

The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” LETTER

Dear Children, Teachers, Staff and Parents of St. Johns Lutheran School –

Hello! My name is Jan Gilbert from Lutheran Church Charities. I have the wonderful job of calling to thank those who send offering gifts for the work of taking Jesus' love and care to people when they are having hard times. Sometimes it's because of tornadoes or earthquakes, fires or floods; sometimes because of other sad or bad things that happen to us in our life. We get to help those people in Jesus' name.

One of the things that people know best about Lutheran Church Charities is our Comfort Dogs.

When bad or sad things happen to people, a pastor or someone who is there can contact us and ask if we can send some of the Comfort Dogs to come and be with the people. Maybe you've seen the Comfort Dogs on TV or on Facebook. They are all Golden Retrievers. They have a [Facebook page](#) and you can look them up to learn more about them there. Facebook page

I am writing to say thank you to all of you for your School Chapel Offerings gift you sent in December to help us take care of the Comfort Dogs and to send them to places where people are having trouble. Thank you for sharing your offerings in that way! Your gift helps lots of people who are going through hard things in their lives. When the Comfort Dogs go to be with them, we can tell and show them that Jesus loves them and cares about them all the time -- and He is with them in their bad times.

When I make my thank you calls, I also get to ask if there's something I can pray about for you. If you have any special prayer requests you'd like me to pray about, you can gather them together and send them back to me by email. I am happy to pray for you, your families, for your school, teachers, and congregation, for your community, for anybody you know!

Thank you for the love you have for Jesus and for people who are having trouble. Thank you for being part of helping them.

Lots of people in your life love you very much – your parents and other relatives, your teachers, many people who are in your life.

Remember always that Jesus loves you the best! He is always with you and He promised to take care of you always. I am glad we are all His children together.

In His love,
Miss Jan





FUNDAY HELP NEEDED

PTL is in need of some help to make this year's FUNDay the best ever. Here's how you can contribute.

- VOLUNTEER to help with a game or other activity.
- Purchase your WRISTBANDS in advance.
- Make an EAGLE CRUSADER DONATION.
- Donate an item or more from their AMAZON wish list.
- Donate an item or more from their TARGET wish list.
- Bid on a SILENT AUCTION item or two (or more). Auction opens on April 17th.

PURCHASE YOUR FUNDAY 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

PTL is now selling the 50/50 Raffle tickets! Visit their table in the lobby during the Art Fair tomorrow to purchase your tickets for a chance to win up to \$5,000, or contact Britta Orr, Jamie Peterson, or Kodi Hoffarth to make your purchase. Cash or check payments only, please. See the included flyer for more information.

BOOK FAIR AT THE ARTS FAIR TOMORROW

Parents, we will be hosting a PaperPie book fair tomorrow evening in the gym in conjunction with the Arts Fair.

STUDENT EAGLE CRUSADER GOALS

Each of our students have the opportunity to participate as an EAGLE EARNINGS CRUSADER and raise money for their school. Each EAGLE CRUSADER has a goal of earning \$100+. For every \$100 raised, the participant will get a ticket entered into a drawing to win one of the following prizes.

- \$100 Cash
- (2) Passes to Sky Zone
- \$25 Five Below Gift Card

The student who raises the MOST will win a NINTENDO SWITCH!!

NEW THIS YEAR: **The Class that has the HIGHEST fundraising average per student will win a exciting class party!!**

START GATHERING YOUR COINS FOR THE COIN WAR!

The beloved and exciting Coin War is quickly approaching, so start gathering your coins now! The FUNDay Coin War begins Tuesday, April 22nd !

ARTS FAIR TOMORROW!!

Our school ARTS FAIR is **TOMORROW** from 5:30-7:00pm! Visual and language art pieces will be on display throughout the building; performance arts will take place in the music room, cafeteria, and auxiliary room. A schedule for all performances will be available tomorrow upon arrival.



ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING!

St. John's is hiring for the following positions.

