



The Eagle Connection

All-School Newsletter
January 7, 2021

Calendar of Events

Fri, 01/08

Chapel at 8:15 a.m.



Spirit Day Theme: St. John's Red Shirts and Colors
Fun First Friday!

Tues, 01/12

Band Day

Library Resumes

Fri, 01/15

Chapel at 8:15 a.m.



Spirit Day theme: Comfy Day!

Sun, 01/31

DEADLINE FOR GUARANTEED RE-ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



Enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year



Dear Families,

Happy New Year, St. John's Eagles! On behalf of the faculty and staff here at St. John's, I want to thank you for your patience, dedication, and sacrifice during this school year as we've all partnered together so that our children can be at school in person during the ongoing pandemic. We've been so blessed by God to have made it this far into the school year with very few disruptions. We started the academic year with a solid plan, and it has taken the work of many devoted people to support this shared effort. Thank you for your diligence & care for one another and for our school! We will continue to navigate the ongoing updates from MDH and MDE and keep you posted about the decisions the school board makes regarding any changes.



RE-ENROLL
Today!



Looking forward into 2021, it's exciting to open enrollment to you as our current families for the 2021-2022 school year! It will be extremely important that you commit early as we've had a steady influx of interest throughout the school year that has continued to grow our waitlist. We will not open enrollment to the larger community until February, so now is your time to ACT.

In Joyful Service,
Mrs. Dolan

Deadline for Guaranteed Re-Enrollment is January 31st

It's time to re-enroll at St. John's Lutheran School for 2020/21.

To re-enroll, you must complete this online form <https://tinyurl.com/ReEnrollSTJL> and pay the enrollment fee (as well as 1st month's tuition for PreK only). The deadline for guaranteed re-enrollment is January 31, 2021.

In February, enrollment will be open to the general public. Due to demand and to make accurate plans please do not delay. We may reach maximum class size for some grades.

If you are looking to enroll a NEW student not currently attending St. John's (for example, a sibling entering PreK), please contact Dawn Rolf ASAP to secure their spot.

Questions? Contact Dawn.Rolf@stjlutheranschool.org or 763-420-2426
Thank you for your continued commitment to St. John's Lutheran School.

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Tuition Rates for the 2021-2022 School Year

Tuition rates for 2020/21 have been set by the Board of Education and will be confirmed at the St. John's Lutheran Church congregational assembly in the spring. The rates may be found online <https://stjlutheranschool.org/tuition-rates-2021-22/>

St. John's has a tuition assistance program available for K-8. Families may apply for financial assistance through TADS. This 3rd party vendor provides a confidential, objective approach to determine family need. Once the application is complete, we will communicate the assistance amount. Families must re-apply every year. Please visit <https://mytads.com/?service=fa> to apply.

Thank You!

THANK YOU from Mrs.
Dolan:

I would like to thank you for the many happy birthday wishes prior to the break and the thoughtful gestures from staff, parents, and students. Your generosity and kindness touched my heart. I am so blessed to serve among you all!

Thanks to Mayer Lutheran for the tee-shirts! Mayer Lutheran gifted shirts for every K – 8th grade student at St. John's. It's wonderful to have a connection with such a great Lutheran High School!

MAYER LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

Check out Mayer Lutheran High School:

<https://mayerlutheran.org/>

Spirit Day on Friday, January 15

Are you ready for a comfy day? Wear your comfortable clothes today, like sweatpants and a sweatshirt, and enjoy being comfy and cozy on this wintry day!

*Watch for Spirit Day
announcements in the
newsletter every week.*

Update and THANK YOU! from St. John's Gala



Thank you all for your support during this years "Give Thanks, Give Back" Virtual Gala! Despite it's challenges of planning and simplifying, **we are ecstatic to announce that the event raised \$40,000 for St. John's Tuition Assistance Program.** Your generosity helps to continue providing financial assistance to families who attend St. John's. Our school's mission statement, is "Learning and Living as God's Baptized Children."

Here are the winners of our drawings and door prizes! Congratulations to those lucky winners!

