

# *It All Began With God...*



## *Lion's Roar* *St. Mark Lutheran School*

### Upcoming Events at St. Mark ....

#### **TODAY: DRIVE DAY**

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> Grade Field Trip

3:45 Parent/Teacher Consultations

#### **Friday: NO SCHOOL**

Saturday: Volleyball Tournament

Wednesday: PreK / K Field Trip



**October 13, 2021**

### **HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE**

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Taco bake, corn, pears, yogurt

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – Baked potato bar with ham & broccoli, applesauce

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – French bread pizza, salad, veggies, pineapple

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – Turkey meatballs, buttered noodles, corn, Cranberry orange salad

### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

St. Mark is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 – 8. We need decorated cars and candy as well as volunteers to make popcorn, hot chocolate, etc. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



### **No School / Early Release**

- Just a reminder that there is no school tomorrow, Friday, October 15, for parent/teacher consultations.
- Just a reminder that school will be released at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, October 27, so the teachers can travel to their teachers' conference.
- Finally, remember that there will be no school on Thursday, October 28, or Friday, October 29, due to teachers' conference.

## Opening Thought

*The messengers returned to Jacob and reported, "We came to your brother Esau. Now he is coming to meet you, and he has four hundred men with him."*

*So Jacob was terrified and very distressed. He divided the people who were with him, as well as the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two camps. He said, "If Esau comes to one camp and strikes it, then the other camp will escape." Jacob said, "God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will do good for you,' I am not worthy of even a bit of all the mercy and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for I crossed over this Jordan with just my staff, and now I have grown into two camps. Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid that he will come and strike me and the mothers, as well as the children.*

*You said, 'I will surely do good for you and make your descendants like the grains of sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because there are so many.'"*

*Jacob spent that night there and selected a gift for Esau his brother from the possessions he had with him. (Genesis 32:6-13)*

Twenty years had gone by. It had been twenty years since Jacob had tricked his brother Esau and deceived his father Isaac into getting the special blessing. Esau vowed to murder his brother for such deception. Jacob had fled the land of Canaan for the land of Haran. After being away for 20 years, God commanded Jacob that it was time to go back home. The words recorded above are set on the eve of his reunion with his brother Esau. It is also a Bible lesson your students studied this very week!

A pastor in Bible class once said, "Prayers have hands and feet." The Christian will put his/her hands together in prayer and petition our faithful God. That prayer will cling to God's promises that he makes in his Word. Then the Christian uses his/her feet to take action. The sinful Christian may make mistakes but uses his/her wisdom to decide a course and seeks God to bless that decision.

Jacob demonstrated that point well. He put his hands together in prayer. He even physically wrestled with a man (God himself) throughout his prayer. Then he took action. He had already divided his family and possessions into two groups. He also carefully prepared a generous gift for his brother, Esau, and even wisely divided that gift into five smaller gifts vs. one large gift. Finally, God blessed it. Esau and Jacob reconciled their differences.

In our lives as Christians, we also face many difficult decisions. We get a new job offer. We have to decide on a high school for our children. We wonder whether to speak up when we see someone close doing something wrong. We wonder how to discipline our children when they have sinned. Sometimes we have to make decisions that we know are going to affect the lives for many other people. At such times, we can feel *terrified and distressed* like Jacob was that night so long ago.

Dear Christians, remember that prayers have "Hands and feet." When facing such decisions, put your hands together in prayer. Cling to God's promises that he makes in his Word. Know that God is faithful to those promises! Then use your feet to take action. God has given you human wisdom to weigh all facets to those difficult choices you face. Make a decision that lines up with God's Word, and then ask him to bless that decision. Self-doubt may haunt. Some may question your wisdom. Seek God to bless the choice that you have made. Be confident in his promises that he has made to you.

*Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? (Romans 8:32)*



### 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.

10/8/21: \$32.24

QTD: \$302.83

### 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
9A	Joseph is Sold by His Brothers	Monday, October 18
9B	Joseph's High and Lows in Egypt	Wednesday, October 20



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 Jacob's first four sons were: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah.

#### This week's question:

How many dreams did God give to Joseph that informed him that one day his brothers would bow down to him?

#### **Parent Teacher Consultations - View Schedule**

Parents, just a reminder that parent-teacher consultations are scheduled for today, Thursday afternoon/evening on October 14, or tomorrow, Friday morning, October 15. Here is a - [LINK](#) for you to view the schedule.

Also note:

- The PTP has a group of volunteers to provide childcare in the gym for those that need it. A freewill offering will be taken to pay these people. **If you bring your children, please make sure that you take them to the gym so they can be properly supervised.**
- Remember, due to a funeral tomorrow, Friday, October 15, there will be no childcare provided.

## Board of Education Meeting - Open Invitation - NOTE Change

Parents/guardians, as part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, our Board of Education must notify our families that there will be two meetings each year where parents are welcome to come and attend.

- Unfortunately, we need to change one of the dates due to a board member's conflicting work schedule. The first meeting will be moved **from Tuesday, November 2, to Tuesday, December 7**. The time will remain from 6:00-6:30 PM
- The second date remains on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, from 6:00-6:30 PM.



### ST. MARK VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

St. Mark will host a volleyball tournament on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for both the A team and the B team. Teams from St. Paul's Menomonie, St. John's Neillsville, Messiah and St. Mark will be playing. B Team games start at 8:45 am and A Team games start at 1:00 pm. Come and support our St. Mark Lions!

### Welcome to the St. Mark Family

We continue to meet our new St. Mark families. Today we meet the Metcalf family: Aaron, Rachel, and Willow (age 10, and a 4th Grade student in Mrs. Pitt's room)



When one hears the name Metcalf, it likely seems familiar to many. That is because Aaron is the oldest of three children, and a son to a former teacher at St. Mark, Laura Metcalf. Aaron was born in Ashland and bounced around Wisconsin a lot as a child. Finally, the Metcalf's settled in Eau Claire about the time that Aaron began high school. He attended Memorial High School in the late 1990's-early 2000's. After graduating from Memorial, he entered the Marine Corp for 4 years. He then took a break for five years and re-enlisted in the Army in 2010. He has worked many jobs in the Army including a corrections officer working with inmates on death row. Today he works as an Electromagnetic Spectrum Manager and is currently stationed in Daegu, South Korea.

Rachel was born in the Midwest and spent some of her childhood in Spokane, Washington, and even 1½ years in Grand Island, Nebraska. She graduated from Christ Lutheran School while Mr. Micheel served as her teacher and principal. Her family moved to Eau Claire in the fall of 1999. She attended Eau Claire Christian High School, and then went to UW Eau Claire for a year while studying music education. She then worked and got married, and finally earned an associate's degree in interior design from Clover Park Technical College in Washington state. She had opportunities to work in her field of study while living in the Seattle area. They hope to return to the Pacific Northwest when Aaron retires from the military. In the meantime, Rachel is continuing to work on her bachelor's degree from the same college while taking classes online and hopes to graduate in 2023. She also works part time at a local coffee shop in Eau Claire.

Obviously, it is difficult for the three Metcalf's to be together, but when they are, they enjoy hiking, spending time at the beach, and camping. They also have two dogs which keep them both entertained and busy.

We welcome the Metcalf's to St. Mark. Please make a point to greet both Rachel and Willow when you see them, and thank them for Aaron faithfully serving our country in the military.