

The MARKINGS



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HISTORY OF ST. MARK'S...continued

9/29/1996: Ella Holmes was installed as Youth Director and a reception followed the service to welcome Ella.

8/27/2000: Outdoor worship service at Marathon Park and church picnic.

1/28/2001: At the quarterly voter's meeting we adopted a new budget which included additional (Vicar) staff.

2001: Vicar Tim & Wendy

2002: 5 year planning committee

8/11/2002: Vicar Jeremiah Johnson was inducted as Vicar at St. Mark's . A reception was held after the service to welcome Vicar Jeremiah & Susan.

8/18/2002 (& 2003): Outdoor worship and church picnic at beautiful Sylvan Hill.

7/11/2003: Rev. Wendell Peterson, a member of St. Mark's and chaplain for GWCS (Greater Wausau Christian Services) led worship while Pastor Lamont was at the Synodical Convention in St. Louis as the Circuit Pastoral Delegate.

7/27/2003: Farewell for Vicar Jeremiah & Susan Johnson with a reception between services.

8/17/2003: Vicar Greg Le Sieur was inducted as Vicar at St. Mark's. A reception was held after the service to welcome Vicar Greg, Beth & Naomi

9/21/2003: A service of thanksgiving and praise to God upon the retirement of Pat Metter after 9 years of faithful service as music director. A reception was held for her and Bill after the service.

9/28/2003: A service of thanksgiving and praise to God as we welcomed Dan Page to be our new music director. A reception was held after the service to honor Dan and his family.

1/25/2004: At the quarterly Voter's meeting it was decided to continue the Vicarage program and the budget for the new year was adopted.

4/11/2004: On Easter Sunday, St. Mark's kicked off our 40 days of purpose spiritual journey through weekly sermons and services, small group studies, and devotional readings from Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life book as we focused on the 5 purposes of: worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism.

June/2004: Support for Synod's national offering "One Mission Ablaze" encouraged, to ignite God's people to seek, serve, and share Christ... to the ends of the earth.

7/13/2004: Annual bar-b-que/brat ice cream social was held and Thrivent gave a \$500 match.

7/18/2004: A special voter's meeting was held to hear recommendations by the "Window & Mold Re-mediation Committee."

7/23/2004: National Youth Gathering to Orlando, FL.

8/29/2004: Annual church picnic.

9/12/2004: WVLHS' new facility dedicated and staff installed with St. Mark's being one of the supporting churches.

9/12/2004: Rally day Theme: "Ablaze! On Fire to know Christ and Make Him known"

11/18/2004: The deer hunter service was held to ask God's blessings on the hunt. Fellowship time followed with deer sausage and cheese and door prizes. \$106 was donated for the Buck Board to OGT.

11/21/2004: Rev Wallace C. Oswald from Lutheran Counseling & Family Service (LCFS) public relations department lead worship and a special door offering was collected.

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Jerry Ray, to an awesome God and his bountiful blessings.



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From the Sewing Room ~ Let's Go!

The Comfort Quilters are anxious to get back to the task at hand. We have <u>sew</u> many quilts to finish. We commence quilting in September on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 24th, and 30th from 9:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. For additional fun, arrive at 8:00am to help set up.

Quilts are greatly needed. We donate them through Orphan Grain Train (OGT) for distribution to those in need across the U.S. and around the world.

What we do at St. Mark's is making a difference. Would you like to pitch in? Some jobs include:

Done at home:

Cut squares out of fabric Sew quilt tops together

Done at church:

Tie, pin & sew (hem) quilts

The Comfort Quilters welcome volunteers to cut 9 inch fabric squares, which can be done at home. We'll supply a guide and fabric. Having quilt squares cut ahead of time sure makes sewing together quilt tops much more efficient. Please consider helping in this way. We enjoy fellowship, fun, and friendship in this rewarding work. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Joan Crisman at 715-573-9801.

COLOR RUN 2025

The Hagar House 5K Color Run/Walk

Please join us on **Saturday, September 13th, 2025** at Doepke Park for our 5K Color Run/Walk through the beautiful streets of Rib Mountain! This event will help raise money to support The Hagar House and its mission to help free single mothers from cycles of crisis through a Christ-center community. As always this event will be Kid & Stroller friendly so please bring out the whole family to enjoy and help support a great cause, but please leave your furry friends at home. Thank you for your understanding and hope to see you on 9/13/25! **Registration will be open until 9/11/25.**

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO VOLUNTEER? JOIN THE ALTAR GUILD!

