

St. Mark News

Week of May 11, 2026



Tuition Grant Opportunity – Apply by May 15

St. Mark Lutheran School is offering tuition grants for the 2026–2027 school year to help make Christ-centered education more accessible to families.

Applications are completed through FACTS and can take as little as 15 minutes if you have your information ready (see the application guide for details).

The deadline to apply is **May 15**, with decisions shared on or shortly after June 1. All information is handled confidentially.

[FACTS Financial Aid](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the school office.

Technology Fund Update

After our fundraisers with Chick Fil A and Wham Bam, and the extra donations from our Bingo Bash, we are half way in making our technology funds goal of \$4500! If we reach that goal, 3 classrooms in the north building will receive new “short throw” projectors. If you would like to give a little more to help us reach our goal, please check out our [Givelify Link](#). After you click on the link, choose an amount to donate, and then select “School Classroom Projector Fundraiser” for the purpose. Please share this link with anyone who would like to help!

We greatly appreciate all that you have done so far in helping us reach this technology goal. To God be the glory!

St Mark Family Association Meeting May 13

All St. Mark families, grandparents, guardians, and friends are invited to join the St. Mark Family Association, our school’s new version of a PTO/PTA, designed to strengthen our school community through support of students and staff, meaningful family involvement, and Christ-centered service. Please plan to attend the kickoff meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria.

Help Us Celebrate St Mark: Every review helps!

St Mark needs more online reviews! In order for Lincoln families to hear about us and how much our school is appreciated, we would love for you to fill out some online reviews. Here is a [Private School Review Link](#) and a [Google Review Link](#). The more positive reviews we get, the better ratings we have and interest in our school. Thank you for your support!

Dates to Remember

May 9: NELHS Track Meet
(@Centennial in Utica)

May 12: PreK-K Stepping Up
Ceremony (6:00pm)

May 13: Family Association
Meeting (6:30pm)

May 14: 8th Grade Graduation
(6:00pm) Entertainment to
follow

May 15: Final Closing Chapel
(11am)

**May 15: Last Day of School:
Noon Dismissal**

[Mustang Website](#)

St. Mark Google Calendar is
located on website under
“Upcoming Events”

School Cleaning:

Young (May 8-10)

Workentine (May 15-17)

End of the Year Excitement:

Please fill out the Picnic Survey by Sat (May 9)!

Preschool and Kindergarten Stepping Up: We will hold a PreK & K graduation ceremony separate from 8th grade graduation on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00pm.

Field Day/School Picnic: We will have our end of the year field day and picnic lunch on Thursday, May 14th. At 9am, we will start our fun whole school field day events. Following the games we will have a whole school picnic. Parents are welcome to join us for lunch and the games. Hot dogs, buns, and a bag of chips will be provided (**No hot lunch will be ordered for this day**). We are asking students to pack anything that they'd need in addition to that (drink, dessert, etc.). After the picnic, students will return to their rooms to finish the day with the afternoon academic schedule. The day will end at the normal time with pick-up at 3:30pm.

If you plan on attending, please fill out this [hotdog/chip/s order form link](#) to help with ordering hotdogs and bags of chips. Thank you!

8th Grade Graduation Service: On Thursday, May 14th we will have a special worship service in honor of the graduation of our 8th graders. The service will start at 6:00pm and will be followed by a ceremony with end of the year entertainment and some light snacks. Junior Choir will sing for the graduation service, and the families of the 7th graders are asked to bring some light dessert items for after the service.

Final Chapel Service

Friday, May 15, at 11am will be our final chapel service for the school year. Please join us as we thank God for a wonderful school year, for keeping us all safe from harm and danger, and ask Him to be with us as we start our summer adventures.

Preschool Enrollment: PLEASE SHARE!

We have plenty of room left in next year's 2026/2027 preschool class! If you know of anyone who has a child(ren) looking for a 4-year-old preschool, please share with them our website (stmarkmustangs.org) and they can schedule a tour with Pam, our preschool teacher and director. Spots fill up quickly once the summer starts. Thank you for your help!

God's Grace Corner (Pastor Buelow)

A man named Asaph was having a hard time believing that it was good to be a believer. He looked around at people who didn't know God, and they seemed to be doing really well. In fact, when it came to their health and wealth they seemed to be doing better than believers! It made Asaph wonder if it was even "worth it" to be a believer.

During his crisis of faith, God reminded Asaph that believers have something the unbeliever doesn't: trust in a good and gracious God! God reminded Asaph that the ultimate good comes after this life, when we enjoy paradise with our Savior Jesus.

So is it worth it to be a believer? After his crisis of faith, Asaph concluded: **As for**

me, God's nearness is good for me (Psalm 73:28). No matter what life looks like for you right now, God is near in his means of grace (God's Word and Sacraments). So you can also say, "God's nearness is good for me, and that's good enough for me!"

Hot Lunch Info:

No more hot lunch orders! Happy Summer!

