koppa
Phoenix Plautz
Lana Wilkinson | 15 Fran Belmas
Kysan Samuelson
Janet Werner |
| 5 | Niklas Drews
Dorraine Graveen
Jack Hill
Usona Mallak
Scott Prochnow
Shirley White | 16 Mackenzie Alft
Scott Werner
17 Erma Becker
Sylas Prochnow
Michael Sheehan
Ethan Tallitsch
Shawn Wiedenhoeft |
| 6 | Tom Plautz
Tim Utecht | 18 Chad Drews
Andrew Schoch |
| 7 | Larry Pike | 19 Michael Brandt
Bono Brown
Rochelle Klein
Audrey Schmidt |
| 8 | Joyce Frickenstein
Sally Reinke
Matthew Rhyner | 20 Sandra Cotey
Marie Heinking
David Koch
Mark Kopetzky
Mason Kyle
Doug Leopold
Keith Maahs |
| 9 | Evan Mayer
Tracy Radenz
Tim Vergara | 21 Sydney Snoeyenbos
Josh Woller |
| 10 | Linda Bootz
Katelyn Greguire
Christopher Mayer
Sheri Mayer
Jeff Zwicky | 22 Kristine Gollhardt
Don Urban
Isabella Vardon |
| 11 | Kevin Prochnow
Bridger Voigt
Susan Woller | 23 Darlene Burk |
| 12 | Hannah Linden | 24 Julie D'Acquisto
Karen Golding |
| 13 | Seth Grosskreutz
Blake Sherfinski | 25 Mark Golding
Kong Khammanivong |
| 14 | Drew Christensen | Darol Peterson |

- 26 Rachel Young
27 Jacob Wanish
28 David Hartman
Matthew Mayer
Helaina Wills
29 Lorraine Buck
Carol Koch
30 Shirley Bremer
Andrew Hall
Sarah Naranjo
April Wanish
31 Kevin Kraft
Mark Kramer
Tom Radenz
Violet Smith
Mike Witter



Roger & Helen Prochnow	3/7/1981
Kenneth & Chris Sulzer	3/14/1998
Jim & Beth Holzem	3/28/1981

Camp Luther Presentation March 29th ~ Between services

Please join us between services as a representative from Camp Luther will be here to share all the opportunities that are available to us at camp, such as "Every Kid to Camp." We will also have members of our congregation that have strong ties to camp available for a Q and A session.



Pillowcase Dress/Shorts Workshop

Join us on **Tuesday, March 17th, 9:00-11:30**, in the classrooms to help make dresses and shorts from pillowcases. All supplies are there, we just need willing hands. Hope you can join us!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your GENEROSITY!

Your **GENEROSITY** helped to fill 14 Valentine's Day food baskets (\$56/basket) with non-perishable food items and your monetary gifts helped to purchase perishable items for families in our church community and those in the greater Wausau area. What a great way to show the love of Christ to others! We also thank Thrivent for their \$250 grant to help us out. We reached our goal with money left over that will be used to provide more food for more people in the Wausau area. Thank you and God's richest blessings to you and all you do in service to all God's people. You are a blessing to many.



**19th Annual presentation of "Bow The Knee"
A Dramatic Easter Musical**

Zion Lutheran Church Easton

238145 Star Road
Aniwa, WI 54408
715-845-2014

Saturday, April 4th at 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5th at 2:30 pm

www.zioneaston.com**WI Valley Lutheran High School**

601 Maple Ridge Road
Mosinee, WI 54455
715-693-2693

Saturday, March 28th at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 29th at 2:30 pm

www.wvlhs.org**Book of John Bible Study**

Our Women's Bible Study will resume on **April 16th, 23rd, and 30th, 9:30-11:00** in the Youth Room. Watch the April Markings for more details.

THANKFUL, THANKFUL!

We just wanted to say we are thankful for the opportunity and support given by the Education Ministry and Pastor Huan to establish the DINNER ON THE 600 BLOCK. It has been a sincere pleasure to provide weekly midweek meals. We are thankful to the individuals who simply just unexpectedly brought yummy desserts. We are thankful to Jason Grulkowski who helped serve EVERY Wednesday. Thankful for Jean Drake who did some great grocery shopping. The 600 Block will resume in the Fall.

— Dan and Cathy Page, Family Ministry Coordinators

Monthly Dinner Club

March 21st at 6:00 pm, the St. Mark's Dinner Club will be meeting at City Grill (203 Jefferson Street). **Questions? Please call or email Dan Page at 715-921-0404 or danpage@hotmail.com.**

PALM SUNDAY - April 5 - 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 9 - 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 10 - 6:30pm - Tenebrae Service

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 12 - HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

6:30am - Sunrise Traditional Service / Soloist

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

8:30am - Celebration Worship with Choir, Brass, Sunday School Choir, Soloist

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

10:30am - Festival Worship - Contemporary / Praise Band

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



SUPPLEMENT TO THE DIPLOMA OF VOCATION

In the name of the Triune God and by His authority, in order that we might carry out His mission to the world, we hereby authorize and obligate you:

