



# God is Awesome



Lion's Roar – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
St. Mark Lutheran School

Upcoming Events at St. Mark ....	
Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Library visitors 8:15a 4K Graduation/Party
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:15a 5K Program in Shaker Center Academic/Athletic Awards in Sanctuary 11:00a Closing Service w/ 5K & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 12:00p Happy Summer!
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Mark School 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
June 19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Vacation Bible School
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Church Picnic & Express Game

Have a  
Great  
summer!



## Chapel on Fridays/Mission Offerings – Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

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 fourth quarter our mission offering will support the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

5/5/2023: \$23.30 QTD: \$266.93



## 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 congratulate Riley J. for being chosen from the list of winners who correctly identified that the Ethiopian man was reading from the scroll of Isaiah when Philip approached his chariot.

## God's Blessings to Mr. Biebert

As we close the school year, we wish God's blessings to Mr. Biebert. He has faithfully served St. Mark for the past three years as our primary 7th-8th grade teacher, athletic director, assistant principal, and Principal in Training Program candidate. We know the Holy Spirit will bless his work as he continues his teaching ministry at Mt. Calvary Lutheran School in Redding, California. We will greatly miss you, Mr. Biebert. Thank you for your dedication to St. Mark! *He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ.* (Ephesians 4:11-12)

## God's Blessings to Mrs. Wilkins

St. Mark would also like to thank Mrs. Wilkins for faithfully serving our school as a teacher's aide for the past 1½ years. Her enthusiasm and love for our school's children was highly evident. She also did much of the behind-the-scenes work and filled a significant void while Mrs. Seipel was on maternity leave. Mrs. Wilkins, thank you for dedicating your time to the students at St. Mark. We wish you God's blessings in your future plans!

## Farewell Social For Chris Biebert

PTP will be hosting a farewell gathering on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> in-between services. Please stop in for cake, coffee and to wish him God's blessings on his new call to serve in Redding, CA. Thank you, Mr. Biebert for the time you dedicated to St. Mark. A sign-up to help is available at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12N24UsjRvCNEbJktakGWGzflAxTIX1k\\_bpHzD5VkzKo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12N24UsjRvCNEbJktakGWGzflAxTIX1k_bpHzD5VkzKo/edit?usp=sharing). We would love to see former students there!

## Enrollment for 2023-2024 School Year – One More Day!

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 tomorrow, Friday, May 26.**

## Spring Survey - Please Complete by today (last day)!

As an important part of continuous school improvement, the Board of Education and faculty appreciate gathering input from our parents as we reflect on this school year coming to a close under the theme "God Is Awesome" and look forward to a new school year. Please take a few minutes to answer this brief survey. Here is the [LINK](#) to the survey.

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

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.



## VBS Orientation / Canvassing - May 31, at 6:30 PM

On Wednesday, May 31, at 5:30 PM at St. Mark. We will serve a small supper of hot dogs, chips, and fruit. Then we will have a 15-20 minute orientation that will go over the expectations that we have for VBS Helpers. When that is finished, Mr. Bieberitz, one of the members from the St. Mark evangelism team, will organize a designated area for our students to do some canvassing by hanging VBS fliers on people's doors in a neighborhood. **We will need some parents to stick around so that we have drivers to get us to the designated area to distribute the VBS fliers.** Please indicate if you are available to transport the children. We will wrap up the evening by 7:30 PM.

## VBS Picnic / National Anthem - Friday, June 23

- St. Mark will host its annual VBS picnic at Carson Park in the Oak Pavilion on Friday, June 23, at 5:00 PM.
- The meat, buns, relishes, plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring their own drinks and a dish to pass.
- Following the VBS picnic, the children are invited to sing the National Anthem at the Eau Claire Express baseball game. All the children that sing will get free admission. Everyone else can purchase a ticket through St. Mark for \$5. More information will come out during VBS week.

# 50th Anniversary Service for St. Mark Lutheran School - Sunday, June 18, at 10:00 AM



- By God's grace, St. Mark will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of our school on Sunday, June 18, at the 10:00 AM service. The service will be outside on the athletic field.
- The students will sing "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus" as part of the 10:00 AM service.
- There will be a potluck meal that will follow the service. The meat is provided. There are sign up sheets in the narthex for attendance and for the items needed for the potluck.

## Academic/Athletic Awards, Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15AM - Sanctuary

Please note students will be receiving special certificates and awards for the following activities this past school year.