Would you like to prepare the Lord's supper for your congregation? Are you a confirmed member? You are the perfect fit. Here's what you need to know: self-scheduling, minimal time, commitment, flexibility, and NO MEETINGS. Please contact the church office to join the Altar Guild!

Celebration Choir

Joining your church choir is a wonderful way to serve, grow spiritually, and connect to a community.

Sept. rehearsals: Thursday, Sept 18 & 25 6:00-6:30 in the sanctuary.

Contact Dan Page, Choral Director/Organist

OGT - Mission Pastor

Pastor James Kollie will be visiting St. Mark's on Oct. 5th to share his mission in Liberia. He is an LCMS pastor and is our Orphan Grain Train connection there. Come to the Fellowship Hall, 9:15 – 10:15, to hear how OGT is a blessing for his ministry of spreading the Good News and how the Lutheran Church in Liberia continues to grow. Watch the bulletins for updates.



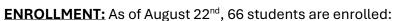
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St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool "News and Highlights"



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR: The preschool staff has been busy preparing for the new school year. The carpets have been cleaned, the tiled floors are shiny, and the classrooms are set up and ready. We are excited to welcome our students for their first days of preschool on September 3rd and 4th!



2-day class: 16 students 3-day class: 16 students 4-day class: 19 students NEW 5-day class: 15 students

26 students will use our Before and After School Childcare program throughout the week





PRESCHOOL PRAYER WARRIOR: Will YOU be a "Preschool Prayer Warrior" this year? We invite you to stand in the gap for one of our precious preschoolers by committing to pray for them. These early years are crucial for building faith, their true identity as a child of God, and a sense of love and security. Whether it's a 30-second prayer or a few quiet minutes, your commitment will make a difference. Names can be found on the table in the gathering

area starting Sunday, September 7th. Feel free to take a name and lift up that precious preschool child to our awesome God throughout the year. Together, we can raise a generation rooted in love and faith – one prayer at a time.

CLASSROOM UPDATES: A lot of changes were made in the Preschool wing over the past months, the biggest one being the transformation of a meeting room into a preschool classroom. We are so thankful for the special monetary donations that we received to help us purchase the classroom tables, chairs, shelving units, and other furniture that was needed. We are also very grateful to the Trustees for all of the work they did to help in so many ways.



CONGREGATION OPEN HOUSE: Thank you to everyone who came to our special Open House for the congregation on Sunday, August 31st after the worship services. We appreciate all those who took the time to come and see us!

STAFF TEAM BUILDER: On Tuesday, August 19, the preschool and church staff members met together for lunch and a unique team building opportunity led by Dr. Scott Bautch. Dr. Bautch has worked with hundreds of children, high school and college athletes, and adults to help them understand how their strengths can lead to a positive outlook in the world around them. All staff members took an online "Values in Action" survey which showed each person's strongest character traits. He gave a wonderful presentation, showing each of us our greatest strengths and how we can use them to work together as a part of the preschool and church team. As we already knew, God has put all of us together to make a GREAT TEAM!



We are ready to begin the school year, and as always, we thank the congregation for its continued support!

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director 715-848-5511, ext. 7 cpage@stmarkslcms.org

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The Gathering-Apple Picking

The Gathering will be touring Rock Ridge Orchard on Tuesday, September 23rd.

- Our visit will begin with a welcome and a short talk about apples and how they grow.
- Included with the tour is a wagon ride out to the orchard with your own bag to pick apples (1/4 peck) to take home after the tour.
- Cost: Suggested freewill donation of \$6.
- After our tour, there will be time to explore the orchard.
- Bakery items and apples are available for purchase.
- Rain or shine.
- Please no pets.

We will be carpooling from church to the orchard, leaving at 12:30 pm for our 1 pm tour. Any questions, please contact Linda at (715)297-8605.

Not interested in apple picking, the fellowship hall is available for visit and to play cards. Please join us in the orchard or in the fellowship hall.





