



The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JOIN THE FUN & MAKE A DIFFERENCE: DON'T SWEAT IT...FUND IT!

Dear Families,

Eagle Family FUNDay is almost here, and this year's fundraiser is all about creating a brighter and more comfortable future for our students and staff! By supporting this year's fundraiser, you're helping us create safer, more comfortable, and more inspiring spaces where our kids learn, grow, play, worship, and discover new talents every day.

Your participation directly supports two exciting improvements:

- **New trees on our school grounds** — adding shade, beauty, cleaner air, and outdoor spaces that spark curiosity and community.
- **Upgraded HVAC systems** — keeping classrooms cool, cozy, and ready for learning year-round.

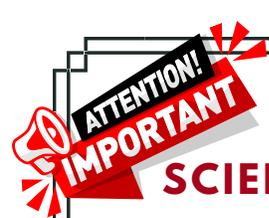
These upgrades will benefit every child and staff member at St. John's for years to come. FUNDay gives families the chance to be part of something big, meaningful, and lasting—while having a blast together!

How You Can Make an Impact

- **Shop the Wish Lists & Help Stock the FUN!** Every item purchased helps create the games, activities, and prizes that make FUNDay unforgettable for our students.
 - [Amazon Wish List](#)
 - [Target Wish List](#)
- **Grab Your Family FUNDay T-Shirts!** Let your Eagle pride shine and help us reach our fundraising goals! Every shirt purchased supports the project—so don't sweat it... **FUND it!**
 - Purchase your t-shirts [HERE!](#)
- **Volunteer & Be Part of the Excitement!** We can't run this special day without amazing parents like you! Help at a station, cheer on the kids, or jump into the fun—every shift makes a difference.
 - [Sign up to volunteer now!](#)

Every donation, every t-shirt, and every volunteer hour brings us one step closer to a stronger, greener, and more welcoming school for our kids and staff. Thank you for being part of the St. John's family—and for helping make this year's FUNDay the best one yet!

~The St. John's PTL



SCIENCE FAIR TODAY!

Here's what to know

- Open house-style from 4-6pm
- **Students MUST be supervised by a parent - you MAY NOT drop off your child and then pick up later**
- **Students MUST have plans in place for supervision from 3-4pm (being picked up by a parent, riding bus home, or PREVIOUSLY scheduled for ESP) - students ARE NOT allowed to remain on their own from 3-4pm**
- Light refreshments will be available
- Students do not have to remain with their project for the entire night
- Students may take their projects home at the **END** of the Science Fair or leave them here and take them home tomorrow.

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

Two informational meetings will be held for families on Thursday, Feb. 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!

JOIN US AT OMNI BREWING!

Join us on Monday, February 23rd anytime from open to close at Omni Brewing in Maple Grove (9462 Deerwood Ln N.), and Omni will generously donate \$1 for every beverage and pizza sold—a simple (and delicious!) way to give back to our St. John's community. Omni offers handcrafted beer, wine, pizza, coffee, and more, so let's pack the taproom and show our support! Bring your friends, family, and anyone who loves good food and a good cause. Be sure to tell them you're with St. John's! See the included flyer for more info!

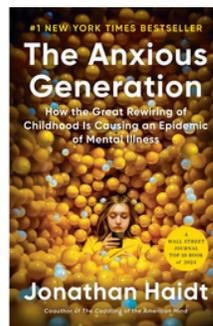
WELLNESS WEEK: IN HIS IMAGE

This year, we will be celebrating Wellness Week February 23-27 with the theme "Created in His Image." Each day will include lessons and activities focused on various ways we can keep our bodies and minds healthy and strong, the way God wants us to be!

THE ANXIOUS GENERATION PARENT NIGHT

Our Wellness Committee is hosting a Parent Information Night Tuesday, February 24th at 6pm to present and discuss The Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt. Join us for some light refreshments and great learning on what's going on with our kids today and what we might do about it.

This is going to be fantastic!





LET'S STRINK UP SOME FUN!

St. John's PTL is sponsoring the annual student bowling event at Sundance Entertainment Center in Dayton for students in grade K-8th.

- Students depart St. John's via our school bus after lunch.
 - Feb. 25: K, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th
 - Mar. 4: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th
- Bowling shoes and a snack are provided
- Students will return to St. John's by 3pm.
- Help is needed for this event. [Learn more and register to volunteer here.](#)

REPORT CARDS

Term 2 ends TOMORROW. Report cards will be sent home Wednesday, March 4th. Remember, you may keep your child's report card, but the white envelope must be signed and returned to his/her teacher.

SPRING BREAK

School and ESP will be closed Monday, March 23rd - Friday, March 27th for spring break!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

St. John's Lutheran Church holds special Lenten midweek services at 7pm each Wednesday during Lent. Please feel free to join us in worship as we await the triumphant resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED

A large number of newspapers are needed for both a preschool project and the upcoming school musical. If you are able to donate any, we would very much appreciate it. Newspapers may be turned in to the front office.

