



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 9, 2022 Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME GUESTS

We are grateful and blessed to have you worship with us, as God's family, here at St. Mark's. When God's people come together we are the beating heart of His Church. We come together to receive His gifts of mercy and grace that sustain our faith and renew our Spirit. When we leave we have the privilege of sharing these gifts with others in our own lives. We hope you can see what a blessing it is to be a part of the heartbeat of God's people. Enjoy your time, meet some new people, and draw closer to Jesus Christ. ~ Pastor Eric Hauan

SERMON NOTE QUESTIONS

1. What did I learn about the context (time, author, audience, important events) during which the sermon text was written?
2. What sin does this message make me want to confront in my own life?
3. How was the Gospel or Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed to me in this message?
4. In what ways can I take the overall message of this sermon to shape my life and the lives of the people God has placed around me?

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

Adult Bible Study meets from 9:15-10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

The Book of Ephesians

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING RESPONSES (Excerpts from Psalm 29)

- P Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
C Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
P The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
C May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

OPENING HYMN: "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" (LSB 409)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

HYMN: "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605)

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him 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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

SOLO: "Borning Cry" - Wayne Flanagan

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

TEACHING FROM THE SMALL CATECHISM ON HOLY BAPTISM

P What is Baptism?

C Baptism is not plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.

P What benefits does Baptism give?

C It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words promises of God declare.

P What does such baptizing with water indicate?

C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” (tune: Hymn to Joy) (LSB 404)

SERMON - “When God’s People Pray”

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ’s body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. If you share this belief, please join us in celebrating the meal of God’s family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. After placing it in your mouth, you may either drink from the common cup or take an individual cup. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (LSB 611)

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” (LSB 590)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (LSB 922 vs 1 & 2)

DISMISSAL

P Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.

Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GREETERS

Jim & Carol Leopold

Ken & Marie Borchardt

READERS

Burnell Utecht

Jerry Ray

POWERPOINT

Jason Grulkowski

Derek Simon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Carol Leopold & Burnell Utecht

Brian Borchardt & Rachel Olson

USHERS

Ken Berndt, Kevin Schroeder Todd Hass, Michael Deedon
Brad Peck, Roger Block, Chris Dahlke, Tyler Woller, Jim Wilkerson

ALTAR GUILD

Kris Sparks & Sue Berndt

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical Concerns: Roger & Helen Prochnow, Lyle & Sandy Royce, Todd & Sandy Hass, Marge Raddatz, Barb Langbecker, Darlene Burk, Tom Yelton, Carla Haebig, Jenny Garcia, Steve Herring, Raphael Klein, Sue Giese, Clark Schalow

Battling Cancer: Traci Borchardt, Leslie Anklam, Jill Werner Karson

Recovery: Donna Schroeder, Marlene Giese, Shirley Bremer, Izzy Vardon, Deb Block, Amanda Witter, Lydia Shewmake

Grieving: Family of Brent Raben, who passed away this past week.



The Men In Action will be holding a fundraiser for a family who is in dire need of financial help. We met this family at the toy give-a-way. They have three children. Their one year-old daughter is sickly and needs heart surgery in Boston, MA. She had complications from a previous heart surgery and had serious side effects as a result. As she was in Madison for a year, her parents haven't been able to work much because they are in Madison a great deal of the time and have the other two children at home.

If you would like to donate money towards this fundraiser, please drop off your donation anytime at the office, use the QR Code in the bulletin, or place in the collection plate. Your donation will be added to your church giving. Our hope is that we will raise \$6000 so we can give them \$500 each month for a year to help with their expenses. We are already at \$1,000. Any help that you are able to give is greatly appreciated. We have a target date of February 6th, 2022, to raise the money. Thank you for making a difference in the life of this family. You are a blessing to many. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Belmas or Dennis Wald.

SMALL GROUPS

If you have an interest in taking the training or would like to be a part of a group, please talk to Pastor Gary or Nan. Our next small group training sessions will be January 22nd from *8:30-10:00am and Thursday January 27th from 5:30-7pm.

Email Pastor Gary Schultz <schultzg8115@gmail.com>

or Nan Schultz <schultzn60@gmail.com>

(* Please note that the Saturday session is 8:30am NOT 8am as indicated on the Markings calendar)

Winterfest



On **Sunday, January 23rd** starting at 11:45 STMK is hosting a Chili Feed with all the fixings. Yum... Chicken vegetable casserole with salads will be available also. ALL the proceeds from this free will event will be given to WVLHS. On the credenza you can sign up to share your favorite chili to share or sign up to share some cookies or bars. Questions can be directed to event coordinators Kevin Heinking (715) 551-8716 and Dan Page 715-921-0404. Bring a friend and your appetites.

