

October 4, 2026 ~ LWML Sunday



“Because the eternal Son of God truly became human in Jesus Christ, he is able to stand in our place, bear our sin and give us forgiveness as a gift of His grace.”

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P We confess because God has come near to us in Christ.

C **Almighty God, You did not remain distant from us in our sin, but sent Your Son into our flesh. In Jesus Christ, you come among us to bear our weakness, our guilt and our sin. Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man have mercy upon us.**

P The eternal Son of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He took our humanity upon Himself, bore our sins in His body on the cross, and rose again for our justification. Therefore, upon your confession of true repentance and trusting in the promise of Christ, your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

LWML PLEDGE

SONG: “Our God”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 7:13 – 14

And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5 – 11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 1:1 –14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: Meaning of the Second Article

SERMON SONG: “Cornerstone”

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 SONGS

"Build My Life"

"In Christ Alone"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Good Good Father"

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is in honor of LWML Sunday.

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, Irene Lamont who is recovering from a fall, Helen Prochnow for hip replacement recovery, Sharon Shackleton, Helen Prochnow's sister, for health improvement, Kevin Prochnow, for stomach surgery.

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 Donna Woller, sister of Shirley Woller and aunt of Becky Woller, family of Joy Schilling whose sister passed away, family of Bob Lamont, who passed away husband of Irene and father of Pastor Bruce, Mike Slattery, friend of Roger Prochnow.

LWML Mission and Ministry local and worldwide

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. ~

For information on ALL *St Mark's* ministry opportunities, visit

stmarkswausau.org

or scan this code for our ministry catalog





Afterwards, come and enjoy a delicious (free-will) chicken & ham dinner in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to help decorate tables, serve or cleanup. Get in touch with Dan Page at 715-921-0404.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Son-Shine Bible Study

We are starting our new study, Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply by Deb Burma, this week. Similar to taking a coffee break or meeting a friend for coffee, the Lord invites us to meet Him for a break. He wants our company! Imagine what the Savior has in store for us each time we meet Him with our cup of coffee (or the like), but more importantly with our 'cup' – our self – a vessel created and chosen by God, redeemed in Christ, and ready to be filled for His purpose. Join us as we begin session 1 – My Cup: Cleaned Out (Made New!). Study Guides are available in class. We meet on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Bring your favorite cup if you'd like!

The Gathering- Bread Making Demonstration

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 27th**, as we will welcome an affiliate of the Grebe Cooking School to St. Mark's to demonstrate **different types of bread making**. We are asking for a free will offering to offset the cost of the supplies and to compensate the presenter. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 for this informative and tasty presentation. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Schroeder 715-432-3893. Hope to see you there!

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@stmarklcms.org.



The Women of Zion invite you to a **Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 24, 2026!** The sale will be held from **9:00 AM to Noon**, in the **Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**. Come enjoy the tastes of fall with a wonderful selection of homemade baked goods and canned goods. Similar to our popular Christmas Cookie Sale, the Fall Bazaar will offer an assortment of fall favorites. Just to name a few, you may find pies, breads, cookies, candies, jams and jellies, dilly beans, pickled beets, and more, along with handcrafted holiday and seasonal items. Come and see what special treats and treasures are waiting for you!

PUMPKINS + PARABLES

10/16 • 5:30PM • \$5

 **CARVE OR PAINT A PUMPKIN**
 **LIGHT COOKOUT PROVIDED**

SEE GROUPME EVENT FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS • CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Young Adults Upcoming Events

Nov 1 / 6:00pm ~ ST. MARK'S TRIVIA NIGHT** - Hosted by Blaine for the whole congregation. ***See the GroupMe for details

Nov 5 / 5:30pm-6:30pm ~ BIBLE STUDY - Hot Topics: Communication at St. Mark's.