In great appreciation to the families of Grace Clark and Sarah Vande Boom, memorial funds were used to purchase two new brass extension acolyte torches.

A new celebration banner has been purchased in recognition of our 75th Church Anniversary. It completes our red festival paraments. The banner features the cross and the Word of God. It proclaims the following about St. Mark's Lutheran Church:

- That we are Christ-centered with Scripture-rooted faith and understanding.
- It is a visual reminder of the gospel message that through Christ's sacrifice (cross), revealed in Scripture (Bible), believers find life, truth, and hope.

This was made possible by the families of Jean Rhyner and Bob Frickenstein through memorial funds. Thank you for your generous support in providing our church with a beautiful new banner and acolyte torches. Your gifts help enhance our worship space and enriches our services. We are truly grateful!

~ Dan Page, Worship Coordinator



9/7 - RALLY DAY (Sunday School opening & parent orientation from 9:15-10:15 am)

9/26 - 9/28 Camp Luther Women's Retreat

10/19 - Polka Service (10:30am) and lunch

11/1 - Service Saturday (9-11am)

11/2 - Trivia Night (doors open at 5:15pm, game at 6:00 pm)

11/9 - Annual Voters' Meeting at 12:00pm

11/13 - FMSC Food Packing Event at Highland Community Church (4-6pm)

11/19 - Hunters' Service and Fellowship beginning at 6:00pm

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Women of St. Mark's

We are ready to kick off our second year of "Meet Me at the Well Mondays!" We are looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Monday, September 15th. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 right in our St. Mark's narthex and sanctuary.

Thank you to all of the women that attended our last year's events. We have had women there of all ages. It is fun to meet new people and share with each other our

walks with Jesus. This year's Bible Study is called "God's Unbreakable Promises". Here is a description:

"With the Bible at our fingertips, we have a story of God's faithfulness right in front of us to show us one example after another of who God is. In this six-session study, we want to walk you through some of the promises and covenants God made with his people to understand more of the story of God and the big picture of his unfailing love for us."

This bible study is not sequential, so if you can't make it one month, you will still be right on track to continue your learning from this series. All women are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend.

"Meet Me at the Well Mondays" are an opportunity for the women of St. Mark's to grow closer to God, fellowship with one another and participate in community service events. If you have any questions, please call Kristen @ 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there.

Future "Meet Me at the Well Monday" Dates:
Monday, October 20, 2025
Monday, November 17, 2025

**3rd annual "Meet Me at the Well Saturday Event": Saturday, March 14th, 2026

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our September study will start with one more name of God, "Word" from <u>Praying the Names of God.</u> As Logos, or "the Word", everything about Jesus speaks to us of God. Jesus, the Word made flesh, is bringing us back to God. In the following weeks, we will shift our focus to the book of Daniel looking at both the historic and prophetic aspects of that book.

We meet Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 2:30 in the Youth Room. You are welcome to join us.

PLEDGING for 2026

To plan next year's budget, we will once again use pledge cards to help with this effort. Attached is a form you can simply fill out, put in an envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL," and return to Kurt Haebig in the Financial Office. We would like these collected by October 20, 2025 to process the numbers in time for the Voter's Meeting on November 9th. We will also have the pledge cards available on the credenza in the Narthex.
(Clip below and return to Kurt Haebig in an envelope)
GIVE BACK TO THE LORD WHO HAS PROVIDED YOU WITH EVERYTHING
After prayerfully considering the question "what amount of my yearly income will I dedicate to the Lord," I have decided: My offering for the work of the Lord at St. Mark's for 2026 will be:
\$ per week \$ per month \$ yearly
This represents an increase over last year Please return by October 20th
Name

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Free Community Grief Seminar

Ben Wolfe --Invited Grief Expert

"How Death Changes a Family through Grief, Loss, and New Beginnings"

Monday, Sept 8th ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn & Suites, 1000 Imperial Ave, Rothschild, WI

For questions call Nan at 715-845-4159

The death of a family member, significant other, relative or friend, changes who we are. It provides us with a new "window" to look through which we have never seen before. It reshapes us. Death, and loss of any kind, reminds us that although we want predictability and control over our lives, neither is guaranteed. This program will examine transitions and what brings them about, the wisdom that comes from exploring our "dark emotions," relearning our world, and will provide strategies to help families and friends who try to cope with the opportunities and struggles in the "journeys of transition."



