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May 17, 2026
Christ Figures in Films
The Shawshank Redemption

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *“Glorious Day”*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE: *“Great Are You Lord”*

OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 16:5-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

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SERMON SONG: “The Commission”

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

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.**)*

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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:

“Jesus Paid It All”

“Lord I Need You”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Build My Life"

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

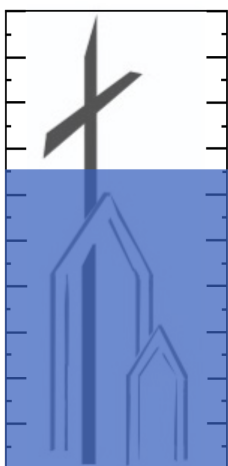
Today's bouquet is given by Janet Herring in memory of Steve.



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 or 715-848-5511 for specific information.

A vertical poster for a golf tournament. At the top, it says "EXTRA INNINGS" in a stylized font with a heartbeat line. Below that, "ANNUAL CHARITY" in orange, and "GOLF TOURNAMENT" in large, bold, yellow letters. The date "JUNE 15TH, 2026" is in white. The central image shows a golf club head hitting a golf ball, with a bright orange and yellow glow. At the bottom, there are three green checkmarks followed by the text: "18 Hole Scramble Format", "Prizes and Raffles", and "Food and Refreshments". Below this, it says "GREENWOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB" and "2002 POPLAR LANE • WAUSAU, WI". At the very bottom, it says "For more info, call or text 715-921-0404 (Dan)". There is a QR code on the right side with the text "SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EXTRA INNINGS" above it.



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



GIVE HERE!



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, Ted Clintsman & Sue Giese, who are in hospice.

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.

Grieving: family and friends of Sue Giese who recently passed.

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!

UPDATE

PEW Sisters: New Dates for May

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

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

YOU'RE INVITED TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church
227150 Harrier Ave., Wausau, WI



June 15-18, 2026

Dinner: 5 PM to 6 PM

VBS: 6 PM to 8 PM

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

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

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.

From the Sewing Room



Thank you to all who helped make shorts and backpacks this spring! Many hands accomplished a lot. We will add a cross with the Haitian version of Jesus Loves Me in the pocket of each dress and pair of shorts. Also, a wooden tag with Jesus Loves Me imprinted on it will be added to each backpack. Next items will be packed and on their way to Haiti to be given to the children attending VBS there this summer. We are very grateful to be able to continue this mission of sharing the love of Jesus in this way. Thank you to Thrivent for the Action Team Grants to support this mission.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our Son-Shine Bible study this week is based on Matthew 23, The King Condemns the Rebels. This study focuses on the commands and demands that Jesus issues to followers and opponents. The religious leaders should have been the first to enter the kingdom of God because of their knowledge of Scripture. However, because they refused, Jesus calls them to judgement. 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.

St. Mark's Scoop

May 17 - 24, 2026

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| Sun, May 17 | New Member Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible study 10:30 Worship 12:00 New Member Brunch |
| Mon, May 18 | 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Team Meeting ~ Pastor Eric at Spring Pastor Conference ~ |
| Tues, May 19 | 6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Retired Teachers 12:30 The Gathering ~ Pastor Eric at Spring Pastor Conference ~ |
| Wed, May 20 | 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 10:45 Closing Celebration & Last day of Preschool |
| Thurs, May 21 | 10:45 Closing Celebration & Last day of Preschool ~ Pastor Eric out of town ~ |
| Fri, May 22 | (Jean Vacation) OFFICE CLOSED ~ Pastor Eric out of town ~ Blaine's Family Day |
| Sat, May 23 | _____ |
| Sun, May 24 | 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship |

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 .

Genesis II Bible Study Update

The Bible study scheduled for **May 21st has been cancelled.**

The last day of this Bible study will be on May 28th.

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