Assistant Office Administrator

- 30 hours/week, Monday-Friday
- Follows school year calendar
- Answer phones, greet visitors, support church and school administrative tasks, perform general front desk duties as assigned
- Prior administrative experience preferred but not required
- Contact our business manager, Stephanie.Parris@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply

2025/2026 Afterschool Preschool Aides

- This position begins in August 2025.
- 2:45-5:30pm Monday-Friday
- Follows the school year calendar
- Supervise and engage with children ages 3-5 years old
- Must be fingerprinted and pass background check
- Must be/become CPR/1st aid certified (all applicable training will be provided)
- Previous childcare experience preferred but not required
- Contact our preschool director, Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply

2025/2026 Substitute Teachers

- This position begins mid-August 2025.
- Substitutes teachers are needed for grades preschool-8th grade.
- College degrees are preferred but not required.
- Contact our principal, Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

SAVE THE DATE!

The 12th annual charity golf tournament will take place on Saturday, September 13th. Save the date now because you don't want to miss this fantastic event! More details will be coming soon!

SHORTS ALLOWED NEXT WEEK

Per our dress code, students may begin wearing shorts next Tuesday, April 15th. Remember, shorts must be mid-length or longer.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE SURVEY

At St. John's, we strive to foster an environment that promotes students' physical, mental, and emotional health, alongside their ability to learn. Please take a moment to complete this [brief survey](#) to help us gauge the effectiveness of our current wellness initiatives and gather suggestions for improvement as we plan for the upcoming school year. Thank you!

UPCOMING SAFETY DRILLS

Parents, we will be conducting our remaining fire and intruder drills in the coming weeks. As always, the intruder drills are done at an age-appropriate level for each grade, and all students and staff are aware of the drills in advance.



EASTER BREAK

Don't forget, there will be no school Friday, April 18th through Monday, April 21st in celebration of our risen Lord! School and ESP will resume as usual on Tuesday, April 22nd.

SCHOOL SPIRIT STORE OPEN!!

Our school spirit store is open now through April 13th, and any orders you place are expected to arrive the second week of May. Check out all that we have to offer to get you looking your best and most spirited!

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS NEEDED

The Board of Education is looking for new members to help support and guide the ministry of our school. If you have a heart for Christian education, a desire to serve, and are a member of St. John's Lutheran Church we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Bonnie Radintz at Bonnie.Radintz@gmail.com to learn more.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

Time is running out to order your yearbook. See the included flyer for more information and instructions on how to order.

YEARBOOK PICTURES NEEDED

Parents, have you taken some great photos of students and events this school year? If so, please consider sharing them with us to be used in the yearbook. We especially need pictures from Grandparents Day. Photos may be sent to pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org. Thank you!

CONGRATS, SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS!

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee participants and alternates: Leonie, Liam, Braydon, Layla, Emery, Andrew, Ryan, Olivia, Josh, Oliver, Conrad, Kara, Karis, Josef, Molly, Max, Gabe! We are excited to announce that **Miss Karis S.** placed third in the 7th/8th grade division! Way to go, Karis, and way to go everyone!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Parents, we have quite a collection of clothing and other items in our lost and found. Be sure to check it quickly **TOMORROW** while at the Arts Fair to see if anything belongs to your family!

SPRING MAP TESTING

Spring MAP testing for Kindergarten-8th grade will take place the week of April 28th. Please be sure your child is well rested and eats breakfast each morning that week so that he/she is best prepared and ready for the day.



CONTINUOUS FEEDBACK OPPORTUNITY

Parents, we want to offer you the continuous opportunity to provide feedback for our school - both the things you'd like to praise and those things you may have concern about. Be sure to check out the new CONTINUOUS CONNECTION link located in the body of the newsletter email and on the last page of the newsletter. Feedback may be left anonymously or you may include your name and contact information.