Thank You to Our Faithful 75th Anniversary Committee!

Thank you to Sue and Ken Berndt, Kim Christensen, Joan Crisman, Julie Henrichs, Lynn Schroeder, Kris Sparks & Julie Waterman.

As I reflect on the joy and blessings of our recent celebration, I pause to offer heartfelt thanks to the dedicated members of the Anniversary Committee. Your time, talents and tireless efforts made this milestone event a true celebration of God's faithfulness and our church's rich history.

From our earliest planning meetings to the final details of the celebration, each of you brought creativity, organization, and a spirit of unity that was evident in every aspect of the event. Whether it was coordinating guest speakers, Living River, outdoor picnic, exquisite quilts, organizing fellowship meals, memory boards or managing logistics — your work was done with excellence and love. Because of your dedication, our church family and guests were able to rejoice together in a meaningful and memorable way. You reminded us all of the strength of community and the power of shared faith.

The worship services on August 10 were very uplifting based on Acts 10. A special thank you to all the musicians, especially Trevor Schultz for singing, "The Lord's Prayer". 180 members/guests enjoyed a delicious meal, fellowship and inspiring words from the late Rev. Paul Eggold's Family, Rev. Jim Wiebel, Rev. Bruce Lamont and Rev. Eric Hauan at Memories Ballroom. We have been blessed with wonderful pastors. May God bless each of you abundantly for the important role you played in honoring our past and celebrating our future.

The celebration continues with acknowledging the ministry and mission of the LWML in worship on Sunday, October 5 and celebrating the Church Triumphant in worship on Sunday, November 2 - All Saint's Day honoring the members over the past 25 years who now rejoice in the presence of our Lord. "Reaching the Lost and Strengthening the Saved"

To God be the glory - today, tomorrow and forever.

Dan Page 75th Anniversary Committee, Chairman September 2025 Page 7

THE MONTH AT A GLAN	CE				Τ	
FINANCIALS						
July 2025						
RECEIPTS		July	,	Year to Date	,	YTD Budget
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$	50,007.46	\$	365,656.58	\$	356,355.40
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$	6,822.00	\$	49,875.90	\$	47,614.60
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$	8,286.08	\$	65,252.69	\$	58.35
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$	355.00	\$	2,658.50	\$	-
OTHER	\$	(208.99)	\$	7,468.96	\$	4,433.35
OUTREACH	\$	585.00	\$	3,995.00	\$	-
PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$	3,617.32	\$	82,571.05	\$	76,583.50
ROOM USE	\$	1,400.00	\$	6,460.00	\$	3,033.35
TOTAL	\$	70,863.87	\$	583,938.68	\$	488,078.55
DISBURSED	1					
COMPENSATION	\$	36,002.92	\$	270,911.04	\$	258,157.92
BENEFIT INSURANCE - Employees	\$	11,700.57	\$	81,310.03	\$	80,581.21
LAY EXPENSES	\$	1,081.42	\$	9,177.49	\$	9,800.05
EVANGELISM	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
STEWARDSHIP	\$	-	\$	2,834.33	\$	-
EDUCATION EXPENSES	\$	1,593.08	\$	8,702.62	\$	9,216.70
PRESCHOOL	\$	268.45	\$	4,406.64	\$	6,451.65
CHRISTIAN CONCERNS	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES	\$	186.76	\$	1,430.59	\$	2,333.35
WORSHIP EXPENSES	\$	706.12	\$	7,806.88	\$	7,583.35
YOUTH	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,449.95
PROPERTIES Misc.	\$	2,589.26	\$	18,759.04	\$	19,716.60
Fuel & Electric		1,993.05	\$	16,979.77	\$	13,125.00
Sanitation	\$	236.99	\$	1,769.93	\$	1,837.50
Snow Plowing	\$	-	\$	13,985.00	\$	9,333.35
Insurance - Wkrs Comp/Property	\$	-	\$	13,675.00	\$	8,750.00
Sewer & Water	\$	-	\$	1,637.30	\$	2,916.65
Church Equipment	\$	2,188.57	\$	2,188.57	\$	2,916.65
MISSIONS	\$	1,767.38	\$	45,316.39	\$	47,613.95
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$	7,719.49	\$	74,140.60	\$	-
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DIFFERENCE	\$	2,829.81	\$	8,907.46	\$	5,294.67
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October MARKINGS Deadline

