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The EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SWEET TREATS, SPECIAL GUESTS, & BIG IDEAS!

Dear Families,

The coming weeks bring some favorite traditions and wonderful opportunities to spend time together, support our school, and celebrate our students' creativity. Here's what's coming up—and how your family can join the fun!

First up: Trunk or Treat & Middle School Dance THIS Saturday! Join us October 24th from 3:00–4:30 p.m. for candy, cider, games, and plenty of smiles. We'd LOVE to add a few more trunks, so gather your family or team up with a friend, choose a fun theme, and help make the afternoon extra sweet. See in the included flyer for more information and/or click HERE to RSVP.

Grandparents Day is Friday, November 13! Few days bring as much joy as welcoming grandparents and special guests into our classrooms. Preschool through eighth-grade students are invited to share a special morning of chapel, classroom visits, and activities with the people who mean so much to them. This year's celebration will also honor our veterans. Guests may arrive between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m.; students should arrive by 8:00 a.m. as usual. School dismisses at 11:30 a.m., and lunch will NOT be served. Please RSVP for every student, including those who will be absent or will not have a guest attending. See the included flyer for more info.

Keep the celebration going at the Gala! That same evening, November 13, our St. John's Gala begins at 5:00 p.m. at Rush Creek Golf Club. Enjoy an evening together while supporting our tuition assistance program and sound system improvements. It's a meaningful way to help provide opportunities for our students and bless our church and school community. See the included flyer or your email invitation for details or go ahead and RSVP here!

Calling all young entrepreneurs! **Small Business Day returns Friday, December 4**, from 1:15–2:30 p.m., when our gym becomes a marketplace filled with student creativity. This optional opportunity allows K–8 students to dream up a product or service and experience running their own business. Applications for the required business licenses may be submitted to the front office beginning Monday, October 26. Students in K–4 must have a parent or another adult present to help on December 4. All students, including preschoolers, will get to shop! Take a look at the included information and application, and start brainstorming those big ideas.

Whether you're decorating a trunk, inviting a grandparent, planning an evening out, or helping a budding business owner, thank you for being part of what makes these St. John's traditions so special!

GIVE THANKS, GIVE BACK ANNUAL GALA - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Thank you for your incredible generosity and donations in support of our annual Gala! We are still accepting donations through October 31. Please drop off donations at the front desk!

Your Invitation Awaits! Formal Gala invitations were emailed to families this week, so be sure to check your inbox for all the details!

Join us Friday, November 13, at Rush Creek Golf Club for an evening of gratitude, fellowship, and giving back. Here are a few highlights:

- **What to Expect**: Social hour and auction browsing at 5:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:45 PM.
- **Beverage Tickets**: Save time and give back by pre-purchasing your drink tickets during registration!
- **Your Gala Look**: Think date night or wedding guest attire. No strict dress code!
- **Seating Requests**: New to St. John's or unsure who to sit with? Find ideas in your invitation email!
- **Can't Attend?** You can still contribute toward our facility fundraising goals!

Registration is open! Reserve your seats by scanning the QR code on your invitation or clicking below.

🎟️ Register and Donate for the Gala

Please register by Friday, November 6. We look forward to a special evening with you!

FAMILIAR FACES VISITING ON MONDAY

We are SO excited to welcome back some of our STJ alumni this Monday, October 26th! They will be visiting us as representatives of West Lutheran High School to share information about their school. We can't wait to see them and have them back in the building!

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING LUTHERAN EDUCATOR OR LEADER

It is time to nominate a Lutheran Educator or School Shepherd to be recognized as an outstanding servant in their area. If deserving, please consider nominating someone from St. John's for School Leader, Early Childhood Teacher, Elementary Teacher, High School Teacher, Parish Professional and/or School Shepherd. The nomination process is very simple, and nominations may be made HERE now through November 20th.

8TH GR. HANDBELLS PLAYING IN CHAPEL & CHURCH

The 8th grade handbell choir will be playing for us in chapel on Friday, November 6th (8:15am) and during the 10:30am Divine Service on Sunday, November 8th.

DRESS YOUR BEST DAY NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday, October 30, is Dress Your Best Day! We can't wait to see how fancy everyone is!



The
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THE EAGLE BOOST

Moving Our Bodies with Joy and Caring for our Hearts

God has given each of us a wonderful body to care for, and movement is one way we can honor that gift. Exercise doesn't have to feel like a chore—it can be an opportunity to experience joy, build strength, enjoy creation, and spend time with others. As we care for our hearts through regular activity, healthy choices, rest, and gratitude, we can remember that our bodies are gifts from God.

