



The MARKINGS

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Dear St. Mark's family,

Back on July 14th, 2019 was the day I was Installed as your pastor here at St. Mark's. I remember it was an absolutely beautiful service. The music was incredible, and everything was so memorable to me, and it will always be a moment that is etched in my heart. One aspect of that Installation Service that I was reminded of while driving to work today was the sermon that was delivered by Dwayne Lueck, our Northern Wisconsin District President.

For those in attendance, let's see how well you were all paying attention. What were the two words that President Lueck gave me as advice for moving forward in this ministry at St. Mark's? Do you remember those two words of advice? I remember them often, and I was reminded of them today. SAFE and SECURE...

Now those are two big and broad words that can have a lot of different meaning attached to them. I never followed up with President Lueck about it to have him further explain his advice. I'm also sure that those words were not advised to me in light of what was coming down the pipeline in Coronavirus and COVID-19.

If context oftentimes determines the meaning, then those two words could have changed quite drastically for some of the members of St. Mark's. It is quite a sliding scale as to what makes a person feel SAFE and SECURE nowadays. President Lueck has never claimed to be a Prophet, so I'm guessing he didn't say those two words in light of what he knew was looming ahead for this world. I also know that God orchestrates wonderful little coincidences according to His Divine Will, and perhaps these two words have more meaning for us today than we realize.

It is these two words...SAFE and SECURE that I want to unpack for you all today as how I am Called to lead you all in this way. Well, what is the first place we should consider? How about Scripture! What does Jesus tell His disciples in John's Gospel in the Upper Room?

"Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and you will leave me alone. Yet, I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; for I have overcome the world." (John 16:32-33)

What did Jesus promise to His disciples, His followers, in this life...trouble and tribulation! Well, if that is the promise Jesus makes to His

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Celebrating the 35th wedding anniversary of Jae & Gwen Loiz on October 18th.

Thank You

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Women's Bible Study Update

Our Wednesday afternoon Bible Study group is looking forward to our new DVD study starting in October - Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today.

Similar to our hymns study, we will study a different woman of the Bible each week starting with Eve. We found these individual studies gave us a lot of information as well as many interesting discussion points while allowing participants flexibility with our own schedules.

We have decided to name our group, the "Son-Shine Bible Study." We will continue to meet on Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 in the church classrooms. If you have any questions, call Sandy Flanagan at 715-842-4204. New comers are always welcome. Hope you can join us!



**"As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another"**
Proverbs 27:17

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau

Band of Brothers is a group of men that is committed to building each other up into disciples of Christ, serving our families, our church, and those in need within our community.

This group will meet **the 3rd Monday of the month, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. It will begin with some social time before moving into a topic that helps us grow in our relationships with Christ, our families, and others.

Location will be Pastor Eric's garage at 325 S 52nd Ave.

Blood Drive at St. Mark's

We will be hosting a blood drive on **November 29th from noon—5:00 pm**. A sign up sheet for appointments will be located in the office as the date gets closer. Stay tuned for announcements in the bulletin.

Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin relies on the generous donations of blood donors. Blood donors give life to those in need. Giving blood saves lives. Our goal is to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply to patients in **Marathon, Langlade, Portage, Taylor, and Wood Counties**.



1st Annual St. Mark's Mixer October 15, 2021 ~ 6 pm to 11 pm

Come join us for a party! St. Mark's will be hosting a Mixer at the Rothschild Pavilion on **October 15th from 6pm to 11 pm**. We will have live music by Thompson Station, food, cash bar, and dancing! Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased through the office. So come and enjoy the music, food and company!