To administer to us the Word of God in its full truth and purity as contained in the Sacred Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and as set forth in the confessional writings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as found in the Book of Concord;

To administer the holy sacraments in accordance with their daily institution;

To demonstrate the mind and spirit of Christ as you serve the members of the congregation and equip them for Christ's mission to seek and save the lost;

To equip and enable the members of the congregation to serve one another and those outside the fellowship of the congregation;

To perform the functions of a pastor in an evangelical manner; to aid, counsel, and guide members of all ages and social conditions; to visit the sick and the dying; to admonish the indifferent and the erring; to support the members of the congregation as they extend that evangelical ministry to others;

To guard and promote faithfully the spiritual welfare of the members of this congregation, in particular to see to the instruction of the catechumens, both children and adults, in the Word and thus prepare them for communicant membership in the church;

To guide the congregation in applying the divinely ordained discipline of the church according to the Word of God and to assist and lead the members of the congregation in practicing the forgiven life with one another;

To promote and guide the mission activity of the congregation as it is related to the local community and to endeavors of the Synod and its Districts, in particular to train workers and guide them in evangelism and to enlist the support of the congregation for mission work;

To serve as a resource and guide for members of the congregation as they participate in the ministry of Christian education, and to train parents to teach the Christian faith to their children;

To assist the congregation in adopting administrative policies and procedures that will help it carry out the mission of a Christian congregation;

To serve the congregation as an example of Christian conduct; to endeavor earnestly to live in Christian unity with the members of the congregation, fellow workers, and sister congregations in the Synod; and by the grace of God to do everything possible for the edification of the congregation and the upbuilding of the church in Christ.

As the baptized people of God we partner with you to accomplish His mission to the world, and we hereby obligate ourselves:

To receive you as a servant of Jesus Christ, to give you the honor and love and obedience that the Word prescribes, to aid you by word and deed, and to support you with our diligent, faithful assistance and prayers;

To make faithful and regular use of the means of grace;

To work with you to equip God's people to glorify Him and extend His kingdom by living out our baptism;

To make appropriate arrangements for your continuing education as a professional person in the ministry of the Gospel;

To provide for your proper maintenance according to our ability and to review your salary, housing arrangements, and all allowances periodically, beginning with the following arrangements.

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*GRACE is a huge weapon for advancing God's kingdom. **Generosity** was the mark of the early church. They imitated the loving generosity of God and the world was amazed. They cared for the sick – risking their own lives caring for those infected by plagues. They took up offerings for the needy. And the Kingdom advanced rapidly. Go out and do the same!)*

Encourage pastor in continuing his education (If we are serious about great leadership, we need to encourage and support Pastor Hauan in continuing his education, including sabbaticals. The fact is that pastors today face many unusual challenges. These challenges are difficult if the local pastor is not up to date on ministering to others. Our pastor needs to know new ways to be intelligent when dealing with people in life and ministry to be effective. Many of the continuing education classes are not offered in seminary classes.)

Provide appropriate and sustaining compensation (When a pastor's family is appropriately taken care of (salary, health insurance, mileage, continuing education, other benefits), he doesn't have to worry about finances. As a result, more quality time can be spent with his family and he will be more effective doing ministry with all of us. Providing and sustaining the means for Pastor and his family pays big dividends for all.

We made quite a commitment to Pastor Hauan when we called him. What an awesome responsibility we have! Place that magnet on your refrigerator as a reminder for yourself of the commitment you made to pastor and PRAY for Pastor Hauan and his family daily.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please let a Lay Minister know. Our Lay Ministers are:

Lee Belmas, Kay Block, Carol Haffemann, Rich Klein, Pastor Lutz, Donna Schroeder and Jim Wilkerson.

God richest blessings to all of us as we work together to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Love, in Christ,

Lee Belmas, A happy Lay Minister

Celebrating the Lenten Season

The series is entitled: By His Wounds We are Healed. The innocent Son of God had no sins of his own for which he deserved to die, yet his enemies falsely accused him of violating every commandment of God. In each service in this series, we will see that it was our sin, our disobedience that Jesus bore in his body on the cross. The Lord laid on him "the iniquity of us all." Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place, and "by his wounds we are healed."

Week 1 – Violating the Sabbath – Luke 6:6-11

Jesus is accused of violating the Sabbath.

Week 2 – Dishonoring Authority – John 19:12-16

Jesus is accused of dishonoring authority, calling himself a king.

Week 3 – Murder – John 11:47-53

Jesus is accused of inspiring rebellion and the destruction of Israel; he is accused of being in league with Satan, who is "a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44).

Week 4 – Associating with Tax Collectors and Prostitutes – Mark 2:13-17

Jesus is accused of associating with tax collectors and prostitutes.

Week 5 – Stealing – Luke 23:1-5

Jesus is accused of forbidding the paying of taxes.

****Don't miss the preservice suppers in the evenings and fellowship. Encourage a family member, friends and neighbors to travel this Lenten journey with you and your church family.**

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 hyacinths. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

_____ Lily (\$15) _____ Tulips (\$14) _____ Hyacinth (\$14)

_____ Thank Offering (Occasion) _____

_____ Memorial in loving memory of _____

_____ For the beauty of God's house _____ Save the plant

_____ Donate to Monk Gardens _____ 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 23rd**.

Come join us for...

