

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

IT'S TIME FOR STUDENT COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The new school year is underway, which means it's time to start thinking about the **2025–26 Student Council!** Serving on Student Council is not only fun, but it's also an incredible opportunity for students to grow in leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. Council members help plan events, share student ideas with teachers, and represent St. John's with pride. Here's how to get involved:

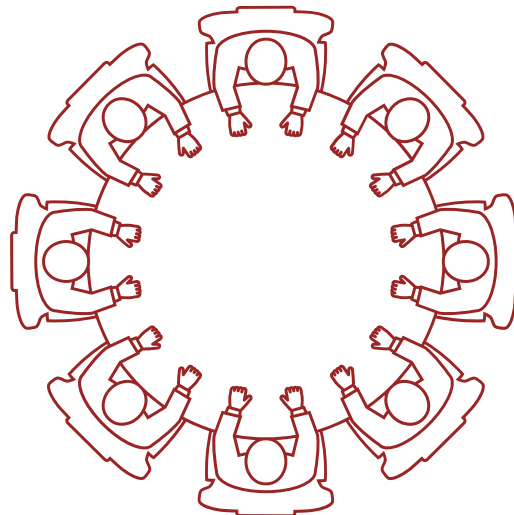
- Nomination forms are now available in the front office. Students may nominate themselves or a classmate.
- All nomination forms must be turned in by **NEXT FRIDAY, September 5.**
- With teacher approval, candidate posters may be hung beginning Monday, September 8.

Who can run?

- Students in grades 3–8 are eligible to run for class representative.
- Students in grades 7–8 may also run for an executive office: President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Running for Student Council is about more than elections—it's about learning to serve others, speak up with courage, and work together for the good of the school. Parents, we encourage you to talk with your child about this opportunity and support them if they feel compelled to run. Students, if you've ever thought, "I want to make a difference at St. John's," this is your chance!

We can't wait to see who will step up as this year's leaders. Good luck to all our future candidates—you've got this!





NO SCHOOL REMINDER

There is **NO school or ESP on Friday, August 29th or Monday, September 1st** due to Labor Day.

SPIRIT STORE CLOSING SOON

The online [STJ Spirit Store](#) will be closing soon! Be sure to place your order no later than Monday, September 8th. And don't forget...we have a small selection of items available for purchase right here at St. John's.

PRESCHOOL JOINS US NEXT WEEK!

We are so excited to have preschool join us at school next week! All 5-day students begin on Tuesday, September 2nd and all 2- and 3-day students join us on Wednesday, September 3rd! We can't wait!

BOO HOO/YAHOO BREAKFAST...AGAIN!!

Our fabulous PTL will again be **hosting a Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast** for each of the first days of school. Join together on the dates below from 7:30-8:15am to either celebrate or commiserate the first day of school for your child!

- 5-day PS first day: Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
- 2-&3-day PS first day: Wed., Sept. 3rd

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS

Students and staff will be participating in safety drills throughout the year, including fire drills, severe weather drills, and intruder drills. **Fire drills and intruder drills have been scheduled to begin during the first few weeks of school.**

St. John's utilizes ALICE as the proactive strategies used in the event of an intruder. ALICE is an acronym for ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE. Faculty and staff have been trained on ALICE via online classes and in-person training and drills. Students in grades Preschool - 8th grade will also be trained on these strategies as well. This training, however, will differ based on age-appropriateness. Intruder drills will include simple classroom drills as well as all-school drills. All intruder drills will be **announced to students in advance**, and students will always know that they are participating in a **practice** intruder drill. The goal of intruder drills will be for faculty and students to practice safely evacuating the building and/or locking down in a classroom. At no time during any drill will simulations be used.

NO TECH MORNINGS

Students, don't forget that no technology, including cell phones and Chromebooks, is allowed in the morning from 7-7:30am.



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Our school supply drive for Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis will continue **through the month of September**. If you have not already, please consider donating extra school supplies to assist those students in need at our sister school down the road!

WANT TO COACH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL?

Parents, **we are in need of a girls' volleyball coach** for grades 5 and 6. Are you interested? Please contact Megan.Basham@stjlutheran.org or Kyle.Peterman@stjlutheran.org for more information or to volunteer.

THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parents, we would love some help with breakfast on Thursday mornings. Are you willing to monitor students and wipe down tables from 7:30-8:00am? If so, please contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GALA!

Mark your calendar now for our annual GALA!! This fabulous event will be held on Friday, November 14th, 2025, and **you DO NOT want to miss it!** Stay tuned for more information.