Wellness Challenge:
This month, find a way to move your body that makes you smile! Take a walk with a friend, play outside, dance to your favorite song, stretch between activities, or try a new sport. Invite someone to join you and notice how movement helps you feel strong, energized, and refreshed. Most of all, remember to thank God for the amazing body He has given you!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:8

May you find peace, joy, and strength in your movement this month and beyond. —The Wellness Committee

PICTURE RETAKES

Slow Road Photo will be here again on Wednesday, October 28th for re-takes. **If you would like your child to participate, please email the front office at secretary@stjlutheran.org ASAP.**

May your family cultivate wellness through nourishing it with wholesome foods, joyful movement, bountiful rest, and God's word.

—The Wellness Committee

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Wellness Month has been SO. MUCH. FUN. And we still have a few days left in October to enjoy it. Volunteers are still needed, so check out our Sign Up Genius and select a slot or two.

NO MORE SHORTS

Per our school dress code, shorts are not allowed until April 15, 2027.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE DURING TRUNK OR TREAT!

Student Council is hosting a middle school dance for all 5th-8th graders during Trunk or Treat (3-4:30pm Saturday, October 24th).

Tickets are $2 each and will be available to purchase beginning Tuesday, October 20th. Appropriate costumes are welcome!

PARENT INFO NIGHT!

Mark your calendars now for THIS Tuesday, October 27th from 6-7pm because you're going to want to attend our special parent information night!

This year, our Wellness Committee will be discussing the topic of rasing healthy children in the world of technology and AI. It's sure to be an informative and interesting evening!

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GREENERY AVAILABLE

Deck the halls while supporting our 6th–8th grade students as they raise funds for their 8th grade Washington, D.C., trip! Orders are due October 30, so order soon from a participating student or stop by the table at the church entrance between services THIS Sunday, October 25.

Orders will be delivered to church on Sunday, November 22. Checks should be payable to St. John's Lutheran School and may be submitted when ordering or at pickup.

To place an order

1. Connect with a participating student
2. Visit the table on Sunday, Oct. 25

For questions, please contact Stephanie Thompson at slvthompson@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting our students!

WE'LL SEE YOU AT NOODLES!

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us at Noodles & Co. (Main St., Maple Grove) on **Wednesday, October 28th** anytime from 4:00-8:00pm. 20% of applicable sales will come back to us, so let's see if we can beat our Chipotle amount!!

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, October 23
- 8:15am Chapel

Saturday, October 24
- Cross country Nationals
- 3pm Middle school dance & Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 26

Tuesday, October 27
- 6pm Parent Info Night

Wednesday, October 28
- 9am Picture retake day
- 4pm Noodles fundraiser night

Thursday, October 29

Friday, October 30 - Dress Your Best Day
- 8:15am Chapel

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates



- **November 4:** StuCo meeting
- **November 5:** Wellness Com. meeting
- **November 6**: 8th grade handbells playing in chapel
- **November 8**: 8th grade handbells playing at 10:30am Divine Service
- **November 10**: PTL meeting
- **November 13**: Grandparents Day & St. John's Gala
- **November 17**: BOE meeting
- **November 18**: StuCo meeting

Mrs. Anderson says...

We can't wait to see you at Trunk or Treat THIS Saturday!



OCTOBER 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 StuCo Mtg. 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 **MONOCHRO-MATIC DAY!** PTL Meeting	Oct. 14 Chapel 2nd/3rd Field Trip	Oct. 15 **NO SCHOOL/ NO ESP**	Oct. 16 **NO SCHOOL/ NO ESP**	Oct. 17
18	19 **NO SCHOOL/ NO ESP**	20 10am Start Pack the Gym Night BOE Meeting	21	22 **SPORTS DAY!**	23 Chapel	24 Trunk or Treat & Middle School Dance
25	26	27 Parent Night - Special Presentation	28 Picture Re-Take Day Noodles & Co. Fundraiser	29	30 **DRESS YOUR BEST DAY!** 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 **November** events, including

- Grandparents Day
- St. John's Annual Gala
- Preschool Pilgrim Program
- End of Term 1
- Thanksgiving Break

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: Gary Volberding
- Deacon: Stu Glock
- Deacon: Davey Kulberg
- Secretary: Brenna Koehler
- Candace Fisher
- Grant Birznieks
- 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@stjlutheranschool.org**
- Share your STJ pictures for use in the yearbook and social media to **pictures@stjlutheranschool.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)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

TRUNK or TREAT

Jesus is Sweet!