COMPLIMENTARY GRADE SCHOOL TICKET



The Mayer Lutheran
Theater Department Presents



May 9 & 10 - 7 PM | May 11 - 2 PM

Mayer Lutheran Fine Arts Center Theater
306 7th St NE, Mayer, MN 55360

Presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark, A Concord
Theatricals Company (www.tamswitmark.com)

**Stop by the front office for free
student tickets!!**

West Lutheran Players Present:



Lyrics by Tim Rice & Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

**PERFORMANCE
DATES:**

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 - 7 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - 7 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - 2 PM



Scan QR Code
to purchase tickets online
or get them at the door.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

WEST LUTHERAN
3350 Harbor Lane North, Plymouth, MN
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 11

- 7:30am Coffee & Conversation!
- 8:10am 2nd-8th grade chapel
- 8:50am PS-1st grade chapel
- 5:30pm Arts Fair

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 14

- 3:00pm Bowling practice
- 3:30pm 3rd, 4th, 5th volleyball practice
- 7:00pm Holy Week Meditation

Tuesday, April 15

- 3:30pm A & B at Cambridge
- 7:00pm Holy Week Meditation

Wednesday, April 16

- Band and Library
- 7:00pm Holy Week Meditation

Thursday, April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 8:10am 2nd-8th grade chapel
- 8:50am PS-1st grade chapel
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

- No school/No ESP
- 12:30pm Good Friday Chief Service
- 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers

Saturday, April 19th - HOLY SATURDAY

- 7:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20th - EASTER DAY

- 6:00am Divine Sunrise Easter Service
- 8:00am Divine Service
- 10:30am Divine Service

Monday, April 21st - EASTER MONDAY

- No school/No ESP

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Join us for worship each Sunday at
St. John's Lutheran Church!

- Divine Service 8:00 & 10:30am
- Adult Bible study 9:30am
- Sunday school 9:30am

STJL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The St. John's Lutheran School Board of
Education consists of the the following:

- Chairperson: Bonnie Radintz
- Deacon & Vice Chair: Grant Birznieks
- Deacon: Russ Reznecheck
- Deacon: Gary Volberding
- Secretary: James Beck
- Rob Borcharding
- Brenna Koehler
- Jim Peterson
- Jamie Radintz
- Ex officio: Kristen Skura
- Ex officio: Tori Kuehne

Board meetings are typically held the
third Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

BOE agendas and approved minutes are
available in FACTS.

WHERE DO I FIND...?

- [FACTS family_portal](#) (Use code SJL-MN)
- [School calendars](#)
- [Hot lunch menu](#)
- [ESP sign up](#)
- [Continuous Connection survey](#)



Submit your pictures for use to
pictures@stjlutheralschool.org

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FUNDAY 2025



(SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2025)

TOGETHER WE RISE

This year, our school is raising funds to improve our gymnasium with new bleachers and sound barriers. These upgrades will create a better space for sports, events, and gatherings that bring our community together. Your support will help us grow as students and athletes, creating a space where memories are made both on and off the court. Plus, 25% of all proceeds will help maintain affordable tuition for all families at St. John's.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00AM FUND-RUN Check In
- 9:45AM FUND-RUN 'Little Eagle loop'
- 10-12pm Carnival, Lunch, & Silent Auction
- 12:15pm Eagle Earnings Crusaders & Raffle prize drawings



CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS

Wristbands are your all-access pass to fun! Secure yours today by scanning or clicking on the QR code.

ACT NOW

Early bird pricing is \$15/wristband
Price after 4/22 is \$20/wristband

EAGLE CRUSADERS

Scan or click the QR code to Support your Eagle Crusader! Remember to select their name from the participant list. Thank you for your donation!



WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

We need Volunteers! Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



Donate items from our Amazon Wish-List. Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



Donate items from our Target Wish-List. Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



St. John's PTL Thanks You for your generous support!

STJ FUNDay 2025

84262025 **50/50**
RAFFLE 84262025
CASH OR CHECK PAYMENTS ONLY

**BUY YOUR TICKET(S) TODAY FOR
A CHANCE TO WIN \$5,000**

The prize grows with every ticket sold!

Each Ticket
\$100

SCAN TO
BUY TICKET(S)

A limited number of 100 tickets available to purchase

The drawing will be held on April 26, 2025.

50% of the money raised goes to the
winner! The other 50% goes directly to
supporting the new gym bleachers and
the cost of tuition.

*MGC B rules & regulations apply to this raffle. For more information visit:

<https://mn.gov/gcb/start-here/nonprofits-permits/>





CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$1.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook, Use The QR Code Below, or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:
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LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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2025

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INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS!