DON'T SWEAT IT - FUND IT! ORDER YOUR FUNDAY T-SHIRTS NOW!

Get ready to celebrate and support our school by helping us create safer, more comfortable, and more inspiring spaces where our kids learn, grow, play, worship, and discover new talents every day.

- Only \$12 per shirt (\$5 per shirt goes towards the fundraising total)
- 10 FUN colors to choose from
- Deadline to order: 3/20/26

Don't wait—grab your FUNDay tee and let your Eagle pride shine and help us reach our fundraising goals!! Visit the [FUNDay T-SHIRT STORE](#) today to place your order! There are 10 great colors available!!





JOIN US AT PORTILLO'S MARCH 9TH FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

Please join us for a delicious way to support St. John's! On **March 9** from 5:00–8:00 PM, dine at Portillo's in Maple Grove and 20% of your purchase will be donated back to our school.

Simply present the flyer in the restaurant or use the online/app code PORTILLOS53 when ordering.

Bring your family, invite friends, and help our community come together to support our school. Thank you for being part of St. John's!



BEST OF MAPLE GROVE VOTING IS OPEN!!

Voting is OPEN for the 2026 Best of Maple Grove, and we are going ALL IN to win back Best Private School and Best Preschool this year. (Yes, Maranatha...we want our titles back and we're coming for them!)

Here's how to help:

- Click [HERE](#)
- Select the "Learning" category
- Find the categories: Best Private School and click "Vote" for St. John's Lutheran School; do the same for Best Preschool
- Vote in at least 3 other categories so that your votes count (5 total required)
- Vote again tomorrow and each day in February

END OF TERM LIBRARY UPDATE

Term 2 ends TOMORROW; please help your child check for any missing library books to avoid paying a lost book fee.

- Books checked out before Feb. 4 will be considered lost if not returned or renewed by Feb. 20.
- Lost book fees will be added to the March 1 FACTS invoice.
- If your child received a slip for a book due Feb. 11 or earlier, this is a heads-up that a book is missing.
- Once a fee is charged, it is non-refundable, even if the book is later found.

If you have questions or concerns about missing books, please contact the library before February 20 via email at library@stjlutheran.org.

UPCOMING SPRING MUSICAL

Mark your calendars now for our much anticipated performance of "Newsies, Jr.!" Performances will take place at 1pm on Thursday, March 12 and again at 6pm on Friday, March 13th. All students in grades preschool-8th grade participate in this event.





NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, February 20 - END OF TERM 2

- Missing library books due
- 3pm TCLAC tournament

Saturday, February 21

- 9am TCLAC Tournament

Monday, February 23

- 5:30pm C girls vs. Salem
- 6:30pm C boys vs. Salem

Tuesday, February 24

- Band
- 3:30pm A boys bball practice
- 3:30pm C boys bball party
- 7pm Parent Info Night: *The Anxious Generation*

Wednesday, February 25

- Library
- 12:45pm Bowling for K, 2nd, 4th, 7th, and 8th

Thursday, February 26

- 6pm D.C. parent meeting

Friday, February 27

- 8:15am Chapel
 - K-4th singing
- State basketball tournament at CSP

Saturday, February 28

- 9am Preschool open gym
- 10:30am 1st & 2nd grade basketball
- State basketball tournament at CSP

Sunday, March 1

- 10:30am K-4th singing in Divine Service
- State basketball tournament at CSP

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Mar. 1** : K-th singing in Divine Service
- **Mar. 4**: 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th grade bowling
- **Mar. 5**: Wellness Committee mtg.
- **Mar. 6**: Ski Club
- **Mar. 9**: 5th-8th cross country skiing; Portillo's fundraiser
- **Mar. 12**: All-school musical
- **Mar. 13**: All-school musical
- **Mar. 16-20**: 8th grade D.C. trip
- **Mar. 23-27**: Spring Break!
- **Apr. 2**: Flex day - we may or may not have school this day - we'll let you know
- **Apr. 3 & 6**: Easter break - no school
- **Apr. 8**: Student Council meeting
- **Apr. 9**: Wellness Committee meeting
- **Apr. 10**: Spelling Bee; Term 3 mid-term
- **Apr. 17**: K-2nd singing in chapel
- **Apr. 25**: Eagle Family FUNDay!!

Mrs. Anderson says...

Please donate newspapers!





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@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
- 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)

SAVE THE DATE



**SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2026**



10 FUN COLORS!

\$12
PER SHIRT
\$14 FOR 2X-5X SIZES

T-SHIRTS

This year, our school is raising funds to support upgraded HVAC systems to keep students focused and comfortable in every season, as well as new trees that bring shade, beauty, and greener spaces for outdoor learning and play. Together, these improvements will enhance each student's school day from the moment they arrive to the moment they head home.

