

# The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## MAKING YOUR MARK

Last week, Kindergarten had their first (of many) classroom celebrations—Dot Day! We read the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds to celebrate. Here's what Mr. Reynolds says about this special day:

Dot Day is a celebration of creativity and art. A celebration of innovation, of community—locally and globally—a celebration of “dot connecting.” Dot Day is a celebration of great teaching and inspired learning. Self-discovery and self-expression. It is a celebration of bravery—of vision—seeing the possible—seeing the solution before it even exists. Dot Day is a celebration of impact—  
**a time to think of how we all can make our mark.**  
It is a day to use our energy, talents and time to make this world a better place. It is a day to make the world a more colorful place. Dot Day invites you to create bravely. It is a gallery of inspiration. A global festival of humans being amazing human beings. A celebration of human potential. A reminder to think of each day as a NEW day...a blank page...a chance to make it the best day yet. A chance to splash, shine, share and inspire. Dot Day can be today, tomorrow, next week...  
**it can be EVERY day!**

To practice this mindset, Kindergarten set out to create their very own dots, using their creative brains and cheering on their classmates. The love and compassion I saw in the classroom reminded me of the childlike mindset of embracing others, life's possibilities, and whatever God has in store for us. As we get older, I think we lose some of that excitement about life and the desire to leave a positive mark on those around us.

Dot Day is a great reminder for us adults to return to that childlike mindset—embracing everything God has planned for us and those around us. This may seem like an over-analysis of a children's book, but I believe this is exactly what Dot Day is all about: being open to life and the path we are called to walk. It's about noticing the little things each day that build up our spirit and creating a life full of love, laughter, and creativity.

I highly recommend picking up *The Dot* and thinking about what mark you're leaving on the world around you!

Sincerely,

*Miss Fuhrman*





## **THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST...**

### **Weekend Rest**

Weekends are a great chance to pause, reset, and prepare for a new week. A few intentional family routines can make Monday mornings smoother:

- Plan ahead—lay out clothes, pack lunches, and check schedules for the week.
- Attend worship and make time for faith and family connection.
- Balance rest and activity—combine downtime with fun family outings or active play.
- Reflect on gratitude—share highlights from the week and hopes for the one ahead.

The weekend reset helps kids (and parents!) start the new week organized, rested, and ready.

Wishing you rest, renewal, and readiness for the week ahead,

The Wellness Committee

## **HOME SOCCER GAME PARKING**

Parents, please be aware that the back parking lot may NOT be used for parking at home soccer games before 5:30pm. **This lot is reserved for ESP families only.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## **3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHOIR SINGING IN CHAPEL TOMORROW!**

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

## **NO SCHOOL/NO ESP NEXT WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY**

Parents, don't forget that there will be no school or ESP next Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. John's is blessed to send ALL our faculty to the triennial LEA Convocation! For this year's convocation, we will be traveling to St. Louis, MO.

## **NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK**

Due to the LEA Convocation next Wednesday-Friday, there will be NO newsletter next Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Eagle Connection will continue as usual the following Thursday, October 9th.

## **K-2ND CHOIR SINGING IN DIVINE SERVICE**

The Kindergarten-2nd grade choir will be singing in the 10:30am Divine Service on **Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Students should meet in the music room at 10:10am for a quick warm-up.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Student Council meeting will be Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:15am.



## ESP AIDE NEEDED

ESP is now hiring for a new aide to join our team. Please contact Tori Kuehne at [Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org) if you are someone you know is interested. Adults are preferred for this position, but teenagers age 16 and older will be considered.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

PTL's annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 2-3:30pm. More info to come soon!

## SHARE YOUR PHOTOS, PLEASE!

Parents, it would be a great help if you would share any photos you take of STJ activities and events...especially athletic events. These pictures will be used for the school yearbook and may also be used for social media. Pictures may be sent to [pictures@stjlutherschool.org](mailto:pictures@stjlutherschool.org).

