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# *St. Mark's Messenger*

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## Calendar

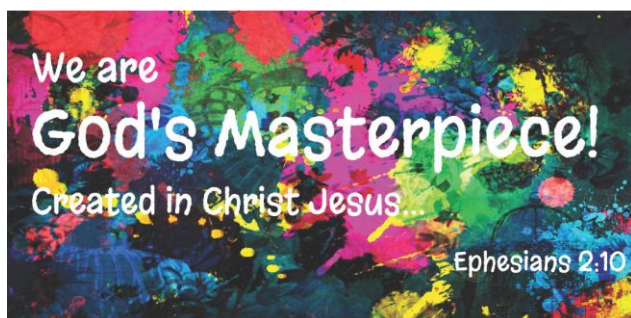
### September

- 10 – Worship: 8:00am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
- 11 – **Safety Week Begins**
  - Volleyball 3:15 – 4:15pm
  - Newspaper Club 3:15 – 4:15pm
- 12 – **Fire Drill**
  - Runners Club: 3:15 – 4:15pm
- 13 – Chapel: Mr. Kollmorgen
  - Volleyball 3:15 – 4:15pm
- 14 – **Lockdown/SIP Drill**
  - Runners Club: 3:15 – 4:15pm
  - Mumkins Plant Pickup 3:00 – 6:00pm
- 15 – Dollar Dress Down Day!  
**Tornado Drill**

**'23-'24 Theme:**

### ***We Are God's Masterpiece!***

...Created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



## You are Invited to Attend "Inform Sunday"

School families are invited to attend "Inform Sunday" on September 24<sup>th</sup>, to learn more about the proposed building expansion at St. Mark's Lutheran Church and School.

During the Sunday School hour following the late service, parents can join congregation members to watch a presentation about the proposed expansion. There will be additional opportunities for Q&A about the building plan and the finance efforts. Food will be served! Breakfast refreshments at 9:20 am (after early service) - and lunch will be served at approximately 11:45 am (after late service)

## K-8 Singing in Church!

Our students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade will be singing at the late service (10:30am) on 9/24. This is the beginning of the fundraising push to build the building – and we need everyone to be involved to make the building a reality!

God has blessed the school with 185 students this year – a new high mark for enrollment! With that many students comes the need for more space – God does not lay down a challenge without providing a means to accomplish it!

Join us during this exciting time as we seek to expand our school!

## Safety Week Begins Monday 9/11!

Each year at this time we hold Safety Week. Teachers instruct students what to do and where to go if an emergency event were to happen. We will practice a Fire Drill, a Tornado Drill, and a Lockdown (shelter in place) Drill. Please impress upon your child(ren) that these are only practice drills – and that nothing bad is happening. We are hoping to have First Responders on site for one or more of these drills – if their duties allow.

## Outdoor Movie Night is Coming Soon

Outdoor Movie Night is coming up September 22! This annual event is fun for the whole family because we feature a G Rated movie and provide popcorn! All you have to do is show up with lawn chairs or a blanket – and your drinks – and enjoy the show. This year our feature movie will be ***Toy Story***. Make plans to join us for this classic!

## Help Needed with Before and After School Care!

St. Mark's is looking for individuals who would like to watch our students before school from 7:00 – 8:15am and/or after school from 3:00 – 6:00pm. The pay rate is \$15 per hour. Contact Mr. Kollmorgen via email ([principal@stmarksmilford.org](mailto:principal@stmarksmilford.org)) if you are interested in helping. Additional responsibilities could be included if more hours are desired.

## Classroom Happenings

### **Mrs. Newell (3 Year Old Preschool)**

This week the 3 year olds started their first year of school! We learned about how God created the world and us. We also learned that we are not just created by God, but a masterpiece!

### **Mrs. Rehmer and Mrs. Boerboom (4 Year Old Preschool)**

Mrs. Rehmer's class had a fantastic first week of preschool! We got to know some of our friends, explored our room, and learned some new routines. One of the most exciting activities was learning how special we are to God and how we are each His unique masterpiece! This week in our Bible stories, not only did we learn about how we are God's masterpieces but how He knows us each by name. Genesis 1-2; Isaiah 43:1 and Ephesians 2:10

### **Mr. Stygar (Kindergarten)**

In Religion, we learned about Noah's Ark. In Writing, we learned about the letters "P,Q,R" and we learned how to put letters in alphabetical order. During Reading, we took the Early Literacy assessment, and we read "How do Dinosaurs Go to School". In Math, we learned to count and write 2, 3, 4 and 5. In Social Studies, we learned about manners, how to greet others and identify respect.

### **Mrs. Sherman (1<sup>st</sup> Grade)**

This week, we read about the Bible families of Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and his sons. In reading, Curious George helped us answer the question, "Why is it important to go to school?" We identified verbs and words with multiple meanings. At Math time, we reviewed different strategies for adding and we also began subtraction. We discussed cooperation and perseverance in Social Studies. We created a colorful mural and displayed it in the hall to showcase our theme, "We are God's masterpiece!"

### **Mrs. Moyer (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)**

In Religion we heard the story of Jacob's Ladder and learned more about Joseph. In ELA, students learned about using strong adjectives in their writing and how words can have multiple meanings. In Math, students practiced repeated addition with equal groups and how to make arrays. In Social Studies, students began learning how to make and read timelines.

### **Mrs. Dowd (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**

Third grade learned about Jesus appearing to the disciples after he rose from the dead. We also learned about the first three commandments. We read the story "Destiny's Gift" and learned about how to use adjectives in sentences. We learned about rounding numbers and using estimation. We learned about animal adaptations and the different regions of the Native American Tribes.

### **Miss Rhonemus and Mrs. Kollmorgen (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

In Religion, we learned about God's promise to Abraham. In Language, students are learning about prepositions. For Math, students are working on place value and rounding numbers. 4<sup>th</sup> P.E. did fitness exercises and were challenged to incorporate some of the exercises at home. Finally, in 4th Grade Social Studies, students learned how to use an elevation map.

### **Miss Graves, Mrs. Kiehl, Mr. Creamer and Mr. Kollmorgen (5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)**

This week in 5th Grade Religion, we learned about what God's Law is and why it is important. In 6<sup>th</sup> Religion, students discussed Isaac, Jacob, and Esau. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation students are learning about the Creeds.

In 5th Grade Math, students practiced solving word problems where they had to multiply. In Math Course 1, students worked on fractions, perimeter and finding unknown numbers. In Course 2, students practiced strategies to find missing numbers, learned about sequences and found formulas for sequences.

## **(5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades - continued)**

During Western Hemisphere Social Studies, students learned about the importance of time zones. In Ancient World History we continued to look at the civilizations in the Fertile Crescent. We also learned about the history of the Israelites through the first five books of the Bible.

5<sup>th</sup> In reading, students worked on the short story "Thank you, Ma'am" In Writing, students worked on narrative writing. In 6<sup>th</sup> Reading, students began "The Landlady", while in writing, students continued the narrative writing unit. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Reading, students began working with the short story "Flowers for Algernon". In writing, students continued a narrative writing unit.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Science students started outlining Chapter 2. Weather and its causes, the Sun and how Earth gets its energy from it are our main topics. In 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Science, we jumped into the Metric System and how it's used in Science - there has been a lot of discussion about milli-centi and kilo. We also outlined the chapter and did Vocab and Section 1 questions.