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August 16, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (LSB 816)

INVOCATION

(10:30) BAPTISM

Calianna Marie Potaczek
daughter of Brian Potaczek and Elexius Martinson

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: “How Great Thou Art”

Wausau Lyric Choir Small Ensemble, Violin ~ Mary Premeau, Cello ~ Amy Raddatz

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and

their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: Meaning of the Third Article

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (LSB 770)

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

~ Violin, Mary Premeau; Cello, Amy Raddatz ~

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" (LSB 729)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

"DOXOLOGY" ~ Wausau Lyric Choir Small Ensemble

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Allen & Sonya Schultz in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on August 17th. Congratulations Allen & Sonya!

Small Ensemble Wausau Lyric Choir

Denise Schantz, Gary Zimbars, Phil Meyer, Colton Van Ert, Glenn Marquardt

Director: Kyle Wiskow

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, Bob Moritz, who is struggling with pain, Jamie Krautkramer, niece of Jim & Paulene Sala.

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.

Safe travel for those college students who are moving back to school.

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 Oct.1, 8,15 ~ Please contact the office to sign up. ~

The Gathering- Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art

On **Tuesday, August 25th**, we are heading over to the Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, located in the historic Wausau Club at 309 McClellan Street in downtown Wausau. We will take a docent tour of the galley and building. Admission to the museum is free. **We will meet at the museum at 12:30 pm.**

Following the museum, we will have time for fellowship in downtown Wausau. Please make plans to join us.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our group study continues this week with Praying the Names of God - 'The Lord is My Shepherd' and 'The Good Shepherd'. Topics of study and discussion will be about God as our Shepherd based on Psalm 23 and one of the most tender images of Jesus when He refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd.

We are also looking forward to Pastor Joe joining us on August 26th. We meet on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us.

August 16-23, 2026

Sun, August 16	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible study 10:30 Worship
Mon, August 17	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Meeting
Tues, August 18	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilters
Wed, August 19	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship
Thurs, August 20	5:00 PEW Sisters
Fri, August 21	OFFICE CLOSED ~ Jean Vacation ~ Pastors & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, August 22	-----
Sun, August 23	8:00 Worship 10:30 Outdoor Worship at Riverside Park

AUGUST 23RD at 10:30 am~ OUTDOOR WORSHIP SIGN UP

Please remember to sign up for the outdoor service by **TOMORROW**.

Sign-up sheet is located on the credenza in the Narthex.

We are looking for a headcount for the free-will offering lunch.

Ladies Guild Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on September 8th at 1pm.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Corner: Hearts in Action
Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

Check out Mission Corner—a dedicated space in our narthex highlighting the outreach efforts and opportunities that connect our church family with our broader community and the world.



We are ready to kick off our third year of **“Meet Me at the Well Mondays!”** We are looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Monday, September 21st. We will meet from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Mark’s.

Thank you to all of the women that attended last year’s events! Women of all ages are welcome to attend. It is fun to meet new people and share with each other our walks with Jesus. The Bible study is not sequential, so if you can’t make it one month, you will still be right on track to continue your learning from this series. Feel free to bring a friend!

“Meet Me at the Well Mondays” are an opportunity for the women of St. Mark’s to grow closer to God, fellowship with one another, and participate in community service events. If you have any questions, please call Kristen at 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there!

Future “Meet Me at the Well Monday” Dates: Monday, October 19, 2026, and Monday, November 16, 2026

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	Lost 5-17
7/19/2026	V	Melonheads	5:30PM	3	Won 11-9
7/26/2026	V	Immanuel Baptist Church 2	7:30PM	2	Won 15-6
8/2/2026	~ Tournament Week ~		7:30PM	3	Won 11-3
8/9/2026	Championship Game ~ vs The Garage II		6:30PM	3	Won 12-11

