


The MARKINGS

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Our Mission of the Month for April is **Greater Wausau Christian Services**. They will be speaking at St. Mark's on April 7th. See below for their latest newsletter.

This month's issue of the MARKINGS is sponsored by **Ruth Tritten & Joan Stroyny** in memory of their parents, Ann & Conway Krueger, brother James Krueger and Ruth's loving husband Herb.



GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

October, November, December

2023

Hello Friends!

Our Director, Chaplain Ray Slatton was very busy these last three months of the year!

This October, he was just recovering from his July knee surgery, and then had COVID in November, which restricted his work for a time.

Despite that, he was doing God's Work for those people who are isolated in our community.

Some of the highlights of Chaplain Ray's activities:

- ◆ Provided end of life support for a resident who was being taken off the ventilator in October. He spoke words of comfort and assurance of the forgiveness of sins that were hers through the gift of faith.
- ◆ Officiated at a wedding that was a direct result of our ministry at Sylvan Crossing.
- ◆ He worked hard to meet the needs of the more than 300 Individual Religious Requests from Jail Inmates during these past three months.
- ◆ He also did two 'ride a longs' with our Sheriffs' within these last three months. On one occasion, he assisted with talking to a person who was suicidal. The Marathon County Deputies were able to gain custody of the person without injury to anyone.
- ◆ Provided Christmas Eve service at North Central Health Care on December 24th. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.

Dear Supporters of Greater Wausau Christian Services, these acts of good will, and many, many more untold, are only possible because of YOU! These things are a direct result of your support and donations. Thank you very much for your kindness to those who need to know that God is there with them.

PS: Big news is on the horizon for Greater Wausau Christian Services! Details will be included in our next Newsletter!

KIDS KOUNT PROGRAM

Thanks to your support, our Kids Kount Program was very successful this year.

Gifts were provided for 42 children from 21 families. Thank you to the eight volunteers who organized and wrapped the gifts and the five teams of delivery drivers.

All the gifts were successfully delivered!

Lives Touched In 2023

Elder Care Worship - 2,622
Elder Care Sensory Serv - 1,846
Jail Ministry Inmate Req - 1,196
Jail Ministry Visits - 34
Jail Ministry Classes - 1,316

7014 TOTAL LIVES TOUCHED!

140 BIBLES DISTRIBUTED IN 2023!

578 TOTAL SERVICES AND CLASSES!

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EUGENE VIEGUT HAS RETIRED!

After more than 30 years of service to God's people, through his volunteering with Greater Wausau Christian Services, Eugene Viegut has retired from our organization. Eugene provided worship for countless people in nursing homes and living assisted facilities. We are truly thankful for his contribution of time and resources. We wish Eugene all the best!

EASTER THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank the following families and individuals who helped to beautify our Easter services through their contribution of Easter plants or a thank offering:

KEN & SUE BERNDT for the beauty of God's house.

KAY BLOCK in memory of my husband, Karl, and my parents and in-laws.

BRAD & JULIE BOLLMANN in memory of Julie's parents, Alice & Richard

BOB & KIM CHRISTENSEN for all of our family's Blessings.

JJ, BETHANY & CAITLIN CIHLAR in loving memory of Cody Jay Cihlar.

JOAN CRISMAN in loving memory of Verna Habeck.

MICHAEL DEEDON for members of the Deedon family that are gone.

LAVONNE DUERNBERGER in memory of my husband, Bill.

BOB & JOYCE FRICKENSTEIN for the beauty of God's house.

PAM FROMM in memory of my parents, Maurice & Arlene Kroening.

MIKE & TRACY GENGALO for the beauty of God's house.

JASON & JULIE GRULKOWSKI for the beauty God's house.

STEVE & JANET HERRING for the beauty of God's house.

PHIL & CORINNE HOPKINS in memory of Peggy Horne & Ruth Reader.

ANDY & MARY HOPPE for the beauty of God's house.

