

The MARKINGS

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HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY - March 24

8:00am/10:30am - Festival Blended Worship
Praise Band, Choir, Brass and Organ

This day we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Hosanna in the Highest!

MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 28

10:30am (Traditional)
6:00pm - (Contemporary)

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 - March 29

12:00pm (Traditional)
1:00 - 3:00 Prayer Vigil
6:00pm (Contemporary)

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 - March 31 - HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

6:00 Sunrise Traditional no communion
7:00 - 9:00 Easter Breakfast
7:30 Festive Traditional w/communion
8:00 - 10:30 Kids Craft Corner
9:00 Contemporary no communion
10:30 Contemporary w/communion

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

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by **John & Kim Rhyner** for God's blessing as we celebrate our grandchildren's birthday's in January & March.

Thank You

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PEW SISTERS

Meeting Dates

March 7, 21

April 18

(There will be no PEW Sister's Bible Study 4/4)

May 2, 16

June 6, 20

July (PEW Sister's will not meet in July)

August 1, 15

September 5, 19

October 3, 17

November 7, 21

December 5

thrivent[®] **Attention all Thrivent members.** Its that time of the year again! March 31st is the deadline for designating any 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars you may have before loosing them. If you choose to designate them to St Mark's you can also pinpoint their use by calling our bookkeeper, Kurt Haebig, and letting him know where they should go. Some people are using them as their way to help update our playground. If you're not comfortable doing this on-line, simply call 800-THRIVENT, (800-847-4836) and say "Choice Dollars" when prompted. A friendly agent will help you.

March 29th ~ Good Friday Prayer Vigil **1:00– 3:00pm**

Once again we will be having a Prayer Vigil on Good Friday. We invite you to use the quiet of the church and this prayer-focused time to offer up prayers individually. Pastor Eric and Pastor Gary & Nan Schultz will be also be available to pray with you or for you.

If you are not able to be present, Prayer Request Cards are available in the narthex. Write your prayer on the card (name optional) and drop off the completed Prayer Request in Church card box in narthex.

**Prayer is a powerful thing that God has
given us. God says to pray without ceasing.**

Daylight Saving Time . . . starts Marth 10th.

Remember to set you clock ahead an hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th!



The Gathering - Potluck

The Comfort Quilters have invited “The Gathering” to join them for a potluck on **March 12th at noon** in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Time to socialize will follow the potluck meal. The afternoon activities will include cards and games (Sheepshead, Cribbage, or a favorite game) and Easter crafts.

Make plans to join us!

Looking for a fun way to spend an afternoon and connect with people at St. Mark's??? Join us on our 3rd annual **Faith, Fellowship and Fermentation** trip! We will hop on a bus and visit 3 local breweries. We will spend approximately an hour and half at each, sharing in conversation, fellowship and enjoying good craft beers.

When: [Saturday, April 13](#)

Time: 11:00-6:00PM

Cost: \$25 (includes bus and tip)

This year's stops include: Rhinelander Brewing, Rocky Reef Brewery in Woodruff and Sawmill Brewing in Merrill.

Spots will be sold after each service on March 17, 24 and April 7, or you can stop by the church office during the week and sign up. Must be 21 years or older. **No refunds**. If you have any questions, please call Amy Smet at 715-409-0213.

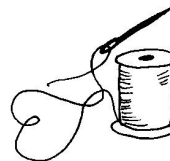
****You can bring food/snacks that you wish into all breweries.**



FINANCIALS	
January 2024	
RECEIPTS	
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$ 28,380.66
E-GIVING	\$ 16,304.00
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$ 6,126.00
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 16,335.83
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 200.00
LOAN	\$ 252.94
OTHER	\$ 1,349.00
OUTREACH	\$ 180.00
PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$ 5,169.20
ROOM USE	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 74,697.63
DISBURSED	
COMPENSATION	\$ 36,259.87
BENEFIT INSURANCE - Employees	\$ 7,669.38
LAY EXPENSES	\$ 657.29
EVANGELISM	\$ -
EDUCATION EXPENSES Misc	\$ 35.00
PRESCHOOL	\$ -
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 142.57
WORSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 67.98
YOUTH	\$ -
PROPERTIES Misc.	\$ 718.60
Fuel & Electric	\$ 2,521.34
Sanitation	\$ 228.11
Snow Plowing	\$ 1,589.95
Insurance - Wkrs Comp/Property	\$ -
Sewer & Water	\$ -
MISSIONS	\$ 20,971.31
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$ 7,568.33
	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 78,429.73
DIFFERENCE	\$ (3,732.10)
KDH 02/12/2024	



From the Sewing Room



It cannot be said that Kurt's office would be a good place to cool off. Yes indeed, the Comfort Quilters have accumulated a healthy stack of finished quilts store neatly in Kurt's office. In March we'll quilt on the 6th & 12th (9-11:30am) in the Fellowship Hall. On March 12th at noon we'll host a potluck. Please join us.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Similar to Advent, we decided to pause our study of Psalms during Lent and center our attention on Wednesday Lenten worship and fellowship during the Lenten suppers.

