



The MARKINGS

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Upcoming Events at St. Mark's

The January issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by Jim Pagel in memory of his wife, Barb

Thank You

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JANUARY
25
PreSchool Open House
4-6pm

JANUARY
28
Chili Cook-Off
for National Lutheran School's Week (12pm)

FEBRUARY
1-4
Men's Retreat
at Camp Luther

FEBRUARY
9
Winterfest
at Rothschild Pavilion
6-9pm

FEBRUARY
14
Ash Wednesday
3:30 & 6pm services
4:30pm meal

MARCH
2
Women's Event
"Meet Me at the Well"
8:30am - 3pm

Keep an eye on St. Mark's website, bulletin, newsletter, and pre-service info slides for more details regarding upcoming events.

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Christmas Thanks

Donated this year's lovely tree: TIM & LAURI UTECHT AND BURNELL & JEANETTE UTECHT

For ordering the outdoor garland: TOM & JUDY MUELLER

Those who cut, put up the Christmas tree, hung the outdoor wreaths and put up the outside garland:

GARY BIELEN, TED BORNOWSKI, DeWAYNE GRAF, JEFF KERN, BOB SCHULTZ, GARY KRAUSE, BURNELL UTECHT, TIM UTECHT, DENNIS WALD, and ERV ZIEGEL.

Those who decorated the church: SUE BERNDT, JEAN BERENS, BOB & KIM CHRISTENSEN, JOAN CRISMAN, JERRY & MARY FRICKENSTEIN, RALPH & DIANE KRONENWETTER, CAROL HAWORTH, ANDY & MARY HOPPE, JEAN KRAUSE, TAYLOR & GRACE PUNKE, STEVE & DORATHY REED, BARB REYNOLDS, KEVIN & LYNN SCHROEDER, LESLIE SORENSEN, KRIS SPARKS, BOB & JULIE WATERMAN, JOHN & RITA WOLLER, SUSAN WOLLER

Arranging the poinsettia plants: KEN & SUE BERNDT, JOAN CRISMAN, DAN PAGE

Cleaning and preparing candles for candlelight services: ROGER BLOCK

Changing of the paraments: DAN & LINDA RAMTHUN, KATHY SPARKS

Those who contributed to the decorating fund or purchased a poinsettia plant:

GARY & KATHY BIELEN for the beauty of God's house

RANDY & DEB BLOCK for the beauty of God's house

JOYCE BURISH in loving memory of Elton & Gary Burish

JOAN CRISMAN in memory of Bernie Crisman

LILA GWIDT in loving memory of Wallace Gwidt

REV. ERIC & JILL HAUAN FAMILY in memory of Jill's dad, Gene Dubberke

SHAWN & KATE HENRICHS FAMILY for our loved ones watching over us from heaven.

MARILYN KASTEN in memory of Verland Kasten

GINNY KOTTKE for the beauty of God's house

JAE & GWEN LOIZ in loving memory of Gary Loiz & Wallace Gwidt, our fathers

RACHEL OLSON in memory of Ralph & Lucille Kresin and Ralph Jr. & Marilyn Kresin, Ruth & John Macomber

DAN & CATHY PAGE FAMILY in memory of Sandy Schneider, mother and grandmother

TOM PLAUTZ FAMILY in memory of Lauri Plautz

DAVE & LINDA RAMTHUN to all of our family who are celebrating Christmas with Jesus

BRUCE & BARB REYNOLDS for the beauty of His church

JAMES & PAULENE SALA in memory of Mary Sala

LaVERNE SCHADE in memory of Kaye Schade

ED SCHMIDT & FAMILY in loving memory of Brenda K. Schmidt

NICK & DAWN SCHOCH in memory of Charlotte Strehlow

DICK & DONNA SCHROEDER for the blessings of our children, grandchildren and God-children for whom we thank and praise our Lord.

