



ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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November 3, 2017

Chapel Schedule

Next week our chapel service will be on **Thursday, November 9th at 12:30 pm** **NOT Wednesday!** Pastor Hoem from Immanuel, Murphysboro will lead our special Veterans Day recognition chapel service.



Attention Area Veterans and their families!

St. Mark's Lutheran School will be honoring our area Veterans on Thursday, November 9th, with a chapel service at 12:30 pm followed by a short program at school starting at 1:30 pm.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Jim Word will be giving a short talk about his recent Honor Flight to Washington DC. Also as part of our Veteran's Day celebration this year we would like to display any military uniforms, pictures, and other memorabilia that families are willing to loan us. Please take the items to St. Mark's Lutheran School or Church office no later than Monday, November 6th. Include a description of the items, your name, dates of service and branch, and any other information you would like to share or include with the items. We will be putting this information on cards for display that day at school. As usual everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions feel free to contact the school office at [618-965-3838](tel:618-965-3838). Thank you!

No More Saving Campbell's Labels



The Campbell Soup Company is stopping its Labels for Education program **January 1, 2018!** In order to get the labels trimmed, counted and ready to mail before the deadline so St. Mark's can get credit the **LAST DATE TO TURN IN ANY CAMPBELLS PRODUCT LABELS WILL BE DECEMBER 8, 2017!**

Thanks to everyone for collecting labels through the years to help out the school.

If you have any questions you can e-mail me at helenmayer@gmail.com

Helen Mayer, Label Coordinator

Our chapel service on Wednesday, November 15, will be led by Pastor Jim Rivette. Pastor Rivette is active in the LCMS-Prison Ministry.

Offering for the next several weeks will be going to the LCMS Military to the Armed Forces.

Everyone is invited to attend our chapel services that begin around 8:25 am at the church weather permitting.

Don't forget your



CHAPEL OFFERING



Offering to help Military Chaplains

The LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces supports almost 200 chaplains, who represent the church on active duty, the reserves, the National Guard, and Civil Air Patrol. Chaplains meet the needs of military personnel and their families. The LCMS cares deeply for those who currently serve, for those who have donned the cloth of our nation in uniform, and for those who served our nation and live in our communities. Our pastors of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod serve honorably and with distinction as military chaplains. From the Civil War through both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and current areas of conflict, our chaplains bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to those protecting our great nation.

Pre-K & Kindergarten sing at Church



The Pre-K & K students have been busy practicing their song, "This Little Gospel Light of Mine" so they will be ready to sing in church Sunday, November 19 at 9:00 am. Come & hear them let their light shine with their voices in song!

No School Friday, Nov. 10 Veteran's Day



FOOD DRIVE

St. Mark's is holding their annual food drive the week of Monday, November 13 through Friday, November 17 to help area families by giving their donation to the Steeleville Food Pantry located at Peace Lutheran Church. Some suggested items are: jelly, jam, peanut butter, sugar, canned fruit, baby food, canned tuna, canned chicken, stew, chili, pancake mix, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toilet paper just to name a few. Please bring your items to school and place them in the boxes inside the main door. This is just a small way the children at St. Mark's can help those in need.

It's time to "Fall Back!" Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday at 2am
Turn clocks back 1 hour Sunday, November 5th!



Change in lunch menu

Miss Devin Bayer would like to let the students know that there will be the following changes in the November menu:

Wednesday, November 8

Pulled Pork on Wheat bun
Nachos & Cheese
Peas, Mixed fruit, Milk

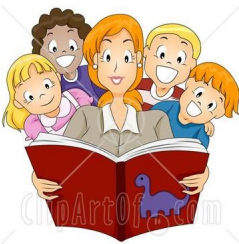
Wednesday, November 29

Sloppy Joe on Wheat bun
Peas, pineapple, Milk

Help support St. Mark's 8th grade

The 8th grade is taking orders for 30 oz. double-wall stainless steel tumblers with your choice of vinyl color, sport, and FREE personalization. For \$20 you can choose baseball, softball, basketball, football, or Panthers. There also is a variety of messages to choose from such as players name & number, Basketball Mom, and Baseball Dad! Stainless steel straws are available for \$3. They will be taking orders until November 6th and the tumblers should be in the first part of December so they would make perfect Christmas gifts.

If you would like to place an order contact an 8th grade student, stop by or call the school office. All proceeds will go towards their class trip.



Public Library Board to read to students

Illinois State Family Reading Night is Thursday, November 16. As in the past members of the Steeleville Library Board will be visiting St. Mark's and reading to Pre-K through 4th grade. Also the library will be purchasing \$20 worth of books for each of these classrooms in honor of Family Reading Night! So leave the tv off on Thursday, November 16 and take time to read a good book to your kids or yourself!



