

Calendar of Events

Fri, 11/20

Chapel at 8:15 a.m.
Live Stream online



Spirit Day Theme: Dress like a
Farmer
(more info on the next page)

Mon, 11/23

DISTANCE LEARNING DAY
ESP IS CLOSED!



Tues, 11/24

DISTANCE LEARNING DAY
ESP IS CLOSED!



Wed, 11/25 – Fri, 11/27

THANKSGIVING BREAK
SCHOOL & ESP ARE CLOSED



Mon, 11/30

SCHOOL RESUMES IN PERSON

From the desk of

Mrs. Dolan

Distance Learning Next Week

Dear Families,

With a period of distance learning ahead of us this next week, I wanted to make you aware of a few things!

- What happens in two days of distance learning next week will not be completely indicative of how it may need to work during a longer period of distance learning. While we have been practicing and working with K-8th students in Google Classroom since the start of school, this will be our first chance to test our technology, programs, bandwidth if teachers opt to instruct from their classrooms, scheduling. Each year also presents unique class dynamics and family needs, so teachers will take note of this, too, during this short round of distance learning. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns!

- Your child's teacher will communicate with you via email prior to Sunday about expectations and scheduling for next Monday and Tuesday.

- Each grade level requires its own plan for distance learning to accommodate students at various levels in their education, maturity, adeptness with technology, etc. For example, the upper grades may meet with each teacher in a live Google Meet, while the K or 1st grade classes may have more material shared via teacher-led video recordings.

- In these two days on our usual school calendar, we'd typically have Small Business Day, field trips, and other events that work well for students and educators during a short week of school. Because it is the end of the term right before a break, it is not an ideal time to begin new units, introduce brand new concepts, etc. These two days may be a bit more "relaxed" than a full week of distance learning would be for this reason.

Mrs. Dolan's Letter continues on the next page...

Mrs. Dolan's Letter continued...

•Attendance during distance learning is important. In order for a student to be considered present each day, he/she must complete the work by the assigned due date/time and must participate in Google Meets as required by the teacher. If your child is ill or unable to participate in distance learning for some reason, please contact **BOTH the office and your child's teacher.**

We pray for health and safety in the coming week. May God bless our time of distance learning and our Thanksgiving holiday!

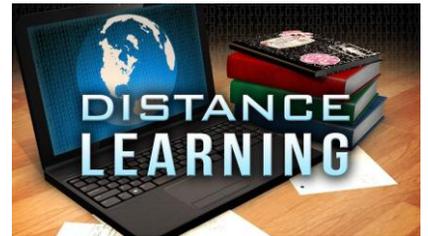
In joyful service,
Mrs. Dolan

**ESP IS CLOSED ALL WEEK
MONDAY – FRIDAY,
November 23 - 27.
Thank you for your
understanding!**

COVID-19 UPDATE

Distance Learning Next Week

Per Mrs. Dolan's email on Wednesday, all students in PreK-8th grade will shift to distance learning next Monday (Nov. 23) and Tuesday (Nov. 24). Watch your email for further guidance from your child's teacher.



Spirit Day on Friday, November 20

Dress like a farmer TOMORROW, November 20 to celebrate Thanksgiving and harvest time! Wear your best overalls, flannel, straw hats, and boots to look like a farmer bringing in the Thanksgiving Harvest!

God is good all the time. This time of year we remember our blessings and give thanks to God, from Whom all blessings flow! Give thanks to God with a grateful heart! Happy Thanksgiving!



Watch for Spirit Day announcements in the newsletter every week.

COVID-19 UPDATE

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COVID-19 Testing Help

The following is communication from the MN Department of Education to be shared with all school families:

Schools throughout Minnesota are working hard to keep staff and students safe while providing a high-quality education and social-emotional support during these unprecedented times via in-person, hybrid, and distance learning models. We know that this has been a challenging time. We are currently seeing a surge in COVID-19 positivity across the state and want to ensure that our schools are supported in utilizing COVID-19 testing as a mitigation tool.

