

Christ is Our Cornerstone!



Lion's Roar – November 16th, 2023
St. Mark Lutheran School

Upcoming Events at St. Mark	
Thursday, 16 th	5:00p BB B team away
Friday, 10 th	9:00a Morning Moms 8:35 Chapel Hot Lunch 3:30p Chess Club
Sunday 19 th	Thanksgiving Bake Sale
Monday, 20 th	6:00p BB both teams away
Tuesday, 21 st	3:45p A Boys BB practice 5:30p B Boys practice
Wed-Fri, 22 nd -24 th	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Monday 27 th	3:45p A Boys BB practice 5:30p B Boys practice
Tuesday 28 th	5:00p BB B team home



- Fri, Nov 17 Turkey meatballs, buttered noodles, corn, cranberry jello cups
- Thu, Nov 30 Pizza tot hotdish, green beans, garlic roll, grapes
- Fri, Dec 8 Chicken nuggets, rice, veggie blend, Pineapple
- Fri, Dec 15 Cubed ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, applesauce
- Thu, Dec 21 Pizza Day

Opening Thought

But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (Matthew 25:10-13)

In less than a week, our country will remember the 60th anniversary when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. In a whirlwind of events, only two hours later Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as our country's 36th president aboard Air Force One before it departed from the Dallas airport and flew to Washington. While a vice president's name so often goes unmentioned and unnoticed, the individual needs to be prepared and ready to become the president at a moment's notice.

Jesus did much teaching on the Tuesday of Holy Week. That is why it has been nicknamed, "Teaching Tuesday." Each parable had a unique lesson. One of Jesus' lessons was the parable of the ten virgins. All ten of the young women took their lamps to await the bridegroom's arrival. They all knew he would be coming, but they didn't know when it would be. Jesus described five of the women as wise and five as foolish. What distinguished the two groups? *When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. (Matthew 25:3-4)* Sure enough, the bridegroom was delayed in coming. Thankfully the wise virgins brought extra oil and were prepared in case he was delayed. The five foolish virgins were not prepared. They ran out of oil and had to find a merchant to

purchase more. After they purchased their oil, they went to the wedding banquet, but it was too late. *The door was shut.* Jesus' instructions to his audience were clear. *Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.*

Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, he took his disciples with him to the Mount of Olives, a short distance outside Jerusalem. After giving his disciples some final instructions, Luke simply records, *After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight.* (Acts 1:9) Jesus ascended into heaven. Why could he depart and end his visible presence? His earthly mission was complete. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mark 10:45) After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples were gazing into the sky when two angels appeared and made a final prophecy. *"Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."* (Acts 1:11) We confess this belief in the words of the Apostles' Creed when we speak, "From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead."

We live almost 2000 years after these events. Two thousand years seems so long, and we may often wonder if these words will even come true. As we note the immorality and challenges that we face as Christians, we may often feel like the Old Testament prophet, Habakkuk, and wonder when is God going to take action. *"How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen?"* (1:2) The unbelieving world even taunts, *In the last days scoffers will come with their mocking, following their own lusts. They will say, "Where is this promised coming of his? For from the time that our fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they have from the beginning of the creation."* (II Peter 3:3-4) As Christians, we may doubt and wonder is the Christian life even worth it. Remember Jesus' words, *"Keep watch."* Just as Lyndon Johnson needed to be ready at a moment's notice to be sworn in as the president, we must also be ready for Christ's return on Judgment Day.

So how do we, *"Keep watch."*? Study God's Word. Spend time each day reading a daily devotion or scheduling time for personal Bible study. Be faithful in your weekend worship attendance. Bring your children to Sunday School and attend a Bible class. Read your Christ Light lessons with your children. Work on the catechism Connection sheets when your children bring them home. Know that Christ Jesus will return. What a blessing to know that St. Mark Lutheran School is here to partner with you as your family together takes Jesus' words to heart.

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 8:35 AM. We also take a weekly collection of mission offerings. The second quarter our mission offering will support Cornerstone Lutheran High School.

Last Week: \$31.25 Quarter to Date: \$77.64



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. Mariah H. & Nicholas H. for being chosen from the list of winners who correctly answered that Moses' staff became a snake, his hand became leprous, and water turned to blood.

This week's question: Identify the two different Egyptian responses to the first severe thunderstorm warning that was announced before the 7th plague in Egypt.

Thanksgiving Break

Please note that school will not be in session from Wednesday, November 22 through Friday, November 24. The pastors, teachers, and support staff wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving Break.



