

The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE ALL THE EARTH...

This summer, I had the opportunity to extend my learning through a five-day immersive professional development at Voyageurs National Park called STEAM in the Park. I was blessed to spend time alongside 16 other educators from around the nation, waking up to the sounds of loons on Lake Kabetogama. We heard eagles peel from their nests and a mama flicker drum and call from her hole as she protected her babies. While participating in "belly botany," we listened to waves crashing against the sandy shore and rocks. Each evening, we reflected on what we had learned and experienced around a crackling fire, accompanied by the sounds of the crepuscular hour as dragonflies darted about, hunting their prey. As we studied carbon sequestration, we heard the rustling of leaves in the trees.

I am so excited to bring the many lessons I learned at Voyageurs into our curriculum here at St. John's. If only I could have captured the various joyful sounds of God's beautiful creation along with the many pictures I took! For now, I will simply treasure them as memories.

With the crackle of campfire still in my ears,

Mrs. Cadie Koosman





THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

A heartfelt "Thank you!" to those of you who completed the ESP Parent Survey! Of our 119 total families, 97 participated! We truly appreciate the time you took to share your thoughts. Your feedback gives us valuable insight as we evaluate ESP. The Board of Education will be reviewing the results carefully, and more information about ESP will be coming in the future.



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST...

Bedtime Routines

Bedtime routines are just as important as morning routines! A regular bedtime helps kids recharge and improves focus and behavior during the day. Try these tips to make evenings peaceful:

- Keep a consistent bedtime, even on weekends.
- Turn off screens at least 30–60 minutes before bed to give the brain time to wind down.
- Add calming rituals, like prayer, reading together, or listening to quiet music.

Kids thrive on predictability—an evening rhythm signals to their bodies that it's time to rest and restore.

Sweet dreams and smooth mornings,

The Wellness Committee

ILLNESS POLICY REMINDERS

As we enter into the cold and flu season, please keep in mind our school policy regarding illness. Per our handbook:

- **Children should be kept home if they are ill or exhibit any of the following symptoms: a temperature over 100 degrees, vomiting, or diarrhea.**
- Any student who is feeling ill or displays any of the above symptoms while at school will be isolated from his or her classroom and **a parent will be notified to pick up the child.**
- Parents are expected to pick up a sick child from school **within 1 hour of notification.**
- Students must be symptom-free **without the aid of medication** for a period of 24-hours before returning to school.

MAP TESTING SEPT. 22-26

MAP testing will take place September 22nd–26th for students in Kindergarten – 8th grade. To help your child perform as best as he or she can, please ensure they get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast!

OUR LOST & FOUND IS HUGE!

We've been in school less than a month, but our lost and found appears we've been back much longer! Remind your child to check it for any missing items or feel free to come in and have a look yourself.



HELPFUL LIBRARY INFO

- **Library Days:**
 - PreK–5th on Wednesdays
 - 6th–8th on Fridays
- **Due Dates:** Books are due one week from checkout. If school is closed or a student is absent, books are due the next library day.
- **Renewals:** Bring the book to the library during scheduled class time to renew.
- **Holds & Reservations:**
 - To place holds from home, email us at library@stjlutheran.org.
 - Pick up reserved books at the library desk.
- **Book Returns:**
 - Use the book drop in the lobby on Wednesday mornings or return books early to the book drop by the library anytime
 - Preschool students may also use the drop box by their classroom.
- **Overdue & Lost Books:**
 - Fines: 5¢ per school day (excluding preschool).
 - Overdue slips sent home weekly.
 - Lost book fees assessed at trimester end through FACTS.
- **Online Catalog:** [Click here to explore.](#)

TERM 1 CHAPEL PROJECT

Sept. 25th is the FINAL day to drop off your school supplies for Trinity First!

5TH & 6TH OUTDOOR LEARNING EXPERIENCE

5th and 6th grade parents, you should have received information regarding the annual outdoor learning experience at Lutheran Island Camp! This exciting event is from Sept. 17th -19th and is a highlight of students' time here at STJ!

