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July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: “Christ the Eternal Lord” (LSB 829 vs 1-4)

BAPTISM

Hayden Matthew Mayer
son of Evan and Jocelyn Mayer

INVOCATION

CONFESSION ~ LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

ABSOLUTION

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 us 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

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55:10-13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

HYMN: “*Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing*” (LSB 584)

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: “*We All Believe in One True God*” (LSB 953)

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. Those of you who will not be communing are welcome to come up and receive a blessing by crossing your arms.

(The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” (LSB 620 vs 1-4)

“Beautiful Savior” (LSB 537)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (LSB 923 vs 1-2)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Tom & Dana Stevens in honor of their 24th wedding anniversary today.

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, Silas, age 17, mass on liver.

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.

Grieving: Lorraine Graf, mother of DeWayne, who passed last week.

**Celebration on the 71st wedding anniversary for Bob and Irene Lamont (July 16)

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.

Join us!



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 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

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 94.5% there in accomplishing this goal, needing just \$35K 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

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:
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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 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.



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.

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	Won 12-5
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

July 12-19, 2026

Sun, July 12	9:00 Worship ~ No Bible study ~ 2:00 Joe Bender Installation & Ordination ~ reception to follow ~
Mon, July 13	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tues, July 14	6:30 MIA Bible study 8:00 Trustees
Wed, July 15	NO Worship
Thurs, July 16	——(Jean Vacation)——
Fri, July 17	~ Jean Vacation ~ OFFICE CLOSED Pastor & Blaine's Family Day 6:00 Young Adult Ministry * RSVP via QR Code *
Sat, July 18	<i>Pastor Eric at Synodical Convention in AZ until 23rd</i>
Sun, July 19	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible study 10:30 Worship



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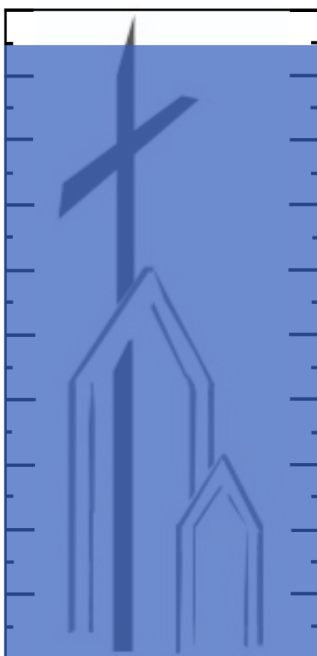
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\$650K
\$615K

Help us reach our
initial goal of raising
\$650K to kick off our
expansion project!
Only \$35K left!!



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