We will resume our group Bible studies on April 3rd with Psalm 6 – Praying Our Tears.

The Hagar House Mission Follow-up

Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways to support The Hagar House in February. Many hands with various talents made it fun too! We are grateful that we are able to support this local mission and the work they continue to do changing lives. Thank you also to Thrivent for their continued support of these events.

All glory to God!

*Thank
you!*

“SECRET VALENTINE” THANK YOU! Our “Secret Valentine” event was great! One mom said, “My three kids went to the mailbox every day to see if there was something for them. They loved getting the special cards and notes.” Several congregation members said, “This was so fun! I hope we do it again next year!” Many thanks to everyone who participated!

~Cathy Page

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care for children up to three years old has been in place since October, and we have several families who are taking advantage of this during our Adult Bible Study Hour. We have a great team of volunteers! As the spring and summer months approach, we could use a few more people to join this team. If you would like to volunteer to help care for our little ones, please contact Cathy Page at 715-848-5511, ext. 7.



Lenten Series: Be Gracious To Me

Please join us before Wednesday night service for food and fellowship.

Serving starts at 4:30 pm.

3:30 Traditional Service

6:00 Contemporary Service

Mar. 6th: “Soon and Never” / [Band of Brothers](#) (Tacos)

Mar. 13th: “Empty Words” / [Preschool](#) (Chili)

Mar. 20th: “Vindication” / [Joy Bible Study](#) (Loaded baked potatoes)

**BOW
THE
KNEE**
Dramatic
Musical
for Easter



**Saturday
March 23rd
7:00 PM
&
Sunday 24th
March
2:30 PM**

Bring a friend!

.....
**Come, follow Anthony, a Roman centurion,
Journey down the streets of Jerusalem,
Spend time in the garden's dark night,
Hear the cries of "crucify, crucify",
Climb the hill to Calvary.
Rejoice in the Risen Savior!**

Zion Lutheran Church

**238145 Star Rd. Aniwa, WI 715-845-2014
(12 miles east of Wausau, just off Hwy 52)**

Admission -Free

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Additional 2024 dates- March 16th 7:00 PM & 17th 2:30 PM

St. Stephens United Church of Christ

903 East 2nd St. Merrill, WI 54452 715-536-7322



St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool "News and Highlights"



Great things are happening in the Preschool hallway! The sounds of joy and laughter can be heard each day as the students play and learn. I am thankful for the love, care, and creativity that is shown to our students by Mrs. C and Mrs. Berens. I really enjoy the time I spend with our Before and After School Care students and am thankful that this program is able to serve our families. I feel so blessed to be working in ministry here at St. Mark's, and I thank God daily for the opportunity I have to help grow His Kingdom through the ministry of our Preschool!

ENROLLMENT: Enrollment is open and going very well! Our extra efforts in advertising have been working as I have received many emails and phone calls about our class sessions and childcare, and I've been busy giving tours of our facility. We are offering our 2-day and 3-day classes as in the past, but we are also offering a new 4-day class for the upcoming school year . . . and this class is almost full! We have also gotten more enrollments for our Before and After School Childcare. We will continue to offer a strong, Christ-centered preschool experience, and we feel blessed that our St. Mark's Preschool family is growing! If you know of families with 3 and 4 year old children who are looking for preschool and childcare, please tell them about us!

LENTEN SUPPER: The Preschool will be hosting the Lenten Supper on Wednesday, March 13. We are very thankful that "Chili Master" Jason Kniess has graciously offered to cook up several of his delicious chilis for our upcoming supper. Options will include white chicken chili, lasagna chili (very kid-friendly), chili with noodles, and chili without noodles. Hot dogs will also be available. We hope you all will join us!



PLAYGROUND UPDATE: As I wrote about last month, due to state-licensing rules, our playground needs updating. We are excited that plans are moving forward for this! I will keep you updated as things progress. The freewill offering from our Lenten Supper will be put toward our playground update. If you would like to donate toward this special project, please talk to Kurt in the Financial Office.

