

God is Awesome



Lion's Roar St. Mark Lutheran School

September 29, 2022



Upcoming Events at St. Mark

TODAY:

4K/5K and 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to the Oxford

3:45-5:15 Flag FB practice

5:00 B-Team VB @ Assumption & w/Regis

Friday: Chapel/Hot Lunch

Sunday: Grades 3 & 4 sing at 10:30 service

Monday: 3:45-4:45 B-Team VB practice

4:00 Flag Football game vs. St. Johns & Messiah

4:00-4:45 Kids' Choir

4:30-6:00 A-Team VB practice

Tuesday:

5:00 B-Team VB vs. McDonell & Messiah

5:30 Board of Education

Wednesday: 3:45-5:15 Flag FB practice

Thursday: 4:00 A/B Team VB vs. St. John's Nellisville

September 30- Baked Potato Bar with Ham & Broccoli, Applesauce

October 7- Taco Bake, Corn, Pears, Yogurt

October 21- Pigs in a blanket, Baked beans, Salad, Peaches

November 4- Chicken Nuggets, White Rice, Veggie Blend, Mandarin Oranges

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Please note that the fall parent/teacher consultations are scheduled for Thursday, October 13, after school and into the evening, and for Friday, October 14, in the morning. Please sign up for your child's parent/teacher consultation and use the following [LINK](#) to register. The registration will close on Monday, October 10, at 4:00 PM. If the scheduled times do not work for you, please contact your child's teacher.

Important Bussing Note

The October school calendar was sent home today. Please take note that Thursday, October 13th is a drive day meaning there will be no morning or afternoon bussing. Also, Wednesday October 26th is early release and there will be no afternoon bussing on that day. Morning bus routes will run as normal.

Opening Thought

When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." (John 2:3-4)

The college football season is in full swing. Many enjoy their Saturdays watching this great sport. College football is filled with great rivalries: Indiana vs. Purdue, Michigan vs. Ohio State, and Wisconsin vs. Minnesota. Since we live in the Midwest, we may not fully appreciate another great West Coast rivalry, California vs. Stanford. This duel has a long history, and the most memorable game was played in November 1982. (Yes, Denver Bronco fans, this was John Elway's last collegiate football game) Stanford had just scored and led 20-19 with four seconds to go. All Stanford had to do was kick off and tackle the returner to win the game. The kicker squibbed it, and a Cal player picked it up at Cal's 40-yard line. Several times as a Cal player was about to be tackled, he pitched the football to a teammate. After many laterals the Cal players worked their way down the field. One final Cal player aimlessly threw the football over his shoulder, and a teammate was in the right place at the right time. He caught it and rambled the last 20 yards through the Stanford marching band, who had rushed the field thinking the game was over, into the endzone and won the game for Cal 25-20. It is truly a great game in college football history (and worth a watch on YouTube if you can spare 45 seconds of your time).

This past week, your children studied the Bible lesson on Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Mary, Jesus' mother, Jesus, and his disciples were all invited to the wedding. Their customs were much different than today as weddings often were celebrated for several days. What an embarrassment for the new couple when they ran out of wine. Did more guests attend than they thought? Were they living in poverty and couldn't afford to accommodate their guests? Mary, who may have assisted with the wedding planning, had *treasured all these things in her heart* (Luke 2:51), knew her son was the promised Messiah, and possessed almighty power. She also knew the Old Testament prophecies that foretold the miraculous signs he would perform. She demanded that Jesus should do something. Yet Jesus in his gentle way reminded his own mother that he is omniscient and knew when the fitting time would be for him to perform a miracle. Later during the wedding celebration, Jesus did indeed use his almighty power and changed water into wine. John also revealed his purpose, *This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.* (John 2:11) While the Holy Spirit had certainly brought these men to faith, this miraculous sign further strengthened it.

