

God Said it, I Believe It



Lion's Roar *St. Mark Lutheran School*

May 20, 2021

Spring Jamboree - May 20 - Remember This is Tonight!

The teachers at St. Mark are planning a spring jamboree for Thursday, May 20, 2021. In order to limit crowds but also take the opportunity to use our gifts in unique ways, the teachers will prepare two different performances for the students.

- 6:00 PM - Preschool - Grade 4
- 7:00 PM - Grades 5-8

Book Fair - Tonight and on Sunday, May 23

St. Mark will be hosting a book fair this evening, Thursday, May 20, and on Sunday morning, May 23 at St Mark. The books are set up in the upper grade hallway. The book fair may be accessed at Door #4. The book fair will be open following the first jamboree. It will be open from 6:45-8:15 PM this evening. If you prefer to place an order online, you may follow this link and go forward. Here is a link for online shopping for the book fair:

<https://v6532.myubam.com/2126197>

Upcoming Events at St. Mark

TODAY: Spring Jamboree

Book Fair

Friday: Chapel

HOT LUNCH-Pizza Day!

Monday: 9:00 Morning Moms

Track Meet K-8

Tuesday: 6:30 pm 8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday: 6:30 Spring Piano Recital

Thursday (5/27): Last Day of School

11:15 Closing Service

11:45 Pickup (**No Busing, Wrap Around or After School Care**)

THANK YOU to all of the wonderful students and families of St. Mark School for helping us celebrate our upcoming retirement! We were so touched by the thoughtful letters from the students! The collection of letters and years of memories are something we will always treasure. Parents, we truly appreciate your continued support and encouragement over the years. We have learned so much from all of you, and feel blessed to have been a part of St. Mark School! Mrs. Riebe and Mrs. Anason

TRACK MEET We will hold an in-house track meet on Monday for grades K-8 so please have your child dress appropriately. The rain date will be Tuesday, the 25th. The track meet is for students only.

Divine Calls

After making a request for a graduate from Martin Luther College, we were recently informed that there were not enough available candidates to fill our position. The Board of Education is continuing to work on several different possibilities as we prepare for next school year.

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)

New Book Set: Set 3

Lesson #	Title of Lesson	Date Taught
13A	Philip and the Ethiopian	Monday, May 24
13B	Jesus Changes Saul's Heart	Wednesday, May 26

WEEKLY BIBLE TRIVIA Unfortunately, no one correctly answered that Agabus used Paul's belt as an object to demonstrate that Paul would be taken prisoner in Jerusalem.

CHAPEL ON FRIDAYS / MISSION OFFERINGS

Our final mission offering for this school year is to support Martin Luther College. MLC trains future pastors and teachers for the public ministry in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Please consider the needs of your College of Ministry as you bring your children's weekly chapel offerings.

5/14/21: \$41.60

QTD: \$245.03

Registration for 2021-2022 School Year

Please note that registration for the 2021-2022 school year has already begun. You may click on the [LINK](#) to view instructions. **Please note that there is a \$25 discount on the book fee for those that register before May 27.**

LOST AND FOUND We have 3 tables set up by the upper grade bathrooms with lost items. Please check it tonight when you come for the Jamboree. Anything left will be taken to Goodwill.

End of the Year Survey

Parents, each spring the Board of Education and Faculty wishes to seek your input regarding our school year. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey as a way for our school to continuously focus on school improvement. [LINK](#)

Summer Mailing

Please look in your church mailbox in late June for a summer mailing. It will include the following information:

- Cover letter explaining the School Registration Day on Tuesday, August 10
- School Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year
- School Supplies List for the 2021-2022 School Year
- School Handbook for the 2021-2022 School Year

[Bookish Beasts: Summer Library Program 2021](#)

Things are getting WILD at the library as we prepare for summer reading! Kids ages 0-18 can sign up for the reading program starting on June 1. For more information click on the link below <https://youtu.be/Zyy6HPOhy9g> Each child is also coming home with a brochure outlining the program for the summer.

VBS 2021

Ready, Set, Gold is the theme for VBS at St. Mark in the summer of 2021! VBS will be held on Monday, June 21, through Friday, June 25, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Our goal is to host most of VBS outside on our activity field and playground so our children will not need to wear masks unless we meet inside due to weather.

In order to better help us prepare for VBS, please complete the form that was sent home with your child earlier. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Micheel at peter@smwels.org
Please complete this link to register online. [LINK](#)

1st and 2nd Grade (Mrs. Seipel)

We are looking forward to Jamboree Night! Students will sit with their families and come to the front for our part. Wear a bandana as your mask.

Students were amazed when we learned about static electricity! They rubbed a plastic spoon to create a charge to pull up salt and pepper. Don't be surprised if they want to try this at home!

Our class is writing about what they learned in 1st and 2nd grade. It has been a blessing from Jesus to be together and to learn God's Word together!

