



St. Mark's Lutheran

# The Markings

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Dear St. Mark's family,

*In Ephesians 2:17-22 the Apostle Paul tells us that Jesus came and preached peace to people who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Jesus we all have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then we are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon this foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Jesus you are also being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

We need this reminder right now in our lives! We need to remember who the people of God have always been, and who we will continue to be as the church. We are built on a sure foundation that doesn't change! If we are at home, if we are gathered together, if there is persecution, or a pandemic... our confession of faith of who Jesus is will never change. Maybe you have been far off and are now near to your Savior? Maybe you are near to your Savior, but feel far off from His people? Your foundation still remains, and it is a foundation built upon all of God's people before us and you carry this torch presently.

There are no limits, no boundaries, or ways of ever changing the way we all come together under this sure and certain truth. God's Spirit resides in each and every one of you, and when we come together to worship at church or in our homes...we will always be the Church. This beautiful, hidden, mysterious Church rests upon our Savior Jesus Christ as a cornerstone, and all God's people are being built up as living stones. In the uncertain times we have ahead I encourage you to always remember this truth, and may it give you comfort.

We will continue a necessary and constant stream of communication with you all as the Summer winds down and the Fall season ramps up. The recent Wausau School Board decision to start the school year online I'm sure affects many of you. Our Education Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss upcoming plans for Midweek and Sunday School. The Education our children receive in school is very important, and raising our young ones up in the faith is eternally important. We will do our best to come up with a safe and effective plan that sup-

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by **Anita Tritten Waldron.**

**Sending Congratulations to her granddaughter, Madisyn Brook for graduating from Mosinee High School and her nieces, Tara & Taylor Wilkowski, for graduating from UW Madison.**

**Congratulations Madisyn, Tara & Taylor!**



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To our St. Mark's Family: **"Thank You"** for your prayers, cards, calls & donations to our St. Mark's Improvement Fund in Elton's memory.

"Life is tough, but God is good." His pain and suffering has ended.

~ Elton Burish Family



I wish to thank everyone for all of the love, support, and encouragement shown to me in so many ways. It has meant more to me than my words can express.

My recent surgery went very well and healing is coming along nicely. I pray our precious Lord would bless each of you even more for all that you do in His name.

Thank you most sincerely,  
Sharon Jacobi



### Preschool Updates



Although this summer has not been what we are used to, we are still making plans for the upcoming school year in September. We have been busy reviewing the Health & Safety Guidelines from the CDC in order to make sure everyone stays as safe as possible. Mrs. C will be sending out a letter about the changes once everything has been finalized.

Currently both classes are full and we are looking forward to seeing some familiar faces and making new friends this September!



Celebration Choir will resume on **Thursday, August 27th at 6:00pm**. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening from 6:00-6:45pm. All voices are welcome. Any questions, ask Dan Page by calling or text 715-921-0404.

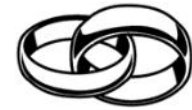


### Crosses! Socks! Dresses! Shorts!

Thank you to all of the many generous members who donated socks for our Haiti VBS mission team. We surpassed the goal of 150 pairs of socks which they will make into reusable face masks.

Also, a huge thank you to the many plastic canvas needle pointers who made crosses in a pocket for Haiti. Even with our short time frame before mailing, we were able to make and send 252 crosses in a pocket! Over the top! Thank you to everyone who helped make this shipment so successful!

In addition, we continue to have many individuals and small groups making dresses and shorts from pillowcases. Over 130 dresses were shipped through OGT again this week! Thank you to all who continue to donate supplies (our box has never been empty) and to those busy hands making dresses and shorts. All glory to God!