The right place at the right time. I am certain that as each of us takes time to reflect back on our own lives we can think back to situations where we thought we knew the best direction to take. We may have even spent hours wrestling with our God in prayer over those times and may have even been frustrated when our prayers and hopes didn't match what happened. Maybe it was the loss of a loved one who battled a terminal illness, maybe it was a high school boyfriend/girlfriend relationship that fell apart and left us devastated, or maybe it was a job promotion or job interview that never led to the hire. When we are in the moment, we may often behave like Mary and think we need to teach our God about the right time. As we reflect and look back, we must even admit that we are often thankful that our timing didn't match our God's timing. He knew the right path to set for us. When we battle such wrestling matches in our lives, we can find comfort in God's promises and trust him to set the best time and path that keeps us on the narrow way to eternal life in heaven. *Certainly, my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.* (Isaiah 55:8-9)



Chapel on Fridays / Mission Offerings

Parents feel free to join us either in-person or virtually for our morning chapel on Facebook Live on Friday mornings at 8:40 AM. We also take a weekly collection of mission offerings. This first quarter our mission offering will support Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Amarillo, Texas.

09/23/22: \$186.30

QTD: \$375.79

CHRIST LIGHT SCHEDULE

Parents, we encourage you to read your child's Bible history lessons with them. Use many of the parent applications included with each lesson. *Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.* (Ephesians 6:4)

Lesson #	Title of Lesson	Date Taught
7A	Nicodemus	Monday, October 3
7B	Jesus and the Woman at the Well	Wednesday, October 5



Bible Trivia

Each week the Lion's Roar will provide a Bible Trivia question. Winners will be announced the following week in the Lion's Roar. Answers can be submitted to your child's teacher who will put them in the basket in the school office.

This week's winner:

We once more congratulate Livin' for the LORD for correctly answering that the New Testament contains 21 books that are considered to be Epistles.

This week's question:

What "kind" of water did Jesus offer the woman at the well in Samaria?

Grandparents' Day

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our 2022 Grandparents' Day a success. We were blessed to welcome over 100 grandparents into school for the morning. Grandparents and their grandchildren were able to enjoy 7 centers as well as lunch together. We thank the Lord for the love and commitment our grandparents provide for our students!

Here is a link to the photos from the morning. Be sure to share this link with any family members who participated.

<https://tinyurl.com/58b82uz2>

Fall Athletics

If you haven't gotten a chance to come and see the St. Mark Lion's put their athletic prowess on display on both the volleyball court and flag football gridiron, don't worry! There are a few more chances to make the best of this opportunity. Here are the athletic events coming up next week:

Monday: Flag Football @ St. Mark vs. St. John's Neillsville/Messiah (4:00 & 6:00)

Volleyball Practice - B-Team 3:45 - 4:45/A-Team 4:30 - 6:00

Tuesday: B-Team Volleyball @ St. Mark vs. McDonell/Messiah (5:00 & 7:00)

Wednesday: Flag Football Practice 3:45 - 5:15

Thursday: A & B Team Volleyball @ St. Mark vs. St. John's Neillsville (B at 4:00/A at 5:00)

Friday: A-Team Volleyball @ St. Paul's Cath. Bloomer vs. SPB/Messiah (5:00 & 6:00)



September Birthdays

2-Madeleine H.

6-Logan J.

11-Kaleb G.

12-Jack K.

12-Kennan R.

14-Samantha M.D.

16-Addison G.

22-Lyndon G.

24-Brielle A.

24-Ella S.

25-Oliver D.

25-Mrs. Rust

26-Beckett O.

27-Addison D.

29-Kinsey B.



National Custodian Day

Sunday, October 2 is National Custodian Day, if families would like to bring a card for Chris S in appreciation of all he does to keep St Mark looking good and keeping the building clean we will have a collection box on Monday by the maintenance room. PTP will also have a special project that students can participate in on Monday morning before school if they would like to.

Board of Education Meetings - Open Invitations

As part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, the Board of Education schedules two meetings each year where families have the opportunity to come and meet with the Board. Those meetings have been scheduled for the following dates.

