OCTOBER 29, 2026

The
EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AN EVENING WELL SPENT

Dear Families,

How do we help our children develop healthy technology habits when the digital world keeps changing? That question brought parents together Tuesday evening for “Healthy Kids and Technology in a World of AI.” It was an excellent evening of learning and encouragement, filled with important reminders and practical ideas for navigating a challenging part of parenting today.

The presentation explored how smartphones, gaming, and artificial intelligence can influence children’s friendships, choices, and daily lives. It also challenged parents to consider what children may be missing when screens take up more of their time: face-to-face conversations, creative play, outdoor adventures, and opportunities to practice independence.

Several key messages stood out:

- Protect time for childhood. Children need opportunities to explore, create, build friendships, and work through challenges. Thoughtful technology boundaries help make room for those experiences.
- Pay attention to more than screen time. What children do online matters, too. Knowing which games, apps, and AI tools they use—and talking about what they encounter—is an essential part of guiding them. The discussion of AI companionship offered a particularly timely reminder that children need real relationships with people who know and care for them.
- Make a plan, and be willing to follow through. Delaying a smartphone, choosing a simpler device, setting clear limits, and keeping devices out of bedrooms are steps families can consider. Changing an established habit may bring resistance, but parents can respond with confidence, consistency, and love.
- Find support in one another. These decisions can feel harder when children insist that “everyone else” has a phone or plays a particular game. Connecting with other parents, sharing ideas, and supporting healthy expectations can make a difference.

At the heart of the evening was the reminder that our children’s identity is rooted in Christ. As we guide them through an increasingly digital world, we can keep pointing them toward the lasting love and truth found in Him.

Thank you to everyone who joined us! Evenings like this are a valuable opportunity to step away from busy routines, think through important questions, and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

PARENT INFO NIGHT RESOURCES

Visit techresetbook.com to learn more about The Great Tech Reset and much more!

THE GALA IS ALMOST HERE! DON'T MISS OUT!

The excitement is building for St. John's 2026 Give Thanks, Give Back Gala! Join us for an evening of fellowship, a silent and live auction, a delicious plated dinner, a sweet surprise, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in our church and school community.

Two Important Dates to Remember!

- **Saturday, October 31 | Last Day for Auction Donations**

Have an item, experience, or gift to contribute? There's still time! Please drop off your live or silent auction donations at the front desk by Saturday, October 31.

- **Friday, Nov. 6 | Registration Deadline**

Seats are filling for this special evening! Register by November 6, invite friends to join you, or consider sponsoring a table to make the night even more fun.

Your participation helps provide tuition assistance for families and fund important sound system improvements at St. John's.

Reserve your seat, contribute to the excitement, and be part of an evening that gives back! We look forward to celebrating with you!

Friday, Nov. 13 | Rush Creek Golf Club

Register Now and Support St. John's!

TOMORROW - DRESS YOUR BEST DAY!

TOMORROW is Dress Your Best Day! We can't wait to see how fancy everyone is!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TOMORROW!!

Wellness Month is ending this week, and **the best volunteer opportunity is still open for the taking!!** Take a moment to check out our Sign Up Genius and RSVP to give a quick summary of Wellness Month to our students following Friday's chapel service...**and hand out prizes!!**

RSVP FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY

If you haven't already, take a moment now to RSVP for Grandparents Day. ALL STUDENTS should RSVP, even if they will not have a special guest present.

SMALL BUSINESS DAY CORRECTION

Please note this correction to the Small Business Day application deadline.

- Applications may be submitted between 7:30am Monday, October 26 - 3:00pm **MONDAY**, November 9th.
- A physical letter will be sent home with all applicants between November 10-13 to notify them of their business application approval or denial.

REMINDER - NO ESP DURING THANKSGIVING BREAK

Parents, don't forget that there will be NO ESP provided during Thanksgiving break, November 25-27. School and ESP will resume as normal on Monday, Nov. 30.



THE EAGLE BOOST

Connecting with Community

As we are wrapping up Wellness Month, it is a great time to be reminded that God created us to live in relationships with one another. Connecting with our community is an important part of caring for our whole selves as God's Masterpieces. Whether it's sharing a meal, encouraging a friend, welcoming someone new, serving others, or simply taking time to listen, meaningful relationships remind us that we are never alone. As a school community, we can reflect Christ's love by choosing kindness, making space for others, and looking for ways to serve. In a tech-heavy world, we must be intentional about putting down our screens, looking up, and making time to truly connect with the people God has placed around us. Moving into the holiday season ahead, we challenge our community to put more focus on our Savior Jesus Christ and the blessings He has placed before us.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
~1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"
~Galatians 6:2

May your homes and relationships be blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.
—The Wellness Committee

PICTURE RE-TAKE GALLERY

The re-take picture gallery will be available online on Thursday, November 12.

