

The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY...ALL NOVEMBER!



Each November, Minnesotans unite for Give to the Max Day—a statewide celebration of generosity that supports schools and nonprofits across Minnesota. This inspiring event, hosted through [GiveMN.org](https://www.givemn.org), encourages people to give to the causes that mean the most to them. For St. John's Lutheran School, it's an opportunity for families, alumni, and friends to join together in strengthening our mission to nurture children through God's Word, faith-filled learning, and a Christ-centered community.

This year, all funds raised through Give to the Max will go toward enhancing school safety and security. These improvements are an important part of ensuring that our students and staff continue to learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and welcoming environment. Even more exciting —**all Give to the Max donations will be combined with our upcoming Gala proceeds, amplifying the impact of every gift!**

You don't have to wait until November 20th to give! Donations made anytime between November 1–19 count toward Give to the Max Day and will **automatically enter St. John's for a chance to win a variety of bonus prizes** through GiveMN. To help us qualify for additional prize drawings and matching funds, please make your gift by November 19th.

Every contribution—large or small—helps make St. John's even stronger. Thank you for supporting our students, teachers, and mission through your prayers, generosity, and love for our school. Together, we can make this Give to the Max Day our best one yet!

If you are so moved, please consider donating to [St. John's Lutheran Church and School](#) by means of Give to the Max. Remember, not only does every dollar you donate come directly back to us, but your donations between Nov. 1st - 19th allow us to participate in the various drawings and giveaways.

Thank you for your consideration!



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST...

Remembering All Saints Day

As we near All Saints' Day (November 1), we pause to remember the faithful who have gone before us, people who trusted in God's promises through every season. It's a day of both remembrance and hope, thanking God for those who have gone before us in faith and rejoice that we, too, are part of His family of saints through Baptism and grace. Their lives remind us that true renewal begins not in our busyness, but in resting in the Lord.

Amid the swirl of fall activities, make space this week for family rest and reflection:

- Take a walk and share stories of a loved one who inspired your faith.
- Rake and jump in the leaves to celebrate God's creation together.
- Set aside one evening with no activities and enjoy the peace of home, prayer, and conversation.
- End the day with a bedtime devotion and family prayer to bring calm & connection.

As Scripture reminds us, "My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him."
— Psalm 62:1

May your family find rest, renewal, and joy in Christ, who makes us all His saints.

The Wellness Committee

3-5TH CHOIR SINGING AT SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY!

The 3-5th grade choir will be singing at St. John's **THIS** Sunday, November 2 at the 8:00am Divine Service. Please have your child come to the music room by 7:45am so that we can briefly warm-up and then sit together in the choir loft.

November 2 is the weekend of daylight savings time, so make sure to adjust your clocks accordingly!

If your family is not able to attend or has commitments at your own church, please notify Dr. Katie Moss at katie.moss@stjlutheran.org.

SAVE THE DATE: GRANDPARENTS DAY!

Believe it or not, but Grandparents Day is in 5 weeks!! Be sure to invite your child's special guest now so it can be added to their calendar...and don't forget to RSVP. EVERYONE should RSVP, even if your child will be absent that day or will be without a special guest. See the included flyer for more information.

FREE TICKETS TO SEE CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Mayer Lutheran High School will be performing *Charlotte's Web* from Nov. 7-9, and they have graciously provided free tickets for students! If you would like some, please see the front office or email your child's teacher for them to be sent home.



SITUATION AWARENESS WORKSHOP

In today's world, being aware of your surroundings isn't just smart — it's essential. That's why we're inviting community members, leaders, and safety-minded individuals to an important event hosted by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in partnership with Right to Bear:

“Eyes Up: Mastering Situational Awareness: Staying Safe in an Unpredictable World”

 **Date:** November 4, 2025

 **Time:** 6pm-9pm

 **Location:** St. John's

This eye-opening workshop is designed to equip you with the mindset and tools needed to recognize potential threats before they happen — and respond with confidence when they do.

Topics Include:

- Developing the alert mindset
 - Recognizing pre-incident indicators
 - Avoiding danger through awareness
 - Threat response strategies in public and private spaces
 - Real-world scenarios and lessons learned
- Seats are limited — RSVP now to reserve your spot!

 [Register Here](#)

Let's take proactive steps toward a safer community — together.

Hosted by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church | In partnership with Right To Bear

LIBRARY REMINDER

The first term ends on Nov. 14. Any books checked out before Nov. 5 need to be returned or renewed by Nov. 14—otherwise, they'll be marked as lost. Lost book fees will be added to the Dec. 1 FACTS invoice, and we'll send a note home after the term ends to let you know.