SUMMER CAMP: We will be offering Summer Camp (3 & 4 year olds only) beginning June 3 and running through August 16. Students will have fun playing and learning through weekly, themed units. Full day or half day options are available. Specific information and registration will be available in mid-March.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: We will be hiring a part-time teaching assistant for the 4-day class and also one or two part-time childcare staff. Summer staff may also be needed. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me.

YARD SIGNS: Thank you to everyone who took a Preschool yard sign. There are still some signs available in the Narthex. Take one and help us advertise!

As always, we thank the congregation for its continued support of our preschool!

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director

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Electronic Service Requested

Saturday evening, March 9th ...
Don't forget to turn your clocks
ahead one hour before bed!!



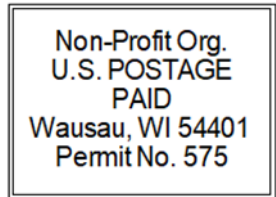
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Find us on Facebook!



We are on the Web!

<http://stmarkswausau.org/>



OFFICIAL ACTS— February 2024

April MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the April edition of the MARKINGS will be **March 22nd at 10am**. Thank you!

Baptized

Grady Kurth (2/4/240)

Received

Alex & Kortney Folk, Adeline, Kora

Bill & Jan Hussong

Steve & Peggy Nichols, Thomas, Madeline

Cassandra Sprotte

Transfers

Ellen Prahl

Celebration Choir Rehearsals



Thursday, March 14 @ 6:00pm

Thursday, March 21 @ 6:00pm

We will sing on Palm Sunday at both services
and Good Friday at the 12:00pm service.



MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Cable Channel 980 <u>Worship Times:</u> Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am</p>					1 Office Closed @ Noon Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	2 9:00-3:00 Meet Me at The Well Women's Event
<p>3 Traditional 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies ~Bridge Street Mission~ 10:30 Worship 5:00 HS Youth Night</p>	<p>4 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed</p>	<p>5 6:30 MIA Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed</p>	<p>6 9:00 Quilters 3:30 Drivers Ed 3:30 Worship - Trad 4:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Worship - Contemp 6:45 Midweek / Confirm</p>	<p>7 9:00 WINKLE 9:00 1st John Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed 5:00 Pew Sisters</p>	<p>8 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day</p>	<p>9 Remember to turn clocks ahead before going to bed! </p>
<p>10 Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 5:00 HS Youth Night</p>	<p>11 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed 7:00 Band of Brothers</p>	<p>12 9:00 Quilters 6:30 MIA Bible Study 8:00 Trustees 12:30 The Gathering Potluck 3:30 Drivers Ed</p>	<p>13 3:30 Drivers Ed 3:30 Worship - Trad 4:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Worship - Contemp 6:45 Midweek / Confirm</p>	<p>14 9:00 1st John Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed 6:00 Celebration Choir</p>	<p>15 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day</p>	<p>16 Night of Hope Youth Event</p>
<p>17 Traditional 8:00 Worship ~Trinity School speaking~ 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 9:15 First Comm. class 10:30 Worship NO HS Youth Night</p>	<p>18 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed 5:30 Governance Mtg</p>	<p>19 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Retired Teachers 3:30 Drivers Ed</p>	<p>20 3:30 Drivers Ed 3:30 Worship - Trad 4:30 Lenten Supper 6:00 Worship - Contemp 6:45 Midweek / Confirm</p>	<p>21 5:00 Pew Sisters 6:00 Celebration Choir</p>	<p>22 Markings Deadline Pastor & Blaine's Family Day</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Palm Sunday - Blended 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship NO HS Youth Night</p>	<p>25 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists</p>	<p>26 6:30 MIA Bible Study</p>	<p>27 NO Worship NO Midweek or Confirmation</p>	<p>28 Maundy Thursday 10:30 Worship - Trad 3:30 Drivers Ed 6:00 Worship - Contemp</p>	<p>29 Good Friday 12:00 Worship - Trad 1:00-3:00 Prayer Vigil 6:00 Worship - Contemp</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 Easter 6:00 Sunrise Trad - N/C 6:30 Easter Breakfast 7:30 Festive Trad w/ communion 9:00 Contemporary - N/C 10:30 Contemporary w/ communion NO Sunday School NO HS Youth Night</p>					<p>Lenten Suppers 6th: Band of Brothers - Tacos 13th: Preschool - Chili 20th: Joy Bible Study - Loaded Baked Potatoes</p>	