- Tuesday, November 1, from 6:00-6:30 PM
- Tuesday, February 7, from 6:00-6:30 PM



Cornerstone Lutheran High School Update

A group of both lay leaders and called workers have been striving to open an area Lutheran high school in the Chippewa Valley. A significant step forward in that direction will be on Wednesday, October 12. On this date, the Board of Directors for Cornerstone Lutheran High School will issue the first Divine Call to Cornerstone's future principal. You are invited to attend and observe this meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at Our Hope Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide these men to choose the right man to lead this school as we plan to open it in the fall of 2023.

Calendar Raffle

Cornerstone is coordinating a calendar raffle for the month of January and there are some days left to sponsor. If you own a business or want to sponsor a day, please contact Katie Dieringer at 715-213-4509 for more information.

Welcome to the St. Mark Family

We continue with our biographies for each of our new families at St. Mark. Today we meet the Judson family: Robert & Rachel and their four children: Riley (age 12 and a 6th grade student in Mrs. Knickelbein's & Mr. Micheel's room), Logan (age 11 and a 5th grade student in Mrs. Knickelbein's & Mr. Micheel's room), Colin (age 8, and a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Pitt's room), and Thea (age 5 and a Kindergarten student in Ms. Plant's room).



Robert was born and raised in Los Lunas, New Mexico, which is only about 20 miles south of Albuquerque. He was homeschooled during his grade school and high school years and earned a degree from Chippewa Valley Technical College this past spring of 2022 in Digital Marketing. He met his future wife, Rachel, at an internship in Texas in 2007, and then he moved to Eau Claire in 2008 and got married to her. He worked for the Menards distribution center from 2008-2015, but then decided to move his family to New Mexico to spend more time with his dad when his health was failing. After living there for four years, the family decided to move back to Eau Claire in 2019. Robert took a job with Riverside Machine and Engineering and was planning to search for a different job after he graduated from CVTC this past spring, but the company created a new job for him as the lead marketing specialist.

Rachel was born and raised in Eau Claire as well. She also was homeschooled during her grade school and high school years. She worked as a manager at Payless Shoes until she gave birth to their first child, Riley. For the most part, Rachel has remained a stay-at-home mom, but has worked a few part-time jobs to get out of the house. Her favorite of those was at a coffee shop in Los Lunas where she truly embraced her coffee obsession and had the opportunity to work a booth at the Southwest Coffee and Chocolate Festival! She completed the Emergency Medical Technician program at CVTC this past spring and earned her NREMT (national registry) shortly after. She continues to take pre-program classes part time this semester.

The Judsons enjoy many hobbies. Robert likes to deer hunt in Wisconsin and has also duck and pheasant hunted and even elk hunted while living in New Mexico. He also enjoys relaxing by going fishing and catching whatever is biting. Finally, he is also an avid photographer and takes many pictures out in God's creation. Rachel spends her leisure time sewing and baking for their large family. Riley is really into gymnastics. Both Logan and Colin love to build and create with their Legos, and Thea loves cats. The Judsons really value their family time together.

We welcome the Judsons to St. Mark! Please make them feel welcome as you see them at our school.



4K

We have a very busy classroom this year with 16 students! What a joy to see their smiles every morning as they enter our room. We are looking forward to our first field trip today! We will be attending the play, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus." To prepare we have been reading all of the pigeon books as well as writing our own pigeon book.

Kindergarten

Wow! I can't believe it's already the end of September. We have been extremely busy in kindergarten. In reading, we have been working on recognizing letter names and sounds and starting to blend the sounds to make words. The kindergarteners have also been reviewing their 1st quarter sight words. They have also started reading and taking home books to read to their families. In math, we have been working on recognizing, counting and writing numbers 1-10. Our first social studies unit is Citizenship. The kindergarteners have been learning how to be a good citizen. In science, we have been talking about biomes and the animals that live there. On November 17th, 4k-4th grade will be doing a play about biomes, so we have been working on the different songs.

