

The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GIRLS A TEAM IS STATE BOUND!

Dear Families,

Excitement is building as our **Girls A Basketball Team prepares to compete at the 2026 Minnesota State Lutheran Basketball Tournament!** After a fantastic season marked by hard work, determination, and teamwork, the girls have earned their place among the top teams in the state – and our entire school community couldn't be more proud.

The tournament will take place tomorrow, February 27 through March 1 at the Gangelhoff Center on the campus of Concordia-St. Paul (235 Hamline Ave. N, St. Paul, MN 55104). Their first game tips off Friday, February 27 at 6:50 PM, and the team is eager to represent our school on the state stage.

This accomplishment is a testament to the dedication of our student-athletes, the leadership of their coaches, and the unwavering support of families, staff, and fans throughout the season. Competing at State is an incredible achievement, and we know the girls will play with heart, Christian sportsmanship, and Eagle pride every minute they're on the court.

Tickets are available at the door for \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, and free for children ages 5 and under, making it a great opportunity for families and supporters to come cheer on the team.

We encourage everyone to come out, wear your school colors, and fill the stands with encouragement as our Girls A Team takes on the best in the state. Let's show them how proud we are and give them the energy they need to soar!

Congratulations, girls – and good luck at State! We are cheering you on every step of the way!

WAY TO GO,
Eagles!





THANK YOU!!

Last week, we had the joy of hosting our Scholastic Book Fair, and what an exciting week it was! The auxiliary room was transformed into a bustling bookstore, and students loved shopping. They were thrilled to discover new stories, revisit favorite authors, and add books to their home libraries. From picture books to chapter books (and all the fun extra “stuff”!), there truly was something for everyone.

We are so incredibly grateful for the wonderful support from you—our families! Thank you for taking the time to shop and invest in books for your children and our classrooms. Whether you were able to come in and shop with your child or sent your child with spending money during the school day, we deeply appreciate your support.

A heartfelt thank you is also extended to the volunteers who made this event possible. Thank you, Mrs. Nauth, Dr. Skura, and Mrs. Droogsma for your time and hard work setting up, running, and packing up the fair. We truly couldn't have done it without you!

Because of your generosity, we were able to raise significant funds for our classroom libraries. The teachers are excited to use these funds to refresh our classrooms and expand our classroom libraries!

Thank you again for your incredible support!

God's Blessings,
Mrs. Sarah Carter

P.S. The online book fair is still open! See page 4 for more info.





WELLNESS WEEK UPDATE

This week has marked our first-ever Wellness Week, sponsored by our fabulous Wellness Committee! Beginning on Monday and continuing through tomorrow, students have participated in special activities centered around the theme “Created in His Image,” which promotes caring for our bodies and minds as the beautiful gifts from our Lord that they are.

Throughout the week, students have enjoyed hands-on experiences like God’s Grocery Table, the Wonderfully Made Mirror, a Wellness Fuel Lab, Dancing in the Lobby, and tomorrow - the Healthy Habits Path. This week has been a fun and meaningful way to encourage healthy habits while celebrating the unique way God created each and every one of us in His image!

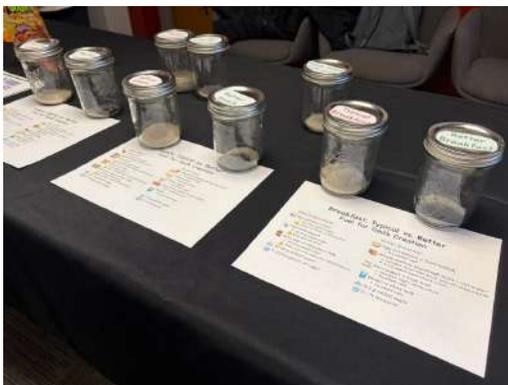
PARENT INFO NIGHT RECAP

On Tuesday evening, about a dozen parents joined us for a special Parent Info Night discussion of *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Haidt argues that smartphones and social media are adversely affecting our children, and that that they are often overprotected in the real world but under protected online. He encourages families to consider four new norms: 1) delaying smartphones until at least age 14; 2) delaying social media until at least age 16; 3) keeping schools phone-free; and 4) allowing more real-world independence and free play.