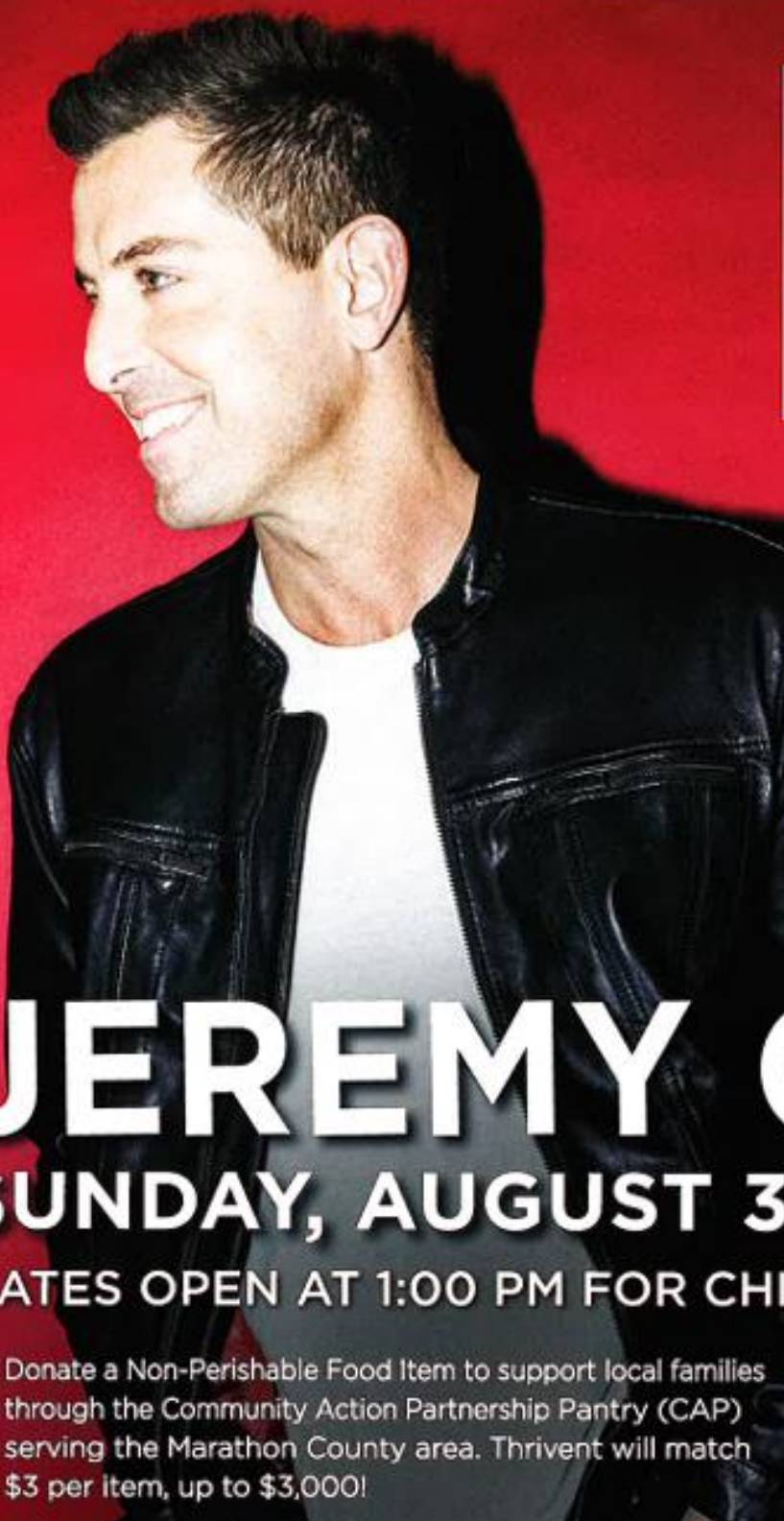
Changes in the Works

We are transitioning to electronic distribution of *The Markings* by 2027. We understand that some members prefer to receive a printed copy, and we are happy to accommodate those requests. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please email Jean at jdrake@stmarkslcms.org.

**If you have already contacted the office regarding your preference, you do not need to call again **

Groundbreaking Ceremony – August 30th

Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. on August 30 as we celebrate the groundbreaking of our upcoming construction project. Further instructions will be given at that time. **No RSVP is needed—just show up!**



HOPE IN THE PARK

89Q CONCERT

PLEASE JOIN us for a
FREE CONCERT at
MARATHON PARK

FOOD VENDORS
OPEN AT NOON



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JEREMY CAMP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, WAUSAU

GATES OPEN AT 1:00 PM FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Donate a Non-Perishable Food Item to support local families through the Community Action Partnership Pantry (CAP) serving the Marathon County area. Thrivent will match \$3 per item, up to \$3,000!

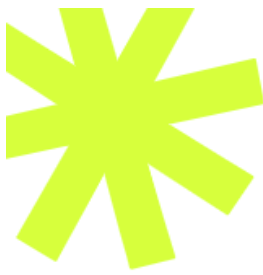
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YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY



Men & Women | Ages: 18 - mid 30's

Series Topic: Hot Topics for Young Adults

- Identity in Christ
- Purpose
- Communication
- Relationships
- Social Media
- Money
- Spiritual Habits
- and more!

What the Bible says & how to develop practical skills as we navigate this season of life.
Childcare will be provided.

Join the GroupMe for more information.
Join at any point, 1st Thursday of the month
5:30-6:30pm!



Co-coordinators:

Emily Ramthun 715-409-6963,
Melodie Witter Barker 715-571-1549 & Brad Barker 715-551-7595

Worship Volunteer Training – August 26th at 7:00pm

We are looking for greeters, ushers, readers (Lectors), communion assistants and Altar Guild members. No experience is necessary—we're happy to provide guidance and training. Whether you can serve once a month or more often, your time and gifts are a blessing to our church family.

If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries, please come to a short informal meeting on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 at 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED. If you want to learn more but cannot make this meeting, contact Dan Page, at 715-921-0404.

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