



The MARKINGS



HISTORY OF ST. MARK'S...continued

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1/30/2005: The winter meeting of the congregation was held and the agenda included the new proposed St. Mark's constitution and 2005 budget.

2/9/2005: Ash Wednesday began "40 Days Of Passion" for our Lenten journey this year.

5/17/2005: The Preschool children sang on Preschool Sunday as parents and children joined us for worship to celebrate and praise God for His blessing on St. Mark's Preschool.

6/26/2005: VBS Sunday when helpers and leaders were thanked and the children sang. Theme: "Serengeti Trek - where kids are wild about God"

8/14/2005: Outdoor polka worship and church picnic

9/11/2005: Our Rally Day Theme was "Making a connection with Jesus." We kicked off many adult Bible studies including: "Taking a stand -- a Reformation in Christian Living" with Bill Metter, "Renewing the Family Spirit" with Dan Kohn, and "Genesis" with Pastor Bruce.

12/3/2005: The Youth Ministry presented its annual spaghetti dinner -- silent auction, craft and bake sale with proceeds going to help St. Mark's youth attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Orlando, FL.

1/8/2006: St. Mark's kicked off 40 days of community to learn how we are "Better Together" in the body of Christ, by watching the pre-campaign kick-off satellite message presented by Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose Driven Life."

5/7/2006: The Youth/Education survey results were shared in the Markings. Overall, 40 of 42 parents (95%) and 40 of 45 students (89%) agreed that Sunday School was going well. For Midweek, 32 of 38 parents (84%) and 40 of 43 students (93%) agreed or strongly agreed that Midweek was going well.

5/25/2006: Voters' Assembly adopted revised Constitution & By-Laws.

6/3/2006: The St. Mark's High School youth went on a paint-ball outing to Hillcrest Paintball Fields in Kennan, WI.

7/16/2006: A service of thanksgiving and praise to God, as we welcomed Bill Messerschmidt to be our new music director. A reception was held after the service to welcome Bill, Millie & Kristen.

8/13/2006: Vicar Chris Asbury was inducted as Vicar at St. Mark's. After the service, a reception was held to welcome Vicar Chris, Kelly & Becca.

8/20/2006: An outdoor worship service was held and enjoyable polka music was supplied by Jim Pekol and his band. Our annual church picnic, hosted by the fellowship ministry, followed the service where everyone enjoyed delicious food and fellowship and games.

9/10/2006: Rally Day focus was "Jesus is the way to go." Dan Kohn led a Bible study for parents during midweek called "Practical Parenting in a Puzzling World," that started on 9/13/06.

9/24/2006: High school fall kick off was held at Tim & Wendy Goffin's.

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*Ken & Sue Berndt in
honor of their 45th
wedding anniversary*

*Thank
You*

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The quilt-making process is in high gear at St Marks. We had 5 sessions in September and we meet in October on the 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th. A supply of quilt batting has been ordered. Thanks go to Thrivent for the grants that cover that expense. It is a huge blessing. Finished quilts are stored on the shelves in Kurt's office. Our progress is already apparent.

It takes much planning and commitment to produce quilts. We enjoy great fellowship and a sense of purpose. There is a variety of jobs that need to be done, some at home on your timeline. Want to join in the fun? Contact Joan Crisman at 715-573-9801.

All glory to God. The Holy Spirit is at work here.

Come Celebrate with us - Polka Style!

Join us for a joyful and spirit-filled Polka Worship Service - a unique blend of music and community. Whether you're a longtime polka fan or just love uplifting worship, there's something waiting for you: featuring the Jim Pekol Band.

10:30am Sunday, October 12 ~ 11:30am free will fried chicken luncheon

Note date change

Please consider signing up to bring a dessert to share. All our welcome!

Facilitator: Dan Page, Worship Coordinator



"To dance is fine, but to polka is divine!"