REPORTING ABSENCES, LATE ARRIVALS, AND EARLY DISMISSALS

Parents, if your child will be absent from school, will arrive late or leave early, please make sure you email his/her teacher AND the front office at attendance@stjlutheranschool.org. We appreciate your cooperation to help streamline this process!

ORDER YOUR STJ YEARBOOKS

School may just have started, but it's already time to start thinking about ordering a yearbook for your child! In fact, if you order before September 30th you can receive 10% off the purchase price. See the included flyers for more information.

CHIPOTLE NIGHT

Join us at Chipotle on **Tuesday, Sept. 23rd anytime from 4:00-8:00pm** to help raise money for STJ. See the included flyer for more info.

WELLNESS CORNER

Our school Wellness Committee is devoted to caring for the overall health and wellness of our school, students, and staff. **If you are interested in joining this great group, contact Dr. Kristen Skura** at Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org. The next meeting will be **NEXT** Thursday, September 4th at 7am in the ESP room.



SUPPORT STJ BY JOINING US IN THE OSSEO PARADE!

St. John's is participating in the Osseo Lion's Roar parade in September, and we want YOU to join us!

- **Who:** A minimum of 5 adults and as many children as possible are needed. Church members, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, current, future, and former students are all welcome!!
 - **Wear your STJ gear** and join us!
 - **Parents:** Feel free to drop off your middle school students at the line up and pick them up at the end of the parade.
- **What:** We'll have a decorated trailer pulled by a truck.
- **When:** Saturday September 6, 2025 at noon.
- **Parking:** We are expecting parking to be available at the Osseo High school with a shuttle to the start.
- Register now before it's too late!

TERM 1 CHAPEL PROJECT

Stay tuned next week for information about our term 1 chapel project. It's a fun one!!

STJ COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DIRECTORY

Are you a business owner or have a direct connection to a local business and would like to have your information included in our community connections directory? If so, simply share your info with us, and it will be added to the directory. You may access the community connection directory via the bottom of our website. Simply click on "Community Connections" to view a list of St. John's Church and School family business listings.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

We've got some exciting upcoming games scheduled for next week!! Let's be sure to wear our STJ gear and colors on Thursday, September 4th and Friday, September 5th to cheer on our soccer, volleyball, and cross country teams!

Mrs. Anderson says...

GO
EAGLES!!!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 1

- No school/no ESP

Tuesday, September 2

- First day of school for 5-day preschool students
- Band
- 7:30am Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:30pm A & B volleyball practice

Wednesday, September 3

- First day of school for 2- and 3-day preschool students
- 7:30am Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast
- 3:30pm Cross country practice

Thursday, September 4

- **School Spirit Day - Wear your STJ gear and red & black!**
- 7:00am Wellness Committee meeting
- 4:15pm A soccer game vs. Crown of Life
- 4:15pm A volleyball game vs. Good Shepherd
- 5:15pm B soccer game vs. Crown of Life
- 5:15pm B volleyball game vs. Berea
- 6:00pm 7th & 8th D.C. Parent meeting

Friday, September 5

- **School Spirit Day - Wear your STJ gear and red & black!**
- Student Council nomination forms due
- 8:15am All-school chapel
- 4pm Cross country meet at Twin Lakes Park

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: 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](#)



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Contests Steak Dinner Prizes



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

12:45 pm Check In
& Range Balls

2:00 pm Shotgun
Scramble Start

6:30 pm Dinner & Awards

**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



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

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LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Eleventh Week after Trinity: Aug 31 - Sep 6, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K+ **2 Timothy 3:16** - All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.

Acts 5:29 - We must obey God rather than men.

Third Commandment

PreK+ Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

2nd+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God
so that we do not despise preaching and His Word,
but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Fourth Commandment

PreK+ Honor your father and your mother.

1st+ *What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God
so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities,
but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr.+ **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** - These words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
When you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.



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, and for our teachers and
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 husbands & wives, for all parents & children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word

Thu ...for our Church & pastors, for our teachers, for our missionaries, for all who serve and volunteer at St. John's

Fri ...for all who preach Christ crucified this weekend, for persecuted Christians, for all who are sick and 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



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 29:17-24 - The Deaf Shall Hear
 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 - Ministers of a New Covenant
 Mark 7:31-37 - Jesus Heals a Deaf Man



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day “Praise the Almighty” (*LSB* 797)
 School Hymn of the Month: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (*LSB* 655)
 School Year Theme Hymn: “With High Delight” (*LSB* 483)



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

