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July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: “Battle Belongs”

(10:30) Baptism

Jaqueline Joyce Kail
daughter of Mitchell & Megan Kail

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 temporal and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, to that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG: “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

OLD TESTAMENT: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 7:14-25a

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: The Ten Commandments

SERMON SONG: "No Longer Slaves"

SERMON - "Power to Faint"

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 (Responsively)

P We know that You, O Lord, can do something about our problems.

C Our Father who are in heaven,

P We have not always honored who You are, O Lord, and what You have done for us.

C Hallowed be Thy name,

P We eagerly await the time when we can be with You.

C Thy kingdom come,

P Show us Your ways, O Lord.

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P You, Lord, know all of our needs.

C Give us this day our daily bread;

P We have all sinned and have fallen short of Your glory.

- C And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**
P We have been under spiritual attack.
C And lead us not into temptation,
P We call to You, Lord, for help.
C But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 SONG:

"Peace"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Forever Reign"

DISMISSAL

PRAISE BAND

Dave Johnson, Anna Peterson, Matt Rhyner, David Sargent, Dawn Schoch, Helaina Wills

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Jae & Gwen Loiz In memory of Lila Gwidt

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.

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 92% there in accomplishing this goal, needing just \$52K 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:
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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	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 5 - 12, 2026

Sun, July 5	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hall rented out <i>*Pastor Eric at Camp Luther until July 11th*</i>
Mon, July 6	_____
Tues, July 7	6:30 MIA Bible study
Wed, July 8	6:00 Worship
Thurs, July 9	_____
Fri, July 10	Office Closed at Noon Blaine's Family Day
Sat, July 11	<i>Pastor Eric back from Camp Luther</i> <i>~ fellowship hall in use ~</i>
Sun, July 12	9:00 Worship 2:00 Joe Bender Installation & Ordination <i>~ reception to follow ~</i>

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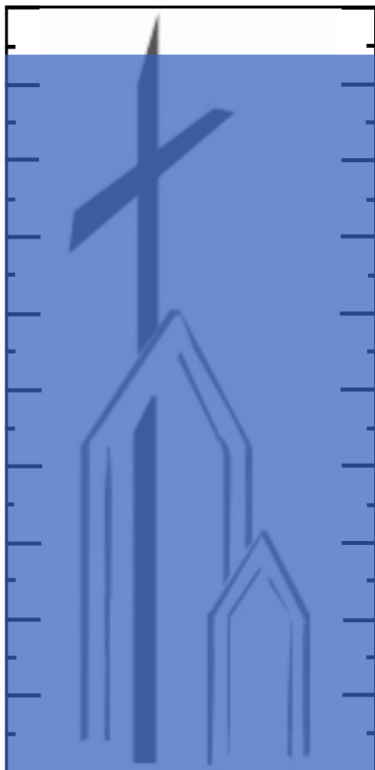
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**Help us reach our
initial goal of raising
\$650K to kick off our
expansion project!
Only \$52K left!!**



GIVE HERE!