KEVIN & LYNN SCHROEDER in memory of our parents Ken & Esther Schroeder and Arnie & Peg Lemke

ROBERT, MARY & TREVOR SCHULTZ in memory of Robert & Carolyn Schultz, Elaine Artus

DAN & AMY SMET in honor of our small group Bible study members (Sherfinski's & Schoch's)

PERRY & DENISE SNOEYENBOS in loving memory of Ed & Shirley Snoeyenbos

KATHERINE SPARKS in loving memory of my parents George & Vivian Sparks

MICHAEL TATMAN for the beauty of God's house

RUTH TRITTEN in loving memory of Herb Tritten

ROSANN TUCKER in loving memory of Kim Tucker

BOB & JULIE WATERMAN in memory of Lester & Delores Rusch

DICK & SHERRY WICK Thanksgiving for our many blessings.

LEON & SUSAN WOLLER in memory of Lois & Rudolph Schroepel, Leonard & Esther Suhr, Elmer & Francis Woller, Edward Polkow

ERV ZIEGEL in loving memory of my wife Ruth Ziegel



PRESCHOOL NEWS

A Very Blessed New Year to Everyone from the Preschool Staff and Students!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AND CELEBRATION: Our preschool students did a great job at their Christmas Service as they shared the story of Jesus' birth. Special thanks to:

Dan Page for playing the piano and the four days of practicing with us

Pastor Hauan for narrating the program and sharing a special message

Blaine Welch for running the sound and recording the service

Carol Haworth for the special nativity-shaped gingerbread cookies she made for the students

Kris Sparks, Dorathy Reed, April Wanish, and Patte Lewis for serving at the reception



ADVERTISING: As we seek to expand our programs, many extra efforts have been made to advertise our preschool and childcare:

YARD SIGNS: Grant money was used to purchase yard signs. Please sign up on the table in the narthex and take one for your yard!

WEBSITE: Our preschool section has been updated. Go to www.stmarkslcms.org to check it out for yourself.

89Q RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS: You may have heard our 89Q radio ads at the end of December. We are very thankful to a private donor for gifting these to us!

FACEBOOK PAGE: As events and activities are posted, please like and share them!

WORD OF MOUTH: Often times, word of mouth is the best advertisement! If YOU know of families with preschool-aged children, please tell them about us!

ENROLLMENT: We are excited to welcome a new student this month! As we look ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, current students will receive enrollment information the first week in January. Enrollment to the public will begin on Thursday, January 25. Families are encouraged to enroll early, before classes fill up!



OPEN HOUSE: We will have an Open House on Thursday, January 25, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Families can learn more about our 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day preschool class sessions, as well as our Before and After School Childcare.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK: During the week of January 22-28, Lutheran Schools across the United States will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. Our preschool students and staff will participate in fun dress-up days, activities, and a special service project. To end the week, the preschoolers will be singing at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 28, followed by the chili cook-off. At 12:15 p.m., a special juggling show will be performed by *Dan Kirk, The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes*. This show is sure to be entertaining for ALL ages! Everyone is invited! Don't miss it!



As always, we thank the congregation for its continued support of our preschool, and we wish you all a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Thank you to all St. Mark's 2023 Volunteers. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of St. Mark's Church and the community.

Please accept the thanks and appreciation of this church, its leaders and staff. You have truly been a blessing to this congregation.

Volunteers Needed

St Mark's is looking for additional volunteers to join the Usher, Altar Guild and the PowerPoint Teams. Contact Jean Drake or Janet Herring to join one of these important volunteer teams. Training will be provided.

Chili-Feed-Lunch

Sunday, January 28, 2024

National Lutheran Schools Sunday.

Celebration of our Preschool

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and enjoy some chili with all the fixings. Hot dogs and BBQ, chips, pickles, etc will also be served. Sign up to bring a dessert and/or your favorite chili starting Sunday, December 31 on the credenza. Gift card awards will be given out for the BEST CHILI(s). You will vote for the winners. Noodles or no noodles??

There will also be some great PROFESSIONAL entertainment right after lunch for all ages. It's a surprise. More details coming from Cathy Page, Preschool Director.

To help out in any way, reach out to Ken and Sue Berndt or Dan and Cathy Page.

Don't miss it! Come hungry....