Rothschild Pavilion
1104 Park Street
Rothschild, WI 54474



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



1	Tim Sheridan Gail Zak		
2	Deb Crum Luke Kramer Bryana Schalow Todd Treu	21 Sean O'Donnell	
3	Brynn Anklam	22 Warren Jacobi	Randy & Deb Block 10/2/1993
5	Jenni Chandler Pamela Friedli Gwen Loiz Charles Schultz Blaine Schulz Kris Sparks	23 Brandon Ollhoff	Bob & Julie Waterman 10/4/1997
7	David Harmon Philip Hopkins	25 Matt Anklam Mike Berens	Paul & Jackie Duerst 10/5/1985
8	Sharon Goetsch Carla Haebig	26 Jackie Duerst Rachel Hursh	Ken & Kim Graveen 10/5/2002
9	Don Koschmann Ben Krombholz	27 Julie Grulkowski Henry Jennejohn	Tim & Lauri Utecht 10/6/1984
10	Connor Kraft Linda Sherfinski	28 Jeffrey Graf Emelyn Sheehan	Jack & Sarah Hill 10/7/1972
11	Patti Laduron Mike Wichlacz	29 Rose Graf Jim Holtman	Jeff & Megan Zwicky 10/8/2016
14	Brad Bollmann Ryan Plautz	Ruth Redeker	Dan & Amy Smet 10/9/1999
15	Aiden Krombholz Ellen Tress	30 Lynette Krause Lois Kufahl	Tim & Cheryl Stieve 10/10/1981
16	Carol Haworth Ariya Prochnow Nan Schultz	Kendall Truman Jim Wilkerson	Todd & Linae Treu 10/10/1998
17	Judith Young	31 Scott Hoff	Ken & Sue Berndt 10/11/1980
18	Gus Gollhardt Barb Hartwig		Scott & Liz Prochnow 10/11/2008
19	Ieden Sheehan		Bruce & Barb Reynolds 10/11/2003
20	Cindy Barton Dan Brandt Owen Dykman Faith Grulkowski Andy Hoppe KayLee Kankelfitz Ryan Young		Tom & Linda Wix 10/11/1980
			Jason & Nicole Rhyner 10/13/2018
			Mark & Karey Kramer 10/15/1977
			Mike & Tracy Gengalo 10/17/1998
			Jae & Gwen Loiz 10/18/1986
			Roger & Donna Block 10/19/1986
			Bob & Kim Christensen 10/19/1974
			Matt & Kachai Nelson 10/20/2018
			Bryan & Jamie Tackes 10/20/1984
			Joel & Jenni Chandler 10/23/1999
			DeWayne & Rose Graf 10/24/1970
			Perry & Denise Snoeyenbos 10/26/1991
			Kyle & Leah Alters 10/28/2006



Celebration Choir

Rehearsals for this month will be Thursdays, October 21 and 28 from 6:00-6:30pm in the sanctuary. We will sing on Sunday, October 31 at both services. Everyone welcome.

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE	
FINANCIALS	
AUGUST	
CAME IN	
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$ 30,372.27
E-GIVING	\$ 9,243.00
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$ 5,459.00
Other Missions--OUTREACH	\$ 385.00
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 1,775.61
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT-AUDIO	\$ 3,088.61
LOAN	\$ 126.47
OTHER (Preschool, Interest, etc.)	\$ 1,685.50
TOTAL	\$ 52,135.46



DISBURSED	
COMPENSATION	\$ 20,705.39
BENEFIT INSURANCE	\$ 6,338.11
PROPERTIES	\$ 10,748.22
MISSIONS	\$ 461.33
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$ 2,362.56
OTHER (Office Supplies, Pastoral Subs, Etc.)	\$ 5,593.47
TOTAL	\$ 46,209.08

DIFFERENCE	\$ 5,926.38
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Looking for a more tax-efficient way to give to church?

We created an account where you can donate appreciated assets directly to St. Mark's. These assets can be stocks, ETFs, or mutual funds. Donating directly to church means you do not pay capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset. We can also accept donations from qualified accounts, like IRAs, to lessen income in retirement. An informational presentation on ways to use this account will take place between services **on October 10th** in the fellowship hall. For more details, call Chris Grosskreutz at 715-574-1385.

POLKA SERVICE



Tom Mijal and Polka Access is scheduled for our Polka Service on **Sunday, October 17 at 10:30 am**. He has played with several different bands which started out over 40 years ago with the Jolly Harmony Seven then he played with the new trails. They played a family tradition along with many bands. He is one of the most well-known concertina players in the area. Not real flashy but very professional and meticulous. His music style of course is mainly Polkas, Waltz's, and Oberak's. They can do a variety also.