Testing for COVID-19 is a way of identifying and isolating the virus and preventing the spread within the school community. Testing, along with other mitigation strategies such as masking and social distancing, can extend efforts to maintain in-person/hybrid instructional strategies in schools. We recognize that testing is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. This email is to make you aware of the “no-barrier” testing options available to the Pk-12 school communities. Information and registration for these sites can be accessed below and through the links provided. **Please share this regularly with your school community.**

At-home COVID-19 saliva testing

Minnesota offers free, at-home COVID-19 saliva testing for people who believe they need to be tested, with or without symptoms. **This has been expanded to all counties in the state**, and can be ordered using the [COVID-19 Test at Home](#). Right now families can order up to five test kits per household. Families will be asked if they have insurance, but the state will cover the costs for any uninsured or underinsured families. You should not receive a bill using this testing option.

COVID-19 Community Testing Sites and Events

All COVID-19 testing is free at a Minnesota Department of Health community testing event. We are always planning more community testing events across the state, working together with communities to make sure everyone can get tested.

- You won't need to show identification.
- Tests are free, and insurance is not required.

Click on the links

[Find Nasal Swab Community Testing Events](#)
[Find Saliva Community Testing Sites](#)



Eagle Pride: Mrs. Kalk



We would like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Kalk on the arrival of her granddaughter!

Her son, Kenneth, and his wife, Kaylin, welcomed their daughter Elodie on Nov. 10. She is a beautiful blessing! Mrs. Kalk's son, Kenneth, was baptized at St. John's and attended school here. The Kalks have a long history at St. John's!

We would also like to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Kalk for all her work this year! She is an amazing teacher who puts so much time and heart into her work with her students. The students at St. John's are blessed to have her! Thank you, Mrs. Kalk, for all the LSEM work you are doing this year with our students. Your individual instruction, teaching expertise, and dedication to your students are helping them grow, learn new study techniques, and master academic skills. We also appreciate the teaching you are doing in 2nd grade this year. You help St. John's students thrive! Thank you!

(While we will only feature one person or group each week in this Eagle Pride section, we are proud of our ENTIRE Eagle family.)

**Are you looking
to do some
Christmas
shopping?**

**St. John's
Spirit Wear
Store is OPEN!**

**Want to show off your
Eagle Pride? Purchase
some St. John's gear! Use
this link to visit the store
website and look at all the
fun clothing and hat
options:**

<https://stjlspiritwear.logoshop.com>

Items available:

Beanies
Sweatshirts
Hats
Polos

Long sleeved shirts
Full Zip Hoodies



**Orders must be submitted by
December 4 at 11:59 p.m.**



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Last Week of the Church Year: Nov 23-29, 2020



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Bible Verse

3rd gr+ From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures,
Which are able to make you wise for salvation
Through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)

The Lord's Prayer

PreK+ Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean?

1st gr+ With these words God tenderly invites us to believe
that He is our true Father
and that we are His true children,
so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him
as dear children ask their dear father.

PreK+ 1. Hallowed it be Thy name.

What does this mean?

2nd gr+ God's name is certainly holy in itself,
but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also

How is God's name kept holy?

3rd gr+ God's name it kept holy
when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity,
and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it.
Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven!
But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word
profanes the name of God among us.
Protect us from this, heavenly Father!



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, and for our teachers and
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, for all parents&children, that all families may live in peace according to God's Word

Thu ...for our Church, our pastors, our teachers, for our missionaries, for 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

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 21:1-11



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day "Savior of the Nations, Come" (*LSB* 332)

School Hymn of the Month "Savior of the Nations, Come" (*LSB* 332)



FAMILY DEVOTION

One of my favorite parts of fatherhood- even with a baby who's only 9 months old- is how they learn almost everything by imitation. From waving to blowing raspberries to the race for "first word" (mama is ahead of dada at this point for Magdalena), dear children imitate their dear parents. How beautiful it is then that our heavenly Father calls us His children through Holy Baptism into Christ, and that as children we can learn from His Word. We learn to imitate His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, not simply doing right things, but being merciful and forgiving just as He has been infinitely, abundantly gracious to us.

As we enjoy Thanksgiving break let us receive all the wonderful gifts our tender Father has to give us. Let us pray to Him as He invites us to do. And let us give thanks as He provides for all we need.