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1	Randy Block Stephen Cotey Rafael Naranjo Kim Tucker	15	Mary Borchardt Sandy Flanagan Rick Menning Judy Mueller Timothy Myers Megan Schmidt Patricia Siedschlag	Bill & Margarete Dahlke	8/1/1964
2	Lee Belmas Barb Langbecker Emmet Matyas	17	Wilfred Graveen	Todd & Sandra Hass	8/1/1997
3	Kevin Heinking Olivia Sheehan	18	Madison Naranjo Jack Sheridan Ethan Wiedenhoft	John & Katie Matyas	8/1/2009
4	Rosann Tucker	19	DuWayne Graf	Don & Julane Knispel	8/2/2002
6	Lisa Drews Lilly Klein	20	Ken Nielsen Denise Snoeyenbos	Dale & Julie Krueger	8/5/1984
7	Doug Artz Jeff Block Ray Melander Audrey Sann	21	Savannah Schemenauer John Wilkerson	Bob & Joyce Frickenstein	8/6/1960
8	Corinne Hopkins Ava Vergara	22	Dennis Krieg Allen Schulz	Tom & Laurie Ollhoff	8/6/1983
9	Josh Graf	23	Dolores Giese Roy Passow Rhonda Zick	Dan & Cathy Page	8/6/1994
10	Ruth Anklam Barbara Dietrich Carly Michaud	24	Landon Truman	Brad & Lisa Peck	8/6/1988
11	Sally Rindal Margyl Tullis	25	Andrew Barton Lauren Lange Anita Waldron	Brad & Terri Kankelfitz	8/7/1993
12	Chloe Miller Jerry Ray	26	Logan Borchardt William Friedli Sandy Royce	Ben & Jamie Kromholz	8/8/2019
13	Kathy Bielen Chris Gardipee Marlene Giese	28	Kim Tallitsch Tom Wix	Dick & Donna Schroeder	8/8/1959
14	Bruce Fritz Jennifer Graf Broc Hintz Joshua Steinagel	30	Jim Brown	Matt & Ashley Werner	8/8/2018
		31	Cheryl Haack Karen Manowski Kevin Schroeder	Tim & LaDonna Loeffler	8/9/2003
				Jerry & Carol Ray	8/9/1958
				Chris & Kim Grosskreutz	8/11/2001
				Rev. Arleigh & Barb Lutz	8/11/1962
				Jerry & Mary Frickenstein	8/12/1967
				Darrell & Mary Goetsch	8/12/1978
				Gordon & Avila Zinkowich	8/13/1960
				Allan & Karen Klay	8/14/1987
				Stan & Kim Bartsch	8/15/1987
				David & Marlys Hartman	8/16/1969
				Allen & Sonya Schulz	8/17/1961
				Gary & Linda Bootz	8/18/1973
				Warren & Audrey Pope	8/18/1962
				Mike & Joan Steinagel	8/18/2007
				Barry & Kristina Klein	8/19/2017
				Tom & Wanda Woehlert	8/19/2000
				Ted & Cheryl Haack	8/20/1966
				Ron & Leslie Truman	8/21/2004
				Gerald & Phyllis Koppa	8/22/1986
				Tyler & Lindsey Krause	8/22/2015
				Jesse & Mary Borchardt	8/23/2003
				Jonathon & Jessica Gutowski	8/23/2008
				Pete & Lois Kufahl	8/24/1974
				Logan & Traci Borchardt	8/25/2007
				Gus & Taylor Frank	8/25/2018
				Brian & Rebecca Kuehl	8/26/2000
				Herb & Carol Ninnemann	8/30/1975



As you enter the church, you will notice the beautiful arrangement of flowers at the entrance this year. Our thanks go out to Erv Ziegel for the flower purchase in memory of his wife Ruth and Marge Goetsch for purchasing, arranging and planting in memory of her husband Mike. THANK YOU BOTH!

(Thank you also to Jason who arranged the irrigation system in this area so the flowers continue to bloom and enhance the entrance throughout the summer.)



### Comfort Quilts



Our group has approximately 10 individuals who meet for about 14 weeks, 7 in the Fall and 7 in the Spring, to assemble quilts. Each year 200 quilts and laprobes are made. Completed items are donated locally, nationally and in foreign countries. We encourage anyone to donate gently used cotton fabrics, sheets, yarn, dust ruffles, etc. which are used to make the quilts. Those donations are greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in helping to assemble is encouraged to come and lend a hand with stitching, knotting, clipping or just joining in the fellowship. We will begin on Tuesday, **September 8th at 9:00 am** in Rooms 1 & 2. Hope to see you then!

The completed quilts will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Rally Day **Sunday, September 13th** and be available for purchase between services. The cost is \$45 for the large and \$35 for the lap blankets. Please spread the word! All proceeds will go toward the Orphan Grain Train.

### Quarterly Statements



We are midway through 2020...some may say “Yay” and some (like me personally) would like a do-over. Since COVID-19 has kept many members away from entering St. Marks building, I am asking that you call and leave a message requesting that your quarterly statement be mailed or emailed to you. You can reach me at 715-848-5511—Sharon Rezin. Thank you so much for all the support during this time.

### Please consider contributing to the new sound system

As Pastor Eric mentioned, we are upgrading our current sound system to a better quality system which is much needed. If you are able to contribute towards this fund, we will have envelopes available on the offering table in the narthex marked as **IMPROVEMENT FUND**. As of 7/28/20, we have **\$8,743.76** (approximately \$10,000) towards the \$73,000 needed. Feel free to return the envelope in the offering plate or directly to the church office. Your support is greatly appreciated!