The Gathering – The Fromm Brothers Fur and Ginseng Farm

The Marathon County Historical Society will present a talk about The Fromm Brothers Fur and Ginseng Farm on **Tuesday, October 28th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

A neighbor showed the Fromm brothers how to recognize ginseng. From this beginning, the brothers pioneered ginseng farming. Using their profits from ginseng, they began silver fox and mink farming, becoming the largest fur farm in the United States. Join us to learn their story, and its impact on Marathon County.

Before and after the presentation, there will be time for conversation and cards. Light refreshments will follow the presentation.



LWML: Lutheran Women in Mission is the place where each woman is welcomed & encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts, as she supports global missions & serves the Lord with gladness. Bible studies, devotions, & faith-building resources are available. You can minister to the people of the world through Mite Box mission offerings. You make a difference! Your offerings & prayers bring Jesus' love & hope to people in need, in our neighborhoods & around the world. **Bring your coins, bills, & checks to put in the large Mite Box, anytime in the narthex, but especially on LWML Sunday, October 5th.**

By God's grace, together we accomplish: Christian outreach & human care projects in more than 71 countries on 5 continents. More than \$2 million is raised, every 2 years, for missions. North Wisconsin District of the LWML gives grants totaling \$120,000 every 2 years.

Since 1942, as LWML, Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, & equip women to honor God, by serving others.



St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool

"News and Highlights"



A GREAT START! The school year is off to a great start! The staff and students have settled nicely into their daily routines. Our September units included apples, construction, insects and bugs, Curious George, the jungle, and the farm. And of course, our students have been learning lots of Bible stories and songs, too.



THANK YOU: Special thanks to Kris Sparks for being the hostess at our Parent Coffee Hours on the first days of school. Thank you for the time spent preparing and for being a friendly face and creating a welcoming place for our parents! Many thanks also to Dennis Wald for several miscellaneous projects that he completed for us! You are greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S COMING UP: This month, the students will be learning about fall, leaves, pumpkins, woodland animals, and fire safety. Each class will take a field trip to Wilke's Farm where we will go on a hayride, pick a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, find our way through the corn maze, and enjoy the outdoor play equipment. At the end of this month, we will welcome our families to come and see a "Costume Parade", where the students will share some songs and fingerplays, all dressed up in their favorite costumes.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE: With the addition of our new 5-day class this year, we are blessed to have 64 students enrolled in our preschool class sessions for the 2025-2026 school year. Our Before and After School Childcare Program is being used by 26 students. We are thankful for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these students and families!



PRESCHOOL PRAYER WARRIORS: Thank you to everyone who took an envelope and is being a "Preschool Prayer Warrior" for one of our preschool students this year. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

PRESCHOOL STAFF: We have such a great team of lead teachers and teaching assistants who create fun, engaging activities for our students each day! This year's staff includes Mrs. Arneson, Ms. Bartelt, Mrs. Berens, Ms. Carla, Mrs. Cornelius, Mrs. Kropp, Mrs. Page, and Mrs. Schreier. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we love and nurture our preschoolers and share Jesus' love with them throughout the year.



STATE LICENSING VISIT: You may or may not know that our Preschool and Childcare Program is state-licensed through the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. We have a large binder of rules with which we must comply. The state licensing agents may show up for a visit at any time. On September 23rd, they visited our facility, and I am pleased to inform the congregation that once again "no administrative code violations were observed during this visit". This means that our hard work is paying off, and that we are doing a great job being sure all of the state licensing rules are being followed each day.

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

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director
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Happy Fall Y'all!



All Saints' Day – A Time to Remember

Sunday, November 2nd

As we celebrate All Saints' Day, we pause to remember and give thanks for the lives of the faithful who have gone before us, specifically over the past 25 years. This special day will honor our beloved congregation members who now rest in God's eternal peace. We carry their memory in our hearts, and we give thanks for the legacy of faith, love, and service they have left behind. May their example continue to inspire us in our walk with Christ.

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." – Hebrews 12:1

Join together to lift up your praises and celebrate the hope we share in the resurrection. The services will resound with great hymns of the Church Triumphant, with brass, strings, choirs, and special recognition of past charter members.

"Reaching the Lost, Strengthening the Saved!"