## GOOD LUCK, CROSS COUNTRY!

We wish the best of luck to our cross country runners as they participate in the State Cross Country meet at Mayer Lutheran High School next Saturday, October 4th.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who generously donated school supplies to Trinity First. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

## LAST DAY TO WEAR SHORTS

Students, wear your shorts while you still can. The final day to wear them is coming up. Per our handbook, **shorts are not allowed from October 15 - April 15.**

## TERM 1 MID-TERM

Term 1 mid-term is quickly approaching (Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>). Be sure to check your child's grades via FACTS.

## THE 1980S ARE CALLING...

Parents, we've noticed what fantastic school supporters you are, and we'd like to say "Thank you!" **Join us on Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm for School Spirit: 80s Remix!** We'll have appetizers and dessert, games, door prizes, and a fun opportunity to learn how to be a St. John's parent ambassador - and we'll do it 80's style! Costumes are encouraged! This is an adults-only event, and childcare will NOT be available. [Click here to learn more and RSVP.](#) Don't miss out on this event - it's going to be totally rad!





## STUDENT & STAFF SHOUT OUT!!



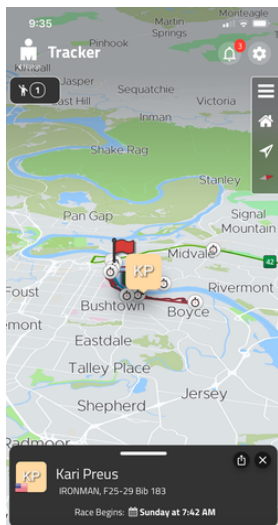
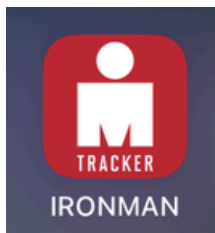
### PARENTS, WANT TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR CHILD?

Parents, feel free to send in photos of your child and his/her special accomplishments outside of school. Photos may be sent to [Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org), but be aware that we may not be able to feature them all.

### MISS PREUS IS COMPETING IN AN IRONMAN TRIATHLON!

We are so excited to share that our very own 8th grade teacher, Miss Kari Preus will be competing in an Ironman Triathlon THIS Sunday, September 28th, in Chattanooga, TN! What an incredible accomplishment and example of perseverance and dedication.

The event begins on **Sunday at 6:30am CST**, and you can track her progress from afar by downloading the Ironman Tracker app, selecting "Ironman Chattanooga", and entering her name. Let's keep Miss Preus in our prayers and send her all our support as she takes on this amazing challenge!



### LOVE IN ACTION

We want to give a big shout-out to the students who were caught showing love to their classmates and our staff this month! Your kindness, care, and thoughtfulness are shining examples of this **Fruit of the Spirit** in action. Keep spreading love wherever you go—it makes our school community brighter every day! ❤️

- Asher R.
- Michael D.
- Levi T.
- Jack H.
- Bryce H.
- Aria H.
- Andrew D.
- Paighton T.
- Isaac K.



This young man drew a beautiful picture for God, and he told Him all about it in prayer.





## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

### Friday, September 26

- 8:15am Chapel
  - 3rd-5th singing in chapel
- MAP testing (K-8)
- 11:30am Camp Omega cross country meet
- 4pm B volleyball triangular at Redeemer

### Monday, September 29

- 3:30pm A, B, & C soccer practice
- 4pm A volleyball vs. Salem
- 5pm B volleyball vs. Salem

### Tuesday, September 30

- 8:15am Chapel
- Band
- 4pm A & B soccer games (location TBA)

