

God Said it, I Believe It



Lion's Roar *St. Mark Lutheran School*

May 13, 2021



HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

May 14: Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, salad, fresh fruit & root beer floats (Thank you Mr. Escher!)
May 21: Pizza Day!

Upcoming Events at St. Mark

TODAY: 6:30 pm Ascension Service
7:30 Retirement Party
Friday: Chapel
HOT LUNCH
Walk for Epilepsy
Thursday (5/20): Spring Jamboree
Book Fair

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. **Please have your child wear their St. Mark t-shirt!**

Divine Calls

The St. Mark voters have chosen to request an assignment from Martin Luther College to be our next Kindergarten teacher. Pray that the Lord in his wisdom chooses to bless us with a graduating senior on Saturday, May 15. We trust the Holy Spirit to bless this process.

If you wish to tune in, here is a [LINK](#) to the Graduation and Divine Call assignments.

Opening Thought

Now in the church at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas; Simeon, who was called Niger; Lucius of Cyrene; Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch; and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, after they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them off. (Acts 13:1-3)

The book of Acts can really be divided into two main parts. Acts 1-12 focuses primarily on the work of the apostles as they shared the Gospel message in the area around Jerusalem. The apostle Peter is the key person on whom many of the lessons focus. Acts 13-28 presents a sharp contrast. The apostle Paul becomes the focal point and his work on his three missionary journeys and finally his trip to Rome. These opening verses outline the transition. Note carefully the work of the Holy Spirit. The Third Person of the Triune God clearly communicated to the church in Antioch that he wanted Barnabas and Saul (Paul) to be *set apart* for the specific task of taking the Gospel message to new lands. The Holy Spirit would guide Paul on all his missionary journeys. What assurance that must have meant that he was going in the right direction!

This coming Saturday, May 15, is a significant day for St. Mark. On Saturday, our congregation and school will find out whether we will receive a graduate from Martin Luther College, our WELS College of Ministry, that trains future pastors and teachers. We will find out if the Holy Spirit has chosen to *set apart* for our school one of the graduates to be assigned as a Kindergarten teacher for our school next year. Some have wondered, "What if we are not assigned a graduate?" That question is appropriate since there will likely be more requests for graduates than there are actual candidates to fill those positions. While this may cause all of us anxiety, we trust the Holy Spirit's direction. I remember Pastor Prahl taking another lesson from the Apostle Paul's second missionary journey to remind us that the Holy Spirit guides the direction of the Gospel message.

The apostle Paul, along with his companions, wanted to take the Gospel to a certain area in the province of Asia (present day western Turkey), but the Holy Spirit prevented them for doing that. *They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, because they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in the province of Asia. When they went as far as Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. (Acts 16:6-8)* Paul may have wondered why? Isn't it important to share Jesus with the people in the province of Asia and Mysia? But the Holy Spirit had another direction for them. That change took them to Troas. While in Troas, Luke wrote this, *A vision appeared to Paul during the night. A Macedonian man was standing there, urging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately made plans to proceed to Macedonia, because we concluded that God had called us to preach the good news to them. (Acts 16:9-10)* The Holy Spirit had another direction for the apostle Paul. This direction led Paul to Macedonia where he was given the opportunity to first bring the Gospel message, that the risen Christ is the promised Savior, to the continent of Europe. Just think what that reality may mean for you and your family? If you have European heritage, this short set of verses could be the very reason you were raised in a Christian home! The Holy Spirit brought the Gospel to Europe!

As we set our sights on this Saturday, we look forward to learning the Holy Spirit's direction. While we are not guaranteed that we will receive a graduate from MLC, we are confident that God knows the right plan for us. If the Holy Spirit closes this opportunity for us, we know that he will provide another door for us. And we can be confident that it is the best for our church and school. This is the confidence we place in the Divine Call for our pastors and teachers. *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)



WEEKLY BIBLE TRIVIA We congratulate Davina K. who answered that Demetrius was upset with Paul since the Gospel message of Jesus would ruin his silversmith business where he made idols to the false god Artemis.

This week's question: What object did Agabus use to prophesy that Paul would be taken captive when he came to Jerusalem after completing his third missionary journey?

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

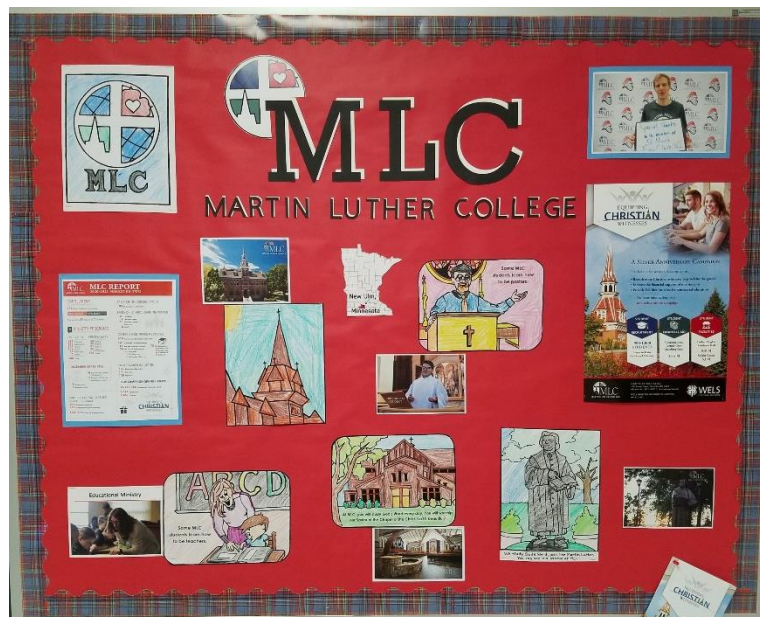
Lesson #	Title of Lesson	Date Taught
12A	An Angel Opens the Prison Doors	Monday, May 17
12B	Faithful Stephen	Wednesday, May 19

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.

5/7/21: \$29.74

QTD: \$203.43





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
- Also, please note, that we are working on the details for a book fair to also be a part of this evening as well.
- We need helpers to serve ice cream after each performance. Please sign up here: <http://bit.ly/smjam2021>

. 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. You may complete the following survey and indicate your intentions in regard to attending. [Link](#)

THERE WILL BE NO BUSING, WRAP AROUND OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

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.**



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](#)

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](#)



SCRIP ORDERS should be in on Friday and Katie will be in touch with those who ordered to see how they would like to receive their orders.

Thank You Parents and PTP

The teachers at St. Mark want to take the time to say "Thank You" to the parents and the PTP for the generous outpouring of gifts that were given to them during Teacher Appreciate Week. It is truly a privilege to serve our Savior, Jesus, by teaching his lambs on a daily basis. Your kindness and support are "shots in the arm" of encouragement to all the teachers in their ministry. Thank you again.