April 17-18, 2020: Spring 2020 NWD LWML Retreat - "Connecting Cultures and Generations"

Friday: 6:00 pm Registration ~ 6:30 pm Food, fun, fellowship

Devotion: Heart to Heart Sisters: Multicultural Community Meal Sampling

Saturday: 8:00 am Registration ~ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Retreat

Cost: Retreat Registration is \$20 / person ~ Optional overnight lodging at Camp Luther \$45 / person (up to 4 people per room, bring own bedding, towels and toiletries)

Breakfast on Saturday \$8.00 / person ~ Lunch on Saturday \$8.00 / person

June 14-16, 2020: NWD LWML 38th Biennial Convention in Green Bay

Servant Events / June 14th: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm ~ Mission Walk / June 15th: 4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Cost: Group rates will be \$129 per night for single to quad rate for two queen beds. Individuals should make their reservations by calling the Radisson Hotel (920-494-7300) and telling them you are attending the LWML Convention.

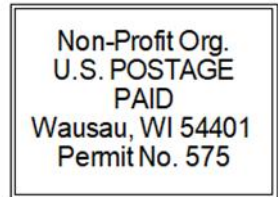
August 11-14, 2020: Mission Trip to Orphan Grain Trail and Mission Central

Cost per participant: \$449 / one per room; \$281 / two per room; \$228 / 3 per room; \$199 / 4 per room which includes 3 nights lodging, transportation, and 5 meals. Optional dinner theater on Thursday night is \$45. Registration form is due May 15th and can be found in the Mission Tidings Winter 2020 edition or picked up in the office.



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Wausau, WI 54401-2977
715-848-5511
Electronic Service Requested



Saturday evening, March 7th...
Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour!!



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Find us on Facebook!



We are on the Web!

<http://stmarkswausau.org/>

SAVE THE DATE

- Men's Retreat at Camp at Camp Luther
- September 25-27, 2020
- **Who:** Men, age 16 + (under 18 must share a room with someone older than 18)
- **When:** 7:30 pm Friday to 11:00 am Sunday
- **Cost:** \$135/person - Retreat Center shared housing
\$250/person - Retreat Center single room
\$185/person - for cottage housing
This includes 2 nights, four meals & full programming

Easter Breakfast ~ April 12th

We are looking for donations of colored hard-boiled eggs for our Easter Breakfast. If you are able to make a donation of a dozen or two it would be greatly appreciated.



OFFICIAL ACTS— February 2020

RECEIVED

Kevin & Jeana Kraft + Andrew, John & Connor
Timothy Myers
Jonathon & Jessica Gutowski + Jonathon Jr.,
Julianna & Justice
Sally Rindal
Timothy Coppersmith
Travis, Tracie, Jacklien & Helaina Wills
Rodney & Rhonda Zick
Gail Zak

RELEASED


Jennifer, Arianna & Amelia Krause
Jonathon Schroeder
Tim, Susan, Selena, Brayden & Kayla Sann

April MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the April edition of the MARKINGS will be **March 24th at noon**. Thank you!

March 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Cable Channel 980 Broadcast of Worship Services: Tuesday - 11:00 am Wednesday—6:00 pm Thursday—7:00 pm						
1 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Std 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge	2 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting 4 - 6 Preschool Open House	3 6:30 MIA Bible Study 6:00 Lay Min 7:00 Education Min	4 4:15 Lenten Supper (Youth - Sloppy Joes) 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	5 6:00 Celebration Choir 6:30 Autism Society	6 1:00 Food Pantry Pastor's Day Off	7  Camp Luther Family Day 10 am - 4 pm Daylight Saving Time begins
8 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Std 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge	9 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting 4:30 Christian Concern	10 6:30 MIA Bible Study 1:00 LWML 3:00 Properties Min	11 4:15 Lenten Supper (Novitch Family - Chicken soup & Chili) 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	12 6:00 Celebration Choir	13 1:00 Food Pantry Pastor's Day Off	14 St. Mark's Dinner Club: City Grill @ 6:00 pm
15 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Std 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge	16 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Dartball	17 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Retired Teachers 9:00 Pillowcase Dresses 7:00 PPC	18 4:15 Lenten Supper (Fellowship—Hot Turkey Sandwiches) 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	19 6:00 Celebration Choir 6:45 Mark's Men	20 1:00 Food Pantry Pastor's Day Off	21 St. Mark's Dinner Club: City Grill @ 6:00 pm
22 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School/Bible Std 10:30 Worship 1:30 Senior Card Party 6:00 The Bridge	23 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Dartball	24 6:30 MIA Bible Study 1:00 LWML Ex Board Meeting 5:30 Evangelism Markings Deadline	25 4:15 Lenten Supper (Joy Bible Study - Loaded Baked Potatoes) 6:00 Worship NO Midweek	26 6:00 Celebration Choir 6:45 Mark's Men	27 1:00 Food Pantry Pastor's Day Off	28 Save the Date: April 19th "All Hands On Deck" Youth / Parent Meeting
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