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

Dan Page

Worship Coordinator

All Saints Day ~ November 2, 2025

St. Mark's has a tradition of hanging stars in our sanctuary on All Saints Day to honor those who have passed away. The basket containing these stars will be located on the table in the Narthex. Write the name of the person you would like to remember, and anything else you wish, on the star. You are welcome to fill out as many as you need.

All stars must be returned by October 27th to give us time to hang them up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Christensen (715-574-6759) or Blaine Welch.



Empty Bowls Community Event

Join us for a heartwarming afternoon filled with local flavor, creativity, and community connection at the 17th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser! Set against the stunning backdrop of fall colors at Granite Peak's Sundance Chalet, this cherished annual event brings people together to support a vital cause. A signature event of The Neighbors' Place, Empty Bowls helps sustain food and basic needs assistance programming for individuals and families across North Central Wisconsin.

Sundance Chalet at Granite Peak
227200 Snowbird Ave, Wausau, WI 54401
Sunday, October 12th from Noon to 4 PM

This event is FREE and for ALL ages!

THE MONTH AT A GLANCE			
FINANCIALS			
August 2025			
RECEIPTS	August	Year to Date	YTD Budget
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$ 49,305.09	\$ 414,961.67	\$ 407,263.32
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$ 6,726.00	\$ 56,601.90	\$ 54,416.68
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 13,303.32	\$ 78,556.01	\$ 66.68
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 375.00	\$ 3,033.50	\$ -
OTHER	\$ 917.00	\$ 8,385.96	\$ 5,066.68
OUTREACH	\$ 610.00	\$ 4,605.00	\$ -
PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$ 4,475.22	\$ 87,046.27	\$ 87,524.00
ROOM USE	\$ 300.00	\$ 6,760.00	\$ 3,466.68
TOTAL	\$ 76,011.63	\$ 659,950.31	\$ 557,804.04
DISBURSED			
COMPENSATION	\$ 39,615.92	\$ 310,527.16	\$ 295,037.65
BENEFIT INSURANCE - Employees	\$ 11,351.80	\$ 92,661.63	\$ 92,092.83
LAY EXPENSES	\$ 1,792.67	\$ 10,970.16	\$ 11,200.04
EVANGELISM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ 2,834.33	\$ -
EDUCATION EXPENSES	\$ 459.46	\$ 9,162.08	\$ 10,533.36
PRESCHOOL	\$ 1,057.07	\$ 5,463.71	\$ 7,373.32
CHRISTIAN CONCERNS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 1,430.59	\$ 2,666.68
WORSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 1,536.23	\$ 9,343.11	\$ 8,666.68
YOUTH	\$ 125.85	\$ 125.85	\$ 2,799.96
PROPERTIES Misc.	\$ 171.77	\$ 18,930.41	\$ 22,533.28
Fuel & Electric	\$ 2,177.57	\$ 19,157.34	\$ 15,000.00
Sanitation	\$ 347.99	\$ 2,117.92	\$ 2,100.00
Snow Plowing	\$ -	\$ 13,985.00	\$ 10,666.68
Insurance - Wkrs Comp/Property	\$ 2,997.00	\$ 16,672.00	\$ 10,000.00
Sewer & Water	\$ -	\$ 1,637.30	\$ 3,333.32
Church Equipment	\$ 10,610.00	\$ 12,798.97	\$ 3,333.32
MISSIONS	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 46,416.39	\$ 54,415.96
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$ 11,292.98	\$ 85,433.58	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 84,636.31	\$ 659,667.53	\$ 551,753.08
DIFFERENCE	\$ (8,624.68)	\$ 282.78	\$ 6,050.96

Con't from front page

10/8/2006: Pastor Bruce gave a special introduction to the new LCMS Lutheran Service Book (LSB) in the sanctuary to give members the opportunity to get acquainted with our new hymnal.

1/7/2007: St. Mark's launched 50 days Ablaze to learn how to better share our faith.

2/9/2007: Youth Quake was held at the WI Dells at Chula Vista resort and indoor water park.