Saturday, October 24th

3:00 - 4:30pm



FREE CANDY

GAMES

CIDER

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL PARKING LOT

*Appropriate costumes welcomed.

Willing to donate candy?? Candy donations will be collected by front office! THANK YOU!

WE NEED CARS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Candy / prizes can be provided but you are welcome to bring your own too!

Interested in helping with this event???

Please use QR code to sign up!

Small Business Day
Friday, December 4, 2026
1:15 - 2:30pm

Students in grades Kindergarten-8th grade may participate in this activity.
Students in grades K-4 must have a parent or other adult present to supervise.
THIS ACTIVITY IS OPTIONAL AND IS NOT AN ASSIGNMENT.

Working individually or in small groups, participating students will create a business by applying for a license, promoting a product or service, and then selling this product or service at our Small Business Day on Friday, December 4 from 1:15-2:30 pm. This event is a fun opportunity for students to learn the basics of business, including simple economics, supply and demand, advertising, preparation, creating displays, making change, cleaning up, and tithing.

Example businesses could include selling food court items, such as cookies, nachos, cupcakes, soda, etc. (**no peanut or peanut butter products allowed**) or other items, such as baseball cards, Hot Wheels, hair ribbons, small crafts, bracelets, used toys and trinkets, etc. Businesses are also welcome to offer services. For example, face painting, manicures, a photo booth etc. This is a great time for fellow students to shop for Christmas-themed items for family members, friends, and siblings!

IMPORTANT: **Businesses that involve weapons or shooting will not be accepted.**

**** Remember that companies like Crumbl' Cookies and Starbucks are trademarked. Be original in your business and product naming!****

5 Easy Steps to Becoming a Small Business Owner

1. **Apply for a license between 7:30am on Monday, October 26 and Friday, November 9 at 3:00 pm.**
   - All students making money through Small Business Day must have a license to participate.
   - Licenses cost $2.00. Half of this fee will be refunded after Small Business Day if your area is left clean and your posters are removed from the walls by 3:00pm on Dec. 4.
   - Completed applications must be turned in to the front office.
   - Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received.
2. **Advertise beginning Monday, November 30.**
   - If your application is accepted, you may begin posting signs in the lunchroom advertising your product/service on Monday, November 30. All signs must be approved by your classroom teacher before posting.
3. **Prepare at home.**
   - Create/gather the products that you intend to sell or ensure you have all needed supplies to provide the service you wish to offer. Bring all products/supplies to school on Small Business Day.
4. **Set up your small business. Set up time is 12:30pm on Friday, December 4 .**
   - Each business will be assigned at least 4ft of table space and a location in the gym.
   - Be sure to share store responsibilities with your coworker (if applicable) so that you are able to leave your business to go shopping yourself!
5. **Profit! Small businesses are open from 1:15-2:30pm.**

   - Students are strongly encouraged to donate at least 10% of their profit to a worthy cause.This is called a tithe. Talk with your teacher or parent about picking a project or ministry support.

St. John's Small Business Day
License Application

Owner(s) of Business _____

Grade(s) _____

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Name of Business

General description of business _____

_____

Estimated selling price:..... Tithe going to: .....

Check here if an electrical outlet is needed.
(Bring your own extension cord) ☐

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application accepted? YES ____ NO ____ License fee paid? _____

Business Description

Due to the front office by FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 at 3:00pm.

List the **ACTUAL** items to be sold. You will not be allowed to change items once this list is submitted.

Examples:

- If you plan to sell soda, list the actual kinds you intend to sell such as Coke, A&W Root Beer, Sprite, etc.
- If you plan to sell baked goods list the name of the item and describe what is in it, such as M&M bars - a brownie like bar that is topped with M&M candies. (Remember NO peanut/peanut butter products are allowed.)

Item (Be Specific!)	Description/Ingredients	Price

100% delicious 20% back to your cause.

Enter coupon code **GIVING20** at checkout*



Giving back never tasted so good.

Get in on the FUNdraising by ordering online or dining with us on the evening of your group's event.

- Log in to your Noodles Rewards account. Not a member? Join Noodles Rewards today at noodles.com/rewards.
- Place your order and **enter coupon code GIVING20 at checkout.***
- If ordering in-restaurant simply mention your organization when ordering.

