

The MARKINGS



Hello St. Mark's family,

We are getting so close to a very important and impactful date at St Mark's. Sunday, July 12th at 2:00 PM, Joe Bender is going to be Ordained and Installed as a shepherd of our congregation and into God's Holy Ministry. Over time, pastors shape the culture and heart of the congregation they serve in how they carry themselves, how they preach, how they teach, how they serve, love, and sacrifice. Pastors are a direct influence on the people they serve, and the people are the personality of the church. Now you have two pastors that will be doing this noble task together. Witnessing the beginning of this journey and supporting Pastor Joe right from the start will be a wonderful welcome into the culmination of his hard work, sacrifice, and diligent studies. We hope to see you there!

****Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments, including slider sandwiches (ham or chicken salad), fruit, cheese, crackers, cake, and beverages.****

please join us →

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Markings Sponsor

Gary & Kathy Bielen
For the 3rd birthday of their great grandson, Tate, on July 11th

Thank You

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WORSHIP IN THE PARK

AND FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
10:30AM

RIVERSIDE PARK
100 SHERMAN ST

Outdoor Worship followed by a delicious lunch put on by "The Ribbers."

Bring your own lawn chairs. Air conditioned building for eating lunch.


Activities include a bounce house, playground, kickball, yard games, and water balloons!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX OR HERE →
IF YOU PLAN TO EAT LUNCH SO WE HAVE
A COUNT. THERE WILL BE A FREE-WILL
OFFERING FOR LUNCH.


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.



Noon Optimists Blood Drive
 July 22, 2026
 2:30-6:00pm
 Scan QR code to sign up



St. Mark's Young Adult Ministry

Men & Women age 18 - mid 30s
 1st Thursday of the Month 5:30-6:30 pm (Bible Study)
 3rd Friday of the Month 5:30-6:30 pm (Fellowship)
 Childcare is provided on Thursdays & as needed for Fridays



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

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

S'more Jesus:
July 17th

Bible Study:
August 6th

Co-coordinators:
 Emily Ramthun 715-409-6963
 Melodie Witter Barker 715-571-1549
 Brad Barker 715-551-7595



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



SUMMER CAMP: Our first two Summer Camps are already over, and the students have had SO MUCH FUN playing, learning, and making new friends!



- "Let's Play Games!" was the theme of our first camp, and the students did just that! From balloon bopping to bubble popping, they enjoyed playing Simon Says, Red Light/Green Light, bowling, Bingo, corn hole, Connect Four, ball games, obstacle courses, and parachute play.
- The second week's theme was "Bible Adventures", and the students learned all about these Bible stories: Creation, Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Big Fish, Daniel in the Lion's Den, David and Goliath, and The Good Samaritan. They made lots of fun projects to help them remember the stories, too.
- Special thanks to Mrs. Kropp, Mrs. Berens, Mrs. Schreier, and Mrs. Arneson for making our Summer Camps so much fun!

UPCOMING SUMMER CAMPS: We will welcome our students back in the month of July for our last two camps of the summer. (Both of these are already full so we won't be taking any more registrations.)

July 13-16 : "Classic Tales and Timeless Adventures" led by Mrs. Arneson

July 14-18: "Land, Sea, and Sky Animals" led by Mrs. Berens

ENROLLMENT: Our 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day 4K class sessions are full for the 2026-2027 school year with some students on waitlists. There are still spots available in our 5-day class, and we DO have a few opportunities for families still wanting to enroll their child in a 2-day or 3-day class. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a 3 or 4 year old child, visit our St. Mark's website: www.stmarkswausau.org or contact me for enrollment information.



STAFFING: We are close to being fully staffed for the 2026-27 school year. Most of our current staff are returning, but we are still in need of a **Lead Teacher** for our **5-day morning class**. Please pray that God would lead that person to us soon! If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please contact me as soon as possible for more information.

YARD SIGNS: There are still **PRESCHOOL YARD SIGNS** that are available to anyone who would like to help us advertise by placing a sign in your yard. Pick one up at the table in the gathering area or stop by my office. Thank you for helping us advertise!

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

Mrs. Cathy Page, Preschool Director
715-848-5511, ext. 7
cpage@stmarkslcms.org





The Comfort Quilters can barely contain their enthusiasm after receiving two large batches of fabric! We sorted and organized the material while imagining the beautiful quilts they will create. Completing a quilt is a process. Diane Downing and Linda Ramthun are busily cutting fabric into squares, and soon we can begin making quilt tops. It worked “sew” well last year to tie some quilts before the September 1 start of our fall season. Two quilt-tying bees are scheduled:

- **August 4 – Small quilts**
- **August 18 – Large quilts**

We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall from **9:00–11:30 a.m.**

The Comfort Quilters are a productive, dedicated, and enthusiastic group. Come join the fun—there’s plenty to do! Contact Joan Crisman at **715-573-9801** if you have any questions.