Turkey Basket (generously donated by Eric and Jody Preus) ~ Ron & Sandy Sailer

Turkey Basket (generously donated by Eric and Jody Preus) ~ Travis & Sarah Oltmann

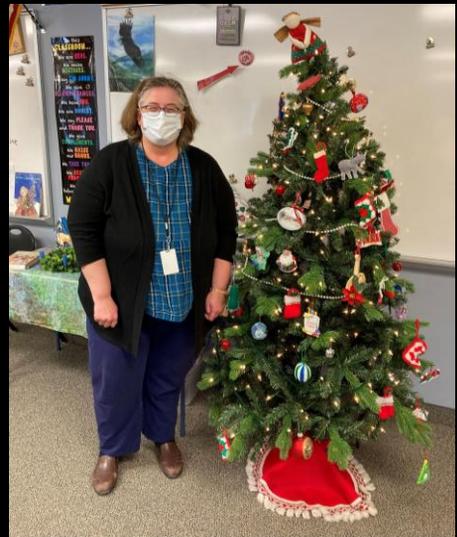
Dinner Delivery Dash (\$100 gift card for participating in the Dinner Delivery Dash) ~ Jordan & Jennifer Swanson

Nature Valley Prize Pack(generously donated by Nature Valley) ~ Mark Ellinger

Thanks to all participants, donors, supporters and friends for your kind words and encouragement for this year's event. We couldn't do it without the many people who make it happen! If you have any interest in joining the 2021 Gala Committee, please reach out to Liz Glock at lizzystu@aol.com; we'd love to have you join us!

A special "shout out" of thanks to the 2020 Gala Committee Members: Liz Glock, Katie Johnson, Deb Koehler, Jamie Radintz, Sam Kulberg, Jody Preus, Brigette Ritter, Gretchen Dolan, Suzanne Haag, Brittany Strohschein and Chelsi Briel.

Eagle Pride: Mrs. Droogsma



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Droogsma, for all her work this year! Mrs. Droogsma is a very experienced teacher who works so hard with her students to help them learn. They are growing so much! Thank you for all the hands-on activities you plan, the one-on-one attention you give every student, and the enthusiasm you bring to school activities! We appreciate 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.)

Chapel Services

Join us for Live Stream Chapel services at 8:15 a.m. on Friday. You can watch the Chapel service online (just like the students at school) by going to this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/STJLutheran/>



Learn.Pray.Grow for the week after Christmas Break can be found at the end of the newsletter...

Vote for St. John's Pre-K!

Maple Grove Magazine does a "best of" survey every year. Please take a moment to vote for St. John's under Best Private Preschool/Childcare!

<https://maplegrovemag.com/announcing-2021-best-maple-grove-survey>

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The First Week of Epiphany: Jan 10-16, 2021



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Bible Verse

3rd gr+ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity
And in sin my mother conceived me.
(Psalm 51:5)

The Lord's Prayer

PreK+ **5.** And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*
We pray in this petition
That our Father in heaven would not look at our sins,
Or deny our prayer because of them.
We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray,
Nor have we deserved them,
But we ask that He would give them all to us by grace,
For we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment.
So we too will sincerely forgive
And gladly do good to those who sin against us.



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 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

Amos 9:11-15 or Exodus 33:12-23
Ephesians 5:22-33 or Romans 12:6-16
John 2:1-11



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day “The Only Son from Heaven” (*LSB* 402)
School Hymn of the Month “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (*LSB* 395)



FAMILY DEVOTION

Christ Jesus Shines with Grace and Mercy

Our hymn of the month is a very dear one for me. Our wedding party processed into our wedding to the singing of this hymn- my bride entering at the fifth stanza. This hymn is so filled with joy, how nicely it fits in my memory for one of the most joyful days of my life.

Of course, the hard part is hearing this hymn and *not* thinking of my bride and our wedding day. Thankfully this hymn beautifully praises Christ Jesus and should draw our minds back to Him easily. Jesus is the “Morning Star” who rises from the dead and enters our hearts and our lives to bring God’s truth and light. What is the truth and light that God sends? It is His grace and mercy towards us sinners.

We who daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment have a beautiful Savior who rises and shines with the glory of a merciful Lord who forgives sin, richly blesses, and rules over us with love. More than all this He promises to come again as a bridegroom from heaven.

Reunited in the eternal marriage feast our hymn now calls us to think about life in Christ and from Christ- “as living branches of a tree.” Our whole Christian life is a flowing out from His life- a life of grace and mercy. So what should flow throughout the Christian life? Grace and mercy! The joy that comes from sins forgiven and a joyous desire to love and forgive our neighbors.

“Earth’s deep sadness may perplex us and distress us, yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.” No more can sin and suffering rule the day. We have a new ruler, One who rises anew every morning to bless us with grace, forgiveness of sins, and the joy of our hope for a new life.

May He bless you this week with grace and joy.
Pastor Moss