From the sewing room:

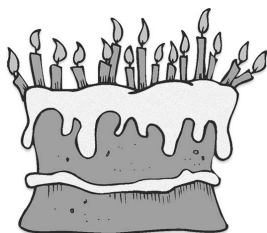
St. Mark's comfort quilters are excited to start up again on January 2nd. We'll quilt in January on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 to 11:30 am. After Pastor Eric's rousing sermon with a beautiful quilting theme, we're sew ready to get down to business! There are a variety of volunteer jobs to do. If you are concerned about standing for a long time, please help us to pin, sew, or hem. Please also consider cutting squares which can be done at home.

We're a lively, productive group and the fellowship is great. Quilts are much needed, which makes this work very rewarding.

Sew, any questions, contact Joan Crisman at 715-573-9801.

Thank you Thrivent for another grant towards quilt batting.

Birthday & Anniversary Change



With our growing church comes more activities to announce. Unfortunately, as we have limited space in the Markings, we will no longer be publishing the birthdays and anniversaries in the Markings. However, if you still want this information please reach out to the office. We will be more than happy to print you off a copy of all the birthdays and anniversaries for you.

To the Family of St. Mark's:

Wow is the only word that I can think of as I sit down to write this letter for the January Markings!

As I continue to transition into my role as the Financial Manager here at St. Mark's, I am continued to be Wowed by everyone that I have been blessed to meet and work with, and I encourage everyone to stop in to see me if they have any questions regarding the financial position of St. Mark's... my door is always open.

I want to thank everyone for the moral support as I fill the BIG shoes that Sharon Rezin left for me at St. Mark's. I am settling in and hope that I am ready for the busy month of January as I close out 2023.

As we plan for 2024 as a congregation, we do not have a crystal ball to see what is in store for us both in our personal lives and our church family... I do know that we here are very fortunate as to the generosity of our members... this is very visible by our financial position we are in.

I am truly amazed by the financial support we have received for every mission that we supported and for financial support we, as a congregation, have brought to the table for our new outdoor sign....as of yesterday we have met our goal of 50% raised for Leon to sign our order and start the process. I would like to thank all our members who donated to this project and encourage anyone that hasn't that there is still time to donate!

As we close out 2023 in the next couple weeks, I encourage anyone interested in "E-Giving" to stop in and see me, and I will explain how it works.

As a congregation, we are very blessed financially, and we continue to grow by leaps and bounds. Please have a Blessed Christmas, and I look forward to working with everyone in the New Year!

I will close with a bible verse that I think says it all about being a good Steward of God's gifts to us:

"As each should use whatever gift, he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in various forms". 1Peter 4:10.

In Christ,
Kurt Haebig

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to "The Gathering" in 2023. We had a great first year filled with many fun activities! We are looking forward to next year and new ideas, so please join us on Tuesday, January 9th, in the Youth Room at 12:30 pm to brainstorm some activities for 2024.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." (Helen Keller)

Our next activity for "The Gathering" will be on Tuesday, January 23rd at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Watch the bulletin for more details.


Upcoming Planning Meeting for Women's Event being held at St. Mark's
"Meet Me At the Well"

We are having our second planning meeting for our Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 Women's Event here at St. Mark's. Thank you to all of the wonderful ladies that were at our first meeting. We look forward to seeing you again. Our second meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. It is not too late to join the fun. No RSVP needed, just show up. We are looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Duranceau #715-216-7973 or Kristen Novitch #715-966-4172

FINANCIALS	
November	
RECEIPTS	
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$ 36,146.29
E-GIVING	\$ 15,088.00
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$ 6,992.44
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 9,397.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 100.00
LOAN	\$ 126.47
OTHER	\$ 214.96
OUTREACH	\$ 175.00
PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$ 2,839.05
ROOM USE	\$ 830.00
TOTAL	\$ 59,109.52
DISBURSED	
COMPENSATION	\$ 34,491.82
BENEFIT INSURANCE - Employees	\$ 8,438.64
LAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,543.44
EVANGELISM	\$ -
EDUCATION EXPENSES Misc	\$ 112.35
PRESCHOOL	\$ 128.40
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 490.58
WORSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 772.05
YOUTH	\$ 742.98
PROPERTIES Misc.	\$ 1,654.29
Fuel & Electric	\$ 2,045.88
Sanitation	\$ 195.08
Other	\$ -
Insurance - Wkrs Comp/Property	\$ -
Sewer & Water	\$ -
MISSIONS	\$ 1,712.00
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$ 5,120.02
Capital Improvement Fund Out (Security For Preschool Area)	
TOTAL	\$ 57,447.53
DIFFERENCE	\$ 1,661.99
KDH 11/15/2023	

Wausau Symphony Band
 Celebrating our Future
 January 21 at 3:00pm
 First Presbyterian Church, Wausau

Featuring high school musicians and the debut of a brand new composition, the future of music in Central WI!