REV. ERIC, JILL, JULIA, CAL & HAZEL HAUAN in loving memory of Jill's dad, Gene Dubberke.

LINDA JABLONSKI in memory of my parents, George & Audrey Antross.

JACK & MARSHA KLEIN in memory of Jacob Marguerite Klein and Robert & Esther Demske.

DIANE KLEINSCHMIDT in memory of my husband, DuWayne.

GINNY KOTTKE for the beauty of God's house.

GARY & BARB LANGBECKER in memory of Barb's brother, Tom Bliese.

JAN MANN in loving memory of my parents and grandchildren.

RAY & PAM MELANDER in memory of our grandson, Colby Nett.

RACHEL OLSON in loving memory of Ralph Sr. & Lucille Kresin and brother & sister-in-law, Ralph Jr. & Marilyn Kresin, Ruth & John Macomber.

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

SCOTT & LIZ PROCHNOW FAMILY for the beauty of God's house.

DOREEN RADLOFF in memory of Bill, husband and father.

DAVE & LINDA RAMTHUN for the beauty God's house.

BRUCE & BARB REYNOLDS for the beauty God's house.

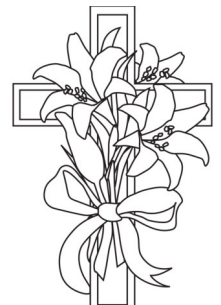
CRAIG & SHARON REZIN in memory of Verland Kasten and Gerald & Alexandra Rezin.

JIM & PAULENE SALA in memory of our sisters, Mary Sala and Ruth Bessette.

DEREK & JOY SCHILLING for the beauty of God's house.

ED SCHMIDT in memory of my wife, Brenda.

NICK & DAWN SCHOCH for God's love, mercy and forgiveness.



Thank you to Tom Plautz for the donation of palms for Palm Sunday.
Your generosity is appreciated!

Palm Sunday

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

ALLEN & SONYA SCHULTZ for the beauty of God's house.

BOB & MARY and TREVOR SCHULTZ for the beauty God's house.

JOHN & JILL SIMON in memory of John's sisters, Judy Simon & Lynda Schneider.

KATHERINE SPARKS for the beauty of God's house.

MIKE TATMAN for the beauty of God's house.

ROSANN TUCKER in memory of my husband, Kim.

DON URBAN in loving memory of my wife, Lorraine.

BOB & JULIE WATERMAN in loving memory of Don & Elsie Waterman.

DICK & SHERRY WICK for the beauty of God's house.

LEON & SUSAN WOLLER in thanksgiving for our grandchildren Zoey, Morgan & Ava Lewis and Brittany Woller.

JUDITH YOUNG in memory of family long departed.

ROD & RHONDA ZICK in memory of Rod's brother, David Zick.

ERV ZIEGEL in loving memory of his wife Ruth.

Congratulations to our First Communion Candidates

Brynn Anklam, daughter of Matt & Leslie	Aiden Krombholz, son of Ben
Vanessa Haderlein, daughter of David & Erica	Annika Krombholz, daughter of Ben
Jordan Henrichs, son of Shawn & Kate	Lily Prochnow, daughter of Josh & Jess
Olivia Kennedy, daughter of Ryan & Melanie	Amber Smith, daughter of Clint & Teri
Connor Kraft, son of Kevin & Jeana	Jacob Wanish, son of Josh & April
Tanner Krause, son of Tyler & Lindsey	Adilyn Witter, daughter of Mike & Amanda



Upcoming Events:

April 7 at 10:30am : First Communion Celebration

April 28 at 10:30am: Confirmation questioning

May 5 at **10:00am*** (note service time): Confirmation Celebration service

May 12 - Special Mother's Day services: 8:00 & 10:30am

May 26 at 9:00am Patriotic Memorial Day service

Pew 2024 Sister Dates

5:00 – 6:15 St Mark's Youth Room

Please join us ANYTIME. We are currently learning so much about Prophecy.

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| • April 18 (NO Bible Study on 4/4) | • July - No meetings | • October 3, 17 |
| • May 2, 16 | • August 1, 15 | • November 7, 21 |
| • June 6, 20 | • September 5, 19 | • December 5 |

Food and Folks

To honor our 2024 Confirmands, their families and to thank our awesome Sunday School staff, students and their families: LET'S EAT!

- FREE LUNCH!
- Sunday, April 28th at 11:45 am
- Everyone welcome. Encouraged to attend
- Menu: Tater Tot Casserole, French bread, tossed salad, hotdog plates and an ice cream sundae bar for dessert.
- Facilitators: Ken & Sue Berndt and Dan & Cathy Page.



St. Mark's is turning "75" in 2025!

- Everyone welcome to the planning meeting
- Thursday, April 18th @ 6:00pm
- Preschool wing classroom
- Questions / Suggestions: Contact facilitator, Dan Page at danpage671@yahoo.com or 715-921-0404.



IMPACT 2024

Attention Thrivent members of St Marks, your presence is requested at the inaugural Impact 2024 conference at St. Mark's. I'm not a Thrivent employee and there is nothing to sell at this event. I am a nostalgist, remembering days of old when Aid Association for Lutherans used to gather in church basements across the country to celebrate their generosity and community service. There are over 260 Thrivent members at St. Mark's and I think we should meet one another, celebrate and coordinate our generosity ideas for 2024 and years to come.

Please come and join me in welcoming Thrivent's Community Engagement Leader for Upper Wisconsin and Michigan , Jodi Berens, for a brief message of hope and opportunity.

The event begins with a meet and greet refreshment hour, followed by dinner, a brief message, and desert all at no cost and no pressure. Please come join the fun. **April 11th starting at 5:00-6:00 pm.**

Space is limited so get your free tickets now by calling the church office or Rich Klein at 715-581-4303. I hope to meet you there.

The Gathering

Our plan is to tour a local service organization on April 23rd. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm and carpool over. After our tour, we will stop downtown for beverages...coffee, etc. Watch the bulletin for further information.

Another option for April 23rd, we have reserved the fellowship hall for card playing and games. Make plans to join us.



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




March was a fun and busy month for our preschool staff and students. Highlights included our doctor, dinosaur, grocery store, and Easter units. Pastor Eric, Blaine, and I led our weekly Chapel services, and the students are continuing to learn and grow each day. It seems hard to believe that it is already April now and that we only have a couple months left in our school year!

ENROLLMENT: Enrollment is continuing to go very well. Our 4-day class is now full with a waiting list, and the 2-day and 3-day classes are also filling up. Our Before and After School Care program is increasing in enrollment as well. We thank and praise God for the opportunity we will have to welcome these new students and their families in the fall of 2024!


GRANDPARENTS DAY: Our preschool students will be celebrating Grandparents Day on April 24 and 25. Our morning will be filled with some special projects and activities, Chapel worship, a short program of songs and fingerplays, refreshments, and a classroom tour. We can't wait to welcome these "grand guests" to spend the morning with us!



 **PLAYGROUND UPDATE:** Our biggest news continues to be our playground update. If you've been following the Preschool News in the past months, you know that due to state -licensing rules, our outdoor space needs updating, specifically our fence. Our original plan was to replace the chain link fence, but the City of Wausau recently put new fence codes into place, and now we are required to have a "decorative" fence instead. As a result, this doubled the cost of the fence. We have raised almost half of the \$12,000 needed to complete the project. We are so thankful to everyone who has contributed so far! If you would like to contribute to this special project, please use the envelopes marked "Playground" in the basket by the thermometer in the **gathering area.**

LENTEN SUPPERS: A total of \$2,193 was raised for our Playground Update at two of the Lenten Suppers, one sponsored by the Preschool and the other sponsored by the Joy Bible Study Group. We are SO thankful to everyone who helped with the meals and to everyone who gave a donation!