If your student has been getting slips for a book due before Nov. 11, that's a heads-up that it's still missing and will be charged if it's not found by Nov. 14.

Once a fee is added, it's non-refundable, even if the book turns up later. If you're charged and then find the book, feel free to keep it or donate it back to the library. Lost book fees help us buy new books for everyone to enjoy!

If you have any questions, please email us at library@stjlutheran.org before Nov. 14.

CALL COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED TO FIND NEW PRESCHOOL TEACHER

A call committee has been assembled by the St. John's Lutheran Church deacons to find a new preschool teacher beginning next year (Mrs. Carbone and her husband will be moving out-of-state). If you know of anyone who may be a good fit for this role, please contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org or Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org.



HOW DO YOU GALA?

How Do You Gala? ✨

Wondering what to wear, when to arrive, or what to expect at this year's Gala? Here's the scoop:

- 📅 Date & Time: November 14th, 5PM
- 📍 Location: Rush Creek Golf Club
- 🍷 Social Hour & Auction: 5-7 PM – come when you can if you can't be there right at 5! Arrive anytime to browse, mingle, and check out the amazing auction items.
- 🍴 Dinner: 7 PM – sit back, relax, and enjoy a delicious meal with friends, old and new.
- 👗 What to Wear: Think wedding guest chic – dressy and festive!

📌 Register by November 9th for this special evening for a great cause! Reserve your seats and select your meal option here: [St. John's Gala Registration](#)

Get ready for a night of fun, connection, and giving back to support our school and church community!

WELCOME, NEW BOE MEMBERS

The Board of Education would like to welcome Stu Glock, Davy Kulberg, and Candace Fisher as new members of the Board of Education. Much thanks is extended to James Beck and Russ Reznecheck for their time, support, and service, as their terms are complete.

REMINDER: SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT IDEAS DUE SOON

Parents, your 2nd-8th grade child's Science Fair project idea is due to his/her teacher on **Friday, November 7th**. Speak to your child's teacher for more info, if needed.

WEST LUTHERAN INFO SESSION

Seventh and 8th grade parents and students are invited to learn about West Lutheran, ask questions, and enjoy some snacks! Join us here at St. John's on November 6th at 5:30pm.

CHECK YOUR INBOX & DON'T FORGET...

Slow Road Photo sent out picture re-take proofs today. Check your spam/junk folders if you can't find them in your inbox.

If you choose to use the first picture taken instead, please email Slow Road Photography (hello@slowroadphoto.com) and copy Secretary@stjlutheran.org so the correct image is used for the yearbook.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to regularly or occasionally help out in the school library on a Wednesday and/or Friday? [Click here to learn more and sign up for a slot or two!](#)



STUDENT & STAFF SHOUT OUT!!



THEY'VE GOT THE JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY...

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

- Aria H.
- Marais P.
- Hannah D.
- Waylon K.
- Tucker J.
- Miles H.
- Ace T.
- Stella H.
- Mason H.
- Charlotte J.
- Asher R.
- Addie B.
- Leonie M.
- Asher H.
- Isaac H.
- Paighton T.
- Liam H.



CONGRATULATIONS, CONNOR!!

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Connor! He qualified to represent St. John's at the National Cross Country Meet at Concordia University, Mequone, WI. Way to go, Connor!!! You've really made us proud!

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT TIE??

One of our students was spotted wearing one of Mr. Volberding's ties in chapel—and this one is extra special because it's even autographed on the back! What a heartfelt and meaningful tribute to our beloved Mr. V., whose love and legacy continue to shine through our Eagle family! (And yes, his tie does have math equations on it – go figure!)





NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, October 31

- 8:15am Chapel

Sunday, November 2

- 8:00am 3rd-5th choir singing in Divine Service

Monday, November 3

- 3:30pm Girls A/B basketball practice

Tuesday, November 4

- Band
- 3:30pm Boys A/B basketball practice
- 6:00pm situational Awareness Workshop

Wednesday, November 5

- Library
- 7:15am Student Council meeting
- 3:30pm Girls A /B basketball practice

Thursday, November 6

- 7:00am Wellness Committee meeting
- 3:30pm Boys A/B basketball practice
- 5:30pm West Lutheran info night

Friday, November 7

- Science Fair project ideas due
- Deadline to RSVP for Grandparents Day
- 8:15am Chapel

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Nov. 9:** Deadline to purchase Gala tickets
- **Nov. 11:** PTL meeting
- **Nov. 14:** End of Term 1; Grandparents Day; 12:30pm dismissal; annual Gala
- **Nov. 19:** Student Council meeting; Preschool Pilgrim program
- **Nov. 20** 7th grade field trip to Guthrie
- **Nov. 25:** Report cards issued
- **Nov. 26-28:** Thanksgiving break; no school/ESP
- **Dec. 5:** Student Council meeting
- **Dec. 6:** PS-8th grade open house
- **Dec. 18:** Christmas Concert (afternoon and evening performances)

Mrs. Anderson says...