Thank you so much to those who attended! We appreciate the thoughtful discussion and your continued partnership as we work together to support our students’ well-being. We look forward to more info nights in the future!



God’s Grocery Table



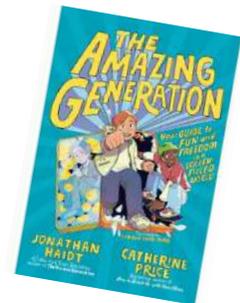
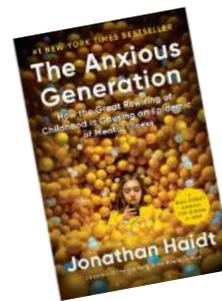
Wellness Fuel Lab



Wonderfully Made Mirror



Dancing in the Lobby





SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY IS TOMORROW!

Wear your red and black tomorrow to show your school pride as we cheer on our A Girls Basketball Team competing at State tomorrow evening! We'll also be awarding the Spirit Stick at the assembly to the class that shows the most school spirit, so come ready to be loud and proud.

THE SPIRIT STORE IS OPEN!!

Our online [Spirit Store](#) is now open! This is a great opportunity to stock up on St. John's apparel and show your school spirit. The store will remain open until April 5 (Easter), and all purchases will be delivered to school around April 27.

THE BOOK FAIR IS STILL OPEN!

The fair may be packed up and finished, but the shopping isn't! Families can continue to [shop online through our school's Book Fair page](#). It's a great way to pick up more books for your child while also supporting St. John's — 25% of every purchase benefits our school. **You can also use any remaining Book Fair eWallet funds toward online purchases.** Thank you for supporting our school and helping grow a love of reading!

REPORT CARDS

Term 2 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.

LET'S STRIKE 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.
 - 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.](#)

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!



NEWSPAPERS STILL NEEDED

A large number of newspapers are still 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.

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!

SPRING MUSICAL: IMPORTANT INFO

"Disney's Newsies, Jr." will be performed in our gymnasium 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.

Ms. Preus sent a detailed email to all 5th-8th grade families on Monday outlining costume requirements. Please be sure to read this email to understand what 5th-8th grade families are responsible for regarding their child's costume.

All PS-4th grade students will be wearing a t-shirt and jeans. The color of your child's t-shirt depends on his/her grade.

- Preschool: red
- Kindergarten: orange
- 1st grade: yellow
- 2nd grade: green
- 3rd grade: blue
- 4th grade: purple

Performance date logistics

- **Thursday, March 12 - 1pm performance**
 - Doors open at 12:30pm
- **Friday, March 13 - 6pm performance**
 - Students arrive & doors open at 5:30pm
 - Middle school students: Meet in music room
 - K-4th students: Meet in cafeteria
 - Will be reunited with parents after their performance
 - Preschool: Meet in classroom
 - Parents, meet your child in the lobby after their performance to reunite



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST

**Caring for Your Heart -
Physically & Spiritually**

February is American Heart Month, and we're going to keep the focus on our hearts in March, too! This is a great opportunity to focus on heart health – not just through exercise, but through rhythms that strengthen body and soul. God cares about our whole person – heart, mind, and spirit – and invites us to steward what He has given us with gratitude and intentionality.

Ways to care for your heart this week:

- Go ice skating at Central Park in Maple Grove.
- Try a heart-healthy recipe at home together – oatmeal with fruit, roasted vegetables, or smoothies.
- Stretch or do gentle movement together while reading a Psalm of thanksgiving.
- Use a song with “heart” in the lyrics as a reason to move more today.
- End the day with a gratitude prayer for health, strength, and family.

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

– Proverbs 4:23

May this week deepen your appreciation for the life God gives your body and soul.

– The Wellness Committee

“DON'T SWEAT IT...FUND IT!”

Eagle Family FUNDay is coming on April 25, and this year's fundraiser will support two exciting improvements that will benefit our entire school community for years to come: new trees to enhance our outdoor spaces and upgraded HVAC systems for more comfortable classrooms. Every donation, purchase, and volunteer hour helps create safer, more inspiring environments where our students learn, grow, play, and worship.

