

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CHICKS! CHICKS! CHICKS!

Dear families,

About three weeks ago, I brought in fourteen eggs from the Carter Coop, laid by last year's chickens, and we began the exciting journey of incubating! This is my favorite project of the year because of the natural conversations and learning that happen as we marvel at how God has created life. The students are always full of wonderful questions—not only about chickens, but about other animals, and even about human life! Our discussions always point back to our amazing Creator.

This year, one student summed up God's creation perfectly. This student, who already has chickens at home, said, "I usually just look at my chickens and think, 'Huh, there's a chicken,' but now I can look at them and think, 'Wow, that chicken actually started out pretty amazing.'"

Isn't God's creation just like that—amazing?! Have you ever stopped to think about all that God has made and how He created everything exactly as it needs to be? It truly is incredible when you take a moment to admire it. And the best part? His creation includes YOU. He created each of us exactly as He intended, placed us exactly where we need to be for this moment, and loves us beyond measure.

When we study our chicks, we learn that their heart begins to beat on day two of life inside the egg. A tiny speck, without even limbs or feathers yet, already has a heartbeat. Now, our chicks are full of life! Out of our fourteen eggs, we had TEN successful hatches!

Of course, once they hatch, we have to name them: Brownie, Potato Chip, Pineapple, Mellow Yellow, Yellow Mellow... just to name a few. We will enjoy our time with them, learning even more about God's creation while they stay in our classroom. Then, four of the chicks will join a third grader at his home with his current flock, while the rest will return to their mother hen and rooster at the Carter Coop.

God's Blessings,

Mrs. Sarah Carter



FUNDAY SILENT AUCTION

We know you have all been anxiously waiting for information about the FUNDay silent auction...and here it is! The silent auction preview starts today. Bidding begins on Monday, April 21st at 8am and will close on April 26th at 12pm. To view items, create a Better World account, and place bids, click [HERE](#). See the front page for a few of the many items to be auctioned off.



GET READY FOR SPIRITED FUN WITH COIN WARS!

Coin Wars is returning due to popular demand! Prepare for NEXT WEEK, April 22nd to 25th, where each grade will compete to raise funds for our new gym bleachers. This event promises excitement and a dash of friendly competition!

Quick Facts:

- Collect Coins: Every cent contributes +10 points to your grade's score.
- Strategic Play: Sabotage other grades with dollar bills to deduct their points (\$1 = -100 points).
- Purpose: All proceeds go towards enhancing our gym with new bleachers.
- Rules: Coins add points, dollar bills deduct them.

No checks, please. Gather your change and let's make this Coin Wars the best one yet. Your support will help illuminate our school's future! For online class tracking starting April 22nd click [HERE](#).

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

The PTL will be selling tickets in CARLINE a couple of days this week. 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



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!!

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!

TALENT SHOW

Students, we will again be hosting a talent show on Monday, May 19th (during the school day - time is TBA). Auditions will take place the week of May 5th. More information to come.

PLENTY OF FUNDAY HELP STILL NEEDED

FUNDay is right around the corner!! The annual Eagle Family FUNDay is **NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 26th!** Here are all the links you need.

- Volunteer opportunities are still open! Please, Sign-up HERE.
- Silent Auction preview begins TODAY!! Bidding starts on Monday April 21st.
- Pre-Purchase wristbands available for purchase until Tuesday April, 22nd. Wristbands will be available for purchase after that.
- Eagle Crusader sponsor packets are due Tuesday, April 22nd.
- Eagle Crusader Online donations will close Friday April 25th @ 5pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The PTL invites you to join them at the LOOK OUT BAR & GRILL on Wednesday, May 14th to celebrate the end of the school year while giving back! The Lookout is donating 20% of all proceeds St. John's PTL!

Where: The Lookout Bar & Grill – Maple Grove

When: Wednesday, May 14th All day.

Code Word: FUNDRAISER



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.

5TH-8TH CHOIR SINGING IN CHURCH APRIL 27TH

The 5-8 grade choir is scheduled to sing the Sunday after Easter, April 27 at the 10:30am service. Students should be in the music room at 10:15am for a short warm-up. Please notify Dr. Moss in advance if your child will not be able to participate (Katie.Moss@stjlutheran.org).

