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September 14, 2025
Buck the Trend:
Biblical Literacy

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Gracious and holy God,

C **We come before You humbly, acknowledging that we have neglected Your Word. We confess that we have not always sought its guidance. We pray for wisdom and discernment. Forgive us for allowing distractions and busyness of life to keep us from reading Your Word. Forgive our apathy, excuses and pride. Cleanse us of our sins and renew a desire in us to know You more deeply.**

P Lord, thank you for Your mercy. Your patience and the gift of Scripture. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Thanks be God! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

SONG OF PRAISE: *"Build My Life"*

VIDEO: *"The Word of God Is"*

FIRST READING: Hebrews 4:12-13

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: John 20:24-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE'S CREED

SERMON SONG: "Word Is Alive"

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING

RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please indicate if you are a member or visitor in the Rite of Friendship books and if you will be joining us for Holy Communion. **If visiting please leave us a means to contact you as we would love to follow up with you.**)*

INSTALLATION OF SERVANT OF THE CONGREGATION

Matt Rhyner - Praise Band Coordinator

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share this belief and practice, please join us in celebrating the meal of God's family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.).

COMMUNION SONGS:

"O Come To The Altar"

"Jesus Paid It All"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Forever Reign"

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Bob & Mary Schultz in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary on September 4th.

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Ella Holmes, Anne Raduechel, Raphael Klein, Jack Klein, Marie Borchardt, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, Erv Boehm, husband of Clarice, Grace Kobs, Mary Utecht-Johnson, Dick Wick, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Ginger Quaderer, Linda Graebel, Kristina Klein & Lilly Pikorz, Lizzy Marciniak, Barb Langbecker, Brad Kankelfitz, Angela Peterson, prayers for continued healing for Gloria Hauan, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Audrey Wilde.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Jerry Sams, Aissen Witter, Tracie Wills, Roger Baumgart, father of Lisa Peck, Rick Schultz, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Rich Klein.

Military Service - SSG Mitchell Fromm, deployed overseas with the Wisconsin National Guard.

Grieving: family of Sharon Jagler, mother of Barb Reynolds and family of Bill Messerschmidt.

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. 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.

Come Hear Pastor James Kollie Share His Story

On **Sunday, October 5**, St. Mark’s welcomes Pastor James Kollie of *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School* in Cotton Tree, Liberia.

Pastor Kollie has an incredible story of faith and perseverance. Twice displaced by civil war and forced into refugee camps, he went on to start his own church and school, which last year educated nearly 400 students. He and his wife have raised four biological children, two adopted children, and nine others who lost their parents.

This past year, Pastor Kollie was overwhelmingly elected Bishop/President of the Lutheran Church of Liberia. He will also share how Orphan Grain Train has helped support his congregation, school, community, and beyond — meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

Join us October 5 to hear his powerful testimony and learn how God is working in Liberia!

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.



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**

Children Worship Bags are essential to providing quiet activities and learning faith based concepts through crafts to our littlest members during worship services. Joan Crisman and Barb Reynolds have generously made 15 more new bags. Also, a special "thank you" to Barb Reynolds who has supplied all the materials and filled the bags for many years. Their ministry is very much appreciated. Please thank them.

~ Dan Page, Worship Coordinator



Celebration of Life

Celebrating Survivors • Supporting Fighters • Honoring Memories

Saturday, September 20th • Marathon Park, Wausau

Family Fun • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Bounce Houses ~ Face Painting ~ Petting Zoo ~ Children's Concert
Pickleball Tournament ~ Car & Bike Show

Remembrance Service • 6:00 PM

Join us for a heartfelt prayer service and the reading of names of loved ones lost to cancer.

Contact: Ted Hartke - 715-409-1302 • admin@extrainnings-wi.com

Volunteers Needed!

Help us make this special day possible. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Ted.

Celebration Choir/Mark's Men

Joining your church's music ministry is a wonderful way to serve, grow spiritually, and connecting to a community.

October Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, Oct. 23 & 30; 6:00-6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Mark's Men: a group of men who love to sing hymns. Sing seasonally. Additional members are always welcome. No audition necessary.

October Rehearsals: Thursday, Oct. 16 & 23; 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Contact Dan Page, Choral Director danpage671@yahoo.com; 715-921-0404

Upcoming Adult Bible Study ~ 9:15-10:15

1 Corinthians

September 14th

Regrets, Reality, Restoration

September 21st, 28th ~ October 5th – Guest Speaker ~ October 12th (guest speaker 1st half), 19th

Book of Ecclesiastes

Starting November 2nd

Looking for a short term, great way to serve? The Men In Action are looking for seven volunteers, Men and women, to help register and serve two meals at the Wausau/Marathon County Shelter located at the First United Methodist Church in Wausau. The two dates are: Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 21st, from 6-9 p.m. Please contact Adam Wurz (715-581-5708), Lee Belmas (725-551-7394), or Jean Drake in the church office (715-845-5511) if you can help us out. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our study began with the historical framework of the book of Daniel and how God is at work in human history. As our sovereign God, we know everything is planned and permitted by God. This week we will focus on *Daniel 2:1-30 'A Disturbing Dream'* which demonstrates God's faithfulness to us in times of personal crisis.

We meet on Wednesday, 1:00-2:30, in the Youth Room. Books are available in class and bring your Bible along if you'd like. All are welcome.

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Secretary/Administrator/Assistant to help support the ministry of our congregation for 10-12 hours a week.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation or sign / agree to statement of faith of Rib Mountain Lutheran Church.
2. Good typing skills with accuracy.
3. Strong computer skills (MS Windows, Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
4. Proficiency in the use of standard office tools (computer, copy machine, etc.).
5. Strong organizational skills.
6. Have excellent command of English composition and punctuation.

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

To assist with office functions as needed and also to coordinate volunteer support for church activities. Some Trustee responsibilities may be part of this job.

For more details and to apply, please respond to Randy Roerig or Randy Hahn at rmlcwausau@gmail.com or the church office at 715-845-2313.

St. Mark's Scoop

September 14-21, 2025

Sun, Sept 14	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship
Mon, Sept 15	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Meeting 7:00 Meet Me at the Well Monday
Tues, Sept 16	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Call Committee meeting
Wed, Sept 17	1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation
Thurs, Sept 18	9:00 Book of Genesis Bible Study 5:00 PEW Sisters 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Sept 19	<hr/> Pastor & Blaine's Family Day <hr/>
Sat, Sept 20	
Sun, Sept 21	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship

We would love for you to become a part of our vibrant community at St. Mark's. If you're looking for a place to grow in your faith, connect with others, and serve the community, then there are plenty of opportunities for you here.

Come join us for a service, learn more about our church, and discover how you can get involved. We welcome all who are seeking to deepen their spiritual journey and connect with a loving church family.

We look forward to welcoming you!

If you would like to become a member prior to the class, please reach out to Pastor Eric at 715-848-5511, ext. 2.

[\(Our next New Member classes are October 9th, 16th & 23rd at 5:30pm\)](#)

For information on ALL **St Mark's** ministry opportunities, visit

stmarkswausau.org

or scan this code for our ministry catalog



Genesis Bible Study — Part I **September 18 - November 6**

Pastor Gary & Dan Mansk (who has 40+ years in Lutheran teaching) will be having a Bible study on the book of Genesis on Thursday mornings from 9am – 10am in the Fellowship hall. If you are interested in attending, please let the office know so we are prepared with materials. Walk-ins are always welcome! Please bring your Bible.

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