

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

TAKE ACTION BY THIS MONDAY!

Dear Families,

FUNDay excitement is building, and there are several important ways you can help support our students and school as we head into a BIG celebration week. Please take a moment to review the opportunities below and take action by April 20!

FUNDAY COIN WARS: Let the Games Begin!

Each grade will collect coins throughout the week. Every cent counts as classes compete to climb to the top and earn bragging rights! Start collecting spare change now and send coins to school during Coin Wars week.

Coin Wars are from April 20-24!

Pre-Purchase Wristbands & Save!

Families are encouraged to pre-purchase FUNDAY wristbands before April 20 to take advantage of discounted pricing.

Purchase wristbands [HERE!](#)

Eagle Crusader Donations – Due April 20

Support our students and school by making an Eagle Crusader donation.

- Packets (drop off at the front office) and online donations are due April 20
- Every contribution directly supports our school community

Donate or submit Eagle Crusader support [HERE!](#)

Silent Auction – Opens April 20

Get ready to bid! Our Silent Auction opens April 20, featuring a variety of exciting items.

View and bid on Silent Auction items [HERE](#) on April 20th!

Thank you for your generosity, enthusiasm, and continued support. Your participation makes FUNDay a success and creates lasting memories for our students.

Let's make this the best FUNDAY yet!



K-2 SINGING IN CHAPEL TOMORROW!!

Kindergarten-2nd grade will be singing in chapel **TOMORROW** at 8:15am.

REMEMBER THE DRESS CODE!

Per our Parent/Student Handbook, the first violation will result in a warning. Moving forward, if a student violates the dress code for a second time, he/she will be asked to change into a provided item of clothing that fulfills dress code requirements.

STJ TALENT SHOW

Our annual Talent Show is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th (time is TBA). Auditions are tentatively scheduled for the first week of May. More information to come!

PUNCH PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Join us for a sweet (and easy!) way to support our school! On Thursday, April 23 from 4:00-8:30pm, head to Punch Pizza in Maple Grove for dine-in or takeout. Use code EAGLES when placing your order, and 20% of the proceeds will go back to STJ!

UPCOMING SAFETY DRILLS

We will be conducting our remaining fire and intruder drills in the coming weeks.

St. John's uses ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) protocols. Staff are fully trained, and students in Preschool-8th grade receive age-appropriate instruction. Intruder drills will be announced in advance to students. No simulations will be used at any time.

CONGRATULATIONS, SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS!

Congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee participants for representing St. John's so well! Your hard work, preparation, and courage to compete are truly something to celebrate. A special congratulations to Andrew J. for earning 2nd place in the 7th/8th grade division—what an outstanding accomplishment!



SUMMER ESP REGISTRATION!

Summer ESP registration is OPEN! Go ahead and register your child now! Spots are limited, so don't wait!

Also, we're excited to share that we will be offering FIELD TRIPS again this year during Summer ESP!! It's going to be a great summer!

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT RECOGNITION

We are proud to recognize the following students for demonstrating faithfulness. Thank you for showing your love for our Lord and Savior! We are so thankful for the example you set for others!

- Kenzie Basham
- Andrew Peterson
- Maya Voss



MAP TESTING

MAP testing will take place the week of April 27th for all Kindergarten-8th grade students. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a healthy breakfast to help ensure he/she does their best work!



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST

**Making Moments Count:
Moving with Intention**

Movement doesn't have to be rushed or routine. When we move with intention, we honor the bodies God has given us and the time we've been entrusted with. Even small moments of activity can become meaningful when done with purpose.

Intentional ways to stay active this week:

- Go for a purposeful walk at Elm Creek Park Reserve, focusing on steady movement and conversation.
- Stretch together and talk about your day while you move.
- Teach your child a simple household chore.
- Walk or bike to a nearby destination instead of driving when possible.
- Thank God for strength and energy as you move.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." — 1 Corinthians 10:31

May your movement this week be filled with purpose and gratitude.

— The Wellness Committee

END-OF-YEAR PICNIC HELP NEEDED

Join us for our End-of-Year Picnic, hosted by Student Council, right after the 11:30am dismissal on Friday, May 22 (the last day of school). All families are invited!

We're looking for help with donations and volunteers—every bit makes a difference. [Sign up here to contribute.](#) Donations are due by Wednesday, May 20 and can be dropped off at the front office.