Get your Gala tickets before they sell out!!!





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: Gary Volberding
- Deacon: Stu Glock
- Secretary: Brenna Koehler
- Candace Fisher
- 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@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)

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

PARENTS, PLEASE RSVP
YOUR SPECIAL GUESTS
HERE:



Friday, November 14th, 2025

7:30-8:15 Check In/Coffee

8:30 Chapel

9:15-11:30 Activities

11:30-12:30 Lunch

(Pulled pork sandwich, vegetables, chips, and cookie)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

9141 County Road 101 Corcoran, MN 55340



Chapel Project Updates

10/30/2025

What's New

Get ready for our Term 1 Service Project...

The Empty Bowl Project (STJ's Version)!

Students will be participating during school hours on Friday, Oct 31st.

Students will be making clay creations to be "sold" at Grandparent's Day. It will be a donation-base sale, with the proceeds going to shelters and organizations that support those struggling with food insecurity.

This project emphasizes having a direct hand in positively affecting those in our community while also creating things for others. The clay creations and funds raised are a way to take the spotlight off what we can do for ourselves and put it on what we can use our talents for and what we can give to others.

We are very much looking forward to this event and the positive impact we can have in our surrounding communities.

Questions?

Contact Anna Fuhrman or Kari Preus!

- anna.fuhrman@stjlutheranschool.org
- kari.preus@stjlutheranschool.org

WHEN: November 4, 2025
6pm - 9pm

WHERE: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
9141 County Rd 101
Corcoran, MN 55340

EYES UP: MASTERING SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Detect Danger. Decide Fast. Defend Smart.
Threats can appear anywhere—work, home, or daily life. The difference between panic and protection is awareness. Join us for a workshop that gives you practical skills to stay safe, think clearly, and act with confidence—before trouble starts.

What Will You Learn?

- Spot warning signs before violence occurs.
- Real-world safety strategies you can use immediately.
- Use de-escalation tactics to calm tense encounters.
- Train your brain for clarity, speed, and smart decisions under pressure.



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**TUESDAY
OCT. 14 OR NOV. 18
STARTS @ 6 PM**



Campus Tour
ML Student & Parent Panel Discussion
Giveaways & Light Snacks
Bring your questions. Leave with answers!



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The Mayer Lutheran Theater Department Presents

Charlotte's Web



Adapted from the book
by E.B. White

By Joseph Robinette

Nov. 7-9, 2025

Nov. 7 & 8 - 7 PM

Nov. 9 - 2 PM

**Mayer Lutheran Fine Arts
Center Theater**

306 7th St NE

Mayer, MN 55360



Tickets: Adults-\$15, Students age 12 & under-\$10
Tickets online at mayerlutheran.org/tickets or at the door

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Give Thanks, Give Back

AT THE

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL GALA

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY

14

AT 5:00 PM

2025

RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB

7801 COUNTY RD 101, MAPLE GROVE, MN 55311

*Funds raised will benefit our tuition assistance
program and security improvements*

KINDLY REPLY BY NOVEMBER 9

WITH YOUR MEAL SELECTION

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Twentieth Week after Trinity: Nov. 2 - Nov. 8, 2025



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **John 3:16-** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 14:6- [Jesus said,] "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The Second Article of The Apostles' Creed, part 1 of 2

PreK+ And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

- 1st gr+ 1. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
Begotten of the Father from eternity,
And also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,
Is my Lord,
2. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
Purchased and won me from all sins,
From death and from the power of the devil;
Not with gold or silver,
But with His holy, precious blood
And with His innocent suffering and death,

Catechism Memory Verse

3rd gr. + **John 1:14** - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.



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 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

Nov. 9 - Trinity XXI

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 - The Creation Week

Ephesians 6:10-17 - The Baptismal Armor of God

John 4:46-54 - Jesus Heals an Official's Son



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day - "From Depths of Woe" (LSB 607)

School Hymn of the Month (Nov.): "Now Thank We All Our God" (LSB 895)

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.