

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCING EAGLE BOOST

Our St. John's Wellness Committee is excited to launch Eagle Boost, a new feature in the Eagle Connection all-school newsletter dedicated to supporting the health and wellness of our students and families. Each week, we'll share simple tips and educational ideas to help build healthy routines, encourage positive habits, and promote thriving kids inside and outside the classroom. Be sure to check this new section out each week for fresh inspiration on living a balanced, healthy lifestyle!

SEPTEMBER FOCUS: STARTING GOOD ROUTINES

This month, we're focusing on the power of daily routines. A strong routine can help children feel secure, confident, and ready to learn.

This Week's Boost: Morning Routines

Mornings set the tone for the whole day! Establishing a consistent morning routine helps children feel calm and prepared as they head into school. Here are a few simple steps to try:

- Set a wake-up time that allows for calm—not rushed—mornings.
- Eat a balanced breakfast with protein and whole grains to fuel learning.
- Build in a few minutes for connection, whether that's a short prayer, reading a verse, or simply sharing something you're grateful for.

A smooth start in the morning leads to a better day of focus, learning, and growth!

Wishing you wellness,

The STJ Wellness Committee





LIBRARY VISITS START SOON!

We can't wait to welcome students back to the library! Library visits begin NEXT week, and students are going to love all of the new books we added over the summer! Until then, here are a few updates to help you get ready for a great year in the library:

- **Library Days:**
 - PreK–5th on Wednesdays
 - 6th–8th on Fridays (starting tomorrow)
 - 6th–8th grade begins TOMORROW!
- **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.

LIBRARY...cont.

- **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.](#)

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of reading and discovery in the library...and don't forget, new book suggestions are always welcome!

See you soon!

The STJ Librarians

ESP PARENT SURVEY - PLEASE PARTICIPATE

Parents, as part of responsible program evaluation and planning, the Board of Education will be examining our extended school program (ESP) to better understand both its strengths and challenges. We understand that ESP has been a valuable resource for many of our families, and we are committed to making thoughtful plans for its future. Your input is essential in helping us explore options that best meet the needs of our students, families, and school community. Please take a few minutes to complete this [short survey](#)—your feedback will directly shape our planning.



IMPORTANT



SPIRIT STORE CLOSING MONDAY

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.

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.

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.

SUPPORT STJ BY JOINING US IN THE OSSEO PARADE!

St. John's is participating in the Osseo Lion's Roar parade **THIS SATURDAY**, and we want YOU to join us! [Register now](#) before it's too late!

TERM 1 CHAPEL PROJECT

See the included flyer for info about our exciting term 1 project!

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.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, September 5

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

Monday, September 8

- **Spirit Store closing today!**
- Student Council candidate posters available for viewing this week
- 3:30pm A & B soccer and volleyball practice

Tuesday, September 9

- Band
- 4:15pm A soccer at Salem
- 4:15pm A volleyball vs. Mt. Olive
- 5:15pm B volleyball vs. Mt. Olive
- 6:30pm PTL meeting

Wednesday, September 10

- Library
- **ESP parent survey deadline**
- 3:30pm Cross country practice

Thursday, September 11

- 4:15pm A soccer vs. Bloomington
- 4:15pm A volleyball at Trinity, BP
- 5:15pm B soccer vs. Bloomington
- 5:15pm B volleyball at Trinity, BP

Friday, September 12

- 8:15am Chapel
- Voting open for Student Council
- 4:00pm Cross country meet at Crown Christian School

Saturday, September 13, 2025

- 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
 - 12:45pm Check-in
 - 2:00pm Shotgun start

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.

- **Sept. 22-26:** K-8th MAP testing
- **Sept. 23:** Chipotle Fundraiser
- **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

Mrs. Anderson says...

Visit our online calendar often to stay up-to-date!





STJL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The St. John's Lutheran School Board of Education consists of the the following:

- Chairperson: Bonnie Radintz
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- 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
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to 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

9/3/2025

What's New

Welcome back to school! This year, a goal we have is to be more involved within our community through our chapel offerings and projects.

Starting on Back to School Night, we started the school supplies drive for Trinity First Lutheran. We will continue to collect supplies through the month of September to help them start their year off well-supplied!

Our Term 1 Chapel Project is our take on the "Empty Bowl Project." The Empty Bowl Project started in the early 90's in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. It is an effort to help local food drives and people dealing with food insecurity. Artists create bowls to sell and the profit goes to places to help.

Our offering during Term 1 will go towards this cause of helping those affected by food insecurity in our community. The students will be participating in making their own bowls/projects that will be for sale in November. Stay tuned for more info!

Questions?

Contact Anna Fuhrman or Kari Preus!

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Twelfth Week after Trinity: Sep 7 - Sep 13, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K+ **Matthew 26:52-** Jesus said, "All who take the sword will perish by the sword."

Matthew 19:6- Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let not man separate."

Fifth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not murder

1st gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God
so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body,
but help and support him in every physical need.

Sixth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not commit adultery

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God
so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do,
and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr + **Mark 10:6-8a** - From the beginning of the creation, God "made them male and female."
"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,
And the two shall become one flesh."



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 and 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 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

Numbers 21:4-9 - The Bronze Serpent
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - Christ Crucified- the Wisdom and Power of God
John 12:20-33 - The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle" (*LSB* 454)
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