The kindergarteners really enjoyed having their grandparents come to St. Mark last Friday. A BIG THANK YOU to all the grandparents and "adopted" grandparents that were able to spend the morning with us. We loved having you!

1st Grade

The 1st graders have been busy. Each morning they read a morning message, challenge themselves to figure out words, and answer a question. The students are great singers, and learned the first and third verses of the hymn "Blessed Jesus at Your Word." They are so proud to sing with the older students during chapel! In math we have been working hard on addition skills and have been playing the card game War with addition. They love when they get a double war and have to figure out who won. Our science class has been filled with animals and habitats, which connects to our musical in November. Families can sign up for parent/teacher conferences [here](#) during the week of Oct. 10 after school and in the evening.

2nd Grade

Our class is off to a great start! We welcome Lyndon to our 2nd grade class!

The 2nd grade class is mastering addition in math class, doing lots of journal writing and excited to read new books!

The 1st and 2nd grade classes enjoyed playing games from the 1920s and 1930s! These games came from the Chippewa Valley Museum.

We are learning songs for our November 17th musical. The students love to sing and do the actions!

We are also looking forward to our field trip to Beaver Creek on October 10th!

Most importantly we are learning more about our Savior Jesus as we learn the Bible, hymns, Bible passages and prayers!

3rd & 4th Grade

Dear Parents,

September has really flown by! The third and fourth graders have been busy. We celebrated Grandparents' Day last Friday, and had a great time. In science, we have been studying plants and animals, and are seeing how God made them in such a wonderful way! We are singing this Sunday, and have been practicing all month! The students are great singers! We also have been practicing all the songs from our play, which will be in November.

The third graders have just finished their review of addition and subtraction, and we will begin the exciting start of multiplication! This will be new for them! Today, we went to a play called, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," at the Oxford Theater. It's been a great month! Mrs. Pitt

4th Grade (Mrs. Smith)

We are off to a great start in the 4th grade classroom. Our afternoons are filled with math, reading, writing, and grammar. (All with a lot of fun sprinkled in.) In writing we have been focusing on writing "yummy" sentences with lots of details added for variety.

5th & 6th Grade (Mr. Micheel)

The students have been actively studying God's Word in several ways. We are studying the New Testament in Bible History and have already begun to study Jesus' miracles. Of special note, this week we discussed how the people of Samaria responded to the Gospel message much differently than the people of Nazareth. Ask them about it. We are also studying the Catechism on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have been actively studying the first Table of the Law, Love for God, as we discuss the meaning of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Commandments. In Earth Science, we have been focusing on water. We spent a chapter discussing the oceans and did a lab where the students discussed the three different layers of the ocean. In this chapter we have been studying freshwater and considering where it is found. We discussed the frozen freshwater locked up in glaciers and ice sheets. We also discussed how freshwater moves in streams and rivers depending on their watershed and the divides. Ask them to tell you what makes Wisconsin special in terms of a watershed.

7th & 8th Grade

We have hit the ground running this school year in the 7th & 8th grade classroom.

In Christlight we are looking at the truth of God's Word. We have studied where the truth is found, who and what is attacking the truth, and how we, as Christians, can better learn the truth. We have enjoyed digging into God's Word and discussing the answers to some of these difficult questions.

We have started reading our first novel in class, "Crispin The Cross of Lead". This book focuses on difficulties that a young boy in Medieval England faces as he flees his home and lives his life on the run. This book has helped us better understand some of the things we are learning about Europe in the Middle Ages in connection with what we are studying in U.S. History.

In U.S. History, we have been studying what Europe looked like in the Middle Ages and how some of the difficulties they faced led to the Age of Exploration and eventually, the discovery of the Americas by Europeans.

In Science, we have been learning about the criteria things must meet in order to be classified as a living organism. We have also learned how living organisms are classified. We now are looking at the smallest unit of life, the cell, what components make cells, and the biological molecules that are necessary for their survival.