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2025**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT TUITION ASSISTANCE
AND SCHOOL ENHANCEMENTS**

MORE DETAILS TO COME



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

Holy Week: Apr. 13 - Apr. 19, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

MEMORIZE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
SCHOOL STUDENTS EXPECTED TO RECITE ON FRIDAY

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Luke 24:5b-6b-** He is risen! Why do you seek the living among the dead?
Remember how He told you that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise.

1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c- Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The Table of Duties: To Youth

- 1st gr+ Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older
- 2nd gr+ All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,
- 3rd gr+ Because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
- 4th gr+ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that He may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6)



PRAYERS

MANY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLE TO PRAY BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO OR WHAT TO
PRAY FOR. USE THIS GUIDE TO PRAY FOR DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS IN THEIR VARIOUS NEEDS.
LET US PRAY...

- Sun ...for all who attend the Divine Service today, that they may be fed with His Word and Sacrament
...for all who do not know the joy of the Resurrection, that they hear and believe the Gospel
- Mon ...for all who begin a new week of work, for the unemployed, for our government, & for our teachers &
students who begin a new week of school
- Tues ...for rescue from temptation and sin, for repentance for those who have fallen away, for the guilty to be
comforted with the Gospel
- Wed ...for all husbands & wives, parents & children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word
- Thu ...for our Church, our pastors, our teachers, our missionaries, all who serve and volunteer at St. John's
- Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this week, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick & dying
- Sat ... for the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith to the End, for our hearts to be ready to hear God's Word at the Divine Service
tomorrow



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Holy Monday

Isaiah 50:5-10

1 Peter 2:21-24

John 12:1-43

Holy Tuesday

Jer. 11:18-20

1 Tim. 6:12-14

Mark 14-15

Holy Wednesday

Isaiah 62:11-63:7

Rev. 1:5b-7

Luke 22-23

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14

1 Cor. 11:23-32

John 13:1-15

Good Friday

Is. 52:13-53:12

2 Cor. 5:14-21

John 18-19

Holy Saturday

Daniel 6:1-24

1 Peter 3:17-22

Matt. 27:57-66

Easter Sunrise

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Cor. 15:1-11

John 20:1-18

Easter Day

Job 19:23-27

1 Cor. 5:6-8

Mark 16:1-8

Easter Monday

Exodus 15:1-18

Acts 10:34-43

Luke 24:13-35

Easter Tuesday

Daniel 3:8-28

Acts 13:26-33

Luke 24:36-49

Easter Wednesday

Acts 3:13-29

Col. 3:1-7

John 21:1-14



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Holy Monday- "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" (*LSB* 434)

Church Hymn of the Day for Holy Tuesday- "Upon the Cross Extended" (*LSB* 453)

Church Hymn of the Day for Holy Wednesday- "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (*LSB* 425)

Church Hymn of the Day for Holy "Maundy" Thursday- "O Lord, We Praise Thee" (*LSB* 617)

Church Hymn of the Day for Good Friday- "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (*LSB* 438)

Church Hymn of the Day for Holy Saturday- "O Darkest Woe" (*LSB* 448)

Church Hymn of the Day for Easter Sunrise- "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" (*LSB* 467)

Church Hymn of the Day for Easter Day- "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (*LSB* 458)

Church Hymn of the Day for Easter Monday- "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" (*LSB* 463)

Church Hymn of the Day for Easter Tuesday- "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (*LSB* 490)

Church Hymn of the Day for Easter Wednesday- "Long before the World Is Waking" (*LSB* 485)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Here is a short order you may follow for family devotions around the dinner table or in the living room.

Invocation - In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - **Amen.**

Recite - the Apostles' Creed and the Learn-by-Heart Bible Verse & Catechism

Read and Discuss - one of the Scripture readings from this past Sunday, from school, or the coming Sunday

Pray - the Lord's Prayer, Luther's morning or evening prayers, and the topical prayers for the day of the week

Sing a hymn - use one of the hymns from the past Sunday, the coming Sunday, or the school year

Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.