

600 Stevens Drive • Wausau, WI 54401 • 715-848-5511
www.stmarkswausau.org



September 7, 2025
Buck the Trend:
Worship Attendance

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
(LSB 549 vs 1-3, 6, 7)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P We confess together:

C **Lord, I know the importance of gathering together in faith – not just for personal growth, but also to support and be part of this family of faith. Life’s busyness is not excuse, and I take full responsibility for allowing other distractions to take priority. I confess that I need Your forgiveness. I want to make changes in my life out of love and reverence for God. Help me to desire to be more connected spiritually and with this church family.**

P In the Name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins. God is gracious and abounding in steadfast love. May the Holy Spirit renew your heart, strengthen your faith and draw you even closer to the presence of God in worship and the fellowship of His people.

C **Amen.**

LUTHER’S SMALL CATECHISM LESSON

P What is the Third Commandment?

C **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

P When do we sin against the Third Commandment? How is this done?

C **When we despise preaching and the Word of God – when we do not attend public worship and when we do not use the written Word of God and the Sacraments.**

P A lesson from Psalms 26:8 and Colossians 3:16 –

C **“Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.” “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: *Bible Presentation and Blessing of the Backpacks*

HYMN: “We Praise You, O God” (LSB 785)

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 2:1-4

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

VIDEO: "Why We Worship"

SERMON

SERMON RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone"

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.**)*

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 HYMNS:

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (LSB 821)

“Jesus Loves Me” (LSB 588)

“Blessed Assurance”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Christ the Eternal Lord” (LSB 829 vs 2 & 4)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by Anne Raduechel in memory of her daughter, Samantha Raduechel.

BRASS

Chad Premeau, trumpeter ~ Becky Woller, trumpeter ~ Frank Slembariski, trombone ~ John Rhyner, tuba

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.

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.

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

The Gathering - Apple Picking

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

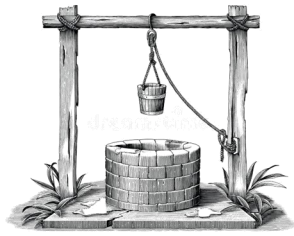
- Our visit will begin with a welcome and a short talk about apples and how they grow.
- Included with the tour is a wagon ride out to the orchard with your own bag to pick apples (1/4 peck) to take home after the tour.
- Cost: Suggested freewill donation of \$6.
- After our tour, there will be time 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**

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.

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."

North WI District Adult Gathering

October 14, 2025

Registration & Morning
Refreshments—9:30 a.m.

Opening—10:00 a.m.

Lunch—Noon

Closing—2:30 p.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
6205 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476



The cost is \$35, which covers morning refreshments, program, and a catered lunch. Rev. Dr. Dan Paavola will share a message based on his book, *Our Way Home: A Journey through the Lord's Prayer*.

Registration Deadline: September 26th

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:15-10:15

1 Corinthians

September 7th & 14th

Regrets, Reality, Restoration

September 21st, 28th

October 5th – Guest Speaker

October 12th (guest speaker 1st half), 19th

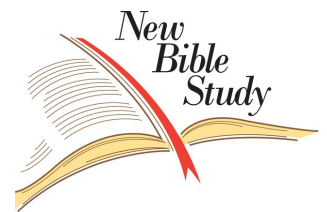
Book of Ecclesiastes

Starting November 2nd

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.



Son-Shine Bible Study

There is more to Daniel than the lion's den... a lot more. Dig deeper with us this week as we begin our 12-week study of the book of Daniel. Even in the middle of a national catastrophe, Daniel resisted compromise because of his relationship to the sovereign God. Learn with us as we strive to apply this obedience in our own lives.

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 in the Youth Room. Study guides are available in class and bring your Bible or Study Bible along if you'd like. All are welcome.

St. Mark's Scoop

September 7-14, 2025

Sun, Sept 7	Rally Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 9:15 Youth Programs Parent Orientation 10:30 Worship
Mon, Sept 8	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Band of Brothers
Tues, Sept 9	6:30 MIA Bible study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Ladies Guild meeting
Wed, Sept 10	1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation Starts
Thurs, Sept 11	_____
Fri, Sept 12	Pastor & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Sept 13	Kuss / Pfantz wedding & reception
Sun, Sept 14	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 9:15 Youth Programs Parent Orientation 10:30 Worship

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

stmarkswausau.org



or scan this code for our ministry catalog

Starting TODAY



**BUCK THE
TREND
Sermon Series**

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)

Pastor Hauan / Senior Pastor:

715-848-5511 Ext 2 or
PEHauan@stmarkslcms.org

Blaine Welch / Dir. of Ministry Operations:

715-848-5511 Ext 3 or
bwelch@stmarkslcms.org

Jean Drake / Admin. Assistant:

715-848-5511 Ext 1 or
jdrake@stmarkslcms.org

Kurt Haebig / Financial Manager:

715-848-5511 Ext 4 or
khaebig@stmarkslcms.org

Cathy Page / Preschool Director:

715-848-5511 Ext. 7 or
cpage@stmarkslcms.org

Janet Herring / Vol. Coordinator:

715-302-1106
jherringwi@gmail.com

Matt Rhyner / Praise Team Coordinator

715-551-0975
matthew.rhyner@gmail.com

Dan Page / Worship Coordinator

715-921-0404
danpage671@yahoo.com