ENTER COUPON CODE: GIVING20

*In-restaurant or online ordering only through the Noodles Rewards app, or Noodles.com/Order. Valid for pickup, delivery and in-restaurant. Not valid for call-in orders. Please enter offer code at checkout online or mention the organization when ordering in-person. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

October 28, 2026

4-8 pm

20%

of qualifying sales will directly benefit:

St. John's Lutheran School

Visit your nearest Noodles & Company location at

Maple Grove 7840 Main St, Maple Grove, MN 55369

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ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

GRANDPARENTS DAY

A Veterans Day Celebration

A special morning together as we honor our veterans.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

THE MORNING AT A GLANCE

7:30-8:15 a.m.	Check-In & Coffee
8:30-9:15 a.m.	Chapel
9:15-10:00 a.m.	Time in Classrooms
10:15-10:45 a.m.	Special Program in the Gym
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Whole Group Activity in the Gym

PLEASE RSVP

Everyone is asked to RSVP, regardless of whether a special guest will attend.

Scan the QR code to let us know you'll be joining us!

Click here to RSVP online

We look forward to welcoming you to St. John's!

Know Before You Register

A few helpful details to make planning your Gala evening easy.







What to Expect

5:00 PM | Social Hour: Catch up with friends, enjoy refreshments, and browse the silent and live auctions.
6:45 PM | Dinner: Enjoy a savory plated dinner followed by a sweet surprise you won't want to miss!

New This Year! Purchase Beverage Tickets In Advance

Skip the line and save time by purchasing drink tickets during registration! You'll have the opportunity to add tickets after selecting your dinner ticket, then choose the beverage you're in the mood for the night of the Gala. Every ticket is another opportunity to support St. John's!

What Should I Wear?

Think wedding attire! The Gala is a special occasion and a wonderful excuse to dress up. Formal attire is welcome, but there is no strict dress code. Wear what makes you feel comfortable and confident.

Who Do I Sit With?

Whether you've been part of St. John's for years or are just getting to know our school and church, we'd love to help you connect with familiar faces and make new friends!

New to St. John's? Request to sit with parents in your child's grade, fellow new congregation members, or others in a similar season of life. Is your child involved in sports or music? Request to sit with other volleyball, basketball, or cross-country parents, or fellow band and music parents!

Simply indicate your seating preference in the additional details section of registration, and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.

Can't Attend? You Can Still Make a Difference!

We'd be grateful for your generosity even if you can't join us for the Gala. Click the link below to make a contribution toward our facility fundraising goals. Every gift makes a difference!

Ready to Join Us?

Reserve your tickets, select your meal, and let us know your seating preferences by clicking the link below or scanning the QR code on your invite. Don't miss out! **Register by Friday, November 6.**

Register And Donate For The Gala!

We look forward to spending the evening with you!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Give thanks, Give Back

AT THE

St. John's Lutheran Church and School Gala

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY **13** AT 5 PM

2026

RUSH CREEK GOLF CLUB
7801 COUNTY RD 101, MAPLE GROVE, MN 55311

Funds raised benefit our tuition assistance program and sound system improvements

KINDLY REPLY BY NOVEMBER 6TH
WITH MEAL SELECTION AND SEATING REQUEST



MAYER LUTHERAN

Preview *Night*

Discover your future at ML

TUESDAY, NOV 10, 2026 - 6:00 PM

- **Campus Tour**
- **Student & Parent Panel**
- **Giveaways & Snacks**
- **Live Q&A**





FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT TRICIA RUPP AT 952-657-2251, EXT 1011

PREPARING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Twenty-first Week after Trinity: Oct 25 - Oct 31, 2026

LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **1 John 4:19** - We love because He first loved us.

Psalm 118:1 - Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.

The Apostles' Creed: The First Article, Part 2 of 2

PreK+ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

1st gr+ 1. I believe that God has made me and all creatures;
that He has given me my body and soul,
Eyes, ears, and all my members,
My reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

2. He also gives me clothing and shoes,
Food and drink, house and home, wife and children,
Land, animals, and all I have.

2nd gr+ 3. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

4. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

5. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.

6. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr. + **1 Timothy 1:15**- This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance,
That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

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 & 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 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

Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day
Revelation 7:9-17 - The Multitude of Heavenly Host
1 John 3:1-3 - Beloved Children of God
Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for All Saints' Day - "Behold a Host Arrayed in White" (*LSB* 676)
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.