4/29/2007: A special voter's meeting was held and the Call Committee presented an Associate Pastor job description it had developed and the congregation was asked to vote on whether to proceed with the call process.

5/27/2007: The voter's assembly was held where items on the agenda included electing the call committee for calling an associate Pastor.

6/5/2007: Ministry leaders were trained on how to use St. Mark's new web site.

6/24/2007: VBS Sunday, theme: "Avalanche Ranch"

8/19/2007: The congregation is asked by the Call Committee to fill out Associate Pastor Nomination forms for calling an Associate pastor from the field as the call committee pursues both avenues; calling from the field and a new seminary graduate.

8/19/2007: Outdoor polka worship service and church picnic.

8/26/2007: Vicar Steve Newberg was installed and a reception was given after the service to welcome Vicar Steve.

10/10/2007: Captive Free concert.

10/12/2007: Hayride and bonfire at Roger & Helen Prochnow's.

10/21/2007: Pastor Ray Wilke, founder of Orphan Grain Train preached at worship services and then in the afternoon he shared about the ministry of OGT in the fellowship hall with his topic, "Then & Now." St. Mark's has a group of dedicated workers that pack almost every Monday morning year round in the OGT garage of the church.

11/16/2007: 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. \$145 was donated for the Buck Board to support OGT.

12/2/2007: The Gospel Quartet, Living River helped lead worship services as we welcomed new members into the congregation and a reception was held in their honor between the services.

12/9/2007: The choirs and instrumentalists graciously shared their gifts and talents at the Choral Service.

12/16/2007: The Sunday School children and teachers helped us praise and announce the birth of our Lord and King at our children's service, a pageant that was written and directed by Rachel Olson.

12/16/2007: The call committee report was given in the bulletin on its work towards calling a second Pastor. They reviewed the information on 16 pastors given to us by the District President and names from our members. 3 were identified that the committee felt would be a good fit for St. Mark's but when contacted by the circuit counselor, none of them were interested in leaving their current position. The call committee agreed not to pursue a field call but would instead concentrate on a seminary call. The District President has notified the seminary in St. Louis of our intent to pursue a seminary call. In addition, we have been in contact with the Director of Placement at Concordia and provided him with information on the congregation and the Associate Pastor job description. By early January, the seminary will identify 3 or 4 candidates they think will be a good fit for St. Mark's and provide the call committee with information on each of these students. The call committee will review this information and conduct preliminary phone interviews. Later in January, 5 members of the call committee, including Pastor Bruce will travel to St. Louis to interview the candidates. After the interview process has been completed about mid-February, we will bring a recommendation to the Voters assembly. So again, continue to keep this process in your prayers.



Son-Shine Bible Study

Our study of the book of Daniel will continue this month. Insights have been gained into the character of Daniel, the plans God had for him, and how this applies to us. Our next studies will be:

- October 1: Daniel 3 – Bow or Burn!
- October 8: Daniel 4 – Our God Reigns!
- October 15: Daniel 5 – The Handwriting on the Wall
- October 22: Daniel 6 – On the Menu at the Lions' Club
- October 29: Daniel 7 – A Prophetic Panorama

We meet in the Youth Room from 1:00 – 2:30. Study guides are available in class and bring your Bible or Study Bible along if you'd like. All are welcome.

VBS Haiti Update

All glory to God! Bethanie St. Louis and her team were again able to share the message of Jesus through their VBS program on September 4 and 5. In addition to sending photos of the children wearing the dresses and shorts that we had sent, they surprised us by also wearing t-shirts wishing St. Mark's a 'Joyeux' 75th Anniversary! How thoughtful! This connection has been such a blessing over the past 10+ years. We are grateful that it was safe enough to host VBS again and we look forward to making more dresses, shorts, and back packs in November. Bethanie will send us a full report the end of this month.



