

# The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## **ST. JOHN'S 13TH ANNUAL GOLF CHARITY EVENT!**

Dear families,

The St. John's PTL is delighted to invite you to the 13th annual Golf Charity Event! This annual tradition is a memorable event where golf enthusiasts, St. John's family & friends, and surrounding community members come together to enjoy a day of golf and generosity.

This event is more than just a golf tournament; it is a celebration of community spirit and a commitment to supporting the education and futures of St. John's students.

### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Location: Rush Creek Golf Course, known for its beautiful landscape and exquisite course layout.
- Date: Saturday September 19th, 2026
- Time: 12:30pm check-in/range balls, 2pm Shotgun Start, Dinner to follow.
- On-Course Events: Beat the Pro, Longest Drive, Color Ball, Move Up Holes, Raffles and more!!

### **THE STJ CHARITY GOLF EVENT MISSION**

All proceeds from this event will benefit the cost of tuition for all St. John's families and support school enhancements. By participating in this event, you are directly contributing to the cost of education and the betterment of educational opportunities and facilities for our students. Your generosity ensures that every child at St. John's can receive a quality education enriched by faith.

### **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND GET INVOLVED**

There are several ways to get involved and support our cause:

- Participate: Register as a player and enjoy a day on the green. There is a 144 participant capacity so be sure to register as soon as possible.
  - EARLY-BIRD Special – Register in the month of May and receive a team 'Color Ball'!
- Sponsor: Become an event sponsor and showcase your business and commitment to education and community.
- Invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to participate!

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## **CHARITY GOLF EVENT cont.**

On behalf of the St. John's PTL, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers who make this event possible. Your dedication and generosity are the cornerstones of our success and the future success of our students.

Let's make this 13th Annual Golf Charity Event a memorable one, filled with camaraderie, excellence, and impactful giving.

Thank you on behalf of the PTL Golf Committee!

## **REPORT CARDS**

The end of the year is quickly coming to a close. Make sure you're checking your child's grades on FACTS!

Final report cards for the 2025/26 school year will be mailed on Friday, May 29th.

## **BAND CONCERT NEXT WEEK**

We are pleased to announce that our Spring Band Concert will take place NEXT Tuesday, May 12th at 2:30pm in the sanctuary. We hope to see you there!

## **STUDENT MEDICATION**

Any student medications kept at school will be sent home on the last day of school. If an alternate plan is requested, please call or email nurse Liz Glock at nurse@stjlutherschool.org before Friday, May 15th.

## **HANDBELL CHOIR PLAYING IN CHAPEL & DIVINE SERVICE**

The middle school handbell choir will be playing in chapel **TOMORROW**, Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am **AND** during the Divine Service on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8am.**

## **YEARBOOKS ARE COMING!!**

Yearbooks are expected to arrive the last week of school and will be sent home with students that week.

Parents, be sure your child brings his/her new yearbook to school next Thursday, May 21st. We have a special activity planned to allow students the opportunity to sign each other's yearbooks.

## **JOIN US FOR VBS!!**

Join us June 22–26 from 9:00am–12:00pm for a joyful week of “Wake, Awake: Watching for Jesus” VBS! Children ages 3 years old through 4th grade are invited to participate, while students who have completed 5th grade through adults are welcome to volunteer.

Each day, students will explore Scripture through beloved hymns and Bible accounts—from the Triumphal Entry to the Parable of the Ten Virgins and more—growing in faith and learning what it means to watch and wait for Jesus with joy.

Register now: [vbsmate.com/stjvbs2026](https://vbsmate.com/stjvbs2026)

We can't wait to learn, sing, and grow together!



## **STJ TALENT SHOW**

Our annual Talent Show is scheduled for 1:45pm on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Questions may be directed to Miss Fuhrman at [anna.fuhrman@stjlutheran.org](mailto:anna.fuhrman@stjlutheran.org).

## **DONATIONS & HELP STILL NEEDED FOR PICNIC**

Donations and help are still needed for our End-of-Year Picnic, hosted by Student Council. Please take a moment to view our sign up sheet and [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!

## **BIG NEWS FOR ESP MUSIC!**

Music lessons during ESP hours have been a great benefit for St. John's students over the years and now we have big news! Starting with the 2026-2027 school year, ESP music is adding another piano teacher for lessons after school. Lessons are given during ESP hours Monday through Thursday.

Interested in getting your family's name on the waiting list? Want more information? Contact either Tiffin Fuhrman (763-228-4210 or [fpopmusicstudios@gmail.com](mailto:fpopmusicstudios@gmail.com)) or Sarah Carter ([sarah.carter@stjlutherschool.org](mailto:sarah.carter@stjlutherschool.org)).

## **JOIN US AT DQ ON MAY 20TH!**

Join us for our final PTL restaurant fundraiser of the school year on Wednesday, May 20 from 4:00–7:00pm at the Maple Grove DQ (13770 83rd Way N)!

Bring this flyer (or show a digital copy), and 20% of your purchase will be donated back to support St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School.

We'd love to have you join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and ice cream—a sweet way to celebrate the year and support our school community!

