

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AVOID THE SUMMER SLIDE - HELP YOUR CHILD STAY SHARP THIS SUMMER!

Dear families,

As the school year winds down and students look forward to carefree summer days, there's one thing we parents and educators should all keep in mind: the summer slide is real.

What is the summer slide? It's the term used to describe the learning loss that many students experience over the summer break—especially in reading and math. According to research, students can lose up to two to three months of academic skills during the summer if they aren't actively engaged in learning. That means teachers often spend the first weeks of a new school year helping students "catch back up" before they can move forward.

But here's the good news: the summer slide isn't inevitable. With just a bit of intentionality, families can help children stay engaged and even grow in their skills over the summer months!

Summer learning doesn't have to look like sitting at a desk doing worksheets. In fact, it shouldn't! Some of the most effective summer learning happens through everyday activities. In a recent [blog post](#), Lutheran educator Jeff Burkart shares more information about the summer slide and how to thwart it. He includes the following fun (and easy) suggestions.

- **Participation in a summer enrichment camp**, such as Vacation Bible School, sports camps, STEM camps, etc.
- **Visit your local library.** The GRRL system has a TON of activities for children each month, and many (maybe even most) are free!
- **Family excursions to local, regional, and national museums of all types.** Do a quick Google search to find interesting places to visit near you.
- **Visit your State Capitol building and county courthouses.**
- **Plan a tour of a local arboretum.** There are at least 8 arboretums within 30 minutes of St. Paul. Pick one (or more) to visit.

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SUMMER SLIDE cont.

- **Visit a local zoo or band shell to enjoy a free concert.**
- **Do a “Four Book Challenge” over summer vacation.** Aim for your child to read (or listen to) at least four books this summer, and challenge him/her to read a minimum of 30 minutes each day. Younger children should be read to at least 15 minutes each day.
- **Plan a day trip to somewhere fun.**
- **Visit a raptor center or animal shelter.**
- **Have a four-hour tie blanket making camp.** Send them to Lutheran World Relief or local charity, hospital, etc.

One of the best ways to encourage summer learning is to show that learning is a joy—not a chore. Let your child see you reading, trying something new, or exploring a hobby. Your enthusiasm is contagious! And don't forget to keep studying the Word! Use our Learn. Pray. Grow. resources to continue family devotions, prayers together, and Bible and catechism memory work.

At St. John's, we're passionate about helping students thrive year-round. That's why we encourage families to take advantage of the slower summer pace to grow minds, hearts, and faith. Let's not settle for the slide—let's aim for a summer of growth, discovery, and joyful learning!

K-4TH SINGING IN CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

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

JOIN US AT THE LOOKOUT THIS WEDNESDAY

The final restaurant fundraiser of the school year is **THIS** Wednesday, May 14th at The Lookout Bar & Grill. Be sure to stop by ANYTIME from open to close and use codeword **FUNDRAISER**. It's going to be a fun night, and we can't wait to see you there!

MAY LUNCH MENU UPDATES

May 21st and 22nd are chef's choice for lunch. Here's what we are having.

Wednesday, May 21

- Cheeseburgers, chicken patties, and corn dogs

Thursday, May 22

- Cheese pizza and Italian dunkers

TALENT SHOW

St. John's is excited to once again host an end-of-year talent show on Monday, May 19th at 2pm in the gym.



CLOSING SERVICE & GRADUATION

Parents, our closing service and 8th grade graduation will take place on Thursday, May 22nd at 6:30pm. Handbells and our all-school choir (K-8th grade) will be playing and singing. More information to come!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL INFO

Here is some very important information about our last day of school on Friday, May 23rd.

- **IT IS A HALF-DAY! School ends at 11:30am.**
- School bus transportation will be available.
- **THERE WILL BE NO ESP!**
- Parents and students are welcome to stay after dismissal to enjoy a picnic lunch that will be provided by our Student Council. PARENTS are responsible for their children.

PICNIC HELP NEEDED FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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. Contact Kari.Preus@stjlutheran.org if you can help. Thank you!

FUND THE BLEACHERS

While we raised an impressive \$25,000 at FUNDay, our journey isn't over yet. **We still need your help to reach our goal!** An anonymous donor has graciously pledged to match every dollar donated, up to \$2000! This means every contribution counts twice as much! Your support can make a huge difference. The PTL is running a FUND for BLEACHERS campaign throughout the remainder of the year!

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Any student medications kept at school will be sent home on the last day of school. If an alternate plan is requested, please call or email nurse Liz Glock (nurse@stjlutheranschool.org) before Friday, May 16th.

REPORT CARDS

Final report cards will be mailed to your home on Friday, May 30th.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE NOW!