### Wednesday, October 1

- No School/No ESP

### Thursday, October 2

- No School/No ESP
- No Eagle Connection newsletter

### Friday, October 3

- No School/No ESP

## COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Oct. 6:** Term 1 mid-term
- **Oct. 8:** Student Council meeting
- **Oct. 12:** K-2 singing at 10:30am Divine Service (be in music room at 10:10am)
- **Oct. 15:** PS-8<sup>th</sup> Early dismissal day, final day to wear shorts, and picture re-take day
- **Oct. 15-16:** K-8 Parent/Teacher conferences
- **Oct. 16-17:** MEA - No school/No ESP
- **Oct. 23:** School Spirit: 80s Remix (parents only - no children)
- **Oct. 25:** Trunk or Treat 2-3:30pm
- **Nov. 7:** Science Fair project ideas due to classroom teacher

*Mrs. Anderson says...*

Don't forget -  
there will be no  
newsletter next  
week!





## 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
- Davey Kulberg
- 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@stjluthेरanschool.org](mailto:attendance@stjluthेरanschool.org)**
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to  
**[pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org](mailto:pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org)**
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to **[library@stjluthेरan.org](mailto:library@stjluthेरan.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)

# Chapel Project Updates

9/18/2025

## What's New

We are wrapping up our school supplies donations for Trinity First Lutheran School in Minneapolis. **The LAST DAY to bring in donations is Thursday, September 25.**

We have an abundance of pencils, crayons, and rulers, so consider these other items!

- Single color packs of construction paper
- 4 oz bottles of liquid glue
- Scissors for lower elementary students
- Graph paper
- Wide Ruled Paper
- Pencil boxes
- 4 oz Dixie Cups

Looking ahead, our Term 1 offering will be going to those with food insecurities. Please consider sending in offering to support those in the community while also supporting our students in having a direct hand in helping those around us.

## Questions?

Contact Anna Fuhrman or Kari Preus!

- [anna.fuhrman@stjlutheranschool.org](mailto:anna.fuhrman@stjlutheranschool.org)
- [kari.preus@stjlutheranschool.org](mailto:kari.preus@stjlutheranschool.org)

# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

## YEARBOOK!

### Customize Your 2 Free Pages

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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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# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Sixteenth Week after Trinity: Oct 5 - Oct 11, 2025

The Seventeenth Week after Trinity: Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2025



## LEARN-BY-HEART

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

### Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K + **Matthew 5:48**- You must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**Romans 6:23**- The wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

### The Ten Commandments

- PreK+ 1. You shall have no other gods  
2. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God  
3. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy  
4. Honor your father and your mother  
5. You shall not murder  
6. You shall not commit adultery  
7. You shall not steal  
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor  
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house  
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
Or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,  
Or anything that belongs to your neighbor

### Close of Commandments

1st gr+ *What does God say about all these commandments?*  
He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,  
punishing the children for the sin of the fathers  
to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,  
but showing love to a thousand generations  
of those who love Me and keep My commandments."  
(Exodus 20:5-6)

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*  
God threatens to punish all who break these commandments.  
Therefore, we should fear His wrath  
and not do anything against them.  
But He promises grace and every blessing  
to all who keep these commandments.  
Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him  
and gladly do what He commands.

### Catechism Verse

3rd gr + **Romans 3:20** - By works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight,  
since through the law comes knowledge of sin.



## 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 and wives, for all parents and 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 weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, 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 tomorrow



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

### Oct. 12 Trinity XVII

Proverbs 25:6-14 - A Word Fitly Spoken

Ephesians 4:1-6 - Unity in the Body of Christ

Luke 14:1-11 - Healing the Man with Dropsy

### Oct. 19 Trinity XVIII

Deuteronomy 10:12-21 - Circumcise your heart

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 - Paul's Thanksgiving

Matthew 22:34-46 - Jesus debates the Pharisees



## HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Trinity XVII - "See Where You May" (*LSB* 557)

Church Hymn of the Day for Trinity XVIII - "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal" (*LSB* 533)

School Hymn of the Month (Oct): "A Mighty Fortress" (*LSB* 656)

School Year Theme Hymn: "With High Delight Let Us Unite" (*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.**