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June 28, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578)

(10:30) Baptism

Lucy Lou Britton

daughter of Blake & Kayla Britton

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in use true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" ~ soloist, Bob Waterman

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the

people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 7:1-13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED

SERMON HYMN: “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” (LSB 583)

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.**)

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 HYMNS:

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (LSB 761)

“Blessed Assurance”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (LSB 805)

DISMISSAL

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, Ava Downing, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Sandy Flanagan, Lizzy Marciniak, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Judy Young, Jessie Myers, Marliss Fritz, Carol Leopold, Emily Ramthun, Jamesetta, daughter of Pastor Kollie, who is in need of a transplant, daughter-in-law of Ruby Phillips who had a stroke, Grace Kobs, Donna Schroeder, who is in hospice.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Aissen Witter, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Jody Krieg, Rhonda Payne, Jean Majewski, niece of Sandy Cotey, son of Ruby Phillips who is battling cancer.

Military Service - SSGT Jacob Lang, deployed with the U.S. Marine Corp., PFC Ty Crisman who is base in Poland.

For Joe & Alyssa Bender. We pray God's blessings upon their transition and look forward to serving Christ together.

Ordination & Installation of Joe Bender

You are invited to join us on **July 12th at 2:00pm** for the ordination & installation of Joe Bender as our Associate Pastor.

Afterwards, please join us for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall to welcome Pastor Joe & Alyssa to the St. Mark's family.





Mission Corner: Hearts in Action

Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

Welcome to our Mission Corner—a dedicated space highlighting the outreach efforts and opportunities that connect our church family with our broader community and the world. Each month, we'll share updates, stories, and ways you can get involved in making a positive impact through missions.

Spotlight: Blessing Bags

This month, our Mission Corner shines a spotlight on those in need in our community with **Blessing Bags** for the homeless or those down on their luck.

These are Care Packages filled with essential items: Shirt & socks, toiletries, hygiene products, non-perishable snacks, resource card for area services. Feel free to take one to keep it in your vehicle to hand out to someone in need.

Spotlight: The Babies Place at The Neighbors Place

The Neighbors Place has a program for new mothers and their babies to provide diapers and products to help care for them. We are starting a literacy component with board books (harder cardboard for babies to handle).

Spotlight: New Beginnings for Refugees

New Beginnings for Refugees is a local organization that supports refugees in the Wausau area. They are welcoming new arrivals in September. They are especially in need of: Fry pans (no Teflon), saucepans w/ lids, stock pots, tea kettles, cookie sheets, casseroles (med), mixing bowls – large, dish drainers, scrub buckets – 3.5 gal., NEW mops, NEW bed pillows, NEW queen sheets, NEW bath / hand towels, 1st aid kits, spatulas for turning food (nylon, Silicone or metal).

How You Can Help?

- Take a **Blessing Bag** to keep in your vehicle to give to a person in need.
- Bring in a board book to share a love with reading with **The Babies Place**.
- Bring in items for **New Beginnings for Refugees** by June 29.
- Pray for our mission projects and those we serve.

Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, sharing love and hope through mission work. Stay tuned to the Mission Corner for more ways to serve and stories of impact!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19

The Gathering-Mount View Care Center

On **Tuesday, July 28th**, The Gathering will be heading to Mount View Care Center for a morning of Bingo. **We will meet in the Mount View Care Center parking lot at 10:00 am.**

Monetary gifts to offset the cost of Bingo prizes will be greatly appreciated, monetary gifts can be placed in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, labeled “The Gathering-Bingo”. If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, please contact Linda at (715)297-8605

for more information. Thank you for your support.

Everyone is welcome – grandparents, parents, children! Many hands are needed to make this a fun event.





The Built in Love campaign has two phases:

- ① Gifts now to reach the initial goal of raising \$650K to proceed with permits and getting “shovels in the ground.”

We are 90% there in accomplishing this goal, needing just \$69K to start construction!

- ② Pledges to give gifts over the next 3 years to pay off the building loan.

EVERY gift, regardless of the size, makes a difference, especially over 3 years! The giving chart below makes it easy to see how your pledge will **build** over time.

This expansion is designed to serve our entire congregation, as well as reach the community in new ways. As we look forward to launching phase 2, our goal is that 80% of the congregation would participate.

| Monthly | Annually | 3 Year Total |
|---------|----------|--------------|
| \$5 | \$60 | \$180 |
| 10 | 120 | 360 |
| 25 | 300 | 900 |
| 50 | 600 | 1,800 |
| 100 | 1,200 | 3,600 |
| 200 | 2,400 | 7,200 |
| 250 | 3,000 | 9,000 |

Pick up a pledge form at the Built in Love display in the narthex

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 for 715-848-5511 for specific information.