IMPORTANT: All library books are now due! Any books not returned by May 21st will be considered lost, and a lost book fee will be charged to your FACTS account.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the library at library@stjlutheran.org.



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.

STJ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - REGISTER NOW!

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer, and learn how we are all **RESTORED IN CHRIST!** Registration opens today!

When: June 23-27, 2025

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Volunteers are needed! Contact Erika Rossow at erossow17@gmail.com for more information.

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](#)



12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. John's PTL invites you to join us for the 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament—an event that brings together golf enthusiasts, St. John's families, and our broader community for a fun-filled day of golf and giving. Proceeds directly support the cost of education and help enhance facilities and opportunities for our students.

Details

- Location: Rush Creek Golf Course
- Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025
- Time: 12:45 PM check-in & range balls | 2:00 PM shotgun start | Dinner to follow

How to Get Involved

- Play: Register to golf and enjoy a great day for a great cause. Limited to 144 participants—register early! Early Bird Bonus: Register in May to receive a team “Color Ball.”
- Sponsor: Promote your business and support education by becoming a sponsor. Invite friends, coworkers, and neighbors to join!

WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Wellness Committee meeting is next Thursday, May 15th at 7:00am in the ESP room.

LIMITED SPOTS REMAIN FOR SUMMER ESP

It's not too late to register for Summer ESP...but it will be soon! This will be a fun summer of crafts, games, and field trips. Questions? Contact Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org for more info. Don't forget to schedule your child's attendance for Summer ESP after registering.

SPRING BAND CONCERT

We are pleased to announce that our Spring Band Concert will take place NEXT Wednesday, May 14th at 2:30pm and 6pm in the sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

LOOKOUT BAR & 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 14th, 2025 **Time ALL DAY**

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

lookoutbarandgrill.com 8672 Pineview Ln N, Maple Grove, MN 55369



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, May 9

- 8:10am 2nd-8th grade chapel
- 8:50am PS-1st grade chapel

Monday, May 12

- 3:00pm Bowling practice

Tuesday, May 13

- 6:30pm PTL meeting

Wednesday, May 14

- Band
- The Lookout fundraiser (all day)
- 10:00am Preschool field trip
- 2:30pm Spring band concert
- 6:00pm Spring band concert

Thursday, May 15

- 7:00am Wellness committee meeting

Friday, May 16

- 8:15am All-school chapel
- 8:30am 1st & 2nd grade field day
- 4:00pm ESP spring recital



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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FUND for BLEACHERS!

WHILE WE RAISED AN IMPRESSIVE \$25K AT FUNDAY, OUR JOURNEY ISN'T OVER YET. WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL OF \$10K MORE!

AN ANONYMOUS DONOR HAS GRACIOUSLY PLEDGED TO MATCH EVERY DOLLAR DONATED, UP TO \$2000. THIS MEANS EVERY CONTRIBUTION COUNTS TWICE AS MUCH! YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

THE PTL IS RUNNING A FUND FOR BLEACHERS CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR!

Questions?

Please reach out to
PTL@stjlutheran.org



PLEASE
HELP

Check Donations:

Write checks out to St.
John's PTL and deliver
to the front office.

ST. JOHN'S 12TH ANNUAL

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Contests Steak Dinner Prizes



SATURDAY
September 13th, 2025
RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB
(Maple Grove)

**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION**

\$150 Per Golfer
(18 Holes, Golf Cart & Dinner)

12:45 pm Check In
& Range Balls

2:00 pm Shotgun
Scramble Start

6:30 pm Dinner & Awards

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
St. John's School
Tuition Assistance & PTL
School Enhancements!**

**REGISTER IN MAY AND GET
A TEAM 'COLOR BALL'!
(Team of Four)**

Questions: Jamie Peterson
Jamie@peaceofmind-mn.com

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Fourth Week of Easter: May 11 - May 17, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Hebrews 13:8** - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Table of Duties: To Everyone

1st gr + The commandments... are summed up in this one rule:
"Love your neighbor as yourself." **Romans 13:9**

2nd gr + I urge... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving
be made for everyone. **1 Timothy 2:1**

The Table of Duties: To Employers and Supervisors

3rd gr + Masters, treat your slaves in the same way.
Do not threaten them,
Since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven,
And there is no favoritism with Him. **Ephesians 6:9**

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr + **John 14:2-3** - In my Father's house are many rooms.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.



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 18: Cantate (Easter 5)

Isaiah 12 - The Lord is my strength and my song

James 1:16-21 - Receive the Word

John 16:5-15 - The Work of the Holy Spirit



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Cantate (Easter 5): "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" (LSB 556)

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