Following the service a catered meal by Ed and Sharon's will be provided in the fellowship hall and the polka band will stay and provide music for the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to invite those who love polka music and would want a delicious meal. Any questions, please reach out to Dan and Cathy Page.

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disciples then SAFETY and SECURITY are two things that we will never be guaranteed of in this life. Disease, viruses, accidents, tragedies, and every other thing that makes people wonder "why" in this life. SAFE and SECURE are not applied in this way.

Well, what about inside of the church? God has Called me to be a Servant Shepherd of this flock we call St. Mark's. What do SAFE and SECURE mean in terms of leadership and expectations? Does SAFE and SECURE mean don't move too fast or make any sudden changes? Does SAFE and SECURE mean don't rock the boat, don't challenge the people too much, but simply just allow everyone to feel comfortable with what is going on in the ministry?

Again, perhaps it's best to answer the questions according to the ministry of Jesus. In terms of the world, was it a priority of Jesus to provide SAFETY and SECURITY to His disciples? Considering what we read in the Bible and how all but one of the disciple's lives ended...it sure doesn't seem that way. In fact, the life of any follower of Jesus is them getting comfortable with being uncomfortable.

What about Jesus? Did Jesus Himself pursue SAFETY and SECURITY in this life? I would say that is a resounding NO! It seems then that being SAFE and SECURE is greater than this life.

So how do I as you Pastor provide you with SAFETY and SECURITY? I simply point you to Him who has already given it to you. Jesus was abandoned by His disciples and eventually His Father on the cross to provide us with eternal SAFETY and SECURITY. No matter what happens to us in this life Christ has provided you with lasting SAFETY and SECURITY. You are in constant need to be REMINDED of this every time you come to worship. You are GIVEN this every time you come to worship. This is my job as a Shepherd of this flock. SAFE and SECURE!

Jesus said, "*Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent to me. I made You known to them, and I will continue to make Your Name known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.*" (John 17:25-26)

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

VBS Haiti Background

Bethanie Saint Louis attended Northcentral Technical College as an international exchange student in Wausau Wisconsin where she was introduced to the St Mark 'sLutheran Church congregation. In 2011, with the exclusive support of St Mark's, started a ministry targeting the youth of the most vulnerable communities around Haiti, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and teaching them handicraft and other life skills.

Throughout the past 10 years VBS in Haiti have been supported wholeheartedly by all members of the St Mark's family from the youth to the elders. We have held VBS in more than 20 communities and directly served over 4000 boys and girls with dresses, shorts, school tuition, school supplies, handicraft teaching, and most importantly the good news about Jesus Christ. We have seen hundreds of children come to Christ despite coming from families highly opposed to Christianity. Some of them have become volunteers and continue to support our ministry as teachers to the new groups of kids we have met since the last 3 years. We are grateful to God for keeping this ministry alive for the past 10 years through the support and generosity of the St Mark's congregation.

Security Context in Haiti

Since 2018, the security situation has rapidly deteriorated to the point that most regions of the country are run by illegally armed individuals that continue to terrorize the population. The recent assassinaation of the country's president, says highly about the level of crimes and insecurity in the country. But by God's grace we have been able to regularly hold our annual activities and share the word and love of Jesus to hundreds of children and youth in Haiti.

VBS this year

On August 26, we held a full day of VBS for 150 children from a small community called Tapio located about 100 miles Northwest of Port-au-Prince. Because of the volatile security context in the country, we managed to do all the activities in one day and successfully achieved our mission.

This year we have used the Gospel Bracelet as a craft project to share the good news about Jesus Christ with the youth and taught them how to make a simple and nice bracelet using macramé threads and five colors of beads (yellow, black, red, white, green). All participants from 6 to 25 years old were able to first explain the meaning of each color to their peers and make their own bracelet.