PEW Sisters Bible Study

Please join your fellow PEW Sisters as we explore the beautiful Christ centered narrative of the book of **RUTH**. In RUTH, you will find God caring specifically for you in every joy and trial showing HIS plan for salvation in Jesus.

We meet at church 5:00 – 6:00 pm **every other** Thursday. Hope to see you there!

2022 Meeting Schedule

January 20	April 7, 21	July 7 (no class 7/21)	October 6, 20
February 3, 17	May 5, 19	August 4, 18	November (no class 11/3) 10, 17
March 3, 17, (no class 3/31)	June 2, 16, 30	September 1, 15, 29	December 1, 15 (no class 12/29)

Comfort Quilters

Please join us as we gather Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall to tie beautiful quilts.

We're looking for volunteers with some sewing experience and a sewing machine to hem (sew around) tied quilts. This piece of the quilting process is done at home at a time that works best for you. Please consider hemming 2-3 quilts a week. We'll train! If you have a willing heart ready to pitch in, please call Joan Crisman at 715-842-9800.



BAND OF BROTHERS



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.

Next meeting will be January 17th. Questions? Call Pastor Eric.

Location will be Nick Schoch's garage at 7085 Hillcrest Drive, Wausau.

A big THANK YOU to the following folks who helped take down all the Christmas decorations this year. Your time was appreciated!

Undecorating: Bob & Julie Waterman, John & Rita Woller, Bob & Kim Christensen, Andy & Mary Hoppe, Leslie Sorensen, Kathy Sparks, Keith Wraalstad, Kris Sparks, Sue Berndt.

Took down tree & wreaths: Jeff & Kathy Kern, John Woller, Erv Ziegel

Took down garland: Ted Bornowski & Gary Bielen

Thank You
so much!

OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A FAMILY

Needs List by Local Families given to us at the toy give-a-way – if you have any of the items listed below that are clean and good condition, please contact the church office. If you would like to help a family with kids clothing, we have a list of families and the clothes list. Please contact Lee Belmas. Thank you!

Couch Table, Double Bed, Mattress, Blankets, TV, Table & Chair set, TV Stand, Kids clothes, Winter boots, Shampoo

Assistance needed by local families – if you can help in any way, please contact Lee Belmas. Thank you!

Help us find a suitable home for our family as our current home is in foreclosure, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Pull Ups 4T, Gas cards for medical appointments, Help find a suitable apartment as we have limited income, Rent help, Finding a job, Rugs

Son-Shine Bible Study

After last week's weather-related cancellation, we are looking forward to getting together this week, Wednesday the 12th at 1:00, to study Season of Wonder: Jesus Birth and In Search of the King: the Magi Meet Jesus, on the 19th. On the following week we will go back to our Twelve Women of the Bible study. Please join us when you can.

****Markings Error:** Please note that the Son Shine Bible study group was accidentally omitted from the calendar. We **WILL** be meeting Wednesday at 1pm.

St. Mark's Scoop

January 9 - 16, 2022

Sun, Jan. 9	Traditional 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study (The Book of Ephesians) / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge
Mon, Jan. 10	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:00 Trustees 5:30 Governance Team
Tues, Jan. 11	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Jan. 12	1:00 Son-Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek
Thurs, Jan. 13	6:00 99 Questions for Confirmands practice
Fri, Jan. 14	Pastor's Family Day
Sat, Jan. 15	_____
Sun, Jan. 16	Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study (The Book of Ephesians) / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge

The Bridge
Sunday Nights at 6:00 pm
For 9th-12th graders



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Questions?
Call Sharon Rezin at
715-848-5511, ext. 4

Who do I contact to ...

Become a member - Pastor Eric
Baptize my child - Pastor Eric
Make a prayer request - Jean or Sharon
Get married - Pastor Eric
Volunteer - Sharon
Give to church - Sharon
Ask a question about finances - Sharon
Ask general questions - Pastor or Jean
Pastor Hauan: 715-848-5511 Ext 2 or
PEHauan@stmarkslcms.org
Jean Drake: 715-848-5511 Ext 1 or
jdrake@stmarkslcms.org
Sharon Rezin: 715-848-5511 Ext 4 or
srezin@stmarkslcms.org

Spring New Member Classes

Our next new member classes will be on the following
Thursday's from 6pm - 8pm.

March 10th - 17th - 31st

If you want to sign up, please call Jean at
715-848-5511 Ext. 1 to get your name on the list.