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.

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.

BRIDGE STREET MISSION GOLF OUTING Friday, August 21, 2026

register online at <https://www.bridgestreetmission.org/golf-outing>

\$400 a team (4 person scramble on 18 holes)

Team Golden Ticket (2 mulligans, 2 hand tosses, golf string, hole events, hole games + 100 raffle tickets) for \$120 per team



THE MONTH AT A GLANCE			
FINANCIALS			
MAY 2026			
RECEIPTS	May	Year to Date	YTD Budget
ENVELOPE/PLATE	\$ 54,008.38	\$ 276,098.76	\$ 285,221.39
BUDGETED MISSIONS	\$ 7,366.00	\$ 40,673.00	\$ 36,769.56
SPECIAL GIFTS	\$ 161,325.54	\$ 429,532.19	\$ 50.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 576.41	\$ 2,064.91	\$ -
OTHER	\$ 273.00	\$ 6,887.00	\$ 3,166.69
OUTREACH	\$ 760.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ -
PRESCHOOL TUITION	\$ 22,683.81	\$ 120,163.58	\$ 83,333.31
ROOM USE	\$ 975.00	\$ 3,975.00	\$ 2,166.69
TOTAL	\$ 247,968.14	\$ 882,494.44	\$ 410,707.64

DISBURSED			
COMPENSATION	\$ 42,330.10	\$ 247,695.54	\$ 236,056.74
BENEFIT INSURANCE - Employees	\$ 12,278.18	\$ 64,720.80	\$ 63,758.77
LAY EXPENSES	\$ 2,013.44	\$ 12,560.53	\$ 7,624.93
EVANGELISM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
EDUCATION EXPENSES	\$ 1,182.49	\$ 5,816.76	\$ 6,625.07
PRESCHOOL	\$ 1,300.44	\$ 5,420.43	\$ 4,375.00
CHRISTIAN CONCERNS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 158.65	\$ 1,956.47	\$ 1,666.69
WORSHIP EXPENSES	\$ 643.35	\$ 7,000.88	\$ 5,833.31
YOUTH	\$ 195.88	\$ 1,116.66	\$ 1,750.00
PROPERTIES Misc.	\$ 3,642.99	\$ 16,006.24	\$ 15,708.24
Fuel & Electric	\$ 2,115.56	\$ 14,799.13	\$ 10,208.38
Sanitation	\$ 380.22	\$ 1,724.39	\$ 1,458.31
Snow Plowing	\$ -	\$ 34,962.50	\$ 7,083.31
Insurance - Wkrs Comp/Property	\$ -	\$ 14,321.68	\$ 7,500.00
Sewer & Water	\$ -	\$ 1,071.43	\$ 2,083.31
Church Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,083.31
MISSIONS	\$ 1,708.00	\$ 26,899.22	\$ 36,769.49
SPECIAL GIFTS - OUT	\$ 8,894.92	\$ 69,804.61	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 76,844.22	\$ 525,877.27	\$ 410,709.86

DIFFERENCE	\$ 171,123.92	\$ 356,617.17	\$ (2.22)
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Mission Corner: Hearts in Action

Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

Welcome to our Mission Corner—a dedicated space in our newsletter 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

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

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 do a summer diaper drive for babies and toddlers. Please bring in packages of diapers: **Newborn to Size 7 and Pull Ups Size 2T – 5T.**

Spotlight: Orphan Grain Train

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEEDS:

Sewing Supplies, School Supplies, (used crayons, pencils, markers, ½ used notebooks), Gently Used Backpacks, Children's Summer Clothes, Men's Summer Clothes



How You Can Help

- Take a **Blessing Bag** to keep in your vehicle to give to a person in need
 - Bring in a package of diapers or pull ups for **The Babies Place**
 - Bring in items for **Orphan Grain Train**
- 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

Upcoming Vacation

**Pastor Eric will be gone from July 18-23 for a Synodical Convention.
Pastor Eric and his family will be on vacation from July 26 - August 3.**

For emergencies, please contact Pastor Joe at (414) 779-1785



ST. MARK'S YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

S'MORE JESUS

July 17 | 6pm
FRIDAY

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

RSVP 

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

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat



8th grade students, mark your calendars for our upcoming Confirmation Retreat at Camp Luther! This incredible experience is required for our confirmands and is an excellent way to grow in faith and fellowship with one another. The dates for this year's retreat are **August 9-11, 2026**. If you haven't yet submitted your paperwork and payment of \$140 per student, please do so **by July 31st**. Please contact Blaine if you have questions or need a new registration form at 715-848-5511 ext. 3 or bwelch@stmarkslcms.org.

