

The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MUSIC MAKE-UP ASSIGNMENTS

Dear Families,

At St. John's, we love our worship! In worship, God brings His people together to receive forgiveness, sing His praises, and strengthen one another in the faith.

Music is an important part of our worship. When you come to St. John's, you can't miss the organ, the handbells, and of course, the singing!

St. John's is so blessed when our school children sing in church. It is easy to think of it as "just another performance" or "just another activity." Let me share two examples that show it is more than that!

- Our Gr. 5-8 choir is learning a special refrain from Psalm 78 called an "antiphon." Dr. Moss composed it especially for them so that they can contribute to a very important part of our church service called the Introit.
- Our Gr. K-4 choir is learning to sing Luther's Morning Prayer. This is music they can pray their whole life!

We recognize that some of our families are unable to attend our Sunday worship services. We also respect that some families have responsibilities at their own congregations. We know that you are serving the Lord there, just as our students are serving the Lord here.

Traditionally, singing in church has been a part of our students' music grade. **This year, we have decided to create an easy make-up assignment for when a student is absent when they are scheduled to sing.** For Gr. K-4, students will share some simple information about a church service they attended that month. For Gr. 5-8, students will explain a way they served their church during that month. This "assignment" is simply meant to recognize church attendance and encourage our students to serve the Lord in small ways.

Dr. Moss and Mrs. Carter have colored assignment sheets available for students to take home at any time. Gr. K-4 have a blue sheet, and Gr. 5-8 have a yellow sheet.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your students' music teacher. We are so looking forward to seeing many of you in worship soon!

In Christ,

Dr. Moss and Mrs. Carter



CHIPOTLE NIGHT IS TUESDAY

Tuesday's dinner plans are officially taken care of! Visit Chipotle anytime between 4-8pm (18800 70th Way N., Maple Grove) this Tuesday, September 29 to help support St. John's! Simply mention STJ when ordering or show them the included flyer. If ordering online, be sure to use code **6QPKCYK**.

5TH-8TH SINGING IN CHAPEL & CHURCH

Our 5th-8th grade choir will be singing in chapel on Friday, October 2nd at 8:15am and in church on Sunday, October 4th at the 10:30am Divine Service. Students should plan to meet in the music room at 10:15am for a quick warm-up.

OCTOBER MENU UPDATE

Thanks to our amazing Wellness Committee, we have a fun and delicious update to our October breakfast and lunch menus.

On Thursday, October 1st, we will be serving yogurt parfaits for all students instead of cereal.

On Monday, October 12th, we'll be serving a baked potatoes instead of hot dogs.

Parents, help is needed with these special Wellness Month events and activities. Take a moment to sign up for a slot or two [HERE](#).

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

Parents, if you have any great STJ photos, especially of athletics, please share them with Tori Kuehne for use in the yearbook and on social media. Photos may be sent to tori.kuehne@stjlutheran.org.

OCTOBER IS WELLNESS MONTH!!

Last year, our Wellness Committee sponsored a Wellness Week; this year, they're sponsoring an ENTIRE MONTH!

We'll share all the details in next week's newsletter, but here's what you need to know now.

Our October Wellness Month kicks off on Thursday, October 1st with an all-school Yogurt Bar for breakfast! Students in grades K-8 will enjoy the yogurt bar in the cafeteria, and preschool students will enjoy it in their classrooms.

Friends, we'd love some help with prepping and serving this special treat. If you'd available from 6:30-8am this day (October 1) and would like to help, take a moment so sign up [HERE](#). You'll also find other ways you can help throughout Wellness Month.

Contact Kristen.Skura@stjlutheran.org if you have any questions.

2 IMPORTANT ESP DEADLINES COMING UP

- The subscription registration deadline is Wed., Sept. 30. Families must schedule their child via Sign Up Genius after this date.
- The deadline to request all-day care for MEA/fall break is 9am on Thursday, October 1st.



DON'T FORGET...

As we consider the future of St. John's meal program, we want to hear from your family. Our current program costs the school more than government reimbursements cover, and our food service contract is nearing its end. Please take a few minutes to complete our [five-question survey](#) about breakfast, lunch, affordability, and what matters most to your family. Your ideas will help us make a thoughtful decision that serves our students well.

DIGITAL OPTION FOR CHAPEL OFFERINGS

We know families don't always have cash on hand, so chapel offerings may now be given digitally! Families may make a one-time gift or set up recurring [contributions online](#).

Whether your child brings an offering to chapel or your family gives digitally, thank you for helping our students put their faith into action through these worthwhile projects!

GATHER, CELEBRATE & GIVE BACK AT THE ST. JOHN'S GALA!

Join us for an evening of dinner, meaningful connection, and exciting silent and live auctions as we come together to celebrate and support our St. John's Church and School community. As one of our most anticipated events of the year, this special night is truly made by your presence. Mark your calendars now!

Save the Date: November 13, 2026
5:00 PM | Rush Creek Golf Club

SCHOOL SAFETY DRILLS CONTINUE

Students and staff will be participating in safety drills throughout the year, including fire drills, severe weather drills, and intruder drills. **Fire drills and intruder drills continue the first few weeks of school.**

IMPORTANT ESP REMINDERS

- All families picking up children from ESP **MUST park in the back parking lot and enter through door 7.**
- Sign your child out FIRST before heading to the preschool room to collect him/her.
- If you have chosen the subscription option you DO NOT have to schedule your child via SignUp Genius UNLESS he/she is coming on a day that IS NOT part of his/her subscription.
- Students must be scheduled for ESP if they are staying after school (excluding school sports and activities).
- For the safety of students with nut allergies, ESP is a nut-free program. Your child may choose to bring a snack from home if it is nut-free or they may enjoy a snack provided by ESP.