Ordering Available From

February 12th to March 20th



Order Now!

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://sjf25.itemorder.com>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card
4. T-shirts will be handed out to students prior to FUNDay.

\$5 PER SHIRT GOES TOWARDS THE FUNDRAISING TOTAL.

**YOUTH SIZES S-XL
ADULT SIZES S-5XL**

Other ways you can Support



↓ SEE BELOW ↓

Donate items from our Amazon Wish-List. Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



Donate items from our Target Wish-List. Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



We need Volunteers! Scan the QR Code or Click [HERE](#)



Monday, February 23

WELCOME



HANDCRAFTED: BEER • WINE • PIZZA • COFFEE



We are grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community and proud to help support the organizations in it. Come on out Monday, February 23, to support St. John's Lutheran School! OMNI will be donating \$1 for every beverage and pizza sold to St. John's Lutheran School.

HOURS

Mon - Thu: 7 - 10

Fri - Sat: 7 - 11

Sun: 7 - 9

9462 Deerwood Ln N, Maple Grove, MN 55369



You're invited to a

Portillo's[®]

FUNDRAISER



Come Join Us!

Eat Portillo's. Support a Cause. Receive 20% of the proceeds!

Present this flyer in-restaurant or use the online code for online/app orders, and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to:

St. John's Lutheran School

At the Portillo's located at: When:

12251 ELM Creek Blvd N

March 9, 2026

Maple Grove, MN

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ONLINE CODE: PORTILLOS53

Learn [more](https://www.portillos.com/good) about Portillo's Fundraisers at [portillos.com/good](https://www.portillos.com/good).

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.



Portillo's
FOR GOOD

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT [PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS](https://www.portillos.com/careers)

Position Overview

The Extended School Program (ESP) Director provides leadership and oversight for the school's after-school care program, ensuring a safe, well-run, and Christ-centered environment for students and families. This role is responsible for daily program operations, staff leadership, family communication, and summer program coordination in alignment with the mission and values of an LCMS school. This role reports to St. John's Board of Education.

Program Leadership & Student Care Responsibilities

- Provide daily leadership and hands-on supervision for students across ESP environments, including classrooms, gym, cafeteria, and outdoor spaces
- Foster a safe, welcoming, and well-organized program using a Christ-centered, Love & Logic approach
- Organize and oversee daily routines such as snacks, play, homework time, enrichment activities, and transitions
- Attend to individual student needs and communicate proactively with families and school leadership regarding behavior, care, and program updates
- Ensure consistent adherence to school policies, attendance requirements, safety standards, and staff-to-student ratios

Program Management & Staff Leadership

- Develop and maintain daily and weekly schedules, routines, classroom rosters, and staffing plans
- Hire, train, mentor, and support ESP staff, fostering a positive, collaborative, and dependable team culture
- Lead and coordinate the summer ESP program, including themes, schedules, field trips, transportation, staffing, and on-site supervision
- Manage purchasing, budgeting, inventory, and recordkeeping for program snacks, supplies, and materials
- Prepare and present regular program updates to the Board of Education and participate in required meetings
- Maintain required certifications (including CPR and first aid)

Academic Year Hours

- **2:30–5:30 p.m. daily (15 hours/week)**
- Additional hours as needed for purchasing, scheduling, or administrative duties
- **Approx. 19.5 total hours/week**

Summer Program Hours

(To be determined based on program structure and scheduling needs)

Required Education & Experience

- Minimum age 18
- High school diploma or equivalent (associate or bachelor's degree preferred)
- At least 2 years of experience in childcare, education, or youth ministry preferred
- Leadership or supervisory experience strongly preferred
- Must pass a background check prior to employment
- Willing and able to become preschool certified
- Must hold or obtain CPR and first aid certification
- LCMS membership encouraged but not required
- Models a Christian life and leads in a way that supports St. John's mission and respects LCMS doctrine and practices.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Week of Invocabit (Lent I): Feb. 22 - Feb. 28, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Matthew 18:11** - The Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

Small Catechism: Confession

K+ *What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts.

First, that we confess our sins,
and second, that we receive absolution,
that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself,
not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven
before God in heaven.

2nd gr+ *What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins,
even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer;
but before the pastor we should confess only those sins
which we know and feel in our hearts.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr.+ **Psalm 51:1-2** -Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my 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 & 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

March 1 - Reminiscere - the Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 32:22-32 - Jacob Wrestles with God

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7- A Life Pleasing to God

Matthew 15:21-28 - Jesus and the Canaanite Woman



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Reminiscere (Lent II): "When in the Hour of Deepest Need" (*LSB* 615)

School Hymn of the Month (Lent): "Glory Be to Jesus" (*LSB* 433)

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.

Luther's Morning & Evening Prayers

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
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