Thank you for your support!

WANT A COPY OF OUR SPRING MUSICAL, "NEWSIES, JR"?

The 1pm performance of "Newsies, Jr." was recorded, and we are happy to provide copies of the recording. Because we are legally unable to share it in any kind of digital format, you must provide a 32 GB or 64 GB USB flash drive for us. Please label your flash drive and submit them to the front office.

8TH GRADE TEACHER CANDIDATES

Our Call Committee has recently interviewed two excellent candidates for a middle school teaching position beginning in the 2026/27 school year. We are grateful for this progress and for the time and care being given to this important process.

We ask that you please keep these candidates—and our Call Committee—in your prayers as we continue to seek Christ's guidance. We will share more updates as the process continues.



FUNDAY COIN WARS: LET THE GAMES BEGIN...SOON!

Get ready, St. John's! Coin War runs April 20–April 24! Each grade will collect coins, and every cent helps your class climb to the top.

Sabotage Alert! Feeling sneaky? Grades can drop dollar bills into other buckets to deduct points—but no checks allowed!

Grab those coins, show your school spirit, and cheer on your grade as we battle it out for bragging rights and a Class Party.

Start collecting now—and may the best grade win!

EAGLE CRUSADER GOALS

We're excited to kick off our Eagle Earnings Crusader fundraiser! Every student has the opportunity to participate, support our school, and work toward exciting prizes along the way. Each Eagle Crusader is encouraged to raise \$150 or more. For every \$100 raised, students receive one ticket entered into a prize drawing.

Drawing prizes include:

- \$100 Cash
- LEGO® Super Mario™ Set
- The student who raises the MOST money overall will win a SEGWAY ELECTRIC SCOOTER!

Drawing Details: Prize winners will be announced after the FUNDay Carnival at 12:15 PM. Participants must be present to win.

ALL THINGS FUNDAY!!

Join us on **Saturday, April 25** for the St. John's 19th Annual Eagle Family FUNDay! FUNDay is a beloved St. John's tradition where families come together for fun, fellowship, and fundraising. This exciting event is packed with carnival games, food, a fund-run, silent auction, and raffles—something for the entire family!

PTL is looking for support to help make this year's FUNDay the best one yet.

- Volunteer: Lend a hand by helping with a game or assisting at another FUNDay activity.
- Pre-Purchase Wristbands: Purchase FUNDay wristbands before April 20th to take advantage of a discounted price.
- Eagle Crusader Donation: Support our students and school by making an Eagle Crusader donation.
- Wishlist Donations: Donate one or more items.
 - Amazon Wish List
 - Target Wish List
- Silent Auction: Bid on one—or more—Silent Auction items!
 - Auction opens April 20th
- 50/50 Raffle: Purchase a few raffle tickets for a chance to win \$2500, while supplies last. The cost of each ticket is \$25. See flyer for more information.

Thank you for being part of what makes FUNDay such a special St. John's tradition!



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, April 17

- 8:15am Chapel
 - K-2nd grade singing
- 3:30pm C volleyball practice
- 5:30pm Bowling matches

Monday, April 20

- 3pm Bowling practice
- 3:30pm C volleyball practice

Tuesday, April 21

- Band
- 3:30pm A/B volleyball practice
- 7pm Board of Education meeting

Wednesday, April 22

- Library
- 7:15am Student Council meeting
- 3pm Bowling practice
- 3:30pm C volleyball practice

Thursday, April 23

- 3:30pm A/B volleyball games (away)
- 4-8:30pm Punch Pizza fundraiser

Friday, April 24

- 8:15am Chapel
- 3:30pm Bowling team scrimmage

Saturday, April 25 - FUNDay!!

- 9am FUNDrum check-in
- 9:45am FUNDrum Little Eagle Loop
- 10am Carnival, lunch, and silent auction
- 12:15pm Eagle Crusaders award announcements, raffle drawings, FUNDrum awards

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **Apr. 27-May 1:** MAP testing
- **May 1:** 5th-8th grade track & field day/
3rd /4th singing in chapel
- **May 4:** 2nd grade field trip
- **May 5:** 7th & 8th grade softball day
- **May 6:** Student Council meeting
- **May 7:** 5th/6th grade softball
day/Wellness Comm. meeting
- **May 8:** 3rd & 4th track & field day &
handbells playing in chapel
- **May 12:** Band concert
- **May 13:** Preschool field trip
- **May 15:** 1st/2nd grade track & field day;
Honors choir singing in chapel
- Check out the [school calendar](#) for all
the special dates in May.