Wausau
Symphony

Band

2023 Advent Suppers

Week 1 Bruised Heal Small Group

\$1,430.00 Donated to the Heindel & Klein Families
 for Travel Expenses

Week 2 Men In Action

\$ 826.55 Donated to Hope Life

Week 3 Band of Brothers

\$ 711.00 Donated to Neighbors Place Food Pantry

Week 4 Fellowship

\$650.00 Donated to Open Door

Thank you to everyone to came to the Advent suppers this season and contributed to all the great causes. Your support has made a difference to many.

Men's Retreat at Camp Luther!



Men of St. Mark's! You are invited to join Pastor Eric and Blaine for a trip to Camp Luther for the annual men's retreat. The retreat is February 1-4. Please let Blaine know by January 7th if you would like to attend. All the information regarding the retreat, including cost and programs options, can be found here: <https://campluther.com/adults#men>. To contact Blaine and let him know you are IN, please call/text 920-371-4622 or email bwelch@stmarkslcms.org.

Son- shine Bible Study

The Son-Shine Bible study group will begin their new study of the Psalms on January 3rd! We will be using Psalms – Prayers of the Heart from the Life Guide Bible Study series. The Psalms are poetry and prayer. They are the biblical way to discover who we are. Plan now to join us as we dig deeper into the Psalms.

January 3: Psalm 1 - Praying Our Inattention
 January 10: Psalm 2 – Praying Our Intimidation
 January 17: Psalm 3 – Praying Our Trouble
 January 24: Psalm 8 - Praying Our Creation
 January 31: Psalm 51 – Praying Our Sin

We meet in the Youth Room, 1:00-2:30, on Wednesdays weather permitting. (Check with Jean in the church office if the weather is questionable.) Study guides are available in class. All are welcome.



News from The Hagar House

The staff at the Hagar House is expanding! They are currently looking for someone to fill a part time position as **Associate Director**. If you are interested check the description below and this link for more information:

<https://www.thehagarhouse.org/associate-director-role>

Associate Director: The Associate Director will implement and oversee administrative tasks and other programs of the house.

Classification: Part-time 20 hours / week; hours varied from 7am - 12pm (4 days / 5 hours / day or 5 days / 4 hours / day)

Reporting: The Associate Director shall report directly to the Program Director.

Responsibilities: Included, but are not limited to, and subject to change depending on the needs of The Hagar House:

- Coordinate relationships with church Liaisons. Quarterly meetings, promotional materials, etc.
- Assist with annual Church Visits, including keeping materials stocked, scheduling calendar visits, etc.
- Oversee the Annual Color Run event / team—Sponsors, location, color, registration, snacks, medals, etc.
- Safety in the home - Policies and procedures updated and reviewed regularly, schedule and perform regular house drills, etc.
- Property - work with the property team to keep updated, maintenance, checklists, information stored accurately, etc.
- Food System - Finalize a system of food rotation, meal planning, grocery needs, oversee team, etc.
- House Calendar - Digital calendar in butler pantry. Upcoming events, opportunities, birthdays, etc.
- Birthdays - Work with volunteer to plan for birthday gifts and cards for all residents and staff.
- Volunteers - Applications, processing, background checks, clearance, schedule, etc.
- House Supplies / Home Goods - Create a staples list, system, and process of keeping stocked.
- Tangible donations - Filter and organize all donations to proper places and keep all systems running smoothly.

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February MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the February edition of the MARKINGS will be **January 26th at 10 am**. Thank you!



Help taking down Christmas Decorations

We need YOUR help on **Tuesday, January 2nd at 3:00 pm** to remove and put into storage all the Christmas decorations at church. Many hands make the labor light and go much faster.