When invited to pray with us to invite Jesus Christ into their hearts as their Lord and savior, about the majority of participants have accepted to pray with us, but about 25 did not , fearing what their non-Christian parents might do if they find out. We continue to pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of those children and their parents so that they one day become a member of the Christian family.

Used of the material received from St Marks

Following the earthquake of August 14th 2021 that has impacted the southern department of Haiti, we have shared some of the resources received from St Marks with another youth association called SOLE based in Leogane (closer to the affected region) in support of the most affected communities. We have donated 90 dresses and pants and contributed 500 dollars towards the purchase of water,

food tarpaulin and hygiene kits distributed to 300 families in the municipalities of Les Cayes and l'Asile in the southern department).

Because of the donation made for the earthquake solidarity response and the increase in the price of goods in the country due to the high inflation rate, we have not been able to provide any tuition fee support this year but instead we opted out to buy additional material and distributed school supplies kits to all 150 VBS participants based on the positive feedback we had from the distribution of school supplies from the members of the community we served last year.

The table below presents the total amount of material received and distributed from the stock received from St Mark's including the items donated to the earthquake solidarity response.

Material description	Received	Distributed
Dresses with cross in my pocket	150	120
Shorts with cross in my pocket	140	125
Backpacks	94	90
Wash clothes	40	35
Craft and school suppliers	Substantial amount	~ 50% used for VBS

Use of funding received from St Mark's

The table below presents how the \$2500.00 US transferred by St Mark's was used for this year's VBS activities.

Total amount transferred by St Mark's on July 21st 2021		\$2500.00
Minus: Bank Processing fees	\$-50	
Minus: Donation to earthquake solidarity response	\$-500	
Minus: Purchase of school supplies for 150 children	\$-615	
Minus: Preparation of food for 180 people (1 snack + 1 hot meal)	\$-750	
Minus: Transportation costs	\$-300	
Minus: Stippen for 12 volunteers and 3 cooks	\$-300	
Total spent as of August 26, 2021	\$-2515	
Balance		\$-15

Final Remarks

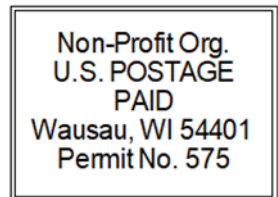
Despite the overall unstable situation in Haiti, our team has been able to safely travel to the community of Tapio to deliver the 2021 VBS Haiti package to 150 boys and girls. We are thankful to the Lord and the St Mark's congregation for their support throughout the past 10 years. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the Leadership and all the members of the St Mark's family for love, generosity and solidarity towards the children of Haiti.

Bethanie Saint Louis
VBS Ministry Coordinator
Port-au-Prince Haiti

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November MARKINGS Deadline

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

September Official Acts

Received

~ New Member Class ~

*Justin & Sasha Frahm, Hadley, Sawyer (Harlow)
Alex & Megan Kurth, Ruby*

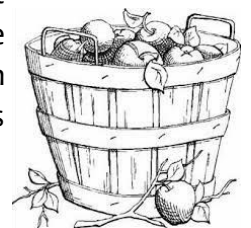
Removal / Deaths

Meta "Mickey" Gatz (passed 9/14/21)

Preschool News

We started off the year with a Farm theme. It is our prayer that we can help parents raise their children in a God pleasing manner as they learn and play in our caring, Christian environment. At St. Mark's Preschool, we as teachers help the children feel secure and stimulated to discover their relationship with God, themselves, others, and to explore God's world around them.

As the fall weather changes the children are investigating apples, pumpkins and colorful leaves. Each day is an adventure here at Preschool. It's a privilege to share the message of God's love with our Preschool children each class session.



OCTOBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cable Channel 980 Worship Times: Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am					1 Office Closed at Noon	2 Small Group Training 8:30 - 10:00
3 CONTEMPORARY 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sun School / Bible Study (Words of Wisdom) 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge	4 8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class	5 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class	6 1:00 Son-Shine Women's Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	7 5:00 P.E.W. Sisters 6:00 - 7:30 Small Group Training 6:30 Autism Society	8 Pastor's Family Day	9
10 TRADITIONAL 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sun School / Bible Study (Words of Wisdom) 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge (Pumpkin Day)	11 8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:00 Trustees 5:30 Governance Team	12 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	13 1:00 Son-Shine Women's Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	14 5:00 P.E.W. Sisters 6:00 Celebration Choir	15 6pm - 11pm St. Mark's Mixer Pastor's Family Day	16 Service Saturday
17 P. Gary Schultz 8:00 Worship (Traditional) 9:15 Sun School / Bible Study (Words of Wisdom) 10:30 Worship (POLKA) 6:00 The Bridge	18 8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Band of Brothers	19 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	20 P Gary Schultz 1:00 Son-Shine Women's Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek	21 5:00 P.E.W. Sisters 6:00 Celebration Choir	22 Pastor's Family Day	23
24 CONTEMPORARY 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sun School / Bible Study (Words of Wisdom) 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge	25 8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class Markings Deadline	26 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting Ends 10:45 am Preschool Costume Parade 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class	27 Youth Goose Chase 10:45 am Preschool Costume Parade 1:00 Son-Shine Women's Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek (P Gary)	28 6:00 Celebration Choir 3:30 Drivers Ed. Class No Preschool	29 No Preschool Pastor's Family Day	30
31 Reformation / Blended 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sun School / Bible Study (Words of Wisdom) 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge (Food Collection)						

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READERS	POWERPOINT	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	USHERS
October 3, 2021 Waters: Ken Berndt LYNN SUNDAY/Contemp- Waters: John Woller	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Judy Mueller Marilyn Kasten The Borchardt Family	Kurt Schemenauer Rachel Olson	Jason Grulkowski Michael Deedon	Ruth Triten, Carol Leopold Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Group #1 Group #2
October 6, 2021 (Wednesday)	6 p.m.	Volunteer	Kate S./Pastor	Nick Schoch	Henry Jennejohn	Scott Werner
October 10, 2021 Waters: Ken Berndt	8:00 a.m.	Tom & Judy Mueller	Carol Calmes	Derek Simon	Tom & Judy Mueller	Group #1
Traditional Waters: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	Herb & Carol Ninnemann	Rich Klein	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rich Klein	Group #2
October 13, 2021 (Wednesday)	6 p.m.	Volunteer	Kate S./Pastor	Jason Grulkowski	Henry Jennejohn	Scott Werner
October 17, 2021 Waters: Ken Berndt	8:00 a.m. Traditional	Sid & Leslie Sorensen	Lynn Schroeder	Jason Grulkowski	Gary Krause, Dennis Wald	Group #1
October 20, 2021 (Wednesday)	10:30 a.m. Polka	TBD	Jerry Ray	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Group #2
October 20, 2021 (Wednesday)	6 p.m.	Volunteer	Kate S./Pastor	Nick Schoch	Henry Jennejohn	Scott Werner
October 24, 2021 Waters: Ken Berndt	8:00 a.m.	The Grulkowski Family	Leon Woller	Jason Grulkowski	Sharon Michalski, Jill Simon	Group #1
Contemporary Waters: John Woller	10:30 a.m.	Burnell & Jeanette Utrecht	Burnell Utrecht	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Group #2
October 27, 2021 (Wednesday)	6 p.m.	Volunteer	Kate S./Pastor	Nick Schoch	Henry Jennejohn	Scott Werner
October 31, 2021 Waters: Ken Berndt Cross Bearer: Julia Hausen	8:00 a.m.	Mel & Audrey Sann	Pastor Eric	Derek Simon	TBD	Group #1
AFROBATTON/Blended Waters: John Woller Cross Bearer: TBD	10:30 a.m.	Josh, Julie, Tyler & Hailey Cole	Pastor Eric	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Julie Cole	Group #2
ALTAIR GUILD FOR October 2021: Mary Schultz, Kris Sparks						
USHERS:		Group #1: Ken Berndt-Lead, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon				
		Group #2: Brad Peck-Lead, Roger Block, Chris Dahke, Tyler Woller, Jim Willkerson				

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED THROUGH THE MONTH OF OCTOBER