

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK WAS A JOYFUL CELEBRATION AT ST. JOHN'S!

Dear Families,

Last week, our St. John's family joined Lutheran schools across the nation in celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week, a special time to reflect on the blessing of Christ-centered education and the unique mission of Lutheran schools. Throughout the week, students, staff, and families participated in worship, service, fellowship, and fun – all centered on praising God and living out our faith together.

This year's theme, "Let's Make a Joyful Noise," guided our celebrations as we focused on praising God through worship, service, community, and Christ-centered learning. During the week, students enjoyed special dress-up days, all-school devotions, daily snacks, service opportunities, and fun community-building activities like our Eagle Hunt, rock-paper-scissors tournament, inflatables day, pancake breakfast, and family escape room event.

One of the highlights of the week was our service focus. As a school community, we collected over 775 food and personal hygiene items to donate to CROSS. We are incredibly proud of our students and families for living out Christ's call to serve others and support neighbors in need. We also loved sharing our school spirit with our congregation by creating beautiful custom magnets to give to church members – a small but meaningful way to thank them for their continued prayers and support of our ministry.

Community partnerships were another blessing during the week. We were honored to host the Corcoran Police Department, who helped judge our classroom door decorating contest (1st grade won!). Their presence was a wonderful way to connect our students with local community helpers while celebrating creativity and school pride.

We were also blessed to welcome Pastor Jeremiah Johnson and Vicar Hedstrom from Glory of Christ. Pastor J. Johnson and our own Pastor Johnson delighted students and staff alike when they faced off





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in an epic rock, paper, scissors showdown. After much excitement and cheering, Pastor Jeremiah Johnson emerged victorious — and everyone agreed it was a highlight of the week!

We closed the celebration by lifting our voices in praise as our students sang in the Divine Service, reminding us all that Lutheran education is rooted in Christ and dedicated to raising children who know they are loved by God and equipped to serve Him and others.

Thank you to our staff, PTL, volunteers, congregation, and families who helped make this week such a joyful and meaningful celebration. We are so thankful for the blessing of Lutheran education and the opportunity to share Christ's love every single day.





BEST OF MAPLE GROVE VOTING IS OPEN!!

It's time to help St. John's take back the crown!

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

Every single vote matters. This is a HUGE way to support our teachers, our students, and our Christ-centered mission in this community.

Let's show Maple Grove who the Eagles are, and let's bring our titles HOME!!

PS CHOIR SINGING IN CHAPEL NEXT FRIDAY!

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!

NOW HIRING: FACILITIES MANAGER

St. John's is seeking a dedicated facilities manager to join our team. The ideal candidate is detail-oriented, self-motivated, able to problem solve, possesses physical stamina and strength, and is a team player. This role will be responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and organization of our facility while ensuring a safe and healthy environment for staff, students, members, and guests. Interested candidates should contact our Business Manager, Stephanie Parris at stephanie.parris@stjlutheran.org.

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.



SAVE THE DATE FOR FUNDAY!

Get ready, St. John's family—it's almost time for one of the brightest and most joy-filled days of the year! Our Annual Eagle Family FUNDay is soaring back this April, and we can't wait to celebrate together.

This special event brings our entire St. John's community—students, families, teachers, and staff—together for a day of fun, connection, and purpose. It's a chance to enjoy games, activities, food, and laughter... all while supporting an important cause.

Date: April 25, 2026

Where: St. John's School

Why: To have fun while funding a meaningful and lasting improvement for our school.

More details are coming soon—but for now, go ahead and circle the date, highlight it, tack it to your fridge, or set that phone reminder. Let's make this the best Eagle Family FUNDay yet!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR INFO

We hope you're excited for our book fair February 17-20! **All books provided at our fair will have been reviewed by our staff, and we will not be offering titles that conflict with our beliefs or mission at St. John's.** We will also have a Christian faith table with even more great titles to choose from! Check out our [Book Fair Homepage](#) to set up an eWallet (so your kids can shop cashless), donate to Share the Fair, or preview the books.

END OF TERM LIBRARY UPDATE

As we approach the end of Term 2 on February 20th, please help your child check for any missing library books.