K-4TH CHOIR SINGING IN CHURCH MAY 11TH

The K-4th grade choir is scheduled to sing at the 8am service on Sunday, May 11th. Students should be in the music room at 7:45am for a short warm-up. Please notify Dr. Moss in advance if your child will not be able to participate (Katie.Moss@stjlutheran.org).

WELLNESS COMMITTEE SURVEY

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!

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.

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.

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

The school year is quickly coming to a close and so is the library! The last day to check out library books will be April 30. The final due date of the year is May 7. Anything not returned by May 21 will be deemed lost and the lost book fee will be assessed via FACTS. If your student has been getting a slip for an over due book - that is your heads up that your student has a missing book and will be charged if the book is not found. Once the fee is assessed, it is non-refundable even if the book is found at a later date. If you are charged for the book and it is found, please feel free to keep the book or donate it back to the library. Lost book fees are used to purchase new books for the library. If you have any questions, please reach out to the library via email: library@stjlutheran.org.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

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

Saturday, April 26- 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 21 - EASTER MONDAY

- No school/No ESP

FUNDAY COIN WARS BEGIN!!

Tuesday, April 22

- FUNDay Packets Due
- 3:30pm 6th, 7th, 8th volleyball practice
- 7:00pm BOE meetings

Wednesday, April 23

- Band and Library
- 7:15am Student Council meeting
- 3:00pm Bowling practice

Thursday, April 24

- 3:15pm 3rd-5th grade volleyball practice
- 4:00pm 6th-8th grade volleyball practice

Friday, April 25

- 8:15am All-school chapel
- 5:30pm Bowling at Stillwater Bowl & Lounge

Saturday, April 26 - EAGLE FAMILY FUNDAY!!

- 9:00am FUNDrunk check in
- 9:45am FUNDrunk Little Eagle Loop
- 10:00am Carnival and silent auction
- 12:15pm Eagle Crusader & raffle drawings

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

Follow us on





Scan for Class
Goal Tracker



St. John's Lutheran School

Eagle Family **FUNDAY**

COIN WAR

This year's fundraising goal is to raise \$50k for new bleachers and sound barriers for the school gymnasium. Our gymnasium is a vibrant hub of activities from performances, student events, musicals, luncheons, athletics, physical education, community recreation and more! Please help us create a space full of future learning while strengthening the faith of our students.

April 22nd – April 25th

PARTICIPATION OPEN TO PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

The Rules:

Each grade has a container to drop coins into between 4/22-4/25. Each cent is worth 10 points and whichever grade has the most points per student wins a Class Party!



CURRENCY POINTS

EACH CENT = +10 POINTS

\$1 BILL = -100 POINTS

\$5 BILL = -500 POINTS

\$10 BILL = -1000 POINTS

\$20 BILL = -2000 POINTS

BUT Grades can sabotage each other and try to deduct points by dropping dollars into the bucket! Sorry 😞, no checks allowed.



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/>



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The First Week of Easter: Apr. 20 - Apr. 26, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Luke 11:28-** [Jesus said,] “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

The Table of Duties: What the hearers owe their pastor (Part I)

1st gr+ In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)

2nd gr+ ⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.
⁷ Do not be deceived:
God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (Galatians 6:6-7)

3rd gr+ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well
Are worthy of double honor,
Especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.
For the Scripture says,
‘Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,’
And ‘the worker deserves his wages.’ (1 Timothy 5:17-18)

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr. + **1 Corinthians 13:7-8a** - Love bears all things, believes all things,
Hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.



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

April 27: Quasimodo Geniti (Easter 2)

Ezekiel 37:1-14- The Valley of Dry Bones

1 John 5:4-10 - The Testimony to God

John 20:19-31 - Jesus Appears to the Disciples



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Quasimodo Geniti (Easter 2): “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” (*LSB* 468)

School Hymn of the Month (Easter): “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” (*LSB* 467)

School Year Theme Hymn: “Fight the Good Fight” (*LSB* 664)



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.

Luther’s Morning & Evening Prayers

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have kept me this night
from all harm and danger;
and I pray that You would keep me
this day also from sin and every evil,
that all my doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
That the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

I thank you, my heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son,
that You have graciously kept me this day;
and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins
where I have done wrong,
and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me,
that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen