

It All Began With God...



Lion's Roar *St. Mark Lutheran School*



Upcoming Events at St. Mark

TODAY: 3:30 – 5:00 Flag FB Practice
4:00 A/B Team VB vs. St. John's Neillsville
Friday: Chapel
HOT LUNCH
Virtual Grandparents Day
Saturday: 9:00 WELS Soccer Tournament @St. Mark
Monday: 3:30 – 4:30 B Team VB Practice
4:30 – 6:00 A Team VB Practice
Tuesday: 9:00 Morning Moms
3:30 – 5:00 Flag FB Practice
4:00 A/B Team VB @St. John's, Neillsville
Wednesday: 3:30 – 5:00 Flag FB Practice
Thursday: 4:00 Flag FB vs. Messiah & St. John's
@Messiah
5:15 VB Field Trip to Memorial Games

September 23, 2021

HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

Sept. 24th: Penne pasta bake, garlic bread, green beans, strawberry shortcake
Oct. 1st: Pulled pork on a bun, sweet potato fries, veggies & dip and pineapple.
Oct. 8th: Creamy chicken over mashed potatoes, salad, oranges, dinner roll
Oct. 22nd: Taco bake, corn, pears, yogurt

VIRTUAL GRANDPARENTS DAY - TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

St. Mark is scheduled to host Grandparents Day tomorrow, Friday, September 24. For this fall date, St. Mark is going to provide several virtual opportunities for grandparents to join our school, and we hope to offer an in-person Grandparents' Day in the spring.

Please check the St. Mark Lutheran School Facebook Page for the postings!

Important points to note:

- Each classroom will prepare a special project to honor grandparents.
- St. Mark will provide a slideshow that shares personal messages from students to their grandparents.
- Grandparents are encouraged to attend our chapel service on Friday, September 24, at 8:30 AM by joining us on Facebook Live.

Opening Thought

When he (Lot) hesitated, the men grasped his hand and the hands of his wife and of his two daughters and led them safely out of the city, for the LORD was merciful to them. As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, "Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!" (Genesis 19:16-17)

This past week your children heard the Bible lesson as Abraham challenged the LORD in prayer to spare the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of the righteous. His heart felt for those cities so much since his nephew, Lot, was living there. Even though the LORD did not even find 10 people righteous in those cities, he spared Lot and his family. Two angels visited Lot and literally dragged both his and his family's hands out of those cities.

We can learn much from this Bible lesson. One question that comes to mind is why did Lot dawdle to leave his home when the angels' instructions were so clear that the LORD was going to destroy those cities? Most likely, the answer is found in relationships. Lot had become both attached to the people and to the city so that he didn't want to leave. These cities were wicked. One description brings this out that the men openly practiced homosexuality. Yet Lot had become attached to these people. What grace and mercy the LORD demonstrated in rescuing Lot and removing him from such immoral cities! If not, Lot would have put his own eternal life in deep spiritual jeopardy. *If he condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the depraved conduct of the lawless. (II Peter 2:6-7)*

While it may be quick to point the self-righteous finger at Lot in shame, how much we need to look at our own lives. Do we also fall into his traps by becoming attached to our earthly life? Do our personal possessions become our most cherished treasures? Does the pursuit of these pleasures come at the expense of our time dedicated to studying God's Word? Do our hobbies and interests become our ultimate goal? Do we cherish our human relationships that we look the other way when one is caught in sin vs. addressing those sins in love? We too are guilty of our sins as we become attached to this world.

Yet also remember God's mercy. In spite of Lot's sins, the LORD delivered him from his judgment of sin as he burned those cities. In doing so, he provided Lot, a righteous man, to reflect on that mercy as he would one day send a promised Savior. So we too, also cling to God's mercy. For all of our sins of habit and our sins of choice, we have full pardon for those sins. When one considers God's divine attribute of omniscience, he knows all things, it certainly brings a mixed response. It is a scary thought to know that the Triune God is fully aware of all our sins, even those skeletons in the closet that we all bear. That thought should make us shudder – *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. (Isaiah 59:2);* But that thought also brings us comfort and emphasizes his grace. Even though the Triune God knows all our sins, he loves us enough to personally assure us that our sins have been forgiven. *If you, Lord, kept a record of guilt, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is pardon, so you are feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)* Through the words of the Gospel, we find that assurance. Reflect on your Baptism and its blessings of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Cling to the promises Jesus makes in Holy Communion where we taste his forgiveness as he offers us his true body and blood in the Sacrament. Yes, with the LORD there is forgiveness.

The Bible lessons your children learn each week are about real people from the Bible. The lessons are old, yet there is so much to learn and treasure as the Triune God's mercy shines through all of them.

CHAPEL ON FRIDAYS / MISSION OFFERINGS

Parents feel free to join us for our morning chapel on Friday mornings at 8:30 AM. We also take a weekly collection of mission offerings. This first quarter our mission offering will support our Foster Family Support at St. Mark.



9/17/21: \$33.69

QTD: \$202.43

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
6A	God Tests Abraham's Faith	Monday, September 27
6B	A Wife for Isaac	Wednesday, September 29



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.

Unfortunately, no one correctly answered that Melchizedek is a type of Christ in two ways. First he held two offices. He was a priest of God Most High, and he also served as the King of Salem. Jesus is our Prophet, Priest, and King. Second, Melchizedek was a priest, but not from the tribe of Levi. Jesus is our High Priest and was from the tribe of Judah.

This week's question:

What was the name of the town that Lot and his family fled to after leaving Sodom?

Soccer Tournament - September 25



St. Mark will host its annual soccer tournament on Saturday, September 25, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. St. Mark has 19 students participating so we have created two teams. All games will be played on our athletic field. We welcome three other schools to our tournament: St. Paul's, Menomonie, Trinity in Marshfield, and Messiah in Eau Claire. Come out and support your two teams!

The Schedule for the Tournament - [LINK](#)

The St. Mark Teams for the Tournament - [LINK](#)

Water Bottles

Parents/caregivers, this is just a reminder to make sure that your child has his/her own water bottle at school. A number of children have been using disposable cups, and the expenses add up. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Welcome to the St. Mark Family

We continue to meet our new families at St. Mark this year. Today we meet the Johnsons: Scott, Rebecca, Eli (age 7, and a 2nd-grade student in Mrs. Seipel's room), Daniel (age 6, and a 1st-grade student in Mrs. Seipel's room), Ezekiel and Jeremiah, (fraternal twins, age 4 and in 4K in Mondovi), and Micah (7 months).

Scott was born and raised in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School in Menomonie during his formative years. He then attended and graduated from Colfax High School. Following high school, he went on to attend Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, and finally Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he graduated with the degree Master of Divinity. Pastor Johnson served as both a vicar and associate pastor in Hillsdale, Michigan, for five years. He then accepted a Divine Call in 2018 to serve as the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mondovi, Wisconsin.



Becky was born in Missouri, but spent much of her childhood in the country of Ghana in West Africa since her father served as a missionary. He also served in South Dakota, Milwaukee, and Michigan so Becky moved around quite a bit in her life. She attended Concordia University in Chicago and graduated with a degree in both Theology and Non-Profit Business. She worked as a Lutheran deaconess in Hillsdale, Michigan as well. She is now serving as a full-time mom for five highly energetic boys.

When the Johnsons have some free time, they especially enjoy going cross country skiing, and they also go swimming on a regular basis. Pastor Johnson expressed that their family is highly thankful to have their oldest two boys at St. Mark! We welcome the Johnsons to our St. Mark family.