HELP NEEDED WATERING PLANTS

We are looking for volunteers to help water the flowers in front of the church during July and August. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex. Instructions will be provided.

Please contact Kim Christensen at 715-574-6759 with questions.



ST. MARK'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

S'MORE JESUS

July 17 | 6pm
FRIDAY

join us!

Gather around the fire for an evening of s'mores, fellowship, and a chance to experience S'more Jesus! S'mores and childcare will be provided.



Nine Mile County Park
221700 Red Bud Rd, Wausau, WI
Rain location: St. Mark's



Questions?
Melodie 715-571-1549 | Brad 715-551-7595 | Emily 715-409-6963

St. Mark's Young Adult Ministry

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Men & Women | Ages 18 - mid 30s
1st Thursday & 3rd Friday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Childcare provided as needed

Due to the holiday, we
will not be meeting July
2nd!

For more information and
to stay updated on the
ministry's happenings!



Co-coordinators:
Emily Ramthun 715-409-6963
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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!

*~ The next New Member classes will be October 1, 8, 15 ~
Please contact the office to sign up.*

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 cpage@stmarkslcms.org or 715-848-551.

Son-Shine Bible Study

As our study of Matthew concluded with Christ's Resurrection and words of the Great Commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations...", we are grateful that St. Mark's is mission minded both in our community and globally. It is our prayer that we can be bold in sharing the Good News of our Savior.

During the month of July, we will not be meeting as a group but are encouraging each other to read portions of the Bible each day and to take time to prayerfully reflect on the passages. Chronological Bible reading plan sheets are on the credenza in the Narthex. Help yourself to a copy of the plan if you would like to join us in developing this daily habit. We will resume our group study in August with Praying the Names of God.

2026 St. Mark's Softball Schedule

| Date | Home/ Visitor | | Time | Field | W/L |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| 5/17/2026 | H | Christ Community Church | 7:30PM | 3 | Won 10-1 |
| 5/31/2026 | H | Cheeks Bar and Grill | 6:30PM | 3 | Won 6-3 |
| 6/7/2026 | H | The Garage II | 7:30PM | 2 | Lost 4-7 |
| 6/7/2026 | V | Falcon Valley Farm | 8:30PM | 2 | Lost 7-19 |
| 6/14/2026 | H | L&S Electric | 6:30PM | 2 | Lost 12-17 |
| 6/21/2026 | H | Family Insurance Center | 7:30PM | 3 | Lost 0-15 |
| 6/28/2026 | V | S.O.S. | 5:30PM | 3 | |
| 7/12/2026 | V | The Garage | 7:30PM | 3 | |
| 7/19/2026 | V | Melonheads | 5:30PM | 3 | |
| 7/26/2026 | V | Immanuel Baptist Church 2 | 7:30PM | 2 | |

St. Mark's Scoop

June 28 - July 5, 2026

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| Sun, June 28 | 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship |
| Mon, June 29 | 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists |
| Tues, June 30 | 6:30 MIA Bible study |
| Wed, July 1 | 6:00 Worship |
| Thurs, July 2 | ——(Jean Vacation)—— |
| Fri, July 3 | OFFICE CLOSED Pastor & Blaine's Family Day |
| Sat, July 4 | <hr/> Pastor Eric at Camp Luther until July 11th *From July 4 –11, call Pastor Gary with emergencies at 715-574-1650. |
| Sun, July 5 | 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hall rented out |



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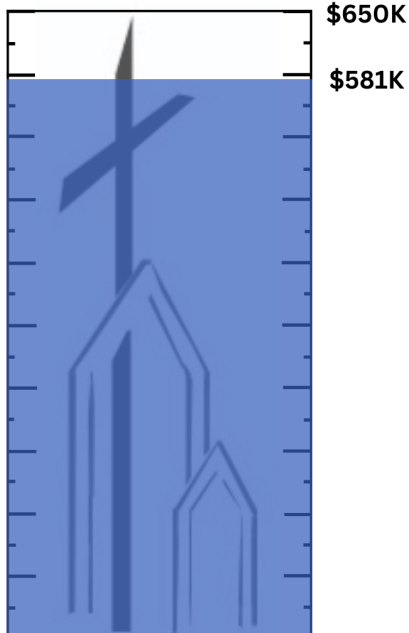
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**Help us reach our
initial goal of raising
\$650K to kick off our
expansion project!
Only \$69K left!!**



GIVE HERE!

