

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

NEW LIFE & NEW WONDER IN 3RD GRADE

By guest author Mrs. Sarah Carter

Dear Families,

It's that time of year again—the time that third graders wait for all year. Our chicks have arrived! For 21 days, a quiet anticipation fills the room as we watch eggs transform from seemingly lifeless to cheeping, fluffy chicks.

We always have amazing conversations during this time about how life is formed. The questions are full of curiosity. Some of the questions discussed this year include, “Do chicks drink milk from their mom?”, “How does a chick breathe inside the egg?”, and “How does the chick get into the egg in the first place?” These all lead to fantastic discussion and a lot of learning.

What is especially amazing is that we can tie these questions directly back to ourselves —and when we do, it leads us right back to God's Word. I love being able to share with the students that they, too, started so tiny inside their mothers. They grew and continue to grow, and through it all, God has known them and cared for them. God is the one who designed each and every one of these amazing children. He knows the plans He has for their lives.

Another exciting question happening in third grade right now is, “What will we name them?” As we discuss all the possible chick names, we are reminded that God has called us by name, and we are His. What amazing comfort is found in that!

As we in third grade rejoice over the hatching of our chicks, I pray that each and every one of you can rejoice in knowing that you are God's child. He has called *you* by name. You are His.

Rejoicing in His creation,

Mrs. Carter



TONIGHT

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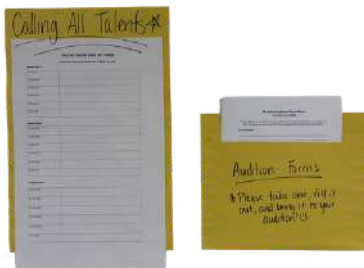
ATTENTION

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!

STJ TALENT SHOW

Our annual Talent Show is scheduled for 1:45pm on Wednesday, May 20th. Audition forms and the sign up sheet are available hanging on the wall in the front lobby. Auditions will take place during recess (12:30-1pm) on May 4th -8th, and students should prepare a 5-minute audition and bring their completed forms to submit. Questions may be directed to Miss Fuhrman at anna.fuhrman@stjlutheran.org.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS NEXT WEEK!

Be extra nice to your child's teacher because next week is our Teacher Appreciation Week!!

HANDBELL CHOIR PLAYING IN CHAPEL & DIVINE SERVICE

The middle school handbell choir will be playing in chapel on Friday, May 8th at 8:15am and during the Divine Service on Sunday, May 17th at 8am.

K-8 SINGING AT 8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Parents, all Kindergarten-8th grade students will be singing at the 6:30 graduation service on Thursday, May 21st. This is a very special evening for our outgoing 8th grade students, and we are excited to join together to celebrate and honor them.

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!

- Hope H.
- Luke O.
- Ben. B.

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!

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!

MONDAY



THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST

**Making Moments Count:
Noticing God in the
Everyday**

Spring is full of small signs of new life, budding trees, warmer air, longer days. When we slow down enough to notice them, we're reminded of God's presence in the ordinary.

Ways to stay active while noticing more:

- Visit Eastman Nature Center and take a mindful walk, observing changes in nature.
- Go on a lunch date.
- Let kids lead the pace and stop when something captures their attention.
- Sit briefly outdoors after movement and reflect on what you observed.
- Thank God for the beauty of His creation.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." —
Psalm 19:1

May your family grow in awareness of God's presence all around you.

— 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!

UPCOMING INTRUDER DRILL

We will be conducting our one remaining intruder drill 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 are announced in advance to students. No simulations will be used at any time.

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 hope to have more information to share with you in the near future.



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.
- **Silent Auction:** Bid on one—or more—Silent Auction items!
- **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!

WEST LUTHERAN
THEATER

"Now is the time to seize
the day." -Jack Kelly

West Lutheran Theater presents:

Disney
NEWSIES
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

SHOWTIMES:
Friday 4/24 - 7 PM • Saturday 4/25 - 7 PM
Sunday 4/26 - 2 PM

Newsies is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI) www.mti-broadway.com

Set in turn-of-the-century New York City, *Newsies* is the rousing tale of *Jack Kelly*, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies." When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and *fight* for what's right!

Tickets sold online
or at the door!

3350 Harbor Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55447



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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

Monday, April 27

- 3pm Bowling practice
- 3:30pm B home volleyball tournament

Tuesday, April 28

- Band
- 3:30pm A home volleyball tournament

Wednesday, April 29

- Last Day of Library for school year
- 3pm Bowling practice

Thursday, April 30

Friday, April 31

- 8am 7th & 8th grade Track & Field Day at Mayer Lutheran
 - Returning at 2pm
- 8:15am Chapel
 - 3rd & 4th grade singing in chapel
- 11am 5th & 6th grade Track & Field Day at Mayer Lutheran
 - Returning at 5pm

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates.



- **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
- **May 17:** Handbell choir playing in Sunday Divine Service
- **May 20:** Student Council meeting/Talent Show
- **May 21:** Closing service & graduation/K-8th singing
- Check out the [school calendar](#) for all the special dates in May.

Mrs. Anderson says...

I can't wait to see you at FUNDay!





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)

RAISE SOME DOUGH

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thursday, April 23
4 - 8:30pm

Punch Maple Grove
12107 Elm Creek Blvd

Join us for dine-in or takeout and 20%
of the proceeds will go back to our organization

Use Code: EAGLES when placing your order

Invite Family and Friends!





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

↓ SEE BELOW ↓



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/>



0022ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Fourth Week of Easter: Apr. 26 - May 2, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **Luke 11:28-** [Jesus said,] “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

The Table of Duties: What the hearers owe their pastor (Part I)

1st gr+ In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14)

2nd gr+ ⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.
⁷ Do not be deceived:
God is not mocked,
for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. (Galatians 6:6-7)

3rd gr+ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well
Are worthy of double honor,
Especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.
For the Scripture says,
'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,'
And 'the worker deserves his wages.' (1 Timothy 5:17-18)

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr. + **Psalms 26:8** - O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
And the place where Your glory dwells.



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

May 3: Cantate (Easter 5)

Isaiah 12 - The Lord is my strength and my song

James 1:16-21 - Receive the Word

John 16:5-15 - The Work of the Holy Spirit



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Cantate (Easter 5): “Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice” (LSB 556)

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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