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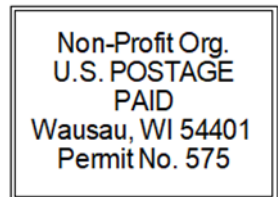


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We are on the Web!

<http://stmarkswausau.org/>



August MARKINGS Deadline

The deadline to submit articles and announcements for the August edition of the MARKINGS will be **July 23rd at 10am**. Thank you!

The office will be **CLOSED**
on **July 2 & 3**



OFFICIAL ACTS— June 2026

Baptism

Emma Ann Traska (June 21, 2026)
William James Traska (June 21, 2026)
Lucy Lou Britton (June 28, 2026)

Funerals


Paul Michalski (passed 6/6/2026)
Ted Clintsman (passed 6/12/2026)
Bill Hussong (passed 6/23/2026)

Summer Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 - 5:00 and Friday 8:00 - 12:00

We will go back to normal business hours
starting August 31.

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cable Channel 980 Worship Times: Tues: 11:00 am Wed: 6:00 pm Thurs: 7:00 am		Summer Office Hours M-Th: 8:00 – 5:00 F: 8:00 – 12:00 June 5–August 28				
NOTE: The church calendar changes frequently. For the most current version, please reference the calendar on the website (www.stmarkswausau.org) under the About Us tab.						
5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Studies 10:30 Worship	6 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists	7 6:30 MIA Bible Study	8 6:00 Worship	9 Jean Vacation	10 Office Closed @ Noon Blaine's Family Day	11 
Pastor Eric at Camp Luther until 11th						
12 9:00 Worship ~ No Bible Study ~ 2:00 Ordination & Installation service	13 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:30-11:30 Preschool Summer Camp	14 6:30 MIA Bible Study 8:00 Trustees	15 NO Worship	16 Jean Vacation	17 Jean Vacation Office Closed 6:00 Young Adult Campfire @ Nine Mile Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	18 Pastor Eric at Synodical Convention in AZ until 23rd
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Studies 10:30 Worship Pastor gone until 23rd	20 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Team	21 6:30 MIA Bible Study	22 2:30 Blood Drive 6:00 Worship	23 Markings Deadline 6:00 Elder Meeting	24 Office Closed @ Noon Pastor & Blaine's Family Day	25 Blaine Vacation until 8/1
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Studies 10:30 Worship P. Eric vacation until Aug. 3rd	27 8:00 OCT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:30-11:30 Preschool Summer Camp	28 6:30 MIA Bible Study 10:00 The Gathering ~Mount View Care ~	29 6:00 Worship	30 	31 Office Closed Jean Vacation	1 Bridal Shower in Fellowship Hall

July 2026 - Volunteer Calendar

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	READER	MULTIMEDIA	COMMUNION	USHERS
July 1	6:00pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Alex Jones	Scott Werner	Group 9
					Wafers: Pastor	
July 5	8 am	Todd Krause	Kathy Sparks	Derek Emon	Kathy Sparks, Carrie Emon Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 5
	10:30 am	Nan Schultz	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 6
July 8	6:00 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Nick Schoch	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
July 12	9:00 am	Judy Mueller	Leon Woller	Kory Page	Rich Klein, Judy Mueller Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 5
July 15			NO WORSHIP			
July 19	8 am	Kevin & Lynn Schroeder	Kurt Schemenauer	Nick Schoch	Kurt Schemenauer, Lynn Schroeder Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 5
	10:30 am	Adam Menebroeker	Rachel Olson	Tyler Woller	Rachel Olson, Scott Michaelson Wafers: Pastor, Blaine	Group 6
July 22	6 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Brandon & Kyle Urtech	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9
July 26	8 am	Melodie Barker	Melodie Barker	Nick Schoch	Janet Herring, Lee Belmas Wafers: Pastor, Ken Berndt	Group 5
	10:30 am	Katie Barboza	Rachel Olson	Michael Deedon	Rita Woller, Rachel Olson Wafers: Pastor, John Woller	Group 6
July 29	6:00 pm	Henry Jennejohn	Pastor	Zach Sargent	Scott Werner Wafers: Pastor	Group 9

ALTAR GUILD: Gwen Loiz, Rosanne Tucker

USHERS:

- Group 5 - Warren Jacobi - Lead, Sharon Jacobi, Bruce Thurs, Jae Loiz
- Group 6 - Rich Klein - Lead, Herb Nimmemann, Adam Wurz, Chris Grosskreutz
- Group 9 - Henry Jennejohn - Lead, Scott Werner, Mike Henrichs