Mrs. Anderson says...

Don't forget to
register for
Summer ESP!





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)



Starting Monday April 20th, EACH GRADE will compete to raise funds to upgrade our HVAC system. This event promises excitement and some friendly competition!

At the end of the week, the class with the most points WINS a class party!

Gather your change and let's make this Coin Wars the best one yet. Your support will keep our school comfortable all year round!

April 20th – April 24th

PARTICIPATION OPEN TO PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

The Rules:

Each grade has a container to drop coins into between 4/20-4/24. Each cent is worth 10 points and whichever grade has the most points per student wins a Class Party!



CURRENCY POINTS

EACH CENT = +10 POINTS

\$1 BILL = -100 POINTS

\$5 BILL = -500 POINTS

\$10 BILL = -1000 POINTS

\$20 BILL = -2000 POINTS

BUT Grades can sabotage each other and try to deduct points by dropping dollars into the bucket!

ONLY Cash OR Coins!

Sorry 😞, NO Checks allowed.

**Carnival
Wristbands
Onsale
Now!**



**Silent
Auction
Opens April
20th!!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2026

Don't Sweat It, Fund It!

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.

Schedule of Events

- 9:00AM FUND-RUN CHECK IN
- 9:45AM FUND-RUN 'LITTLE EAGLE LOOP'
- 10AM-12PM CARNIVAL, LUNCH & SILENT AUCTION
- 12:15PM EAGLE EARNINGS CRUSADERS & FUND-RUN AWARDS, AND RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS.

**Carnival Wristbands
Order Now!**



Wristbands are your all-access pass to fun! Pre-purchase yours at a discounted price \$20 by April 20th. Regular price of \$25 after that.

Other Ways to Support

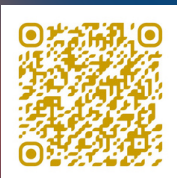
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Donate from our Amazon Wish-List.



Donate from our Target Wish-List.



WE NEED YOU!
Volunteer Sign Up!

Eagle Earnings Crusader

Donations

Support your Eagle Crusader! Deadline for all Crusader donations is 4/20. Remember to select their name from the participant list. Thank you for your donation!



**Silent Auction
Opens April 20th**

St. John's PTL Invites you to help support the students and school by participating in the Online Auction. Take a look and start bidding!



STJ FUNDay 2026

04262025 **50/50** 04262025
RAFFLE
CASH OR CHECK PAYMENTS ONLY

**BUY YOUR TICKET(S) TODAY FOR
A CHANCE TO WIN \$2,500**

The prize grows with every ticket sold!

Each Ticket
\$25.00

SCAN TO
BUY TICKET(S)

A limited number of 200 tickets available to purchase

The drawing will be held on April 25, 2026.

50% of the money raised goes to the
winner! The other 50% goes directly to
supporting the FUNDay Project and
Tuition Assistance.

*MGCB rules & regulations apply to this raffle. For more information visit:
<https://mn.gov/gcb/start-here/nonprofits-permits/>



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Week of Misericordias Domini (Easter 3): Apr. 19 - Apr. 25, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Psalm 119:105-** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

John 10:35b- Scripture cannot be broken.

The Table of Duties: To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

1st gr+ The overseer must be above reproach,
The husband of but one wife,
Temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

2nd gr+ Not given to drunkenness,
Not violent but gentle,
Not quarrelsome,
Not a lover of money.
He must manage his own family well
And see that his children obey him with proper respect. (1 Timothy 3:2-4)

3rd gr+ He must not be a recent convert,
Or he may become conceited
And fall under the same judgment as the devil. (1 Timothy 3:6)

4th gr+ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught,
So that he can encourage others by sound doctrine
And refute those who oppose it. (Titus 1:9)



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 week, 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

April 26: Jubilate (Easter 4)

Lamentations 3:22-33 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Peter 2:11-20 - Godly Submission to Authority

John 16:16-22 - Your Sorrow Will Turn to Joy



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Jubilate (Easter 4): “Like the Golden Sun Ascending” (*TLH* 207; cf. *LSB* 548)

School Hymn of the Month (Easter): “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (*LSB* 458)

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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