March 2024 - Volunteer Calendar

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READER	POWERPOINT	COMMUNION	USHERS
March 3	8 am	Linda Jablonski	Kurt Schemenauer	Kory Page	Amy Smet, Kurt Schemenauer	Group 1
	<i>Traditional</i>	Jim & Carol Haworth	Rachel Olson	Conner Anklam	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 2
March 6 Lent	<i>Traditional</i>	Gimny Kottke & Ella Holmes	Pastor	Blaine Welch	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	No ushers
	<i>3:30 pm</i>	Duane & Carol Calmes	Pastor	Derek Simon	No communion	Group 9
	<i>Contemporary</i>	Ted & Mary Johnson	Kathryn Sparks	Derek Emon	Pam Fromm, Kathryn Sparks	Group 1
March 10	8 am	Ted & Mary Johnson	Kathryn Sparks	Derek Emon	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 1
	<i>Contemporary</i>	Jane & Scott Michaelson	Steve Herring	Conner Anklam	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Group 2
March 13 Lent	<i>Contemporary</i>	Steve & Dorothy Reed	Pastor	Blaine Welch	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	No ushers
	<i>3:30 pm</i>	John & Jill Simon	Pastor	Nick Schoch	No communion	Group 9
	<i>Traditional</i>	John & Jill Simon	Pastor	Nick Schoch	No communion	Group 9
March 17	8 am	Kurt & Carla Haebig	David Sargent	Derek Simon	Amy Smet, David Sargent	Group 1
	<i>Traditional</i>	Jan Mann	Rich Klein	Michael Deedon	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 2
March 20 Lent	<i>Traditional</i>	Diana Borchardt	Pastor	Blaine Welch	Rita Woller, Rich Klein	No ushers
	<i>3:30 pm</i>	Paula Hintz	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 9
	<i>Traditional</i>	Paula Hintz	Pastor	Nick Schoch	No communion	Group 9
March 24 Palm Sunday	8 am	Denise and Perry Snoeyenbos	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Linda & Tom Jagodinski	Group 1
	<i>Blended</i>	Dave Mueller	Pastor	Derek Simon	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 2
March 27	10:30 am	Dave Mueller	Pastor	Derek Simon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Group 2
	<i>Blended</i>	Dave Mueller	Pastor	Derek Simon	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 2
No Worship						
March 28 Maundy Thursday	10:30 am	Cathy Page	Pastor	Blaine Welch	John & Rita Woller	No ushers
	<i>Traditional</i>	Ray & Pam Melander	Pastor	Derek Simon	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 9
March 29 Good Friday	6 pm	Ray & Pam Melander	Pastor	Derek Simon	John & Jill Simon	Group 9
	<i>Contemporary</i>	None	Pastor	Derek Emon	Wafers: Pastor, Rich Klein	No ushers
	12 noon	None	Pastor	Derek Emon	No communion	No ushers
March 31 Easter	6 pm	None	Pastor	Derek Simon	No communion	No ushers
	<i>Contemporary</i>	None	Pastor	None	No communion	No ushers
	6:00 am	None	Pastor	None	No communion	No ushers
March 31 Easter	<i>Traditional</i>	Janet Herring	Pastor	Derek Emon	Janet Herring, Carrie Emon	Group 1 & 5
	7:30 am	Janet Herring	Pastor	Derek Emon	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 1 & 5
March 31 Easter	9:00 am	Hauan Family	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 2 & 4
	<i>Contemporary</i>	Hauan Family	Pastor	Nick Schoch	No communion	Group 2 & 4
March 31 Easter	10:30 am	Brad & Sue Berens	Pastor	Michael Deedon	John & Rita Woller	Group 3 & 6
	<i>Contemporary</i>	Brad & Sue Berens	Pastor	Michael Deedon	Wafers: Pastors	Group 3 & 6

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Berndt, Rosann Tucker

Group 1 - Ken Berndt - Lead, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon

Group 2 - Tyler Woller - Lead, Roger Block, Brad Peck, Jim Wilkerson

Group 3 - Jeff Block - Lead, Dale Vande Boom, John Woller

Group 4 - DeWayne Graf - Lead, Rose Graf, Bob Christensen, Todd Krause, Gary Krause, Dave Mueller

Group 5 - Warren Jacobi - Lead, Sharon Jacobi, Bruce Thurs, Ray Melander, Jae Loiz

Group 6 - Rich Klein - Lead, Chris Grosskreutz, Herb Nimmernann, Adam Wurz, Jack Klein

Group 9 - Henry Jemnejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Jim Jacobson