How You Can Help

- **Shop the Wish Lists**
 - [Amazon wish list](#)
 - [Target wish list](#)
- **Order FUNDay T-Shirts**
- **Volunteer**



Thank you for supporting St. John's and helping make this year's FUNDay the best yet!

YOUTH GROUP EVENT

5th-8th graders, join the St. John's youth group this Saturday, February 28th from 6-8pm for a special “Looking to Lent” event. You'll enjoy devotions together along with snacks, board games, an open gym, and even some painting. Contact Erika Rossow for more info (parents, email the front office to get her personal email address).



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, February 27

- 8:15am Chapel
 - K-4th singing
- 6:50pm Girls A at State basketball tournament at CSP!!!

Saturday, February 28

- 9am Preschool open gym
- 10:30am 1st & 2nd grade basketball
- 6pm 5th-8th youth group
- State basketball tournament at CSP

Sunday, March 1

- 10:15am K-4th choir warm-up
- 10:30am K-4th singing in Divine Service
- State basketball tournament at CSP

Monday, March 2

Tuesday, March 3

- Band

Wednesday, March 4 - Report Cards

- Library
- 7:15am Student Council meeting
- 12:45pm Bowling for 1st, 3rd, 5th, & 6th

Thursday, March 5

- 7am Wellness Committee meeting

Friday, March 6

- 8:15am Chapel
- 4pm Ski Club

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **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. 18:** 5th & 6th grade field 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. 13:** 2nd & 3rd grade field trip
- **Apr. 17:** K-2nd singing in chapel
- **Apr. 25:** Eagle Family FUNDay!!

Mrs. Anderson says...

Please donate newspapers! - we still need them!





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)

Chapel Project Updates

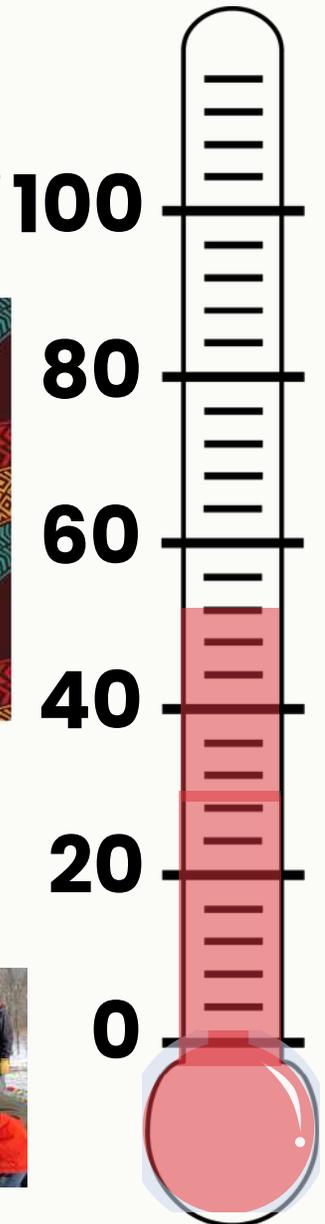
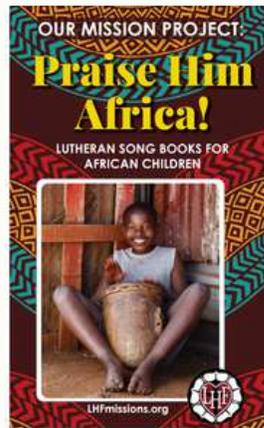
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What's New

We have reached the end of Term 2 and have enough offering to cover 51 books for the Mission Project Praise Him Africa. Thank you for your generous support this term. Stay tuned for the upcoming project for Term 3!

Total Raised: \$259.47
Books: 51

Last weekend I had the opportunity to hand-deliver our blankets the 7/8 graders and Kindergartners made together. It was an amazing thing to be able to witness firsthand. Thank you to the students who helped with this project!



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St. John's Lutheran School

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12251 ELM Creek Blvd N

March 9, 2026

Maple Grove, MN

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ONLINE CODE: PORTILLOS53

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



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SAVE THE DATE



**SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2026**



10 FUN COLORS!



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](#)



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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