

God Said it, I Believe It



Lion's Roar St. Mark Lutheran School

May 6, 2021



HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

May 7: Taco bake, corn, pears, yogurt & dessert
May 21: Pizza Day!

Upcoming Events at St. Mark

Friday: Chapel

HOT LUNCH

Monday: 9:00 Morning Moms

Last Day of Scrip Sale

Thursday: 6:30 pm Ascension Service

7:30 Retirement Party

Walk for Epilepsy - May 14

Tomorrow, Friday, May 7, your child will bring home information about our school's "Walk for Epilepsy" event. On Friday, May 14, each classroom at St. Mark will participate by taking a walk and keeping this fundraiser in mind when participating. Feel free to financially support this organization that goes to further research for epilepsy

"BONUS HOT LUNCH! Thanks to a wonderful idea by St. Mark parent, Kevin Escher, we are able to offer all St. Mark students and staff an extra hot lunch, on Friday, May 14! Mr. Escher, parent of Matthew Escher, is sponsoring hot lunch in celebration of a former St. Mark student, Megan Francis, on purchasing a home through Escher Real Estate. He hopes to continue this tasty celebration program in the future, so if you know of any St. Mark alumni that are looking for a home, give them Mr. Escher's name! We congratulate Megan, and we sincerely thank Mr. Escher for this very generous surprise. The menu will be chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, and root beer floats! If you see Mr. Escher, be sure to tell him thank you!"

Opening Thought

Now the Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. They received the word very eagerly and examined the Scriptures every day to see if these things were so. (Acts 17:11)

Take time to ponder some old wives' tales for a minute. Some can certainly bring a smile to one's face since there is no scientific evidence that supports such claims. Yet some will change behavior when hearing such claims. Tell a teenager that eating chocolate will bring on acne, and he might avoid it. Some wives' tales have merit. Eating foods like apples and carrots might not keep the doctor away, but consuming fruits and vegetables does promote a healthy body.

When Paul made his second missionary journey, he received a vision from a Macedonian man. The Holy Spirit directed him to eventually spend considerable time in the present-day country of Greece on this journey. As he traveled to Athens and Corinth, he stopped at a city, Berea. When one ponders the Berean behavior, there is much merit to their actions. These people were not the "Kool-Aid" drinkers who simply took the apostle Paul's message as truth. No, instead, they went to the Old Testament Scriptures to make sure that his words lined up with the inspired Word. Just think how the Holy Spirit grew their faith. As Paul shared the New Testament truth that Jesus fulfilled all the prophecies made in the Old Testament, what comfort they must have seen in knowing God's plan of salvation was complete.

We too, could learn much from these first century Christians. Professional development is so important while striving to improve in our occupations. Working out at the local gym is a priority for those that want to stay in shape. We enroll our children in music lessons and swimming lessons and put them on sports' teams to improve their skills. But what about our spiritual lives? Do we strive to grow spiritually? The Bereans truly are excellent role models for us.

Did you know that our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod really supports your work to pattern your life like a Berean? At St. Mark we follow a pericope, an orderly set of Bible readings that focuses on a theme each Sunday. Even if you are out of town and attend another WELS church, the Bible readings for the week are often the same. The WELS also provides excellent resources such as the *Lutheran Meditations* and a daily devotion at whataboutjesus.com which both follow the weekly pericope. Spending only 5-10 minutes a day for the other six days of the week can truly develop a deeper understanding of a section of Scripture that the pastor preached upon at the beginning of the week. It provides the Christian the opportunity to compare the pastor's sermon to the "litmus test" of the Bible. *And that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (II Timothy 3:15)*

It is truly about priorities. The one who cares about her food diet, will plan her meals accordingly. The one who follows sports, will carve his schedule around his favorite sports' team. The one who cares about physical fitness, will schedule time in her day to exercise. While these are all noble priorities, consider the highest priority that brings blessings both on earth and eternally in heaven. Make spiritual growth your highest priority. *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)* Yes, we can learn much from those first century Bereans!



WEEKLY BIBLE TRIVIA We congratulate Lance W. for correctly answering that the apostle Paul preached about the "Unknown God" in Athens.

This week's question: Why did Demetrius start a riot in Ephesus?

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
11A	The Man Who Could Not Walk	Monday, May 10
11B	Peter Tells the Enemies About Jesus	Wednesday, May 12

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.

4/30/21: \$26.66

QTD: \$173.96

Festival of Ascension - Farewell to Mrs. Anason and Mrs. Riebe

On Thursday, May 13, St. Mark will celebrate the festival of Jesus' Ascension at 6:30 PM. Following the worship service, there will be a reception to greet and thank both Mrs. Anason and Mrs. Riebe for their faithful years of service to St. Mark and our Savior, Jesus.



Spring Jamboree - May 20

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. Click on this link for more information. -

[LINK](#)

- 6:00 PM - Preschool - Grade 4
- 7:00 PM - Grades 5-8
- Head's up upper-grade parents. Keep a lookout for Hawaiian shirts for your child in the 7th/8th-grade classroom and baseball and plaid (long-sleeved) shirts for 5th and 6th.
- **We need the pre-registration forms returned!!**



. Eighth Grade Graduation - May 25

Please note that 8th grade graduation will be on Tuesday, May 25, at 6:30 PM. This service will be only open to the eighth-grade students and their families.

Closing Service - May 27

St. Mark will host its closing service on Thursday, May 27, at 11:15 AM. The service will be in the gym for Kindergarten - 8th Grade. **THERE WILL BE NO WRAP AROUND OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE.**

May Birthdays

2-Griffin K.
4-Brennan K.
8-Mrs. Jastrow
10-Naomi S.
11-Bailey R.
20-Mindy S.
29-Miriam S.
31-Rayce B.



GOING ON NOW:

St. Mark  ShopWithScrip® Fundraiser!

April 26 - May 10, 2021

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE? IT'S EASY! THERE ARE 4 DIFFERENT WAYS YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR SCRIP ORDER DURING THE FUNDRAISER:

1. Fill out an order form and make your payment to St. Mark PTP
2. Place your order online and make your payment to St. Mark PTP
3. Place your order online and pay for the order online
4. Order using the RaiseRight app from your smart phone!

More stores and denominations available online at ShopWithScrip.com
Enrollment Code: 727D9CA259857

Order forms have been sent home with all students. Additional forms are available in the office or in the Member Center in the Narthex.

Orders and payments can be turned in in the office or given directly to Katie Dieringer.

Orders must be turned in by the end of the school day on May 10. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Dieringer by text or phone: 715-213-4509 or email fundraising@smwels.org



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.**



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](#)

