



# God is Awesome



## Lion's Roar - March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 St. Mark Lutheran School

### Upcoming Events at St. Mark ....



Today:	6:00pm Social Studies Fair
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> :	8:10am Power Hour Hot Lunch
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> :	4pm Kids Choir
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Team Building Day 3:30pm Forensics 6:00pm Robotics
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> :	Both Lent Services – Grades 1&2 sing 5:15pm Lenten Supper
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> :	3:45pm Golf Club
Monday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> -Friday, March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break!

- March 10** – Turkey meatballs in gravy, buttered noodles, corn & peaches
- March 17** – Chicken Patty on a bun, broccoli, salad, grapes
- March 31** – Tater tot hot dish, green beans, oranges
- April 14** – Ham, cheesy potatoes, salad, applesauce

### Chapel on Fridays / Mission Offerings – Cornerstone Lutheran High School

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 third quarter our mission offering will support the Cornerstone Lutheran High School, our new high school which will open its doors this August. A new blessing for our area!

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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.

**We congratulate** Larissa W. for correctly answering that Pontius Pilate's wife suffered a great deal from dreams on Good Friday. **This week's question:** Jesus quotes a Psalm of David when he speaks his fourth set of words from the cross. What Psalm does Jesus quote?

### Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year

Please note that registration for the 2023-2024 school year has already begun. Included with today's Lion's Roar is a list of instructions for enrollment. You may also click on the [LINK](#) to view these instructions. **Please note that there is a \$25 discount on the book fee for those that register before May 26.**

## Opening Thought

Today we focus on another Type of Christ, the Passover Lamb.

The children of Israel had been living in Egypt for 430 years. They first moved to Egypt when Joseph told his brothers to bring their father, Jacob, to Egypt to live together with all their families. Egypt would provide a refuge from the devastating famine that had gripped the region. Now Jacob's family had grown into a large nation. Yet this nation of Israel was living in Egypt as slaves. God had sent Moses and Aaron to lead Israel out of Egypt, but Pharaoh was not cooperative. Even after nine plagues, Pharaoh's heart remained hardened. Now it was time for the 10<sup>th</sup> and the most devastating plague. The LORD would strike down the firstborn males of every household. He would spare or "pass over" the Israelite homes if they sacrificed the Passover Lamb. Read God's instructions. *Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb.* (Exodus 12:5-7)

There are many similarities between the Passover Lamb and Jesus.

- A lamb had to be killed. John the Baptist referred to Jesus as, *The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!* (John 1:29)
- The lamb had to be without defect. This certainly reminds us that Jesus lived a perfect life in our place. *Because you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, not with things that pass away, such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without blemish or spot.* (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- The lamb had to be slaughtered. Paul reminds us that Jesus had to die on the cross. *Just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* (Ephesians 5:2)
- The Israelites were to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes. If the Israelites followed God's instructions, he spared their firstborn from death. This certainly reminds us of Jesus. He shed his blood on the cross to spare us from eternal death in hell. *For our Passover lamb has been sacrificed, namely, Christ!* (1 Corinthians 5:7b)
- In Exodus 12:46 Moses gave the Israelites further instructions about the Passover Lamb, *Do not break any of its bones.* Remember Jesus. The soldiers went to break the bones of the criminals so they would die more quickly. Then these bodies could be removed from their crosses before the Sabbath began at sundown on Good Friday evening. *Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."* (John 19:36)

What a wonderful picture from the Old Testament, the Passover Lamb, that points so clearly ahead to the Passover Lamb, Jesus.

## 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
4A	Jesus is Put on the Cross	Monday, March 13
4B	Jesus Dies on the Cross	Wednesday, March 15

## Spring Break - March 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

St. Mark will not be in session since it will have its annual Spring Break the week of March 20-24. School will resume on Monday, March 27.

## Last Day of Snow Pile Contest

All students are invited to submit their best guest on the last day that the snow pile will be in the St. Mark parking lot. All entries are due by Friday, March 17. Entries may be submitted to the church and school office.