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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September 2025 Official Acts

TO BE RECEIVED

*Jonathan & Kiersten **Fricke**, Oliver
Jesse & Tiernee **Loiz**, Barrett
Ryan & Alyssa **Springer**, Everly & Waylon
Travis & Kassidy **Zernicke**, Kelsie*

DEATHS

*Ken Siewert – passed away 8/13/2025
Sharon Jagler—passed away 9/4/2025*

TRANSFER / RELEASED

*Matt & Jody Duranceau
Paul & Jackie Duerst
Luke & Tracie Schultz, Max, Ryker*

BAPTISMS

*Carson Leurquin (9/21/2025)
Abigail Riley Clawson (10/8/2025)
Isabelle Mary Swanson (10/8/2025)*

November MARKINGS Deadline

Articles and announcements for the November MARKINGS are due by **October 24 at 10am**. Thank you!



Celebration Choir

Rehearsals:

Thursday, October 23 & 30
6:00-6:30pm

Wausau
Symphony

Band

Sunday October 26th, 3 PM
First Presbyterian Church,
Wausau WI

OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cable Channel 980 Worship Times: Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am		Emergency Contact Oct 2 - 4 Pastor Peter Williamson 805-551-9148	1 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation	2 9:00 Genesis Bible Study 5:00 P.E.W. Sisters	3 Office Closed @ Noon 5:00 wedding rehearsal	4 Sanctuary rented for Wedding
5 LWML Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Study 10:30 Worship (Prek-5th gr singing)	6 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Dartball	7 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	8 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation	9 9:00 Genesis Bible Study 5:30 New Member Class	10 Jean Vacation Office Closed @ Noon 5:00 wedding rehearsal	11 Baby shower in Fellowship Hall
12 Blaine Vacation 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Study w/guest speaker 10:30 Polka Service 11:30 Potluck Lunch	13 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Mtg 7:00 Band of Brothers	14 6:30 MIA Bible Study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Quilting	15 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation	16 9:00 Genesis Bible Study 5:00 P.E.W. Sisters 5:30 New Member Class 6:30 Mark's Men	Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	18 10:00 - 4:00
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12:00 Town Hall mtg.	20 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Meet Me at the Well Women's Ministry	21 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting	22 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 HS Youth NO Midweek or Confirmation	23 9:00 Genesis Bible Study 5:30 New Member Class 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:00 Celebration Choir 6:30 Mark's Men	24 Markings Deadline No Preschool Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	25
26 REFORMATION New Member Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Study 10:30 Worship	27 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists P. Eric @ Camp Luther	28 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 12:30 The Gathering	29 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation	30 9:00 Genesis Bible Study 6:00 Celebration Choir	31 Jean Vacation Office Closed @ Noon Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	1 9am-11am Service Saturday



October 2025 - Volunteer Calendar

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READER	MULTIMEDIA	COMMUNION	USHERS/ACOLYTE
October 1	6:00 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Zach Sargent	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
October 5 LWML Sunday	8 am	Carol Leopold, Carol Haftemmann, Jeanette Utech	Judy Mueller	Jacob Emon	Ruth Tritten, Judy Mueller Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 4
	10:30 am	Darwin & Deb Kufahl	Rachel Olson	Nick Schoch	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 3
Sunday School Sings						
October 8	6:00 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Blaine Welch	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
October 12	8 am	Ella Holmes	Leon Woller	Nick Schoch	No Communion	Group 4
	10:30 am	Jan Mann	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	No Communion	Group 3
Polka Service						
October 15	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Brandon & Kyle Uttech	No Communion	Group 9
October 19	8 am	Linda Jablonski	Pastor	Derek Emon	Ginny Kottke, Ruth Tritten Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 4
	10:30 am	Zuelke Family	Pastor	Michael Deedon	Rachel Olson, Janet Herring Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 3
October 22	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Zach Sargent	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
October 26 Reformation Day	8 am	Pulham Family	Katelyn Pulham	Nick Schoch	Amy Smet, Janet Herring Wafers: Pastor, Michael Tateman	Group 4
	10:30 am	Carissa Lada	Rachel Olson	Tyler Woller	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 3
October 29	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Emon	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Berndt, Ruth Tritten

USHERS: Group 3 - John Woller - Lead, Dale Vande Boom

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

Group 9 - Henry Jennejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Mike Henrichs, Tim Klopstein