2024 Offering Envelopes

Please check your mailboxes for your 2024 envelopes. If you do not find yours, please contact Jean in the office at 715-848-5511, Ext. 1 or jdrake@stmarkslcms.org. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Janet Herring and Mary Utecht-Johnson who helped with the envelopes this year.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cable Channel 980 Worship Times: Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am						
31 Contemporary 8 & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Bible Study ** last day to pick up poinsettias **	1 OFFICE CLOSED No OGT packing	2 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting Starts 3:00 Christmas Decoration Removal	3 Contemporary 1:00 Son Shine Bible 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirm	4	5 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	6 
7 Traditional 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 12:00 New Member Brunch 5:00 HS Youth Night	8 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Band of Brothers	9 6:30 MIA Bible Study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Quilting	10 Traditional 1:00 Son Shine Bible 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirm	11 Pastor Eric leaves on vacation	12 Blaine's Family Day	13
14 Contemporary ~Camp Luther visits~ 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 5:00 HS Youth Night	15 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Mtg	16 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	17 Contemporary 1:00 Son Shine Bible 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirm	18 9:00 1st John Bible Study 5:00 PEW Sisters 6:00 Elders Meeting	19 Blaine's Family Day	20
21 Traditional 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship TBA: HS Youth Night	22 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Driver's Ed	23 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 3:30 Driver's Ed 12:30 The Gathering	24 Traditional 1:00 Son Shine Bible 3:30 Driver's Ed 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirm Pastor Eric back	25 9:00 1st John Bible Study 3:30 Driver's Ed 6:00 Mark's Men 4:00-6:00 Preschool Open House	26 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day Markings Deadline	27
28 Traditional 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship (*Preschool sings, Open House & Lunch) *Dan Kirk Juggling Show @ 12:15 5:00 HS Youth Night	29 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Driver's Ed	30 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 3:30 Drivers Ed	31 Traditional 1:00 Son Shine Bible 3:30 Driver's Ed 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirm			
	Lutheran Schools Week					

January 2024 - Volunteer Calendar

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READER	POWERPOINT	COMMUNION	USHERS
January 3	6 pm	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Brandon & Kyle Uttech	Scott Werner	Group 9
January 7	8 am	Kris Sparks	Pastor	Derek Simon	Dennis Wald, Janet Herring	Group 4
	Traditional				Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	
	10:30 am	Duane & Carol Calmes	Pastor	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Group 3
	Traditional				Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	
January 10	6 pm	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner	Group 9
	Traditional				Wafers: Pastor	
January 14	8 am	Mary & Ted Johnson	Steve Herring	Derek Emon	Pam Fromm, Amy Smet	Group 4
	Contemporary				Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	
	10:30 am	Brad & Julie Bollmann	Rich Klein	Tyler Woller	Rita Woller, Rich Klein	Group 3
	Contemporary				Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	
January 17	6 pm	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Scott Werner	Group 9
	Contemporary				Wafers: Pastor	
January 21	8 am	Michael Tatman	Kurt Schemenauer	Derek Emon	Amy Smet, Kurt Schemenauer	Group 4
	Traditional				Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	
	10:30 am	Jan Mann	Rachel Olson	Tyler Woller	Rita Woller, Rich Klein	Group 3
	Traditional				Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	
January 24	6 pm	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner	Group 9
	Traditional				Wafers: Pastor	
January 28	8 am	Kevin & Marie Heinking	Bryon Gleisner	Nick Schoch	No communion	Group 4
	Contemporary				Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	
Lutheran Schools	10:30 am	Cathy Page, Deb Cornelius, Michelle Berens	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	No communion	Group 3
Sunday	Contemporary					
January 31	6 pm	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner	Group 9
	Contemporary				Wafers: Pastor	
ALTAR GUILD: Sue Berndt, Ruth Tritten						
USHERS:		Group 3 - Jeff Block - Lead, Dale Vande Boom, John Woller, Dave Mueller				
		Group 4 - DeWayne Graf - Lead, Rose Graf, Bob Christensen, Todd Krause, Gary Krause, Dave Mueller				
		Group 9 - Henry Jennejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Jim Jacobson				