

# The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## **WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS: HONORING OUR STAFF & TEACHERS**

Dear families,

At St. John's, we are abundantly blessed with a team of dedicated, faithful, and loving educators and support staff who pour themselves into the mission of our school each and every day. As we approach Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week, April 28–May 2, we joyfully prepare to honor and celebrate the amazing individuals who make our school such a special place to learn, grow, and thrive.

Our teachers are truly something special. They are not only outstanding professionals—knowledgeable, creative, and passionate—but also Christ-centered mentors who care deeply for their students. They model faith in action, patience in challenges, and grace in abundance. Whether they're leading a lesson, calming fears, sharing laughter, or praying with a child, their impact reaches far beyond the classroom. They help shape hearts and minds for a lifetime.

And we mustn't forget our incredible support staff—those behind-the-scenes heroes who keep the wheels of St. John's turning smoothly. From the front office to the cafeteria, from the janitorial team to classroom aides, each one brings their own gifts and servant hearts to our school family. Quite simply, we couldn't do it without them!

To show our appreciation, PTL and the Board of Education are teaming up to help spoil our teachers and staff all week long! Special treats, surprises, and heartfelt thanks are planned to remind them how truly loved and valued they are.

We also invite our school families to join in the celebration. A kind note, a child's drawing, a small token of appreciation—every gesture matters and brings joy to those who serve our children so faithfully.

Let's come together to make this week unforgettable for the people who give so much to our school. To every teacher and staff member: thank you for your tireless work, your joyful hearts, and your unwavering commitment to Christ and our students. St. John's Lutheran School and Preschool would not be what it is without each and every one of you. You are the heart of our school, and we are endlessly grateful.



## CALLING ALL TALENTS!

Do you have a talent that you'd like to share with the school? You may be interested in trying out for our All School Talent Show! Students in any grade may choose to try out. Sign up on the Audition Tryouts sheet in the lobby (will be in the lobby starting Monday, April 28). You must sign up for a slot to receive an audition time

Where: Gym

When: Monday, May 19

Who: You!!

### TRY OUT INFORMATION

Tryouts will be held on May 6-8 in the Auxiliary Room during recess (12:30-1:00). Middle school students may need to request permission to leave class to audition during this time. All students must let their teacher know if they are auditioning. **You MUST fill out a try out form (included) and bring it with you to your audition.** We have a limited number of spots available! Results will be posted by Monday, May 12.

Questions? Talk to Miss Fuhrman. We look forward to seeing all your talents!

## 5TH-8TH CHOIR SINGING IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

The 5-8 grade choir is scheduled to sing THIS Sunday, 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 at [Katie.Moss@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Katie.Moss@stjlutheran.org) in advance if your child will not be able to participate.

## FUN SUMMER READING PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

The first summer reading opportunity begins NEXT Thursday, May 1! Check out *The Good and the Beautiful* Summer Reading Program—they're giving away 100,000 books starting that day. For the cost of shipping, you'll receive a reading pack that includes a book, a reading chart, stickers, and two bookmarks. Keep an eye out for information on more summer reading programs as we get closer to June!

## JOIN US IN THE PARADES!

St. John's is participating in the Maple Grove Days and Osseo Lions Roar parades this summer, and we want YOU to join us!

**Who:** A minimum of 5 adults and as many children as possible are needed. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, current, future, and former students are all welcome!! Feel free to participate in one or both of the parades!

**What:** We'll have a decorated trailer pulled by a truck.

**When:**

- Maple Grove parade: Thurs., July 17 at 6:30pm
- Osseo parade: Sat., Sep. 6 at 12:00pm

More info to come.

Sign up to participate here.

- [Maple Grove parade](#)
- [Osseo parade](#)

## YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE THIS SUNDAY!!

The last day to order a yearbook is **THIS SUNDAY**. Please be sure to get your order in so that your child can enjoy their special memories from this school year!

## SPRING MAP TESTING BEGINS MONDAY

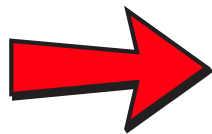
Spring MAP testing for Kindergarten-8th grade will take place NEXT week from April 28th-May 2nd. Please be sure your child is well rested and eats breakfast each morning so that he/she is best prepared and ready for the day.

## FINAL UPCOMING SAFETY DRILLS

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The PTL invites you to join them at the LOOK OUT BAR & GRILL anytime from open to close 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! Be sure to use code word FUNDRAISER!!



## K-4TH CHOIR SINGING IN CHURCH MAY 11TH

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

## LAST DAY PICNIC HELP NEEDED

Our fabulous Student Council will be hosting our annual picnic on the last day of school! Parent help is needed for grilling, prepping, and serving. Please contact [Kari.Preus@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Kari.Preus@stjlutheran.org) if you are available to help. Thank you!

