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October 5, 2025
Buck the Trend:
Overall Screentime

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: "Reckless Love"

INVOCATION

(8:00) BAPTISM

Barrett Wallace Loiz

son of Jesse & Tiernee Loiz

(10:30) BAPTISM

Kelsie Lou Zernicke

daughter of Travis & Cassidy Zernicke

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(10:30) SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 39:4-7

"O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!"

"And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:6-16

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED

VIDEO: “Following Jesus”

SERMON

SONG RESPONSE: “Gracefully Broken”

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.**)*

LWML RECOGNITION

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:

“Holy Forever”

“The Blessing”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *“Graves Into Gardens”*

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is in honor of LWML

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, Terri Kankelfitz, Angela Peterson, prayers for continued healing for Gloria Hauan, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Audrey Wilde, Cindy Barton for healing of broken leg, Nan Zastrow for health issues, Judy Young for a broken hip, Elaine Klockziem.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Bartelt, 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.

We are grateful to the LWML for their faithful work and generous service, which blesses both our church and communities near and far.

Come Hear Pastor James Kollie Share His Story [TODAY!](#)

St. Mark’s welcomes Pastor James Kollie of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Liberia.

Twice displaced by civil war, Pastor Kollie went on to found a church and school that now serves nearly 400 students. He and his wife have opened their home to 15 children, and this past year he was elected Bishop/President of the Lutheran Church of Liberia.

Come hear his powerful testimony and how God is using Orphan Grain Train to bless lives in Liberia and beyond.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School invites you to two fun community events this October!

- **School Carnival Fundraiser** – [TODAY from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.](#) in the Gymnasium. Join us for food, fun, games, and prizes!
- **Trunk or Treat** – [Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.](#) in the Trinity parking lot. Wear your Halloween best as families deck out their cars and hand out sweet treats. Costumes should be family-friendly.

Everyone in the community is welcome—we hope to see you there!

Hager House News

Color Run

The Hager House Color Run 2025 was held at Doepke Park, Saturday morning, September 13th. The goal of the event was to raise money to support the Hager House mission of freeing single mothers from cycles of crisis through a Christ-centered community. Year 2025 was a record year for the 5K run/walk with approximately 225 participants, plus 55-60 participants from My Team Triumph and Trail Blazers. A final profit number is not currently available as all invoices for various expenses have not been submitted. A huge "thank you" to everyone from St. Marks that supported the Color Run.

Legacy Wall

The Legacy Wall Campaign, which launched in early 2025, supports the expansion of the Hager House with two new buildings designed to enhance safety, provide transitional housing and support program growth. The campaign remains active and 68% of the goal has been reached. A \$5,000 contribution will be recognized by a framed photograph of a mom you wish to honor on the legacy wall. A \$1,000 donation will be recognized by an engraved nameplate on the legacy wall. Donations of any dollar amount are appreciated. For additional information, please visit the website: <https://thehagarhouse.org> or call The Hager House at 715-298-9994.

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

Join Our Worship Team!



WE WANT YOU

We're looking for semi experienced musicians to help lead worship: male singers, lead female singers, and acoustic/electric guitarists. We're also looking for someone to run the sound board at our 10:30 service. If you have a passion for worship and some background in performing, we'd love for you to share your gifts!

Interested? Contact Matt Rhyner at matthew.rhyner@gmail.com for more info.

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.

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.

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:15-10:15

October 12th - guest speaker

Regrets, Reality, Restoration

October 19th , 26th, November 2nd, 9th

November 16th - guest speaker

Book of Ecclesiastes

Starting November 23rd

Genesis Bible Study — Part I Now until 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. Walk-ins are always welcome! Please bring your Bible.

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 (Note date change)**
- ~ 11:30am free will fried chicken luncheon
- ~ 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!”

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)

St. Mark's Scoop

October 5 - 12, 2025

Sun, Oct 5	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship
Mon, Oct 6	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tues, Oct 7	6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Oct 8	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirmation / HS Youth
Thurs, Oct 9	9:00 Genesis Bible Study 5:30 New Member Class
Fri, Oct 10	Pastor Eric & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Oct 11	<i>~ sanctuary rented out for wedding ~</i>
Sun, Oct 12	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Polka Service 11:30 free-will fried chicken luncheon



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

stmarkswausau.org

or scan this code for our ministry catalog



Son-Shine Bible Study

Our next lesson gives us insights into Daniel 4, 'Our God Reigns.' He is our sovereign God. He is in control of this world and He humbles those who are proud. We meet in the Youth Room from 1:00 – 2:30 on Wednesday. Study guides are available in class. All are welcome!

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