

The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES!

Dear Families,

We are overjoyed to share that St. John's has welcomed a record number of new mid-year enrollments this school year! Since September 2025, seven wonderful students have joined our school family, and we could not be more thrilled to have them here.

Our new Eagles have jumped into learning across multiple grades:

- 3 in 1st grade
- 2 in 3rd grade
- 1 in 4th grade
- 1 in 2nd grade

Already, these students are bringing fresh energy, new friendships, and bright curiosity to our classrooms. Watching them settle in, find their places, and become part of the St. John's rhythm has been a true joy for all of us.

A heartfelt and special welcome goes out to the **Bruun, Johnson, Lawabni, Skjei, and Voss families**. We are so grateful that you have chosen St. John's and entrusted us with your children's education, growth, and faith development.

At St. John's, we often talk about being more than a school—we're a family grounded in faith, care, and connection. Whether your family has been here for years or has just joined us this fall, each of you plays an important role in shaping who we are. We look forward to walking alongside your family throughout this school year and for many more to come.

Welcome home, Eagles! We are blessed to have you with us.

In Christ,

All of us 

WELCOME

ONGOING FOCUS ON STUDENT SAFETY

We recognize that heightened attention on federal activity may create concern. Rest assured that St. John's has solid safety protocols in place, and your children's well-being remains our top priority. Please reach out if you have any questions.

7TH & 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. PARENT MEETINGS

We will be hosting two informational meetings for families on Thursday, February 26th regarding the upcoming (and future) Washington, D.C. trips:

- **6:00 pm — Class of 2026 (current 8th graders):** This final meeting will review travel details and answer any remaining questions.
- **6:45 pm — Class of 2027 (current 7th graders):** Families will learn about the trip plans, ask questions, **and receive a discount on their child's trip for attending.**

We look forward to connecting with you and helping ensure a smooth and exciting experience for all our travelers!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

A Scholastic Book Fair will be held from Feb. 17-22. Not only will this event be open during the Science Fair, but each class will have an opportunity to visit, and students will be able to create wish lists to share with their families. Stay tuned for more info!

NINJAS UNITED NIGHT THIS SATURDAY!

PTL is hosting the beloved Ninjas United event for K-8th grade on Saturday, January 17th from 5:00-7:00pm. The cost is \$30/child and includes pizza and beverage. Registration and a waiver are required. Spots are limited, so REGISTER NOW to ensure your child(ren) gets a spot at this exciting event! See the included flyer for more info.

CROSS FOOD DRIVE FOR NLSW

We will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to CROSS Services in Rogers from Friday, January 23rd - Tuesday, February 3rd. In addition to standard non-perishable food items, CROSS is especially in need of the following items:

- Spaghetti sauce
- White rice
- Jelly
- Ketchup
- Cereal
- Tooth brushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo

Donations may be placed in the large boxes beside the elevator on the main floor. Thank you!

PTL-SPONSORED PRESCHOOL OPEN GYM NEXT SATURDAY

Our amazing PTL is sponsoring a preschool open gym on Saturday, January 24th from 9-10:30am.

NO SCHOOL/NO ESP THIS MONDAY

There will be no school or ESP on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. School and ESP will resume as usual on Tuesday, January 20.

NOMINATE AN STJ SCHOOL CHAMPION TODAY!

Do you know someone who makes a remarkable difference in our school community? Is there a rockstar volunteer who lends a helping hand for every event? Is there someone behind the scenes working hard each and everyday?

Now is the time to honor them!

Nominations are officially open for the **Private and Independent Education Awards**, and we invite you to recognize the individuals and programs that inspire, lead, and serve with excellence.

Nominees may include **a dedicated teacher, a tireless volunteer, a generous donor, an innovative leader, or a program that transforms student learning**. If they've made a meaningful impact, MINNDependent wants to celebrate them.

Learn more and submit your nominations [HERE](#).

STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Student Council meeting is schedule for Wednesday, January 21 at 7:15am.