## Sports News

Basketball at St. Mark has officially wrapped up. We ended the season with two coed tournaments. At the first tournament, hosted by Northland Lutheran High School, St. Mark took second place. At the Luther Prep tournament, St. Mark played four very good basketball games and took fifth place, finishing the tournament with a record of 2-2. Thank you to all the students who came out for basketball this year and worked hard in practice and games all season! Keep practicing this Spring and Summer, so we can come back and make next year even better!

We will now start looking at our Spring sports, which includes our brand-new golf club! This will start next week, Thursday 3/16. We will start in the 7th & 8th grade classroom and begin with learning about the rules and etiquette of golf. After Spring Break, we will come back, begin practicing, and may even be able to play in some golf meets later this Spring on the simulator against a WELS school in Aberdeen, SD. Students in grades 4-8 are welcome to join. Younger students are also welcome if they have golf clubs that are short enough for them to use. Parents who want to come with their children are also welcome to come and learn how to play golf or just improve on the skills they already have! If you are interested, but have not paid your activity fee yet, it is \$15, and can be given to either Mr. Biebert or Mrs. Jastrow.

## Social Studies Fair – Today

Please note, St. Mark has scheduled its annual Academic Fair for today. Participation is expected.

- 3:30-4:15pm - Grades 4K-2 will be doing presentations in their class rooms.
- 6:00-6:45pm - Grades 4K-2 will be doing presentations in their class rooms
- Parents are welcome to attend either session.
- 6:45-7:45pm - Grades 3-8 are doing will be doing their presentations.
  - Grades 3-4 will be in their classroom.
  - Grades 5-8 will be presenting in the Shaker Center/gym.



## PTP Picnic in the Park – Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Because the snow hills are closed, PTP has decided to do a picnic at Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls from 12:00-3:30pm. The pond/playground area is the meeting spot. Hot chocolate, hot dogs & snacks will be provided. Hiking, the playground & the bathrooms will be open. All are welcome to come enjoy the outdoors & fellowship!

## Visiting Assisted Living Centers - Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

The students in Grades K-Grade 8 will be doing a “Team Building” activity by visiting four different assisted living centers in Eau Claire on Tuesday, March 14. The students will be divided into four different groups. Each group will visit one of these four facilities. Activities will include singing for the group, playing a game like bingo, and enjoying refreshments with the residents. We have rented two buses for the trip so no parent drivers are needed. Please complete the permission slip. **It is due by Friday, March 10!** We will also send a list of students and what building the students will be visiting with you as well.

## VBS at St. Mark - June 19-23<sup>rd</sup>

Last week, we sent a VBS flier along with the Lion’s Roar. The theme for the year is “Back to Jerusalem.” VBS will be at St. Mark from 9:30-11:30 AM each day from Monday, June 19 - Friday, June 23. It is offered to children age 3 - entering 5th grade. Families may register their students by either completing the form on the brochure or registering online using this Google Form. [LINK](#) or <https://forms.gle/2wHxSTSQHxw5NuRR7> Contact Mr. Micheel if you have any questions.

## BONUS HOT LUNCH! – April 6<sup>th</sup> (it's a Thursday)

Thanks to the Kevin Escher family (parents of Matthew in grade 6), we will be having a BONUS hot lunch on Thursday, April 6. Please take a minute to thank the Escher's for their generous donation for hot lunch that week!

## HOT LUNCH DESSERTS

If families are willing and able to help sponsor the dessert for hot lunch for a week, there are a few spots open for the rest of the year. Please visit the attached link to sign up. You can either bring a treat (for around 110 people), or provide \$25 to put toward the cost of the dessert. Checks can be made out to St Mark Lutheran PTP. Please note "hot lunch desserts" on an envelope and place it in the wall safe by the front office. Thank you so much for helping to support our hot lunch program!



[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g5GCS1AY1\\_H1kodBTCJdCsFbPQJSRIDVmkKwsU3vbEI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g5GCS1AY1_H1kodBTCJdCsFbPQJSRIDVmkKwsU3vbEI/edit?usp=sharing)

## LOST & FOUND

The lost & found stuff is set up in the hall by the Shaker Center. Please check for any items you may have left behind. These are not only school belongings.

