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May 3, 2026

~ Confirmation ~

Christ Figures in Film

“The Iron Giant”

**RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (LSB 790)

**INVOCATION**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (LSB 549 vs 1, 3, 6)

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Lamentations 3:21-24

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE:** Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name

that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL:** John 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ!**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**SERMON HYMN:** "I Love to Tell the Story" (Public Domain)

**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.**)*

**(10:00) CONFIRMATION HYMN:**

*"Our Lord and God, O Bless This Day"*

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**(10:00) RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Onward, Christian Solders" (LSB 662 vs 1, 4)

**DISMISSAL**

**BOUQUET**

Today's bouquet is given by Michael Deedon in celebration of his birthday TODAY!

**BRASS**

John Rhyner-tuba, Chad Premeau-trombone, Becky Woller-trumpet, Frank Slembariski-Trombone

**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, Jessie Myers, Marliss Fritz, Daniel & Melissa Shewmake for medical concerns, 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.

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

*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!*

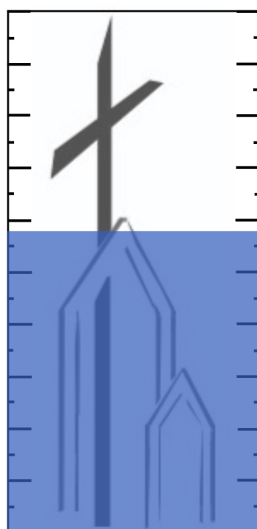
***(Our next New Member classes will be May 7th & 14th from 5:30-8:00)***

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

**We Are Hiring!**



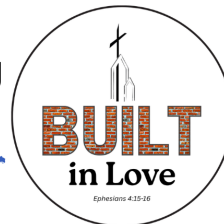
St. Mark's Lutheran School is hiring several teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our wonderful St. Mark's Preschool staff, please contact Cathy Page at [cpage@stmarkslcms.org](mailto:cpage@stmarkslcms.org) or 715-848-5511 for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



\$650K

\$371,684

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



**GIVE HERE!**



# ST. MARK'S FAMILY FUN DAY!

Saturday, May 16 from 9am - 12pm

## An event for young families of St. Mark's Church and Preschool

Programming is geared toward families with kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under, but ALL are welcome to attend!

### Activities include:

- Crafts
- Minnow Races
- Scavenger Hunts
- Life-sized Candyland
- and of course...LUNCH

We hope to see you there!  
Please RSVP by emailing Blaine at  
bwelch@stmarkslcms.org, call the office  
at 715-848-5511, or scan this code.



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 715-848-5511 or [cpage@stmarkslcms.org](mailto:cpage@stmarkslcms.org).

### The Hagar House is hiring!

We are looking for an occasional part-time team member who is a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and committed to living a Christ-centered lifestyle. This person would work a minimum of 2 shifts a month - evening, overnight, and weekend shifts are available. If interested, please complete the application on our website [thehagarhouse.org](http://thehagarhouse.org), or contact Chris: 715-298-9994, [chris@thehagarhouse.org](mailto:chris@thehagarhouse.org).

### 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 **May 5th and 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 21:1-27, The King Occupies His Kingdom. This study focuses on Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the rising conflict over His authority. This clash with the religious leaders reveals what happens when faith and entrenched authority don't agree. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:30 in the Youth Room.

### The Gathering-Children's Imaginarium

Join us on **May 19th** for a hands-on tour of the Children's Imaginarium in downtown Wausau. The Children's Imaginarium is a place for children to learn, parents to engage and families to connect. A place for everyone. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm and carpool over to the children's museum. Our tour will begin at 1 pm. There will be an opportunity to make a free will donation to help support the Imaginarium.

Following our tour, we will head to Washington Square for refreshments and fellowship.



The family of Dick Wick thanks Kim Christensen, Kris Sparks, and everyone else who helped prepare and serve the lunch for Dick's memorial service. Your kindness and support gave us the opportunity to gather, share fond stories, and remember Dick's life.

# St. Mark's Scoop

May 3-10, 2026

- Sun, May 3** 8:00 Worship  
**10:00** Worship (**Confirmation**)
- Mon, May 4** 8:00 OGT  
11:30 Noon Optimists  
~ **Pastor Eric at Camp Luther** ~
- Tues, May 5** 6:30 MIA Bible study  
9:00 Sewing  
~ **Pastor Eric at Camp Luther** ~
- Wed, May 6** 9:00 set out quilts for Quilt Sale  
1:00 Son Shine Bible Study  
 **5:00 Quilt Sale**  
6:00 Worship
- Thurs, May 7** 9:00 Genesis II Bible Study  
5:30 New Member Class
- Fri, May 8** **Pastor & Blaine's Family Day**
- Sat, May 9** 6:00 HS Youth Lock In
- Sun, May 10** ~ Happy Mother's Day ~  
8:00 Worship  
9:15 Bible Studies  
 **9:15 Quilt Sale**  
10:30 Worship

**St. Paul Lutheran** has seats available for the Ark Trip this year, with a departure date of May 26<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested, we would ask that they **call Cathy Linke by May 5th at 715-881-0342.**



**MAY 26TH -29TH 2026**  
**ARK ENCOUNTER &**  
**CREATION MUSEUM TRIP**

**Single Occupancy** - \$800

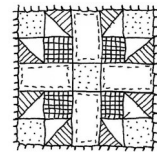
**Double Occupancy** - \$540 per Adult or Youth  
**Child 10 yrs or under sharing with 2 Adults** -  
\$250 per child

**Mail Check to:** Cathy Linke, PO Box 385,  
Wittenberg WI 54499

**\*see flyer on credenza for list of what the trip includes\***

## 2026 Quilt Sale

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



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