Christ Light Schedule

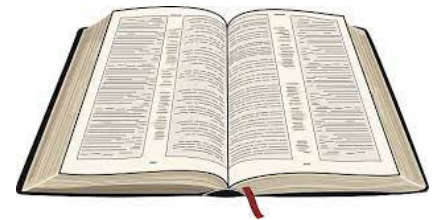
Parents, we encourage you to read your child's Bible history lessons with them. Use many of the parent applications included with each lesson. *Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.* (Ephesians 6:4)

4K-5K

Date	Link to Slides	Bible Link	Main Concept
11-20	God makes the Walls of Jericho Fall Down	Joshua 6:1-27	Joshua and the Israelites trust God to fight the army at Jericho. God was with them and the wall came down for them to defeat the army.
11-27	God Speaks to Samuel		

Grades 1-4 - Set 2

Lesson #	Title of Lesson	Date Taught
1A	Moses and Aaron Speak to the King	Monday, November 20
1B	The Plagues	Tuesday, November 21
2A	God Leads His People Out of Egypt	Monday, November 27
2B	God Leads His People through the Red Sea	Tuesday, November 29



Fall Athletics by Mr. Niebuhr

No action from the A-boys basketball team this week. The B-boys played two home games this past Monday, hosting Regis and McDonell. St. Mark won both of their games quite well, showing that they can work as a team and are growing in personal skills. Another quick reminder about volunteering: St. Mark cannot host games if there are no helpers for the scoreboard and for the bookkeeping. The St. Mark Parent-Teacher-Partnership also loses out on fundraising money when there are no volunteers for the concession stand. Please consider how you can help support the school by donating a bit of your time.

New link for volunteers: <https://tinyurl.com/2023basketballvolunteers>

Coming up this week: 11/16 - B away games at Assumption. 11/20 - B away games at I.C. 11/20 - A away games at Regis H.S.

Pizza Punch Cards Sale

Students in grades 5-8 are selling pizza punch cards to support their spring musical, Annie. On Wednesdays, starting after Thanksgiving (11/29) punch card holders can have pizza slices delivered to their classrooms to supplement their lunch for the day. Families should still plan to pack other healthy food to go along with the pizza for lunch and snack. A 10-slice punch card is \$20. You may purchase a punch card by sending a check made out to PTP with a note stating the student's name and grade, sending cash with your student in an envelope labeled (Pizza Punch, Student Name, Grade), or by visiting the office during Mrs. J's hours. Thanks for supporting our learning of the arts!



Serving Our Veterans!

What an honor this past week was for our Cornerstone students. We had the privilege of being a part of the Veterans Day Ceremony at Chippewa Manor in Chippewa Falls. Students were able to assist residents to the ceremony, greet guests, and pay honor to Veterans with their attendance. We thank Chippewa Manor for allowing us to be a part of such a special event.

Additionally, Cornerstone was able to take six boxes of items for the Troops Care Package Collection being organized by the YMCA. Thanks to all from our federation who contributed to this donation throughout the past few weeks. Volunteers boxed items over the weekend with the hopes that troops would receive packages in time for Christmas.

Please keep those who serve in our military in your prayers!



Mr. Phil Gustafson - Divine Call

Mr. Gustafson continues his deliberations to serve as Assistant Principal and Instructor. We are humbled that he would consider serving with us. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers. You are invited to send him a note of encouragement - pgustafson@tslwels.org.

Welcome to the St. Mark Family

We continue our weekly family biographies. Today we meet the Shaver family: Vernon, Lexie Beseler, and Rynlee (age 5, and a half-day Kindergarten student in Mrs. Krouse's room).

Vernon, who also goes by Shane, was born and raised in Spooner, Wisconsin. After he graduated from high school in Spooner, he attended Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake. He graduated with two associate degrees: Bricklaying/Masonry and Wood Technics/Cabinetry. While going to school, he worked at Menards, which is where he met Lexie. After graduating, they moved to Eau Claire in 2013. He began working as a carpenter in Hudson, but soon found employment in Eau Claire. He is currently a Project Superintendent at Market & Johnson and has been there for the past five years.

Lexie was born in Green Bay and moved to Stratford as a toddler, then to Bruce in middle school. After graduating from Bruce High School, she attended UW Barron County in Rice Lake but changed majors and pursued her degree at Chippewa Valley Technical College. She graduated with an associate degree in Digital Marketing. She is a Marketing Writer and Loyalty Program Specialist at Holiday Vacations, where she has worked the past two years. She also mentioned that she has many fond memories from her time at Camp Luther in Three Lakes during the summers, both as a camper and later, a counselor.

The Shavers have many hobbies. Vernon loves to go rifle hunting for deer, play sports, and also keeps busy with home improvement carpentry projects. Lexie is an avid photographer and enjoys spending free time with Rynlee and their three dogs, especially frequenting Eau Claire's city parks. As a family they spend time outdoors going for walks, visiting apple orchards in the fall, and ice fishing or sledding in the winter.



We welcome the Shavers to St. Mark. Lexie mentioned how much they value St. Mark. Please take time to introduce yourself and welcome them to our school family.