St. Mark's Wurstmart

St. Mark's Church will hold their annual Wurstmart and Country Store this Sunday, November 5 in the school gym from 11:00 am-1:30 pm.

The menu features whole hog sausage, baked turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, famous fried apples, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and 5 & under are free. Carry outs are also available.

There will also be a country store with crafts, fresh produce, home-canned goods and fresh pork sausage for purchase.

Latchkey has it's own phone number!

If you need to get in touch with Miss Robin during latchkey hours in the morning or after school please do not call the school phone number anymore. Latchkey has their own phone number for your convenience. It is 618-443-7870. This will ring directly in the latchkey room.



Dismissal times for Thanksgiving break!

There will be 1:35 pm dismissal on Wednesday, November 22 before Thanksgiving break for grades K-8. Buses will run at this time and latchkey will be available. There will be no school on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for Thanksgiving break. Preschool 4 will be dismissed after their Thanksgiving brunch in the morning at 10:45 am and there will be NO pre-K 3 classes on November 22.



We need receipts!

Dave's Food Center is again sponsoring the SOS campaign (Support Our Schools). We need families to save Dave's receipts and bring them to school or drop them off in the St. Mark's box at Dave's store. Dave will pay 1% of the total receipts back to our school in the form of a check so save those receipts!



Kindergarten cooking lunch!



This is the month of giving thanks and Kindergarten will be doing just that! Our class will be learning about the pilgrims, their lives, and some of the friends they made. We are also thanking God for our lives, families and friends.

On Wednesday, November 22, each student is inviting 1 or 2 special people to come and enjoy a Thanksgiving lunch that they have helped prepare. The feast will begin at 11:00 am in the classroom. The cost is \$4.00 per person.



Pre-K 4 Thanksgiving Brunch

The Preschool 4 class is inviting parents/guardians to attend their Thanksgiving Brunch on Wednesday, November 22nd. Students should arrive at school by 8:15 as usual to prepare for the brunch. Their guests should arrive to the Preschool classroom at 9:45 am for special Thanksgiving songs. Around 10:00 am we will go to the cafeteria for our Thanksgiving Brunch. Students are each allowed 1 or 2 adult guests. The cost for each person will be \$2.50. All students will dismiss at approximately 10:45 after the Brunch.

The tentative menu is:

- Breakfast casserole
- (eggs, ham, cheese, hash browns)
- Blueberry muffins
- Applesauce
- Toast
- Milk carton (white or chocolate)

There will be NO PRE-K 3 class or afternoon session that day!

Save Aluminum Cans

St. Mark's is still saving aluminum cans and any aluminum as a way to provide ongoing funds for the athletic department. The cans can be crushed or not crushed. You can place your aluminum products by the back door in the corner. Any donations will be greatly appreciated!



**2017 CROSS COUNTRY OVC CHAMPS
AND
2017 3rd PLACE STATE CLASS S**



Okaw Valley Conference

St. Mark's Lutheran School's Cross Country team participated in the Okaw Valley Conference meet on Wednesday, October 11 at Randolph County Lake. There were 4 teams in the Conference and at the end of it all St. Mark's was the Conference Champs!

- Cayton Cratch - 3rd place 12:08
- Carter Wasson - 4th place 12:09
- Evan Reitz - 5th place 12:18
- Trenton Ingles - 6th place 12:42
- Tyler Ingles - 8th place 13:39
- Canon Ruby - 14th place 14:25
- Evan Buch - 18th place 14:44
- Logan Bartens - 27th place 24:53

Boys CC Teams placed as follows:

- St. Mark's - 26 points- CC Conference Champs
- Steeleville Public - 48 points- 2nd place
- St. John's Lutheran, Red Bud - 68 points-3rd place
- Evansville - 88 points- 4th place

SIJHSAA State Meet

St. Mark's Lutheran School participated in the State Cross Country Meet at Salem, Illinois on Saturday, October 14th. There were 42 teams that participated in running the 1.8 mile course.

- Cayton Cratch—12th place 11:41
- Carter Wasson—22nd 11:58
- Trenton Ingles—25th 12:01
- Evan Reitz—33rd 12:06
- Tyler Ingles—87th 13:19
- Canon Ruby—125th 14:09
- Evan Buch—139th 14:33
- Alternate runner—Logan Bartens

Boys CC Teams placed as follows:

- Maryville Christian— 118 points—State Champs
- Raccoon -139 points- 2nd place
- St. Mark's—148 points- 3rd place beating the school's record of 7th place