

LIVING WITH PURPOSE...
(cont. from cover)

Mark has been familiar with Bridge Street Mission, but, until now, was not at a stage in life where He could get involved at a significant level. "At different stages of life, people can do different things," Mark says.

Now that Mark's kids are grown, he has more time available to volunteer. He values his work with men who are often overlooked when they have legitimate needs.

Dozens of volunteers, like Mark, live out their "purpose" at Bridge Street Mission. Volunteer resources along with the financial gifts of faithful friends like you help us make a lasting difference in hurting people's lives.

GOLFING EXCEEDS GOALS!

More than \$13,800 was raised by Bridge Street Mission's annual golf outing at Crane Meadows Golf Course, our host sponsor. It was a beautiful day of fun, food and fellowship. The Radon Man won the scramble and trades division. Other division winners included RE/MAX Excel, Immanuel Baptist and Abby Bank. Closest to the pin was a HOLE IN ONE! by Bradley Knoblock of Furniture & Appliance Mart.



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Join Mark, and others, as a volunteer...

- Genesis process counselors (addiction recovery)
- Faith & Finance co-facilitator (finances)
- Jobs for Life facilitators (vocation)
- Facility management instructors
- Correspondence Bible study coordinator
- Champions and Allies to support men in classes
- Shuttle drivers for Sober Living Center
- Food service (cook and serve)
- Recreation director and physical fitness leaders

Our Winter Season needs... Big Ticket Items

- A used minivan or SUV to transport men to work or doctor appointments (\$5,000 - \$10,000)
- Vending machine (\$4,000)

Everyday Needs

- Chicken and beef broths for soup
- Meat and fresh fruit/vegetables
- Tomato sauce
- Canned and frozen foods
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Kitchen knives, strainers and tongs
- Hats & gloves
- Socks
- Twin-size bed linens, pillows and blankets
- Towels and washcloths
- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Heavy duty garbage bags



Christ-Centered Help for Those in Need

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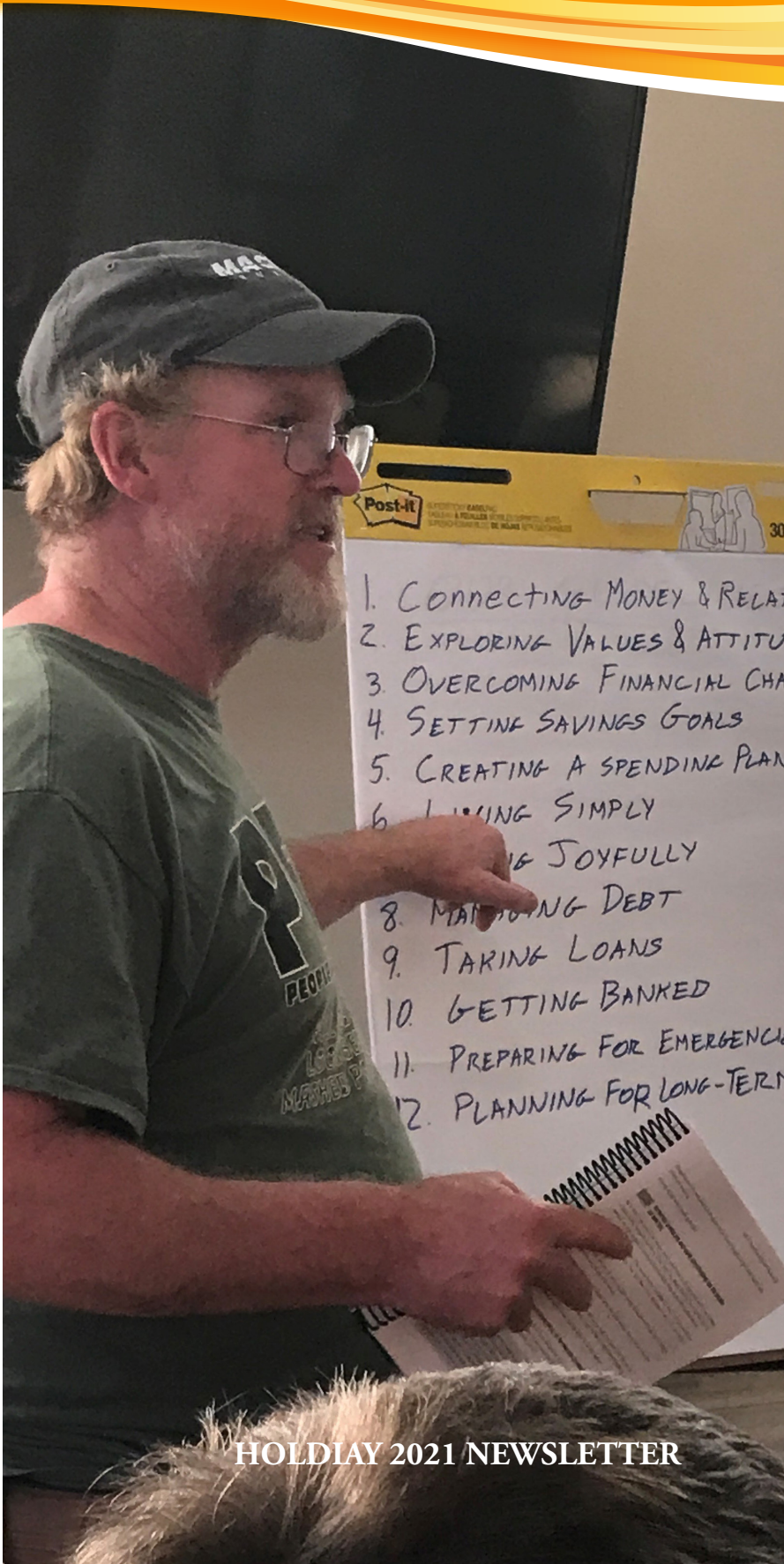
A near fatal car accident in 2008 caused Mark Strobel and his family to re-evaluate their lives. "God in His mercy kept us alive for a purpose," Mark says.