2nd Grade (Mrs. Seipel)

The 2nd grade class read lots of fables and they are now creating their own. There are lots of fun characters and morals being written in our classroom!

In math our class learned 2 and 3 dimensional shapes, fractions and area. They especially liked creating kites. Then they wrote fractions for each color part. They used cheez-It crackers to find the area of different shapes. Educational and delicious!

SAVE THE DATES.....

CHURCH PICNIC / EXPRESS GAME

On Friday, June 25, St. Mark will host its annual church picnic at the Oak Pavilion in Carson Park. It will begin at 4:00 PM. The menu will include the following: brats, burgers, buns, baked beans, chips, watermelon, carrots, and cookies. Table service will also be provided. Everyone is asked to bring their own drinks. A freewill donation for the PTP/Martin Luther College will be taken.

Following the church picnic, the children from St. Mark are invited to sing the National Anthem as the Eau Claire Express play against the LaCrosse Loggers at 7:00 PM. More information will be provided in the St. Mark Ministry Page and during VBS. Adults who wish to attend can purchase a ticket for \$9. Children that sing will have free admission.

BRAT BARN The St. Mark PTP will again participate in the Brat Barn at Festival Foods on Mall Drive for the dates Friday, September 10 - Sunday, September 12. Sign-up sheets will be available at School Registration on August 10.

Closing Service

Next Thursday, May 27th marks the end of the St. Mark School Year. The closing service will be at 11:15 am in the Shaker Center. Your children will be dismissed for summer break following the closing service. **THERE WILL BE NO BUSING, WRAP AROUND OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE.**



8th Grade Graduation

Next Tuesday, May 25th there will be an 8th grade graduation service at 6:30 pm for the graduates and their families in the sanctuary.

SCRIP SALES

A big thank you to all who purchased scrip Cards. St. Mark earned \$216.62

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

May

29-Miriam S.

31-Rayce B.

June

2-Harper B.

3-Brooks S.

11-Luke S.

17-Mr. Sponholz

22-Reese S.

28-Macie L.

30-Erica D.

30-Tyler G.

30-Mrs. Anason

July

10-Jack S.

11-Mikaila S.

16-Cora S.

17-Abram N.

20-Mrs.

Knickelbein

20-Alex A.

21-Christopher M.

24-Auggie M.

25-Mrs. Bruring

31-Delia R

August

6-Mrs. Seipel

8-Mrs. Riebe

10-Isaac L.

10-Nora R.

12-Elijah P.

13-Davina K.

15-Ellie L.-A.

16-Elias H.

17-Faith M.

22-Mrs. Paulus

We will save the rest of the August birthdays until next year.



CLOSING THOUGHT

“And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b)

This coming Sunday is the festival of Pentecost. On this day, we celebrate the birth of the New Testament Church. On the first Pentecost we remember how 50 days after Jesus’ resurrection on Easter, the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. They were able to speak in new languages, languages they had never learned. All the citizens of Jerusalem and the many visitors who came to celebrate Pentecost were able to listen to both the Law and the Gospel in their own language. We see how the Holy Spirit blessed their work in these words, *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand people were added.* (Acts 2:41)

Today, we meditate on Jesus’ words, the last words recorded by Matthew in his Gospel, *“And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:20b) Jesus spoke these words to his followers at some point during his 40 days that he appeared between his resurrection and his ascension into heaven. It is interesting to note God’s plan. After spending 33+ years on this earth and three years in the active ministry, Jesus ascended into heaven. He visibly left this earth. His mission in fulfilling God’s plan of salvation was fully complete. While he could have remained on this earth and continued to teach about his saving work, he chose not to do that. Instead, he promised the coming of the Holy Spirit, *Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”* (Acts 1:4-5) On Pentecost, we see how this promise was kept. On Pentecost, we see this transition come to fulfillment as the disciples changed from being followers, listeners, and learners, to apostles, men who were sent out to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

So today as well, we note the lesson to be learned from Pentecost. We celebrate the birth of the New Testament church. We also continue the spreading of the Gospel, the good news of Jesus. As parents, we begin in our homes by teaching our children to pray, reading them Bible history lessons, leading them in family devotions, and bringing them to church. We also know the importance of growing in our faith as we do personal Bible reading, listen carefully to the sermon and Bible readings at church, attend Holy Communion, and come to Bible class. As we better get connected to God’s Word, we also cherish the opportunities that God provides us to share Jesus with others. Consider your own relatives who might be straying or going through a challenging time. Can you point them to Jesus’ cross? Think about your neighbors and the chances you have to bring up why your faith is so important to you. *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.* (1 Peter 3:15) Look for the possibilities you have to share the message of Jesus with those whom you work with. Remember Jesus’ promise. *“And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”* Even though his visible presence is gone. He is still with us and encourages us in his Word.

This is the last Lions Roar of the 2020-2021 School Year.