INTENT TO WITHDRAWAL NOTIFICATION DEADLINE

Per our [Parent/Student Handbook](#) (pg. 12), "Families have until January 31st to notify the front office that their child will not be returning. Failure to notify St. John's by this deadline will result in automatic enrollment and all applicable enrollment fees being assessed in February." **Parents of children in preschool**, please notify Mrs. Kuehne at tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org if you do not plan to continue in preschool or have your child advance to Kindergarten at St. John's.

GET READY FOR NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK!

NLSW is January 26-30, and we've got a ton of fun and surprises planned!

- All week: CROSS food drive
- Jan. 26: **Spirit Day**, K-8 trip to Concordia Academy, door decorating begins
- Jan. 27: **Monochrome Day**
- Jan. 28: **Jersey Day**, Rock-Paper-Scissors competition begins
- Jan. 29: **Character Day**, Rock-Paper-Scissors finals
- Jan. 30: **Pajama Day**, pancake breakfast
- Feb. 1: PS-8th grade singing in Sunday Divine Service

Stay tuned for more info!

ADDITIONAL ADULT CATECHISM CLASS SCHEDULED

Pastor Moss will be offering an additional Adult Catechism Class **beginning Monday, February 2nd from 5:15-6:45pm**. If you or someone you know are interested in participating, please contact him directly at pastor.moss@stjlutheran.org.

PRESCHOOL CHOIR SINGING IN CHAPEL

Our preschoolers will be singing in chapel on Friday, February 13th. Preschool families, we hope you are able to join us this morning to hear their beautiful voices join together in praise to our Lord!

NO SCHOOL/NO ESP

There will be no school or ESP on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day. School and ESP will resume as usual on Tuesday, February 17.

TAX INFO FROM FACTS

To find a summary of tuition and other fees paid in 2025, please follow the steps below.

- Log into your FACTS Family portal.
- Click "Financial" on the left-hand side.
- Click "Financial Home".
- Click "View Details".
- Click "View Payment Summary" to view end of year payment summaries.
- Summaries show the total paid for each account for each student.

SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION

Join us for our **Science Fair on Thursday, February 19 from 4-6pm!** This open-house-style event is a celebration of our students' creativity, curiosity, and hard work. Each student will have already presented their projects earlier in the day, and families are invited to explore the displays at their own pace in the evening. Students may take their projects home either at the end of the night or the following day.

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open during this event—stop by to browse and support our school!

SUPER FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

St. John's is hosting a Scholastic book fair February 17-22. We are in need of a volunteer to take charge of this event for us, which includes helping create displays and more. We are also in need of volunteers to help while students, faculty, and families shop. Contact Dr. Skura at Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org or see the included flyer for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Join us Wednesday, February 18 at 1pm and/or 7pm for Ash Wednesday service. Lenten midweek services begin the following week on Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm and continuing each week through Wednesday, March 25th.



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST

Fresh Starts in Motion (Indoor Walking & Winter Routines)

A new year invites us to pause, reflect, and begin again with intention. While winter weather can limit outdoor movement, it also encourages us to be creative and consistent. Making time for simple movement, even something as basic as walking, helps clear our minds, strengthen our bodies, and set healthy patterns that can last all year.

Local ways to get moving this week:

- Walk laps at the Sports Dome at Maple Grove High School, open for community walking during January.
- Visit an indoor community or fitness center and make walking part of your weekly routine.
- Turn your walk into a prayer walk, sharing intentions or gratitude as you move.
- Invite a friend or family member to join you for encouragement and accountability.
- Stretch together afterward and thank God for the gift of movement.

“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal.” — Philippians 3:13–14

May this new year begin with steady steps, healthy habits, and hearts focused on Christ.

— The Wellness Committee

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

We are halfway through the school year - have you ordered your child's yearbook yet? If not, be sure to do so now before it's too late (use code 10163009056478)! Also, don't forget to create your two FREE personalized pages. This is a fun and special personalized addition to your child's yearbook, so take some time to complete these two pages before March 31st!

Mrs. Anderson says...

Who's ready for
a 3-day weekend?
We are!!