SUMMER CAMP: Our NEW Summer Camp for three and four year old children will begin June 3 and run through August 16. Students will have fun playing and learning through weekly, themed units. Full day or half day options are available. Registration will open on April 2 and will close on May 17. Specific information can be found on our website or by contacting me.

 **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** We will soon 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.

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

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director



Haiti VBS Update

We recently received the annual report from Bethanie Saint Louis about the 2023 VBS program in Haiti that St. Mark’s has been supporting, financially as well as with dresses, shorts, and backpacks. You are welcome to read her full report by contacting the church office, and the following are her closing remarks:

We are grateful for the generous resources provided by St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, which allows us to actively spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in vulnerable rural communities in Haiti, bringing about transformative change in the lives of hundreds of children over the past decade. The initiative to clean the two local schools aligns perfectly with our commitment to follow and serve Jesus wherever the greatest need exists despite our limited resources.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the St. Mark’s Lutheran congregation for your love, generosity, and on-going prayers for Haiti.

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

As we are getting ready for this year’s VBS for the first week in July, please pray that the unrest in Port-au-Prince would end so that peace and order would be restored and our shipments will be delivered safely and in a timely way.



From the Sewing Room:

Comfort Quilters concluded the winter session with a flourish! There are still some final touches being made leading up to the quilt sale on May 8th & 12th. Quilters will set out quilts in the sanctuary on May 8th at 9am. Confirmands will be presented with their quilts on May 5th.

It is a joy to use our efforts and talents towards St. Mark’s outreach and missions. Besides that we have a whole batch of white thread to sew up. We’re not finished yet! Thank you Thrivent for a grant towards the cost of quilt batting.

Please contact Joan Crisman at 715-573-9801 for information.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Join us as we return to our study of Psalms on Wednesday, April 3rd, 1:00 – 2:30, in the Youth Room. Psalm 6 – Praying our Tears addresses bringing our emotions into the act of prayer. The task of prayer is to bring everything we are and feel before God honestly. You are welcome as we dig deeper in this aspect of prayer. Study guides are available in class.

Our study of Psalms will continue each Wednesday in April with Psalms 6, 73, 90, and 150. We will be starting a new study in May so come and share your thoughts with us as we decide on a new study topic.

Pillowcase Workshop

It's that time again...except instead of dresses, we will focus on sewing shorts and backpacks! We have been blessed with many who have continued making dresses over winter, so we will concentrate on shorts from the pillowcases, and the quilters received a lot of heavier material perfect for making backpacks! There are jobs for everyone – cutting, ironing, threading elastic and cord, and sewing. We're planning to meet April 9, 16, 23, and 30, 9:00 – 11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us when you can...it's fun!



Fishing Seminar

GET YOUR FISHING GEAR READY TO GO! The MEN IN ACTION will be sponsoring a **FISHING SEMINAR** on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in the fellowship hall, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The seminar will be done by St. Mark's own fishing guide, John Sparbel. John will share his fishing expertise and techniques in the first part of the seminar for all game fish for all ages. In the second part he'll show you how to catch Muskies. He'll share some huge Musky pictures with all in attendance. You won't want to miss this event! All are welcome! Bring your fishing partners along. This event will be open to the community as well. Cost for the event will be non-perishable cleaning items for the Hagar House. This event is being sponsored by Thrivent. Everyone will go home with a prize. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Thank you to all the volunteer groups that served the delicious Lenten dinners. With the support of Thrivent Action Team Grants the following groups served and donated the proceeds to various charities:

Fellowship Team - \$1,300.00 for Mobility Carts
 MIA - \$ 946.50 Family In Need
 Son shine Bible Class - \$ 833.00 Haggar House
 Band of Brothers - \$ 795.00 Bridge St Mission
 Preschool - \$1,300.00 for preschool playground equipment
 Joy Bible Class - \$893.00 for preschool playground equipment

Thank you to everyone that attended and supported our dinners so generously.