### Athletics:

- Volleyball - Girls in 4th-8th Grade
- Flag Football - Boys in 4th-8th Grade
- Soccer - Boys and Girls in 5th-8th Grade
- Boys' Basketball - Boys in 4th-8th Grade
- Girls' Basketball - Girls in 4th-8th Grade



### Academic Awards:

- Robotics - Boys and Girls in 3rd-8th Grade
- Forensics - Boys and Girls in 3rd-8th Grade
- Martin Luther College Meet Math - Boys and Girls in 5th-8th Grade
- Presidential Awards of Academic Excellence - Boys and Girls in 4th-8th Grade
- Presidential Awards of Educational Achievement - Boys and Girls in 4th-8th Grade



## Graduations

- 4K- Thursday, May 25, will be part of the program at 11:00 AM in the gym
- 5K- Friday, May 26, will be part of the closing service at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary
- 8th-Friday, May 26, will be part of the closing service at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary

## Report Cards

The students' 4th Quarter report cards will be distributed to the students immediately after the closing service. The students should go to their classrooms to receive their report cards.

## Reminder

There is no surround care or after school care tomorrow, Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Lost & Found

All of the lost & found items are on tables in the hall by the kitchen. Please remember to check for your children's items! There are a couple of nice pairs of shoes & boots & a LOT of sweatshirts.

## Kids for a Cause

Galatians 6:10 "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the household of faith." Every May, the students of St. Mark participate in activities to raise money and awareness for a cause. This year our Kids for a Cause event worked on raising awareness about cancer with the funds raised going to support two families with moms battling cancer. So far, we have raised \$1380! If you still want to help out, use the QR code to get to our GoFundMe page.





## Spirit Wear

If you have any spirit wear that you no longer want or need, please consider donating it to the PTP spirit wear carts in the upper grade hallway. Others at St. Mark can give a free will donation and your items will go to a good home. Thank you!

## Free Piano

The Deprey family has a piano that is no longer needed. If you are interested, please contact Curtis asap at [cdeprey@live.com](mailto:cdeprey@live.com).

## Brat Barn in the Fall

We have our date and a link for this fall fundraiser. Please consider signing up to help out. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dUIBKbeSBM6dvccXfMtwP5I8VvKoAfUi1ZFHahH58rmE/edit?usp=sharing>

## Summer Birthdays

Since there are many students who don't get recognized for birthdays during the school year, we want to recognize them through this final newsletter. Note: We will only include the students/staff whose birthdays fall between May 27 - August 21.

### May

29-Cora Y.  
29-Miriam S.  
31-Rayce B.

30-Mrs. Anason  
30-Brantley D.  
30-Tyler G.

26-Lennox M.  
30-Mrs. Jensen  
31-Delia R.

### June

2-Harper B.  
3-Brooks S.  
4-Eli J.  
8-Gabriel C.  
10-Ezra H.  
17-Mr. Sponholz  
28-Macie L.  
30-Erica D.

### July

10-Jack S.  
16-Norah O.  
16-Cora S.  
17-Abram N.  
20-Mrs. Knickelbein  
20-Alex A.  
21-Christopher M.  
24-Auggie M.  
25-Mrs. Bruring

### August

2-Harper D.  
3-Mrs. Oldenkamp  
6-Mrs. Seipel  
10-Nora R.  
15-Ellie A.  
16-Elias H.  
16-Eli M.  
17-Faith M.

## A Summer Look Ahead ....

- **May 31** - VBS Orientation for VBS Helpers at 5:30 PM
- **June 18** - 50th Anniversary of St. Mark Lutheran School - Children Sing at 10:00 AM worship service; potluck meal will follow
- **June 19-23** - VBS at St. Mark - 9:30-11:30 AM
- **June 23** - St. Mark VBS Picnic at Carson Park, Oak Pavilion at 5:00 PM - The children will sing the National Anthem for the Eau Claire Express baseball game
- **June 23** - Expect a summer mailing to be sent out providing updates for the 2023-2024 school year
- **June 30** - Expect Financial Agreements to be sent out by TADS
- **August 9** - School Registration from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM or 6:00-8:00 PM
- **August 20** - Installation of St. Mark's two new teachers, Mrs. Marohn and Mr. Niebuhr, at the 8:00 AM worship service
- **August 20** - Opening Service for Cornerstone Lutheran High School at 3:00 PM
- **August 21** - Opening Day of school for Cornerstone Lutheran High School
- **August 22** - First day of school for St. Mark, Opening Service will be at 8:45 AM