Grab a cone, bring a friend, and we'll see you there!

## **CLOSING SERVICE & GRADUATION INFO**

K-8<sup>th</sup> grade are participating in the closing service/graduation

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders should arrive at 6pm.
  - 8th grade handbell choir members report to sanctuary.
  - All other 8<sup>th</sup> graders report to Ms. Preus's room.
- K-7<sup>th</sup> graders arrive at 6:15pm and head to music room.
- Service begins at 6:30pm.
- Students should wear church clothes and look nice.

## **SUMMER ESP REGISTRATION!**

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



## **WE ARE HIRING FOR 2026/27**

We are hiring for several key positions, and we'd love your help spreading the word: preschool ESP aides; K-8 ESP aides, and substitute teachers.

These roles are vital to supporting our students, staff, and school community. If you or someone you know might be a good fit, please contact the individuals listed below for more information or to apply. Thank you for helping us find dedicated people to join the St. John's team!

### **Substitute Teachers**

- This position begins mid-August 2026.
- Substitutes teachers are needed for grades preschool-8th grade.
- College degrees are preferred but not required.
- Contact our principal, Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

### **ESP Preschool Aides**

- This position begins in August 2026.
- 2:45-5:30pm Monday-Friday
- Follows the school year calendar
- Supervise and engage with children ages 3-5 years old
- Must be fingerprinted and pass background check
- Must be/become CPR/1st aid certified (all applicable training will be provided)
- Previous childcare experience preferred but not required
- Contact our preschool director, Tori.Kuehne@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

### **ESP K-8 Aides**

- This position begins in August 2026.
- 2:45-5:30pm Monday-Friday
- Follows the school year calendar
- Supervise and engage with K-8th grade students
- Contact our ESP director at Kayla.Harken@stjlutheran.org for more information or to apply.

## **LIBRARY REMINDER**

**ALL library books were due yesterday.** Any books not returned by May 22 will be considered lost, and a replacement fee will be charged through FACTS on the June 1 invoice.

If your child has received a notice for a book due before May 13, this indicates a missing item that will be charged if not returned. Please note that fees are non-refundable, even if the book is found later. If a lost book is found after payment, you may keep it or donate it to the library. (Lost book fees help us purchase new books.)

Questions? Please contact the library by May 22 at [library@stjlutheran.org](mailto:library@stjlutheran.org).

## **GOT A TABLE?**

ESP is in need of a table or two to replace a couple of much-loved ones. If you have one at home that you are interested in donating, please contact Kayla Harken at [Kayla.Harken@stjlutheran.org](mailto:Kayla.Harken@stjlutheran.org).



## **THIS WEEK'S EAGLE BOOST**

### **Lifelong Learning: Exploring New Places**

Learning isn't just something that happens in a classroom. God designed us to grow through experience, movement, and trying new things. As summer approaches, consider visiting new places and trying new things together. Exploring builds curiosity, resilience, and a love for being active outdoors.

Ways to explore this week:

- Walk or hike at Theodore Wirth Regional Park (great trails and variety).
- Visit Baker Park Reserve near Lake Independence for trails and lakeside views.
- Try a new-to-you neighborhood trail or path.
- Let kids help choose where to go and lead part of the adventure.
- Reflect on what you discovered together.

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” – Psalm 24:1

May your family find joy in discovering new places and experiences.

– The Wellness Committee

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & PICNIC INFO**

- Students DO NOT need to bring backpacks.
- School ends at 11:30am.
- There is no ESP.
- Afterschool picnic is 11:30am-12:30pm.
- **Children MUST have a parent or guardian present at the picnic to participate.**
- **Parents are responsible for children during the picnic.**

**IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE PICNIC**

- Pick up your **K-8<sup>th</sup> grade** child in the gym and proceed to picnic outside.
- Pick up your **preschooler** in his/her classroom and proceed to picnic outside.

**IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE PICNIC**

- If you are NOT attending the picnic after school, you will need to either pick up your child in regular car line or have him/her ride the bus home (regular bus students only).
  - Parents, notify the front office if your child will be riding the bus.

## **FACTS MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION**

Beginning today, FACTS has implemented a multi-factor authentication (MFA) process for logging into your parent account. The next time you log in, you may be required to update your account information, such as password, security questions, etc. This update should not impact student log ins. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Skura.



## **ALL GLORY TO GOD!! WE HAVE A FULL STAFF NEXT YEAR!!**

We are excited and incredibly thankful to share that God has provided three wonderful new teachers to join our St. John's family for the 2026/27 school year! Each of these educators brings unique gifts, experiences, and a shared commitment to Christ-centered education.

### **Mrs. Bree Lindgren – Preschool**

Mrs. Lindgren, our current lead ESP preschool teacher, will be stepping into Mrs. Carbone's classroom, where she will nurture and guide our youngest learners. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education and is currently working toward her Master's degree. Mrs. Lindgren has a heart for Jesus, children, and early childhood education; she is very much looking forward to helping our students grow academically, socially, and in their faith during these foundational years.