Mark feels that "purpose" can be simply stated as 1) to bring glory to God and 2) to help others.

"In helping others, I want to help in such a way that does not suck people into a cycle of dependence," Mark explains." He lives out this purpose by running a property management company that works closely with lower income individuals who struggle to find affordable housing in the Wausau area.

Recently, Mark began helping the men at Bridge Street Mission learn to manage their money. He listens to each man's story, creates personal budgets and works through complicated financial situations.

Mark is a trained and certified instructor for Faith & Finance, a core curriculum component in our Sober Living Center's enhanced programming that began this fall. He currently works with 8 men who have struggled in the past to make ends meet.



1. Connecting Money & Relationships
2. Exploring Values & Attitudes
3. Overcoming Financial Challenges
4. Setting Savings Goals
5. Creating a Spending Plan
6. Living Simply
7. Managing Joyfully
8. Managing Debt
9. Taking Loans
10. Getting Banked
11. Preparing for Emergencies
12. Planning for Long-Term

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HOW LIVES ARE CHANGED AT BRIDGE STREET MISSION

Dear Friends,

During my first year at Bridge Street Mission, I have seen God have a huge impact in the lives of many men at our Sober Living Center. Through the kind, compassionate care of our staff and volunteer team along with the teaching of God’s Word, men who struggle with homelessness and addiction have had their lives transformed by the renewing of their minds.

This summer, we introduced a more comprehensive program that we believe will lead more men deeper into a healing relationship with Jesus Christ and set them up for long term lasting change. See “How Lives Are Changed…” page 3 for an overview of those program enhancements.

And please consider joining our Bridge Street Mission team as a volunteer. See Mark’s story (cover). To accomplish all that God has placed before us, we will need to continue to build a team of like-minded individuals willing and equipped to serve.

Craig A Vincent

Craig Vincent, Executive Director

In our Sober Living Center, we regularly house up to 36 men. Some of these men are experiencing homelessness. We may have met them at a meal served at our Outreach Center, or they are referred to us by others in the community. Some of the men come to us directly out of prison or rehab for alcohol or drug addictions.

We provide Christ-centered accountability and support along with Bible instruction and individual pastoral counsel. It’s a blessing to see the tremendous restoration that can occur in a hurting person’s life. Our desire is to do more, and we have been diligently working on some significant program enhancements.



When a man first arrives at the Mission, our focus is **stabilization**, usually from crisis. We offer a safe and clean bed in our bunk room in a drug- and alcohol-free environment. Daily meals are provided, along with showers, clothing and toiletries. All at no cost, thanks to generous friends like you.

During the first weeks, he meets the staff, volunteers and other men in the program. He begins to attend Bible studies and support groups, and takes on responsibilities around the building. We will talk about his individual situation and goals. We explore together whether our Sober Living Program is a good fit and which phase of the program he is ready for.

At this point, most of the men will enter the **transformational** phase of our program. He will fully engage in our comprehensive curriculum and schedule, taking classes, receiving individual counseling and entering one of our vocational tracts.

A key part of life transformation is helping to identify the faulty belief systems that drive his self-destructive behaviors. That’s essential to begin the process of healing and recovery. We will help him to explore the gifts and talents he has been given and how to use them to find and advance in a meaningful job. He will develop both hard and soft skills to prepare for employment. And we help him lay a foundation for good financial health and begin to deal with past money problems.

Upon completion, a program “graduate” can continue to live with us in our re-entry phase. Now he is earning income and paying his own way, living on a budget, and working on debt reduction. He is active in a church of his choice and is paired with a volunteer mentor. He continues in Bible studies (in person or correspondence) and support groups like Celebrate Recovery.

Finally, he will transition out of our Sober Living Center equipped to re-enter society as a healthy contributor with a firm Biblical foundation of who he is in Christ.



Men and women are fed, treated with dignity and given hope. Men experiencing homelessness, being released from jail or coming out of rehab are housed, learn to live addiction free and are equipped to re-enter society as healthy contributors.

Bridge Street Mission Winter Gala
LANTERNS OF LIGHT
2.22.2022

6-8 PM
(doors open 5:30)

Prime Rib dinner; Rothschild Pavilion

\$35 a ticket
(\$250 for table of 8)

Sponsorships Opportunities:
\$500-silver table
\$1,000-gold table



“It is an opportunity for me to work with people and get into a schedule of being with people.”
— Matthew

- Program Measurements
- Growing in Christ
 - Active in Church
 - Maintaining Sobriety
 - Living in Healthy Relationships
 - Generating Income
 - Stable in Housing

- Curriculum
- The Genesis Process: Relapse prevention workbook to help heal what drives self-destructive behavior
 - Jobs for Life: Job training and support strategy that empowers people to be successful at work and at life
 - Faith & Finance: Financial literacy for low-income or financially vulnerable adults
 - Celebrate Recovery: Christian 12-step recovery support group

- Vocational Tracts
- Culinary Arts
 - Facility Management
 - Building Trades
 - Welding



One facet of our vocational training helps men learn to cook and work in a kitchen.