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ports and encourages our families and their youth. Also, like I always say... the best ministry that can occur for any family is to set aside 10-15 minutes each day to pray together, read a Bible story together, and commit some tenants of faith to memory like the Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, or Psalm 23. Please have this habit in your homes!

If you are not signed up to receive our text and email blasts call Jean in our office to be put on those lists (715) 848-5511. If there are going to be any pertinent changes occurring, you need to be informed as plans seem to change quite frequently in these times. I'd encourage you to like our Facebook page for updates as well. Also, check out our "Currents" tab on the website for adult and parent resources to give you direction for growing in your faith at home.

We will have our final Voter's meeting regarding the Governance Model on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> right after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service concludes around 11:30. At this meeting we will be voting over whether or not to proceed with the new church governance model. **Please be there to vote as this is a very important decision for the church.** If you need to catch up on what is being done go to page 7 of this Markings, and you will find the direction you need.

Finally, I also want to mention the current Sound System that we are raising money for. The overall bid is for \$73,000 and we have about a \$8,700 start to chipping away at the overall amount. Our technology was about 10-15 years outdated. The video has been upgraded, as I'm sure you could tell, and now we just have the sound left.

We are in a crucial window to get this project completed. If, for COVID reasons, we could not worship for another large block of time, we could operate with fully updated technology. This would give the opportunity for people on the outside looking in to see and hear actually what is being done. Before the new camera was purchased, you wouldn't have been able to tell if I was making a face or not. I assure you I wasn't 😊, but the picture was literally that grainy. For sound, what you hear at home is a far cry from what you would hear at church, and that is because of very limited sound and recording equipment. No joke, once you hear the new equipment it will be a night and day difference.

Our hope is to have the new technology sometime in the Fall. Also, we have the ability to put the cost on a line of credit with the business orchestrating the entire process. That line, which has no interest attached, needs to be paid up by November. If you are able to give above and beyond to this necessary upgrade please earmark your giving as "Sound System."

As always, I am available by phone, office visit, or home visit. Please call if you need anything. I am available and at your service. I pray that you are all doing well. For those of you that have been missing coming to church, we miss you too, but above all we want you to feel safe and secure during these difficult times. Remember that God's Spirit is always with you, and all you need to do is take it to the Lord in prayer. Our Lord will always meet you where you are, and take you where you need to go.

God's blessings to you all,

Pastor Eric



<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	
<b>TOTAL NEEDED FOR ALL PHASES OF PROJECT: \$285,873.94</b>	
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 284,656.11</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
Parking Lot	\$ (125,873.94)
Boilers 1 - 3	\$ (53,400.00)
Roof Replacement	\$ (103,875.00)
<b>Total Disbursements to Date</b>	<b>\$ (283,148.94)</b>
Amount in excess upon completion	\$ 1,507.17



**THANK YOU** to all who have been so generous during the Capital Improvement. Phase three—reroofing the flat portion of the building--has been completed. This is the final project of our Capital Improvement Campaign and was funded without the need to take out a loan.

**Voters Assembly Meeting on August 23rd**

We will be having a Voter’s Meeting on **August 23rd following the 10:30 service**. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on whether or not we want to proceed with the proposed trial run of the new governance model.

Missed the informational Voter’s Meetings in June and July? You can go to our YouTube channel and watch them! The June meeting is titled **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**. The July meeting is titled **VOTER’S ASSEMBLY JULY, 26TH 2020**. Please see below for the link.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClfHedPbv\\_Dhcofl9oISF-g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClfHedPbv_Dhcofl9oISF-g)

If you would like to see the changes made in the constitution, by-laws and policy manual, please contact the office. We would be happy to put copies in your mailbox or have a them available for you to pick up.

The Voter’s Meeting will take place in the sanctuary, at approximately 11:30 am, and be live streaming in the Fellowship hall. This will ensure that we will have ample space for social distancing. If you are still not comfortable attending in person, we will be having absentee ballots.

The absentee ballots will be via text message or phone call only, no mailing of ballots. If you would like to vote one of these ways, please call the office and leave your name and number by **Friday, August 21st, before 1:00 pm**. When it is time to vote, we ask that you reply to the text sent to you. If you would like a staff member to call you that is an option as well.

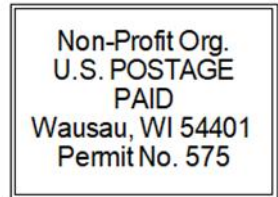
Still have questions or concerns? Please contact Pastor Eric at 715-848-5511.