3RD - 5TH GRADE CHOIR SINGING IN CHAPEL

The 3rd-5th grade choir will be singing in chapel on Friday, September 26th. Families are welcome to join us to hear their beautiful music!

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.

ORDER YOUR 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.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, September 12

- 8:15am Chapel
- Voting open for Student Council
- 4:00pm Cross country meet at Trinity Lutheran, St. Francis

Monday, September 15

- 3:30pm A & B soccer and volleyball practice
- 3:30pm C soccer practice

Tuesday, September 16

- Band
- 4pm A soccer vs. King of Grace
- 4:15pm A volleyball at West Lutheran
- 5pm B soccer vs. King of Grace
- 5:15pm B volleyball at West Lutheran

Wednesday, September 17

- Library
- 5th & 6th grade outdoor learning exp.
- 3:30pm cross country practice

Thursday, September 18

- 5th & 6th grade outdoor learning exp.
- 3:30pm A soccer and volleyball practice
- 7pm Board of Education meeting

Friday, September 19

- 8:15am Chapel
- 5th & 6th grade outdoor learning exp.
- 4pm cross country at Corcoran Invitational

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Sept. 22-26:** K-8th MAP testing
- **Sept. 23:** Chipotle Fundraiser
- **Sept. 25:** Final day to bring school supply donations
- **Sept. 26:** 3rd-5th grade singing in chapel
- **Oct. 1-3:** LEA - No school/No ESP
- **Oct. 6:** Term 1 mid-term
- **Oct. 15:** PS-8th Early dismissal day
- **Oct. 15-16:** K-8 Parent/Teacher conferences
- **Oct. 16-17:** MEA - No school/No ESP
- **Oct. 25:** Trunk or Treat
- **Nov. 7:** Science Fair project ideas due to classroom teacher



Mrs. Anderson says...

School spirit
AND ice cream,
win-win!!





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](#)
- [St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church](#)

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

QUICK REFERENCE

- Report absences, early dismissals, and late arrivals to
attendance@stjlutheralschool.org
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to
pictures@stjlutheralschool.org
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to **library@stjlutheran.org**

BE SURE TO FOLLOW US!



OUR MISSION

The mission of St. John's Lutheran School & Preschool is to nurture young people through God's Word, sound Lutheran doctrine and worship, and a strong academic foundation. Our goal is to equip students to lead their lives as God's baptized children in this world and to carry out Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations."

(Matthew 28:19)

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD | 4-8PM
18800 70TH WAY NORTH, MAPLE GROVE, MN, 55311

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **2D47RK6**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

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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Regular price: **\$19.59**

Create Custom Pages by: **Mar 31**



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Create your 2 free custom yearbook pages for ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Add Photos

Add your favorite photos from your phone, computer, Instagram, Facebook, Google or Dropbox account, and have them printed in your copy of the yearbook.



Sign Books

Make your friends smile by sending them a message (can include a photo or sticker) that they can add to their custom pages or ask them to send you one!



Add Memories

Answer questions about your year and capture your very best moments. You can even include a photo to go along with them.



Design Your Page

Add all of your memories to your two free personal pages that will be printed in your unique copy of the yearbook. Need more room? You can add more pages!

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Thirteenth Week after Trinity: Sep 14 - Sep 20, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **2 Thessalonians 3:10** - If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

Psalm 116:11 - I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

Seventh Commandment

PreK+ You shall not steal.

1st gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God
so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions,
or get them in any dishonest way,
but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Eighth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God
so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor,
betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation,
but defend him, speak well of him,
and explain everything in the kindest way.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr. + **Matthew 5:37**- Jesus said, "Let your 'yes' be 'yes,' and your 'no,' 'no.'
For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."



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 all husbands and wives, for all parents and 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 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

Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:11 - The Call of the Prophet Ezekiel: Eat the Scroll!

Ephesians 4:7-16 - The Gifts of the Ascended Christ: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors & Teachers

Matthew 9:9-13 - The Call of Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (*LSB* 743)

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.
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