- 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.



7TH & 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON 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!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now: March 9, 2026; 5-8pm; Portillo's Night!! More info to come!



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST

**Expanding the Adventure
Community & State Parks**

Winter is a wonderful time to explore beyond our usual routines. Visiting new places together encourages curiosity, strengthens family bonds, and reminds us that God's presence extends far beyond our daily paths. Even simple adventures can become meaningful memories when shared.

Winter adventures to try this week:

- Explore a Three Rivers Park District location and enjoy their winter programs and activities.
- Visit a Minnesota State Park for hiking, skiing, or a simple winter picnic.
- Try a trail or park your family hasn't visited before.
- Invite another family to join you and make it a shared experience.
- Reflect together on how God shows Himself in every season.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalm 118:24

May your family find joy, movement, and connection through winter adventures near and far.

– The Wellness Committee

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.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, February 6

- Band Festival!
- 8:15am Chapel
- 2:30pm Band Festival concert

Saturday, February 7

- 9am Preschool open gym
- 9am A boys tournament at St. Croix Luth.
- 9am A girls tournament at West Lutheran
- 10:30am 1st/2nd grade basketball

Sunday, February 8

- 12pm A boys tournament at West Luth.
- 12pm A girls tournament at West Luth.

Monday, February 9

- 9:30am 7th/8th field trip
- 12:30pm 5th/6th field trip
- 3:30pm Girls A/B bball practice
- 6:30pm C boys vs. Good Shepherd

Tuesday, February 10

100th Day of School!!

- Band
- 3:30pm A & B boys bball practice
- 6pm PTL meeting

Wednesday, February 11

- Library
- 3:30pm A/B/C girls bball practice

Thursday, February 12

- 3:30pm A/B boys bball practice

Friday, February 13

- 8:15am Chapel
 - Preschool choir singing
- 3pm 5th-8th grade Ski Club
- 3:30pm C boys bball practice
- 4pm Ski Club

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Feb. 16:** No school/No ESP
- **Feb. 17:** Science Fair projects due at school
- **Feb. 18:** Student Council meeting; Ash Wed. Services
- **Feb. 19:** Science Fair
- **Feb. 20:** End of Term 2
- **Feb. 23:** Omni Brewing fundraiser
- **Feb. 23-27:** Wellness Week! 
- **Feb. 24:** Parent Info Night: *The Anxious Generation* 
- **Feb. 25:** PTL K-8 bowling event
- **Feb. 26:** 7th & 8th grade D.C. parent meetings
- **Feb. 27:** K-4th grade singing in chapel

Mrs. Anderson says...

I marked my calendar for Feb. 24 & March 9...did you?!





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)

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



SAVE THE DATE



**SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2026**

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Week of Sexagesima (60 Days till Easter): Feb. 8 - 14, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **1 Timothy 2:4-** [God] desires all men to be saved
And to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

3rd gr+ *How can water do such great things?*
Certainly not just water,
But the word of God in and with the water does these things,
Along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water.
For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism.
But with the word of God it is a Baptism,
That is, a life-giving water, rich in grace,
And a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit,
As St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three:

K + **He saved us through the washing of rebirth
And renewal by the Holy Spirit**

1st + **Whom He poured out on us generously
Through Jesus Christ our Savior,**

2nd + **So that, having been justified by His grace,
We might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.
This is a trustworthy saying. (Titus 3:5-8)**

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr+ **1 Peter 3:18** - For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust,
that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.



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

Sun. Feb. 15 - Quinquagesima - Fifty Days until Easter

1 Samuel 16:1-13 or Isaiah 35:3-7

1 Corinthians 13 - The Way of Love

Luke 18:31-43 - Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18, 2026

Psalm 57 - Let Your Glory Be over All the Earth

2 Peter 1:2-11 - Confirm Your Calling & Election

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 - Fasting, Prayer, and Alms



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Quinquagesima- "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (*LSB* 685)

Church Hymn of the Day for Ash Wednesday- "From Depths of Woe" (*LSB* 607)

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

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

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