### **Ms. Erin Rudolph – Middle School**

Ms. Rudolph brings a genuine passion for working with middle school students and a strong commitment to Christ-centered learning. A graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul, she has experience teaching a wide range of ages but especially enjoys working with middle school students. In her classroom, she intentionally helps her students connect their faith to what they are learning, guiding them to see how God's truth shapes their understanding of the world around them.

Ms. Rudolph joins us from Crown Christian School of St. Francis. Please keep Crown in your prayers as they begin the process of calling a new teacher.

### **Mrs. Katy Gifford – LSEM**

Mrs. Gifford will serve as our LSEM teacher, supporting students with specialized learning needs. She holds a Master's degree in Special Education and is a licensed teacher with additional licensure as an Academic and Behavioral Strategist (K-12). She and her husband, Rev. Dan Gifford (senior pastor at Lord of Glory Lutheran Church in Elk River), pray that God would use their work to share the hope we have in Christ Jesus with others.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Mrs. Lindgren, Ms. Rudolph, and Mrs. Gifford to St. John's! We are thankful for the ways the Lord continues to bless our school with faithful, dedicated teachers who are eager to serve Him and our students.

We look forward to the impact they will have on our students, our families, and our entire school community.



## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

### Friday, May 8

- 8:15am Chapel
  - Handbells playing in chapel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> track & field day

### Monday, May 11

- 8:10am 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Adopt-a-Highway cleanup
- 3pm Bowling practice

### Tuesday, May 12

- Band
- 2:15pm Band concert
- 6:30pm PTL meeting

### Wednesday, May 13

- 10:15am Preschool field trip
- 3pm Bowling practice

### Thursday, May 14

### Friday, May 15

- 8:15am Chapel
  - Honors choir singing
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade track & field day
- 4pm ESP Spring recital

### Saturday, May 16

- 10am Bowling tournament at Bowlero, Eden Prairie

## COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates



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

*Mrs. Anderson says...*

Don't forget to check out the picnic sign up sheet!





## 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](mailto:attendance@stjluthेरanschool.org)
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to [pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org](mailto:pictures@stjluthेरanschool.org)
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to [library@stjluthेरan.org](mailto: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)



# Wake, Awake

*WATCHING FOR JESUS*

◆ **HYMN VBS** ◆

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**June 22 - 26 from 9:00am-12:00pm**

PARTICIPATE: 3 YEARS OLD - 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

VOLUNTEER: 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - ADULT

**REGISTER NOW!**

[VBSMATE.COM/STJVBS2026](http://VBSMATE.COM/STJVBS2026)

**Day 1:** "Awake, jerusalem, Arise!"

- The Triumphal Entry - Matthew 21:1-11 (27:32-56; 28:1-10)

**Day 2:** "The Bridegroom Comes, Awake!"

- Peter Realizes His Sinfulness - Luke 5:1-11

**Day 3:** "Your Lamps with Gladness Take!"

- The parable of the Ten Virgins - Matthew 25:1-13

**Day 4:** "She Wakes, She Rises from Her Gloom"

- Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter - Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

**Day 5:** "Sing Hymns of Praise and Joy to Thee!"

- A Great Multitude Praises God - Revelation 7:9-17

# ST. JOHN'S 13TH ANNUAL

# CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Early Bird**  
*Special*

Contests  
Steak Dinner  
Prizes



## SATURDAY

September 19th, 2026

RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB  
(Maple Grove)

12:30 pm Check In  
& Range Balls

2:00 pm Shotgun  
Scramble Start

6:30 pm Dinner & Awards



**SCAN TO  
REGISTER!**

**\$150 Per Golfer**  
(18 Holes, Golf Cart & Dinner)

**Register in May &  
Get a Team Color Ball!!  
(Teams of 4 per color ball)**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT Tuition Assistance & PTL School Enhancements!

Questions: Email St. John's PTL - [PTL@stjlutheran.org](mailto:PTL@stjlutheran.org)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Sixth Week of Easter: May 10 - May 16, 2026



**LEARN-BY-HEART**

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

**Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades**

K.+ **Psalm 103:13** - As a father has compassion on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

**Colossians 3:20** - Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

**The Table of Duties: To Husbands**

1st gr + Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives,  
And treat them with respect as the weaker partner  
And as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life,  
So that nothing will hinder your prayers. **1 Peter 3:7**

1st gr + Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. **Colossians 3:19**

**The Table of Duties: To Wives**

3rd gr + Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **Ephesians 5:22**

1st gr + This is the way the holy women of the past  
Who put their hope in God  
Used to make themselves beautiful.  
They were submissive to their own husbands,  
Like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master.  
You are her daughters  
If you do what is right and do not give way to fear. **1 Peter 3:5-6**



**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 Service tomorrow



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

STUDY TO HEAR NEXT SUNDAY

May 17: Exaudi (Easter 7)

Ezekiel 36:22-28 - God's Spirit Given to the People

1 Peter 4:7-14 - Servants of God

John 15:26 - 16:4 - The Promise of the Holy Spirit



## HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Exaudi: "Draw Us to Thee" (LSB 701)

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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