***Nov 13 / 5:30pm ~ THANKSGIVING POTLUCK** at St. Mark's -

See the GroupMe for important details

***Not our typical day**

Facebook: St. Mark's Young Adult Ministry

Instagram: @SM.Youngadults

GroupMe



SERVE ON ST. MARK'S BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

St. Mark's is seeking two members to serve on the Board of Governance. This is an opportunity to prayerfully contribute your time, gifts, and perspective to help guide the ministry and future of our church. If you have a heart for serving, leadership, and supporting the mission of our congregation, we invite you to consider this opportunity. We are seeking to fill the positions of Vice President and Member At Large. Both positions are coming available beginning in 2027. To serve, one must be a current voting member and have been on the membership roster for at least two years. Candidates' names will be collected from now until October 11. Interested or have questions? Please speak with Leon Woller (President) - (715) 573-5384 or Blaine Welch - (715) 848-5511.

PLEDGING for 2027

To plan next year's budget, we will once again use pledge cards to help with this effort. Attached is a form you can simply fill out, put in an envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL," and return to Kurt Haebig in the Financial Office. We would like these collected by **October 19, 2026**, to process the numbers in time for the Voter's Meeting on **November 8th**. We will also have the pledge cards available on the credenza in the Narthex.

----- (Clip below and return to Kurt Haebig in an envelope) -----

GIVE BACK TO THE LORD WHO HAS PROVIDED YOU WITH EVERYTHING

After prayerfully considering the question "what amount of my yearly income will I dedicate to the Lord," I have decided: My offering for the work of the Lord at St. Mark's for 2027 will be:

General Operation \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Built In Love \$ _____

\$ _____ per week

\$ _____ per month

\$ _____ yearly

This represents an increase over last year ☐

Please return by **October 19th**

Name: _____

October 4 - 11, 2026

Sun, Oct 4

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs
10:30 Worship

Mon, Oct 5

8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists

Tues, Oct 6

6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Quilting

Wed, Oct 7

1:00 Son Shine Bible study
6:00 Worship
6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation

Thurs, Oct 8

9:00 Adult Bible Study
5:30 New Member Class
6:00 Celebration Choir

Fri, Oct 9

Sat, Oct 10

Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day

Sun, Oct 11

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs
10:30 Polka Worship
11:45 Polka luncheon

A Walk to Remember, Saturday, October 10, Registration 10:00 AM. Walk begins at 10:30 am at Oak Island Park, 500 River Dr, Wausau. MMC-Weston's annual Walk to Remember, honoring all babies that have gone too soon during pregnancy, at birth, or shortly after birth, and raising awareness of pregnancy and infant loss. Everyone is welcome.

St. Mark's Women's "Meet Me at the Well" Upcoming Events:

Meet Me at the Well Monday



****For our October event, please bring along canned food items for donating to the Neighbor's Place.**

Women of St. Mark's, you are invited to join our second **Meet Me at the Well** event at St. Mark's on **Monday, October 19th**, from **7:00pm to 8:30 pm**. Thank you to those of you who joined us at our first meeting in September.

We will have our second bible study lesson with Lisa Harper's "*Lyrics of Life*" focusing on the book of Psalms. It is not necessary to have attended the first session to be a part of this study. We will also have an activity to get to know each other, a chance for prayer requests, and a canned food collection for The Neighbor's Place.

Just like the woman at the well encountered Jesus and found new life, *Meet Me at the Well* is an invitation for women to come together, learn more about Jesus, help our community and find strength in one another. If you have any questions, please call Kristen @ 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome to come along.

Future dates: Monday, November 16th 7:00-8:30
and Saturday, March 13th, 2027 - All day Woman's event

"Meet Me At the Well Saturday" Event Planning Committee

It is time to start planning our 4th annual all day woman's event being held at St. Mark's on **Saturday, March 13th, 2027**. It takes a great amount of energy, creativity, and effort to have close to 100 women spend the day together growing closer to Jesus and learning more about living our lives in His image.

We have a great committee that started a lot of planning already for this year but are always looking for new people and new ideas to continue to grow this event.

We will meet on **Monday, November 2nd at 6:30-7:15** in the youth room. **Future meeting dates include Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, and March 1st (same time and place)**

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