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, January 16

- 8:15am Chapel
- 10:00am 5th grade in-house field trip
- 1:00pm 3rd & 4th in-house field trip
- 4:30 & 6:30pm B girls at Cross of Christ
- 5:30pm B boys at Cross of Christ vs. HT
- 7:30pm A girls at Cross of Christ vs. HT
- 8:30pm A boys at Cross of Christ vs. HT

Saturday, January 17

- 10:00am 1st & 2nd grade basketball
- 5:00pm Ninja's United Night

Sunday, January 18

- 2:00pm Ski Club

Monday, January 19

- **NO SCHOOL/NO ESP**
- 5:30pm C girls at Cross of Christ
- 6:30pm C boys at Cross of Christ

Tuesday, January 20

- Band
- 3:30pm A & B boys bball practice

Wednesday, January 21

- Library
- 7:15am Student Council meeting
- 3:30pm A/B/C girls bball practice

Thursday, January 22

- 4:00pm B girls vs. Cambridge
- 5:00pm B boys vs. Cambridge
- 6:00pm A girls vs. Cambridge
- 7:00pm A boys vs. Cambridge

Friday, January 23

- 8:15am Chapel
- 3:30pm C boys bball practice
- 5:30pm B girls at Trinity BP
- 6:30pm B boys at Trinity BP
- 7:30pm A boys at Trinity BP

Saturday, January 24

- 9:00am Preschool open gym
- 10:30am 1st & 2nd grade basketball

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Jan. 25-30:** Nat. Luth. Schools Week
- **Jan. 31:** **Intent to withdraw notification deadline**
- **Feb. 1:** All-school choir singing at 8am & 10:30am Sunday Divine Service
- **Feb. 4:** Student Council meeting: PS field trip
- **Feb. 5:** Wellness Committee meeting
- **Feb. 13:** PS singing in chapel; Ski Club to Powder Ridge
- **Feb. 16:** No school/No ESP
- **Feb. 17:** Science Fair projects due at school
- **Feb. 18:** Student Council meeting; Ash Wed. Service
- **Feb. 19:** Science Fair
- **Feb. 20:** End of Term 2
- **Feb. 25:** PTL K-8 bowling event
- **Feb. 26:** 7th & 8th grade D.C. parent meetings
- **Feb. 27:** K-4th grade singing in chapel





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@stjlutheranschool.org
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to pictures@stjlutheranschool.org
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to library@stjlutheran.org
- Volunteer to help in the library by clicking [HERE](#).

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)



Coming soon: **Best. Week. Ever.**

Volunteers wanted!

Dear Families:

We're excited to announce that St. John's will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which takes place from **February 17-22, 2026!**

It's one of the most anticipated events of the school year for students—but we need volunteers to make it happen. Your help is crucial in making the Fair a truly unforgettable experience for our children. We hope you'll consider offering your time and talents to get it running!

If you're available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please contact Dr. Skura (Kristen.skura@stjlutheran.org) and share which Fair activities best suit you. Opportunities to assist include:

- Fair set up
- Assisting shoppers
- Checkout
- Fair pack up

We look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

St. John's Lutheran School
Book Fair host



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

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Second Week after the Epiphany: Jan 18 - 24, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Philippians 1:21-** To live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Psalm 50:15- Call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

The Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer

PreK+ *The Seventh Petition:* But deliver us from evil.

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary,
that our Father in heaven would rescue us
from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation,
and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end,
and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow
to Himself in heaven.

PreK+ *Conclusion:* For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

3rd gr+ *What does this mean?*

This means that I should be certain that these petitions
are pleasing to our Father in heaven,
and are heard by Him;
for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way
and has promised to hear us.
Amen, amen, means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Catechism Memory Verse

3rd gr+ **Matthew 7:7-8-** Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
Knock, and it will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened..



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 & 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

January 25 - The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35 - The Shining Face of Moses

2 Peter 1:16-21 - Christ's Glory and the Prophetic Word

Matthew 17:1-9 - Jesus Transfigured before Peter, James, and John



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Transfiguration- "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (*LSB* 941)

School Hymn of the Month (Jan.): "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (*LSB* 594)

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.