MAP TESTING CONTINUES

Fall MAP testing continues this week for K-8. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress and is a computer-based test used to measure what students know and how much they grow academically over time.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, September 25

- 8:15am Chapel
- 11am Cross country at Camp Omega
- 4pm B games at King of Grace

Monday, September 28

- MAP testing continues
- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:30pm A & B volleyball practice
- 4-8pm Chipotle fundraiser

Tuesday, September 29

- 3:15pm A soccer practice
- 3:30pm C soccer practice
- 4:15pm B soccer vs. Bloomington
- 4:15pm A volleyball at Greenfield
- 5:15pm B volleyball at Greenfield

Wednesday, September 30

- 3:30pm Cross country practice

Thursday, October 1 - Wellness Month

- 9am Full-day ESP fall break survey deadline
- 4pm A soccer playoff game (location is TBA)
- 4:15pm A volleyball at Crown of Life
- 5:15pm B volleyball at Crown of Life

Friday, October 2

- 8:15am Chapel
 - 5th-8th singing
- 3pm Corcoran Invitational Cross Country Meet

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

- 10:30am 5th-8th grade choir singing in Divine Service

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates



- **October 7:** Preschool field trip
- **October 9:** Mid-term; K-4th singing in chapel
- **October 11:** K-4th singing at 8am Divine Service
- **October 14:** 2nd & 3rd grade field trip
- **October 15-16 & 19:** No School - Fall Break
- **October 20:** 2-hour delayed start
- **October 24:** Trunk or Treat!

Mrs. Anderson says...

Sign up now to help
with Wellness
Month!!





SEPT./OCT. 2026

This calendar is meant to be helpful; it is NOT the official school calendar. The [official school calendar](#) is located on our website.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28 MAP testing continues	29 Chipotle fundraiser Feast of St. Michael DS	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 Chapel • 5th-8th singing	Oct. 3
Oct. 4 5th-8th singing at 10:30am service	Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7 PS Field trip to Dehn's	Oct. 8	Oct. 9 Mid-Term Chapel • K-4th singing	Oct. 10
Oct. 11 K-4th singing at 8am service	Oct. 12	Oct. 13 PTL Meeting	Oct. 14 Chapel 2nd/3rd Field Trip	Oct. 15 NO SCHOOL	Oct. 16 NO SCHOOL	Oct. 17
18	19 NO SCHOOL	20 2-Hour Delay Start BOE Meeting	21	22	23 Chapel	24
25	26	27	28 Picture Re-Take Day Noodles & Co. Fundraiser	29	30 Chapel	31 Reformation Day

Notes

Athletic practices and events may be found [HERE](#).

StuCo = Student Council; DS = Divine Service

Be on the lookout for numerous **October** events, including

- Wellness Month
- MEA/Fall break (Oct. 15-16, 19)
- Delayed start (Oct. 20)
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Trunk or Treat (Oct. 24)
- Picture retake day (Oct. 28)



STJL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The St. John's Lutheran School Board of Education consists of the the following:

- Chairperson: Bonnie Radintz
- Vice Chair: Jim Peterson
- Deacon: Grant Birznieks
- Deacon: Gary Volberding
- Deacon: Stu Glock
- Secretary: Brenna Koehler
- Candace Fisher
- Davey Kulberg
- Krista Anderson
- Ex officio: Kristen Skura
- Ex officio: Tori Kuehne

Board meetings are 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](#)
- [STJ Staff Shout Out form](#)
- [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

- **ESP questions?** Contact Kayla.Harken@stjlutheran.org.
- Report absences, early dismissals, and late arrivals to **attendance@stjlutheralschool.org**
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to **pictures@stjlutheralschool.org**
- Request library book holds, ask our librarians questions, or request a new book to **library@stjlutheran.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)

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH | 4-8PM
18800 70TH WAY N, MAPLE GROVE, MN, 55311

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **6QPKCYK**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



Save the Date

FOR THE

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Gala



NOVEMBER 13, 2026



5:00 PM



RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB

7801 COUNTY RD 101, MAPLE GROVE, MN 55311



*Funds raised benefit our tuition assistance
program and sound system improvements.*

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

LEARN. PRAY. GROW.

The Seventeenth Week after Trinity: Sep 27 - Oct 3, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K + **Galatians 5:13**- Through love serve one another.

1 Timothy 6:7- We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

Ninth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God
so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house,
or get it in a way which only appears right,
but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Tenth Commandment

PreK+ You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God
so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife,
workers, or animals,
or turn them against him,
but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr + **Luke 12:15**- [Jesus said], "Take care and be on your guard against all covetousness,
For one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."



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 and wives, for all parents and 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 weekend, for Christians who are persecuted, for all who are sick and 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

Sep. 29 - St. Michael and all Angels

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 - Michael the Chief Prince of Israel

Revelation 12:7-12 - Michael's War with Satan

Luke 10:17-20 - Satan Fell Like Lightning

Oct. 2 - Trinity XVIII

Deuteronomy 10:12-21- Circumcise your heart

1 Corinthians 1:1-9- Paul's Thanksgiving

Matthew 22:34-46- Jesus debates the Pharisees



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for St. Michael & All Angels - "Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise" (*LSB* 522)

Church Hymn of the Day for Trinity XVIII- "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal" (*LSB* 533)

School Hymn of the Month (Oct): "Salvation unto Us Has Come" (*LSB* 555)

School Year Theme Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head" (*LSB* 647)



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.