

The MARKINGS

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Hello St. Mark's family,

Holy Week is right around the corner with Palm Sunday coming up March 29th, and then of course to follow...Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, (Prayer Vigil), and Easter. I really do love Holy Week and taking it all in. It is invaluable each year to experience the most important week in all created time! Jesus ultimately set aside His life for us, and so we gratefully set aside our life and time for Him during this most precious week.

It is unfortunate that Spring Break coincides with Holy Week. That is certainly not to say that one must be sacrificed for the other, as my family always worships at different churches wherever we happen to find ourselves on vacation. I would also hope that is true for any Spring Breakers as well, so that Holy Week can be celebrated wherever vacation is happening.

This idea of comparing the intentions behind Holy Week and Spring Break does allow for me to present a teaching to you that is a very helpful clarification for life. Holy Week, as with any other worship service, is meant to provide rest for us. After all, that is the point of remembering the Sabbath Day...to rest each week on a continual basis and be in flow of God's created order. So, if worship is for rest, then what is Spring Break for? I think most all of us take vacation and Spring Break to rest as well, but are they the same type of rest? This is where this teaching or concept comes into play.

God has always wanted His people to *work from rest*, and that is the point of the Sabbath Day being the first day of the week. Our week starts with Sunday, and we work the weekdays to come from a point of rest. The other concept is what so much of American society succumbs to and that is *rest from work*. I lived and experienced this life when I was in banking, and I can remember it vividly. Monday would always come around, and I never looked forward to it, you made it to the Hump Day on Wednesday, and then Friday couldn't come soon enough for that glorious weekend of rest. Some people even view going to church as work. Work that interferes with "their" rest on the weekend! Then of course, Monday rolls around again and back to the grind until the next weekend, where you can *rest from your work* again. There is a better way!

Working from rest means you start your week with God, the week continues with God, and it ends with God. We are followers of God. We are not just hearers but doers as well. We put God first above all else and then our neighbors follow after that. *Working from rest* reminds us of the privilege we have with the time given to us by God to work for Him each week. Don't have this rhythm? Don't have this mindset? Try it out! Create the habit! It makes our time into an opportunity to serve and not simply a burden to survive.

Work from rest ☺

Pastor Eric

Markings Sponsor

Ruth Tritten & Joan Stroyny
*in memory of their parents,
Ann & Conway Krueger,
brother James Krueger and
Herb Tritten.*

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EASTER THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank the following families and individuals who helped to beautify our Easter services through their contribution of Easter plants or a thank offering:

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ROD & RHONDA ZICK in memory of our parents and brother.

Thank you to Tom Plautz for the donation of palms for Palm Sunday. Your generosity is appreciated!






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



A BUSY MONTH: Our themed units this month included Dr. Seuss, dinosaurs, pets and vets, grocery store, transportation, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. Our Bible stories were: Jesus Chooses His Disciples, Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man, Jesus Changes Water into Wine, Jesus Feeds 5,000 People, Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar, Jesus Walks on Water, and the Easter story. Two classes took a field trip to the Grand Theater to see a production of "Hare and Tortoise". It was a fun and busy month! It seems hard to believe that there are only a couple months left in the school year!

ENROLLMENT: Our 2-day and 4-day classes are full with students on the waitlist. Our 3-day class is filling up quickly, and several spots are still available in our 5-day class. Many of our families will be using our Before and After School Childcare options as well. I continue to receive emails and phone calls requesting tours of our facility so I expect those open spots to fill before we begin the new school year. We thank and praise God for the opportunity we have to welcome many new students and their families in the fall of 2026!

 **STAFFING:** We have been blessed to have Ms. Carla as our Lead Afternoon Childcare Teacher. Ms. Carla also owns her own cleaning business and does our cleaning in the Preschool Wing each day, too. She has chosen not to return as a teacher next year so she can continue to expand her cleaning business. She will continue to clean for us, but she will be missed as a teacher here! **We will be hiring an afternoon childcare teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact me for specific details.

LENTEN SUPPER: Many thanks to Jason and Peggy Kniess for preparing the four delicious chilis for our Lenten Supper on March 18th. We are thankful to the many Preschool families who donated ground beef and desserts and also helped serve and clean up. The freewill offering of \$930.00 will be put toward preschool tuition and childcare assistance. Thank you to everyone who came!