**Your vote is important and your voice needs to be heard.**

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## December MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the September edition of the MARKINGS will be **August 25th at noon**. Thank you!

## OFFICIAL ACTS— July 2020

### DEATHS

Kaye Schade (funeral 7/8/20)

Margaret Weber (passed 7/23/20)

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Mission. We can't thank you enough for your care, prayers, and encouragement offered to staff, residents, and those who are being fed. Your kindness and grace are appreciated.

Bridge Street Mission Team



## **September Dates to Remember**

**Sept 4th:** Office closed at noon

**Sept 6th:** Only **ONE** service at 9 am

**Sept 7th:** Office **CLOSED**

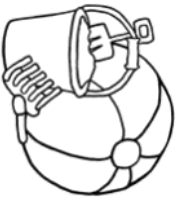
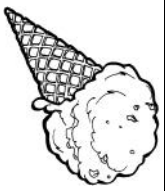
Thank you to all who sponsored the Markings this year!

Our next available Markings is **February 2021.**



# August 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
2 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	3 8:00 OGT 9:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists	4 6:30 MIA Bible Study 6:00 Lay Min 7:00 Education Min	5 6:00 Worship	6 6:30 Autism Society	7 1:00 Food Pantry <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	8	
9 <b>Traditional</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	10 8:00 OGT 9:00 Staff Meeting	11 5:00 Voting 6:30 MIA Bible Study 3:00 Properties Min	12 6:00 Worship	13	14 1:00 Food Pantry <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	15	
16 <b>Traditional</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	17 8:00 OGT 9:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists	18 6:30 MIA Bible Study	19 6:00 Worship	20	21 1:00 Food Pantry <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	22	<b>Wedding Shower</b>
23 <b>Traditional</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Voter's Meeting 1:00 Baptism	24 8:00 OGT 9:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists	25 6:30 MIA Bible Study 1:00 LWML Ex Board Meeting <b>Markings Deadline</b>	26 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek Volunteer Meeting	27 6:00 Celebration Choir	28 1:00 Food Pantry <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	29	<b>Birthday Party</b>
30 <b>Contemporary</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship	31 8:00 OGT 9:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists						Save the Date: Sept. 13th Rally Day

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READERS	POWERPOINT	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	USHERS
<u>August 2, 2020</u> Worship: Ken Berndt	8 a.m.	TBD if requested	Tom Radenz	Melodie Writter	Tom Radenz, Dennis Wald <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #1
Worship: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	TBD if requested	Rachel Olson	Derek Simon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #2
<u>August 5, 2020</u>	6:00 p.m.	TBD if requested	None Needed	Covered	Scott Werner <i>(Only 1 needed)</i>	Scott Werner
<u>August 9, 2020</u> Worship: Ken Berndt	8 a.m.	TBD if requested	Joan Crisman		Glinny Kottke, Joan Crisman <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #1
Worship: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	TBD if requested	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #2
<u>August 12, 2020</u>	6:00 p.m.	TBD if requested	None Needed	Covered	M/T Viegut <i>(Only 1 needed)</i>	M/T Viegut
<u>August 16, 2020</u> Worship: Ken Berndt	8 a.m.	TBD if requested	Carol Calmes		<i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #1
Worship: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	TBD if requested	Dick Schroeder	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Donna Schroeder <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #2
<u>August 19, 2020</u>	6:00 p.m.	TBD if requested	None Needed	Covered	Scott Werner <i>(Only 1 needed)</i>	Scott Werner
<u>August 23, 2020</u> Worship: Ken Berndt	8 a.m.	TBD if requested	Ella Holmes		<i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #1
Worship: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	TBD if requested	Brian Borchardt	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #2
<u>August 26, 2020</u>	6:00 p.m.	TBD if requested	None Needed	Covered	M/T Viegut <i>(Only 1 needed)</i>	M/T Viegut
<u>August 30, 2020</u> Worship: Ken Berndt	8 a.m.	TBD if requested	Rev. Eric	Melodie Writter	<i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #1
Worship: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	TBD if requested	Rev. Eric	Derek Simon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson <i>(Only 2 needed)</i>	Group #2
<b>Altar Guild: TBD</b>						
USHERS:	Group #1: Ken Berndt-Lead, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon					
	Group #2: Brad Peck-Lead, Roger Block, Chris Dahlke, Tyler Woller, Jim Wilkerson					
<b>Many thanks to all who are serving through the month of August</b>						