**LOOKOUT BAR AND GRILL**

**JOIN US**

**STJ FAMILY RESTAURANT NIGHT OUT AT THE LOOKOUT BAR & GRILL!**

Lets celebrate this year with one last STJ family fundraising restaurant night out! The Lookout is donating 20% of ALL proceeds to STJ! **Code Word: FUNDRAISER**

**Wednesday**  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Time**  
ALL DAY

JOIN THE FUN.  
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL.  
INVITE FRIENDS & FAMILY.

[lookoutbarandgrill.com](http://lookoutbarandgrill.com) 8672 Pineview Ln N, Maple Grove, MN 55369



## 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/1<sup>st</sup> 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-8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- College degrees are preferred but not required.
- Contact our principal, Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

## AVOID LIBRARY FINES - READ THIS IMPORTANT INFO!

As the school year winds down, so does the library! **Next week will be the last week to check out library books.** All books are due back by May 7.

**Important:** Any books not returned by May 21 will be considered lost, and a lost book fee will be charged to your FACTS account.

If your student has been receiving an overdue notice, then he/she has an unreturned book and you will incur a fee if not returned. Please note that once a fee is charged, it is non-refundable—even if the book is found later.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the library at [library@stjlutheran.org](mailto:library@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!

## SAVE THE DATE!

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





## CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS & TICKETS

Will be available for purchase online or cash/check at the event. \$20 Unlimited Carnival Wristbands, \$5 Custom Photo Booth Experience, and \$1 Dunk Tank Experience Tickets.

## 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Purchase a raffle ticket or two and you could win up to \$5000!! Bring your cash/checks to FUNDay!! They will be available for purchase through the end of FUNDay (while supplies last). The winner will be announced at 12:15pm on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>!! The winner does not need to be present to win., or Kodi Hoffarth to make your purchase. Cash or check payments only, please. See the included flyer for more information

## FUNDAY SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction bidding is in full motion. There is something FUN for everyone!! Take a look and place your bids today. The auction closes on April 26th at 12pm.



## COIN WAR - TOMORROW IS FINAL DAY!

Bring your coins to build you classroom points and bring dollars to sabotage other classroom points. What class will be the 2025 Coin War Champion?!

## ONLINE EAGLE CRUSADER DONATIONS - TOMORROW IS LAST DAY!

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 an exciting class party!! Share or text the Eagle Crusaders Online Donations link to family and friends.

## FUNDAY HELP STILL NEEDED!!!

FUNDay is **THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**, and there are plenty of volunteer slots that need to be filled. Take a moment now to sign up to help!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Friday, April 25

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

### Saturday, April 26 - EAGLE FAMILY FUNDAY!!

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

### Sunday, April 27

- 8:00am Divine Service
- 9:30am Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
- 10:15am 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir warm-up
- 10:30am Divine Service
  - 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade choir singing

### STJ TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!!

### Monday, April 28

- 3:00pm Bowling practice
- 3:30pm 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball scrimmage

### Tuesday, April 29

- 3:30pm A & B mini volleyball tournament

### Wednesday, April 30

- Band and Library
  - Final day to check out library books

### Thursday, May 1

- 6:00pm Confirmation Banquet

### Friday, May 2

- 8:00am 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade Track & Field Day
- 8:10am 2nd-8<sup>th</sup> grade chapel
- 8:50am PS-1<sup>st</sup> grade chapel

## 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](mailto:pictures@stjlutheralschool.org)

Follow us on



# FUNDAY 2025



(SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 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 Talent Show Try Out Form 2025

Please sign up for an audition time, fill out this form, and bring it with you to your audition on May 6-8 during recess time (12:30-1:00). Auditions will be held in the Auxiliary Room.

Name (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Group Members

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Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

What is the title of your act? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your act

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Running Time (How long is your act?) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any equipment you will need (microphone, music, props, etc)

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**Bring this COMPLETED form with you to try outs.**  
**Try out results will be posted by Monday, May 12th.**



# 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.

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- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
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# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Second Week of Easter: Apr 27 - May 03, 2025



## LEARN-BY-HEART

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

### Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K. + **1 Peter 4:8** - Above all, keep loving one another earnestly,  
Since love covers a multitude of sins

### The Table of Duties: What the Hearers Owe Their Pastor (Part II)

1st gr+ <sup>12</sup>We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you,  
Who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.

2nd gr+ <sup>13</sup>Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.  
Live in peace with each other. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

3rd gr+ Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.  
They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.  
Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden,  
For that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17)



## 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

May 4: Misericordias Domini (Easter 3), also called “Good Shepherd Sunday”

Ezekiel 34:11-16- The Lord will be Israel’s Shepherd

1 Peter 2:21-25 - Jesus the Pastor and Bishop of Your Souls

John 10:11-16 - The Good Shepherd



## HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Misericordias Domini (Easter 3): “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” (LSB 666)

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

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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