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Our preschool students will be celebrating Grandparents Day on April 22 and 23. Our morning will be filled with a short program of songs and fingerplays, Chapel worship, an outreach project, refreshments, and a classroom tour. We can't wait to welcome these "grand guests" to spend the morning with us!



BOOK FAIR: We will be hosting a Book Fair the week of April 20-25. The Book Fair will be open to members of the congregation on Sunday, April 26th. Watch for specific details in the coming weeks

FAMILY LITERACY EVENT: Families of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Preschool are invited to attend our "**SPRING INTO READING**" Literacy Event on Saturday, April 25th from 9-11 a.m. This special event is geared for families with children ages 3-5. Watch for specific details and how to RSVP for this event in the bulletin and on the pre-service slides at church.



SUMMER CAMP: Our Summer Camps for children ages 3-5 will run for four weeks this summer. There will be two weeks in June and two weeks in July. Days are Monday-Thursday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Specific information can be found on our website beginning April 1st or by contacting me.

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

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director
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Confirmation and Youth Program Luncheon

You are warmly invited to the Confirmation and Youth Program Luncheon as we celebrate our confirmands in this important step of their faith journey. The luncheon will take place immediately after the worship service on Sunday, April 26 @ 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be a wonderful time for fellowship as we honor our confirmands and show appreciation to ALL those individuals who lead our youth programs. All members of the congregation, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Please join us in celebrating and supporting these young members of our church family and saying "Thank You" to our youth program leaders.

If you plan to attend, please sign up in the church gathering area by April 19 or contact facilitators, Dan and Cathy Page (danpage671@yahoo.com) so we can plan accordingly. There is no cost to attend.

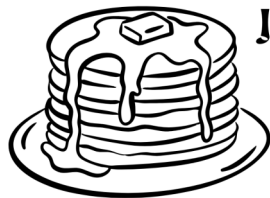


Sunday, April 19 at 6:00pm
Doors open at 5:00pm

Food and drinks provided at no charge	DOOR PRIZES and Champion's Trophy	Teams of 2-8 Register at the door
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REGISTER NOW:
 Volunteer work week: April 20-24
 Spring Workbee weekend: April 24-26
 80th anniversary celebration: June 5-7
 Youth camper weeks: June-August
<https://camluther.com/volunteer>



Join Us for Easter Breakfast!

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 5)
7:00AM - 9:00AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Kid's Craft Corner

9:00AM - 10:30AM IN THE YOUTH ROOM

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
600 STEVENS DRIVE

PATCHWORK QUILT SALE

SMALL \$35.00 / TWIN \$45.00

MAY 8TH: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
 MAY 12TH: 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Genesis II Bible Study ~ April 9th - May 26th

Pastor Gary & Dan Mansk (who has 40+ years in Lutheran teaching) will be having a Bible study on Genesis on Thursday mornings from **9am - 10am**. 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.

Picnic at the Pavilion

Wausau Symphony Orchestra

Sunday, May 3, 2026 ~ 4:00- 6:00PM

Rothschild Pavilion ~ 1104 Park St., Rothschild

Join us for our annual spring concert and fundraiser at the Rothschild Pavilion!
Free, family-friendly concert with music from both ensembles, food trucks, raffle prizes and more!

"Meet Me at the Well" Updates

We are coming to the end of our second full year of monthly Monday events and our third year with our Saturday event. We have had so many faithful members working on creating these events for women to have a place for growing in their faith, having fellowship with other Christian women, and offering their gifts to members of our community.

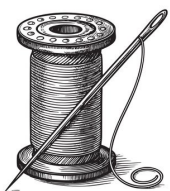
We would like to invite women to our final Monday event being held on **Monday, April 20th from 7:00-8:30 at church**. Again, all woman are welcome, including members or non-members of St. Mark's.

We would also like to thank the committee members that worked hard since October preparing for our Saturday event that was held on March 14th: Becky Dahlke, Kristen Novitch, Lynn Schroeder, Jamie Tackes, Jenelle Thompson, Jocelyn Mayer, Sheri Mayer, Jill Hauan, Bailey Welch, Madie Schlosser, Nicole Natzke, Claire Heindel, Cathy Page, Dorathy Reed, and Carissa Lada.

There were over 85 women that spent the day diving deeper into our theme scripture: Esther 4:14, "Perhaps you were created for such a time as this." There were many breakout sessions that allowed women to focus on topics that matched where they are in their life journey. Again, the committee worked like a well oiled machine in creating a day that went very smoothly. We are very lucky to have so many talented, dedicated women working in this ministry.

Looking ahead to next year, we will have our first **Meet Me at the Well Monday on September 21st, 2026** from 7:00-8:30 and our 4th annual Saturday event will be held again in March of 2027. Thank you again for all the women who have attended these events throughout the year. We would also like to thank the congregation for their support of women's ministries at St. Mark's.

Grace and Peace,
Jill Hauan, Kristen Novitch, and Bailey Welch



From the Sewing Room

The quilters were very busy all winter, and a lot was accomplished! Thank you to everyone who helped so faithfully. We are especially pleased to give a personalized quilt to each of our confirmands and sharing baptismal quilts throughout the year. We look forward to sharing more at the Quilt Sale in May.

Our sewing will shift from quilts to backpacks, shorts, and dresses on April 21st, 28th, and May 5th and 12th. We have been given so many pieces of upholstery material that will work well for making backpacks for Haiti and Orphan Grain Train. There are jobs for everyone including cutting, ironing, pinning, sewing, and putting the cord into the casings. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-11:30. You are welcome to join us.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Thank you to everyone who supported The Hagar House so generously at our Italian Night Lenten Supper. The meal and the donations for the bake sale and silent auction were all over the top again this year. Thank you to all the workers, bakers, and those who attended to make it a very successful evening in support of The Hagar House.

As our study of Matthew continues, we have gained many new understandings and insights into discipleship, the parables of Jesus, and the mysteries of the kingdom of God. The following is our April schedule as we continue to study this very informative book of the Bible:

- April 1: Holy Week independent study. **No group study today.**
- April 8: Session 11 - Matthew 15:1-16:20 Understanding the King
- April 15: Session 12 – Matthew 16:21-17:27 The Work of the King
- April 22: Session 13 – Matthew 18 The Greatest in the Kingdom
- April 29: Session 14 – Matthew 19-20 Life in the Kingdom

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

The Gathering-Quilling

Please join us on Tuesday, April 28th at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Sandy Flanagan will share her love of quilling with us. The art of quilling uses paper that is rolled, shaped, and glued to create decorative designs. We will have the opportunity to learn about the history, materials, tools, and methods used in quilling. There will be time to make a simple quilling project.

In addition to quilling, we will have time for conversation and cards. Please bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

Upcoming Worship Highlights

April 5: EASTER SUNDAY! He is Risen! Alleluia!

April 12: Harpist, Linda Cannon, will present beautiful music with outstanding skill and reverent joy for our worship services.

April 19: Concordia Sunday. We are truly blessed and excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson from Concordia University St. Paul. He is a dynamic and charismatic speaker preaching on the practical skills and challenges in leading a Christian life through the chaos.

April 26: Confirmand Questioning Service at 10:30 and our Sunday School Children will be singing.

May 3: Confirmation Sunday **10:00am** Service **** note the service time.**

Congratulations to our First Communion Candidates

Michael Alft, son of Nick & KC

Samantha Bartelt, daughter of Brad & Angela

Maya Downing, daughter of Kip & Ashley

Gavin Gehrman-Graap, son of Tyler & Hilary

Hazel Hauan, daughter of Rev. Eric & Jill

Jayden Johnson son of Amanda

Micah Ojala, son of Jeff & Danielle

Ariya Prochnow, daughter of Josh & Jess

Katelyn Pulham, daughter of JR & Bethany

Kinley Samuelson, daughter of Dustin & Stephanie

Elijah Welch, son of Jeremy & Lindsey

Gabriel Welch, son of Blaine & Bailey

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Received

Tyler & Hilary Swan + Gavin, Emma, Calvin & Haisley
Trinity Kanitz
Sabre Dorsey
Derek Jones
Kayla & Kit Ehrhardt + Harrison, Esme

Deaths

Ted Haack

Release

Diane Jehn
Keith & Chris Maahs
Todd & Linae Treu, Alliyah

May MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit items for the May edition of the MARKINGS will be **April 24th at 10 am**. Thank you!



St. Mark's is planning to build!

More information is
located in the narthex
or at this webpage →



2026 St. Mark's Lenten Suppers Sponsors

Ministry	\$ Raised	Purpose
Fellowship Ministry	\$850.00	James Collie School
Son Shine Bible Study	\$2,014.12	Hagar House
Preschool	\$930.24	Tuition & Day Care Assistance
Youth / Band of Brothers	\$702.50	Youth Group Mission Trip
Men-In-Action	\$948.00	Families in need
Joy Bible Study	\$TBD	High School Mission Trip



ALERT!
LWML Spring Rally is April 18th

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cable Channel 980 Worship Times: Tuesday: 11:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm Thursday: 7:00 am	NOTE: The church calendar changes frequently. For the most current version, please reference the calendar on the website (www.stmarkskausau.org) under the About Us tab.					
5 Easter 6:30 Traditional 7:00-9:00 Easter Breakfast 8:30 Blended 9:00 Kid's Crafts 10:30 Contemporary	6 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists	7 6:30 MIA Bible Study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Retired Teachers	8 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study NO Worship NO Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation	9 9:00 Genesis II Bible Study	10 Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	11 Nichols / Ambord Wedding
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship	13 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Band of Brothers	14 6:30 MIA Bible Study	15 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation	16 9:00 Genesis II Bible Study	17 10:00 Preschool Grand Theater Field Trip - 3-day & 5-day classes Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	18 8:00 LWML Spring Rally Faith Fellowship and Fermentation 12:00 - 6:00
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 5:00 Trivia Night	20 8:00 OCT 11:00 Preschool Book Fair 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Team 7:00 Meet Me at the Well	21 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Sewing	22 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation Preschool Grandparent's Day	23 9:00 Genesis II Bible Study	24 Markings Deadline 8:00-3:00 Early Childhood Directors Gathering Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	25 9:00 - 11:00 Preschool Literacy Event
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Youth Programs / Bible Studies 10:30 Worship 11:30 Conf/Education Lunch 5:30 WASA Confirmation Questioning Service	27 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists	28 6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Sewing 12:30 The Gathering	29 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 7:00 4th-8th Gr parent / guardian wrap up mtg ~ Final Midweek ~	30 9:00 Genesis II Bible Study 5:00 PEW Sisters 5:30 New Member class		

April 2026 - Volunteer Calendar

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READER	MULTIMEDIA	COMMUNION	USHERS/ACOLYTE
April 1	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship
April 2	3:30 pm	Ted & Mary Johnson	Pastor	Blaine Welch	Rachel Olson, Rita Woller Wafers: Pastors	VOLUNTEERS
Maundy Thursday	6 pm	April Warnish	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Rich Klein Wafers: Pastors	Group 9
April 3	12:00 pm	None	Pastor	Blaine Welch	No Communion	No Ushers
Good Friday	6pm	None	Pastor	Michael Deedon	No Communion	No Ushers
April 5	6:30 am	Michael Tatman	Pastor	Pastor	No Communion	No ushers
Easter	8:30 am	Hauan Family	Pastor	Michael Deedon	No Communion	Group 5
	10:30 am	Welch Family	Pastor	Nick Schoch	No Communion	Group 6
April 8	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship	NO Worship
April 12	8 am	Katherine Sparks	Bryon Gleisner	Jacob Emon	Katherine Sparks, Pam Fromm Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 5
April 15	10:30 am	Fricke Family	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 6
	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Zach Sargent	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
April 19	8 am	Lee & Fran Belmas	Pastor	Jacob Emon	Janet Herring, Katherine Sparks Wafers: Pastors	Group 5
April 22	10:30 am	Caitlyn Cihlar & Gunnar Fredrickson	Pastor	Tyler Woller	Rich Klein, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastors	Group 6
	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
April 26	8 am	Bob & Kim Christensen	Melodie Barker	Derek Emon	No Communion	Group 5
Confirmand Questioning	10:30 am	Jan Mann		Michael Deedon	No Communion	Group 6
	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Brandon & Kyle Uttech	No Communion	Group 9
ALTAR GUILD: Sue Berndt						
Ushers: Group 1: Ken Berndt- Lead, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon		Group 5: Warren Jacobi - Lead, Sharon Jacobi, Bruce Thurs, Jae Loiz				
Group 2: Tyler Woller - Lead, Roger Block, Brad Peck, Jim Wilkerson		Group 6: Rich Klein - Lead, Herb Nimmemann, Chris Grosskreutz, Adam Wurz				
Group 3: John Woller - Lead, Rita Woller, Jonathan Fricke, Dale Vande Boom		Group 9: Henry Jennejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Mike Henrichs				
Group 4: DeWayne Graf - Lead, Bob Christensen, Todd Krause, Gary Krause						