Thank You

Mission of the Month – Greater Wausau Christian Services

The mission of Greater Wausau Christian Services is to minister to those who live in elder care facilities, assisted living facilities, or the Marathon County Jail.

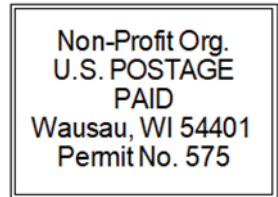
Join us in the fellowship area on **Sunday, April 7 at 9:15 a.m.** and learn more as Chaplain Ray Slatton shares with us their services to the community and how you can help make an impact.

The GWCS has a number of needs in which you can be involved. These include leading a Bible study for women at the county jail, musicians to play at nursing home services, and financial donations to purchase Life Recovery Bibles that are given to inmates. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact GWCS for more information at 715-842-5635 or visit the volunteer page at www.gwcsvservices.org/ contact.

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May MARKINGS Deadline

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

OFFICIAL ACTS— March 2024

Received

*Steven & Peggy Nichols, Maddy
Dr. Jan & Bill Hussong
Clint & Emily Leffel, Brody, Clara, Gavin, Graham,
Raegan*

Deaths

Joan Cohen

Baptism

Serena Nelson

Wausau
Symphony



Band

Wausau Symphony Band Concert

Sunday, April 28

4pm Rothschild Pavilion

~ FREE~

wausausymphonyband.org

April 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	OFFICE CLOSED No Preschool	6:30 MIA Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed Spring Election Vote	1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed No Worship Midweek or Confirmation	3:30 Drivers Ed Blaine Vacation to 4/8	Pastor's Family Day	Youth Bible Bowl hosted by St. Mark's <hr/>
7 Traditional 8:00 Worship ~ <i>CWCS speaking</i> ~ 9:15 Sunday School / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship (1st Communion)	8 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed 7:00 Band of Brothers <hr/>	9 6:30 MIA Bible Study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Pillowcase Dress 3:30 Drivers Ed	10 Traditional 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirm	11 3:30 Drivers Ed 5:30 IPMACT 2024	12 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	13 Fellowship, Faith, and Fermentation 11:00–6:00 <hr/>
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April 2024 - Volunteer Calendar

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READER	POWERPOINT	COMMUNION	USHERS
April 3			No Worship			
April 7	8 am <i>Traditional</i>	Jill Tranetzke	Kim Christensen	Derek Simon	Bob & Kim Christensen Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 4
First Communion	10:30 am <i>Traditional</i>	Adam & Kathy Wurz	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Pastor, John Woller	Group 3
	6 pm <i>Traditional</i>	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
April 14	8 am <i>Contemporary</i>	Doreen Radloff	Katherine Sparks	Derek Emon	Katherine Sparks, Pam Fromm Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 4
	10:30 am <i>Contemporary</i>	Darwin & Debbie Kufahl	Rich Klein	Tyler Woller	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 3
	6 pm <i>Contemporary</i>	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Derek Simon	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
April 21	8 am <i>Traditional</i>	Joan Crisman	Janet Herring	Derek Emon	Ruth Tritten, Joan Crisman Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 4
	10:30 am <i>Traditional</i>	Nathan & Sarah Zuelke	Jerry Ray	Conner Anklam	Rachel Olson, Brian Borchardt Wafers: Pastor, Chris Grosskreutz	Group 3
April 24	6 pm <i>Traditional</i>	Jim Jacobson	Pastor	Brandon & Kyle Utter	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
	8 am <i>Contemporary</i>	Steve & Janet Herring	Steve Herring	Michael Deedon	Amy Smet, Janet Herring Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 4
Questioning Service for Confirmands	10:30 am <i>Contemporary</i>	Kip & Ashley Downing	Ashley Downing	Michael Deedon	No communion	Group 3

ALTAR GUILD: Rose Graf, Sue Berndt

USHERS: 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 9 - Henry Jennejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Jim Jacobson