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April 26, 2026 ~ 8:00 am
Christ Figures in Film
“Cool Hand Luke”

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: “House Of The Lord”

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON SONG: *“Waiting Here For You*

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.)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *“Do It Again”*

DISMISSAL

PRAISE BAND

Tonya Karow, Dave Johnson, Anna Peterson, Hope Rebman,
David Sargent, Dawn Schoch, Helaina Wills

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by John & Jill Simon in celebration of the wedding of Derek Simon and Sarah Westman on Friday 4/24.

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Ella Holmes, Anne Raduechel, Raphael Klein, Cindy Barton, Marie Borchardt, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Sandy Flanagan, Lizzy Marciniak, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Judy Young, Henry Jennejohn, Jessie Myers, Marliss Fritz, Daniel & Melissa Shewmake for medical concerns, Carol Leopold, Terri & Brad Kankelfitz, Emily Ramthun.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Aissen Witter, Roger Baumgart, father of Lisa Peck, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Jody Krieg, Rhonda Payne.

Grieving: family and friends of Bill Hussong who passed away last week.

Military Service - SSG Mitchell Fromm, deployed overseas with the Wisconsin National Guard. SSGT Jacob Lang, deployed with the Marine Corp.

In celebration of the wedding of Derek Simon and Sarah Westman

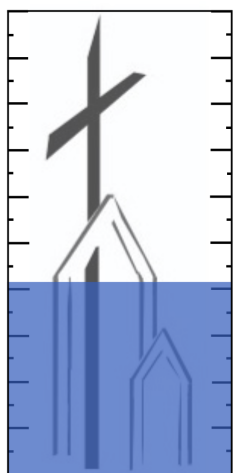
We would love for you to become a part of our vibrant community at St. Mark's. If you're looking for a place to grow in your faith, connect with others, and serve the community, then there are plenty of opportunities for you here.

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!

(Our next New Member classes will be April 30th, May 7th & 14th from 5:30-8:00)

***** Childcare provided if needed. Please call the office if you plan on using this service *****



**Help us reach our
initial goal of raising
\$650K by MAY 24
to kick off our
expansion project!**



As of 4-20-2026 there are a total of 59 families who have provided gifts for the Built In Love Campaign. **As of 4-20-2026 the total dollar amount of the gifts is \$282,743.79.**

GIVE HERE!



Built in Love FAQs

- 1. Who can use the additional spaces? Is it strictly for the Preschool?** Anyone can use it! However, the main need is for our church ministries. Both the Preschool and our members will have continual access to the spaces.
- 2. Who is on the Built in Love committee?** Leon Woller (Team Leader), Hannah Ness (Communication Coordinator), Michael Deedon & Chris Grosskreutz (Education Coordinators), Sheri Mayer (Prayer Coordinator), Madie Schlosser (Financial Coordinator), Julie Bollmann & Amy Smet (At Large Assistants).

If you have a question you would like to see answered here, please contact the office or email Jean at jdrake@stmarkslcms.org as we have the most up to date information.

Just to Clarify:

All donations to the “Built in Love” campaign are placed in a designated fund that can **only** be used for the building expansion—no matter how long it takes to begin the project.

Donations (cash, check, EFT, or QR code) can be sent directly to St. Mark’s, to my attention. Stock transfers should go through Chris Grosskreutz.

Please contact me with any questions.

Kurt Haebig
Financial Manager
715-848-5511 Ext 4

*Please
join us!*

A new sermon series going through 6/7/26.

Christ Figures in Film

Jesus Christ as portrayed in the Bible has affected and infiltrated culture in more ways than people can imagine or understand. Jesus dying for His people; Jesus being given New Life from His Father and, in turn, giving His people New Life; Jesus rebelling against unbiblical cultural norms; Jesus speaking for the poor, the lost, and the sinner; and Jesus showing everyone a Greater Love. These, and many other aspects of Jesus, are what tug at the heart strings of society to move and motivate people into faith and being something more. This coming sermon series will show how aspects of Jesus have been portrayed in film to move the hearts of the viewers.

ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Mark’s



Lutheran Preschool

St. Mark’s Lutheran Preschool offers 2-day, 3-day, 4-day 4K, and 5-day classes for three and four year old children in a caring, Christian environment. Before and After School Care is also available. **Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open.** Classes are expected to fill up quickly so don’t wait! For more information, contact Preschool Director, Cathy Page, at 715-848-551 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org.

We Are Hiring!



St. Mark’s Lutheran School is hiring several teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our wonderful St. Mark’s Preschool staff, please contact Cathy Page at 715-848-5511 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org for specific information.

PEW Sisters: New Dates for May

UPDATE

Join us as we begin a study of Esther. Due to scheduling conflicts, our meetings this month will be held on **Tuesday, May 12 & 26 from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

We will resume our regular Thursday schedule on June 4 and June 18.

Genesis II Bible Study ~ runs thru May 26th

Pastor Gary & Dan Mansk (who has 40+ years in Lutheran teaching) will be having a Bible study on the Genesis on Thursday mornings from 9am – 10am. Walk-ins are always welcome! Please bring your Bible.

Listening Assistance Devices



St. Mark's is exploring the addition of listening assistance devices for use during worship services. We would appreciate knowing if you, or someone you know, would benefit from this resource. Please contact the church office to let us know if this is something you would utilize .

From the Sewing Room



We have been in conversation with Bethanie St. Louis, the director of the VBS in Haiti and she again reiterated the positive impact the dresses, shorts, and backpacks have had while sharing the story of Jesus with the children there. So, we will continue sewing **April 28th, May 5th & 12th**. There are jobs for everyone including cutting, ironing, pinning, sewing, and putting the cord or elastic into the casings. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-11:30. We would be 'sew' happy to have you join us!

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our Son-Shine Bible study this week is based on Matthew 19-20, Life in the Kingdom. The kingdom of God has been called the "Upside Down Kingdom" because it turns our worldly desires on their head. Jesus' gift to us is to reorient us to humility. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:30 in the Youth Room.

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. To help construct your project, please bring a tweezer. A free will offering will be available to offset the cost of the project.

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

Attention Brewer baseball fans!



There is a tentative date set for the annual Brewer baseball game against Seattle for **Thursday, August 20, 2026**. The game starts at 1:10 p.m. and seats are in section 110, lower level, just outside of 1st base. Tickets for the game and transportation will be **\$108.00/ticket**. Registration forms can be found on the credenza in the narthex. If all tickets are not sold, trip will have to be cancelled and money returned. **Money & registration are due by April 27th**. Contact Lee Belmas at 715-551-7394 or lee.belmas@gmail.com with questions. **The tickets are non-refundable tickets after April 27th**

St. Mark's Scoop

April 26 - May 3, 2026

- Sun, Apr 26** 8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Studies/ Youth Programs
10:30 Worship
11:30 Confirmation & Youth Education
Appreciation Lunch
5:30 WASA
- Mon, Apr 27** 8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
- Tues, Apr 28** 6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Sewing
12:30 The Gathering
7:00 Call Day live stream in the Sanctuary
- Wed, Apr 29** 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study
6:00 Worship
7:00 4th-8th Gr guardian wrap up mtg
~ **FINAL MIDWEEK** ~
- Thurs, Apr 30** 9:00 Genesis II Bible Study
5:00 PEW Sisters
5:30 New Member Class
- Fri, May 1** **Pastor & Blaine's Family Day**
- Sat, May 2**
- Sun, May 3** 8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Studies/ Youth Programs
10:00 Worship (Confirmation)

JOIN US FOR CALL DAY!

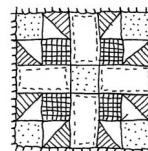
April 28th ~ 7pm

Please join us in the Sanctuary as we live stream Call Day from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. After many months of prayers, today is the day! Light snacks will be served.



2026 Quilt Sale

- Wednesday, May 6th: 4:00-6:00pm **and** after 6:00pm service
- Sunday, May 10th: between services



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