## School Alumni & Families

We are preparing a concert for this spring entitled "Through the Decades" on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to find concert programs from 2008 and before. If you have any of these in your personal collection, would you please bring them into the office or email a copy to [tami@stmark-wels.org](mailto:tami@stmark-wels.org)? We will make a copy & will not keep your mementos.



## Forensics - Grades 3-8 ~ Second Practice - Next Tuesday - March 14<sup>th</sup>

Here are a few important things to keep in mind:

- We will have a set of regular practices after school. The schedule is provided:
  - Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Practice #1: 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Tuesday, March 28, 2023, Practice #2: 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Practice #3: 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Practice #4: 3:30-4:30 PM
  - Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 4:00 PM Forensics Night Competition

For more information, you can read the Rules/Criteria: [LINK](#). These will be distributed to your children next week.

## Camp Croix Announcements

**Register for Youth Bible Camp or STRIVE Teen Camp** - Be sure to get your child registered for one of our summer camps before they are full! Space is limited, so head to [campcroix.org](http://campcroix.org) to learn more and register your children to today!

**Volunteers Needed** - Camp Croix is growing and is still in need of volunteers to ensure another amazing summer! Please consider applying to help mentor the next generation. Whatever your skills, we need you at camp! We need cooks, lifeguards, medical professionals, Bible leaders, maintenance workers, and volunteers to help lead the campers in a wide range of activities. If you have a child registered for camp, please consider volunteering to help make their experience as amazing as possible. Parents of campers are also eligible to receive a free camper registration! Got to [campcroix.org/volunteer](http://campcroix.org/volunteer) today and fill out a staff application. Thank you for your support in this life changing ministry!



## St. Mark Stocking Caps

Stocking caps are available in the office for \$20. PTP receives \$8.00 from each hat sold.



## The Foster Support team needs YOU!

Our St Mark-Kingdom Workers Foster Support team continues to reach out with the love of Jesus to foster parents and the children in their care. So many of you have supported our efforts with donations of all kinds – THANK YOU!! As we become more well-known in the community through our donation drives, events, and word of mouth, we have more opportunities to wrap love and support around individual families. In order to serve well, we need more people who are willing to provide direct, on-going support to these families. Specific requests currently include things like providing a meal, transportation assistance, occasional childcare, tutoring, or mentoring a child. Commitment and activities vary, based on your availability and your unique skills and interests. Please contact Rachel Binczak at 715-829-1661 or [rbinczak@kingdomworkers.com](mailto:rbinczak@kingdomworkers.com) or visit <https://kingdomworkers.com/volunteer/service-opportunities/help-a-foster-family/> for more information.

## Don't Forget Schedule PS

As the 2022 tax year recently ended, be aware due to tax law, that your family may benefit from a state tax deduction using Schedule PS. Click on the [LINK](#) to access this form. The state tax deduction is for those who pay tuition to private / parochial schools and could also possibly include the book fee that is paid as well. Contact your tax advisor for more information. If you need St. Mark's Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN), please contact the church/school office.

## Wisconsin Parental Choice Program - Registration is Open

The open enrollment for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) began today. The open enrollment is February 1 – April 20. If you plan on applying for a school choice voucher at St. Mark, please apply during the open enrollment. Please do so sooner rather than later.

All families, both new families and continuing families, must apply each year in the Online Application System (OAS) for their student to continue in the program.

Click on this [LINK](#) URL: <https://tinyurl.com/58s3fjts> for some more information.

## TADS Statement for 2022-2023 School Year

Parents, if you want to print a copy of your book fees / school tuition records for tax purposes, it is easy to do. Just follow these steps.

Step One: Login to your TADS Account at the following address: <https://secure.tads.com/Accounts/Login.aspx>

Step Two: Click on the Billing Tab.

Step Three: Click on the "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report" link at the top of the page.

Step Four: Enter the Tax Year "2022"

Step Five: Print a copy.

## March Birthdays

1-Madelyn S.

6-Blake N.

11-Briley S.

13-Silvia R.

15-Avery S.



16-Zander B.

21-Noah M.

26-Mr. Hahm, the St. Mark Maintenance Man

30-Nicklaus N.

30-Mrs. Micheel