

September 20, 2026



“But as the days of Noah were, so also will be the coming of the Son of God.”
~ Mt. 24:34 (NKJV) ~

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (LSB 802)

INVOCATION

(8:00) BAPTISM

Lydia Lynn Schlosser
daughter of Cory & Madie Schlosser

(10:30) BAPTISM (LSB pg 268)

Maya Jean Block
daughter of Logan & Laura Block

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** In the days of Noah, the wickedness of humanity had become great upon the earth, and every inclination of the human heart was evil. Yet Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord. Let us acknowledge our sin and trust in His mercy.
- C** **Ancient of Days, You see the thoughts and desires of our hearts. You know all the sins we have committed in word and deed. We trust only in ourselves rather than in You.**
- P** Like the people of Noah's day, we live as if Your judgement were faraway. We ignore Your warnings, resist Your Word and pursue our heart's desire.
- C** **Forgive us, Lord, and turn our hearts back to You. The waters of the flood remind us that sin is not a small matter before a holy God. We cannot save ourselves. We are in need of Your grace, Jesus, our Judge and our Savior.**

P As God preserved Noah through the waters of judgment, so He has rescued us through Christ and promises us everlasting life. Upon this your confession and by His authority, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* (LSB 338)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 7:1-8:1

Then the LORD said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." And Noah did all that the LORD had commanded him.

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 3:18-22

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism,

which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

THE ARK PRAYER

SERMON HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory” (LSB 850)

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

“Amazing Grace” ~ flugelhorn, Chad Premeau

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (LSB 809)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING VERSE: “On What Has Now Been Sown” (LSB 921 vs 3)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet was given by Brad & Lisa Peck, in celebration of the marriage of Molly & Morgan.

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, Jean Larson, aunt to Gwen Loiz, who has medical issues.

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, Ken Burton, father of Kiersten Fricke.

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

Grieving: family of Ruth Saeger (age 105), mother of Dr. Stephen Saeger.

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 ~ 5:30pm -8:00pm
~ Please contact the office to sign up. ~***

The Gathering- Card Making

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 12:30 pm** in the fellowship hall for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Kathy Sparks will demonstrate several paper crafting techniques; including embossing, die cutting, stamping and layering decorative paper. You will have the opportunity to make a Christmas card, getting a head start on your Christmas cards. A free will offering will be available to offset the cost of the project.

In addition to card making, we will have time for conversation and cards. Please bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our group continues this week with Praying the Names of God, with a study of 'Physician', the God who heals. Jesus, the greatest of all physicians, performed more healings than any other miracles. As a physician himself, join us as we look closer at Luke's Gospel which recounts many of these miracles. We meet on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.



St. Mark's Women's Ministry Event **TOMORROW!!!!**

Women of St. Mark's you are invited to join our first Meet Me at the Well event at St. Mark's taking place on **Monday, September 21, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** starting in the Narthex. Our Bible Study this year will feature Lisa Harper's "Lyrics of Life" focusing on the Psalms for comfort, small group fellowship, prayer, and community service work for the "Emmett Strong" project.

These Monday events 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 @ 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there.

Future Dates:

Monday, October 19th and November 16th and Saturday all day event: March 13, 2027

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Sun, Sept 20	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship
Mon, Sept 21	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Team 7:00 Meet Me at the Well
Tues, Sept 22	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting 12:30 The Gathering 6:00 Dartball
Wed, Sept 23	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation
Thurs, Sept 24	9:00 Adult Bible Study 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Sept 25	Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day ~ No Preschool ~
Sat, Sept 26	----- Emmett Strong Sunshine Foundation Blood Drive 8am – 2pm at Boys & Girls Club of the Wausau Area
Sun, Sept 27	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship



CenterStage Yearbook: CenterStage Band & Show Choir, **Thursday, September 24 – Saturday, September 26, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM each evening at Wausau West High School**, 1200 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau. CenterStage celebrates 20 years! A free show for all ages featuring a live concert band, outstanding vocals, energetic choreography, and dazzling costumes. Free tickets at the door or in advance.

Come Sing With Us!

Do you love to sing? We invite you to join the Celebration Choir!

No audition is required—just bring your voice, your enthusiasm, and a heart ready to worship. Whether you've sung in a choir for years or are trying it for the first time, there is a place for you.

Rehearsal: Thursday, Sept. 24 ~ 6:00-6:30pm in the sanctuary

Come be part of a welcoming group that shares the joy of music, fellowship, and worship. **We'd love to have you sing with us.** Contact Dan Page at 715-921-0404.

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 **

The poster features a blue and white checkered border at the top and bottom. At the top, it reads "EMMETT STRONG SUNSHINE FOUNDATION CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS". The main title is "3rd Annual BLOOD DRIVE" in large, bold, white and yellow letters on a dark blue background. Below the title is the slogan "GO GOLD. GIVE BLOOD. SHINE HOPE." in white. The date and time are "SEPTEMBER 26TH 8 AM - 2 PM" in bold blue letters. Below this is "BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE WAUSAU AREA" in smaller blue letters. A cartoon sun character with a face, arms, and legs is standing next to a red blood drop character that has a face and is holding a small white object. To the left of the characters is a QR code with the text "SIGN UP & MORE" above it. At the bottom, there are logos for the Emmett Strong Sunshine Foundation and Versiti Blood Centers, flanked by checkered patterns.

All Saints Day ~ November 1, 2026

In honor of All Saints Day on November 1st, we will be hanging stars once again to remember the loved ones who have left us. They can be for anyone you wish and as many as you want. The basket with blank stars will be on the credenza in the Narthex on September 27th. Please fill out, instructions provided on basket and return to the basket marked "Completed Stars."

All stars must be returned by October 27th to give us time to hang them up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Christensen (715-574-6759) or the office.



PRESCHOOL PRAYER WARRIOR: Will YOU be a “Preschool Prayer Warrior” this year? It’s easy! All you need to do is pray for one of our precious preschoolers throughout the school year. Yes, that’s it! Whether it’s a 30-second prayer or a few quiet minutes, your prayers will make a difference! These early years are crucial for building faith, their true identity as a child of God, and a sense of love and security. Names can be found on the table in the gathering area. Feel free to take a name and lift up that precious preschool child to our Lord throughout the year. Together, we can raise a generation rooted in love and faith – one prayer at a time.



FAMILY FALL FEST: St. Mark’s Lutheran Preschool is sponsoring a Family Fall Fest on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This event is geared for families with children ages 3-10 to come and enjoy fall-themed games, activities, and crafts. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help at the activity stations. To volunteer or to RSVP your family, please contact Cathy Page at 715-848-5511 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



S'MORE JESUS

Faith, Fire, and Fellowship

📍 Nine Mile County Park 🕒 5:30-9pm

Join the GroupMe for details on each event, updates, to connect with others, and to RSVP to any event!



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