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

OFFICIAL ACTS— August 2025

Received

Harley & Ashley Krieser, Ivy & Everly Nancy & Doug Janz Matt & Ashley Rhyner, Dawson, Vivian Travis & Kassidy Zernicke

Transfers

Paul & Jackie Duerst Matt & Jody Duranceau

Deaths

Ken Siewert (passed 8/13/205)

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Ladies, you're invited!

Join us this fall at camp for our annual **Women's Retreat**—a weekend of connection, encouragement, and renewal in the beauty of God's creation. This year, we're thrilled to welcome **Jan Struck** as our keynote speaker. She'll be guiding us through the theme of "praying without ceasing," inspired by **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**.

Attention Parents of kids in Kindergarten & 4th Grade

Please plan on attending Rally Day as your child will be receiving their Bible that day.

SEPTEMBER 2025

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Sun	Cable Channel 980 <u>Worship Times:</u> Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am			7 Rally Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 9:15 Youth Programs / Parent Orientation 10:30 Worship	14 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Study 10:30 Worship		21 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs /	Bible Study 10:30 Worship	28 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Study 10:30 Worship
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F.		5 Jean Vacation OFFICE CLOSED First day of before /	Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	12 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	19	Family Day	Markings Deadline No Preschool	Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	NOTE: The church calendar changes frequently. For the most current version, please reference the calendar on the website (www.stmarkswausau.org) under the About Us tab.
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September 2025 - Volunteer Calendar

	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller				Traditional	
Group 2	Rita Woller, Scott Michaelson	Conner Anklam	John Kelly	Nancy Kowalski, John Kelly	10:30 am	
	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt				Traditional	
Group 1	Tom & Judy Mueller	Jacob Emon	Judy Mueller	Tom & Judy Mueller	8 am	September 28
	Wafers: Pastor				Contemporary	
Group 9	Scott Werner	Michael Deedon	Pastor	Henry Jennejohn	6 pm	September 24
	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller				Contemporary	
Group 2	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson	Conner Anklam	Rachel Olson	Michelle Molinare	10:30 am	
	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt				Contemporary	
Group 1	Pam Fromm, Ruth Tritten	Derek Emon	Kurt Schemenauer	Kurt & Carla Haebig	8 am	September 21
	Wafers: Pastor				Contemporary	
Group 9	Scott Werner	Nick Schoch	Pastor	Henry Jennejohn	6 pm	September 17
	Wafers: Pastor, John Woller				Contemporary	
Group 2	Rita Woller, Scott Michaelson	Conner Anklam	Rachel Olson	Rod & Jan Werner	10:30 am	
	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt				Contemporary	
Group 1	David Sargent, Janet Herring	TBD	David Sargent	Todd Krause, Larry White	8 am	September 14
	Wafers: Pastor				Traditional	
Group 9	Scott Werner	Brandon & Kyle Uttech	Pastor	Henry Jennejohn	6 pm	September 10
	Wafers: Pastor, Michael Tatman				Traditional	
Group 2	Rachel Olson,	Michael Deedon	Pastor	Michelle Molinare	10:30 am	Rally Day
	Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt				Traditional	
Group 1	Amy Smet, Janet Herring	Kory Page	Pastor	Jae & Gwen Loiz	8 am	September 7
	Wafers: Pastor				Contemporary	
Group 9	Scott Werner	Nick Schoch	Pastor	Henry Jennejohn	6:00 pm	September 3
USHERS	COMMUNION	MULTIMEDIA	READERS	GREETERS	TIME	DATE

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Schultz, Sue Berndt

USHERS: Group 1 - Ken Berndt - Lead, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon Group 9 - Henry Jennejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Mike Henrichs, Tim Klopstein Group 2 - Tyler Woller - Lead, Roger Block, Brad Peck, Jim Wilkerson