8TH GR. HANDBELLS PLAYING IN CHAPEL & CHURCH

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

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING LUTHERAN EDUCATOR AND/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.

ESP MOVIE MONDAYS!

As the weather cools down and the colder months approach, **K-8 ESP** will be starting Movie Mondays! Throughout Nov. and Dec., we'll be showing a movie in K-8 ESP every Monday. Children who attend ESP will receive a movie schedule to take home that lists which movie will be shown each week.

If you would like to opt your child out of any of the movies, please reach out to Kayla Harken at Kayla.Harken@stjlutheran.org. Alternative activities may be arranged for your child.

We're looking forward to cozy Mondays filled with movies and fun!

GREAT SWINGS. GOOD EATS. GENEROUS HEARTS!

Wondering how the golf tournament or Chipotle fundraiser went? The results are in—and you delivered! Our golfers swung their way to $17,141, and our Chipotle supporters rolled in another $570!

Thank you to everyone who golfed, sponsored, volunteered, or grabbed a burrito, and THANK YOU, PTL, for organzing all of these wonderful fundraisers!!





CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Families, see the included flyer for an update on our Term 1 (and more) chapel offering project. And don't forget that chapel offerings may be made electronically, too!

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

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

Monday, November 2
- 3:15pm A & B girls' basketball practice

Tuesday, November 3
- 3:30pm A & B boys' basketball practice

Wednesday, November 4
- 7am StuCo meeting
- 3:30pm A & B girls' basketball practice

Thursday, November 5
- 7am Wellness Comm. meeting
- 3:30pm A & B boys' basketball practice

Friday, November 6
- 8:15am Chapel
  - 8th gr. handbells playing

Sunday, November 8
- 10:30am 8th gr. handbells playing in Divine Service

COMING SOON



Mark your calendars now with these important dates

- **November 9**: Small Business Day application deadline
- **November 10**: PTL meeting
- **November 13**: Grandparents Day & St. John's Gala
- **November 17**: BOE meeting
- **November 18**: StuCo meeting
- **November 24**: End of Term 1
- **November 25-27**: Thanksgiving Break
- **December 2**: StuCo meeting
- **December 3:** Wellness Comm. meeting & Preschool Pilgrim Program
- **December 4**: Small Business Day



NOVEMBER 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
1	2	3	4 StuCo Mtg.	5 Wellness Comm. Mtg.	6 Chapel • 8th gr. handbells playing	7
8 8th gr. handbells playing in Divine Service	9	10 PTL Mtg.	11	12	13 Grand-parents Day 11:30am Dismissal STJ Gala	14
15	16	17 BOE Meeting	18 StuCo Mtg.	19	20 Chapel	21
22	23	24 Chapel End of Term 1	25 **NO SCHOOL/ NO ESP**	26 **NO SCHOOL/ NO ESP**	27 **NO SCHOOL/ NO ESP**	28
29	30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2 StuCo Mtg.	Dec. 3 Wellness Comm. Mtg. PS Pilgrim Program	Dec. 4 Chapel Small Business Day	Dec. 5

Notes

Athletic practices and events may be found HERE.

StuCo = Student Council; DS = Divine Service

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

- Report cards
- ESP piano recital
- All-school Christmas concert
- Christmas 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)

Chapel Offering and Service Projects



Current News - 10/29/2026

Our Chapel offering service project is in full swing! Together, we given over $300 so far this term towards The Jared Project. This money will go towards gifts and toys for children at Gillette Children's in St. Paul.

We have about 19 school days left to donate towards this generous cause!

If you would like to pack your own Jared Box, information can be found @ thejaredbox.org. Any Jared boxes can be given to Miss Fuhrman to deliver to the hospital.





Year at a Glance

1. The Jared Box Project
2. Hygeine and Food for the Unhoused
3. Flowers and Cards for the Homebound

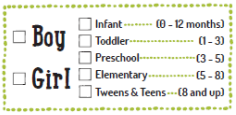
Questions? Reach out to Miss Fuhrman @ anna.fuhrman@stjlutheranschool.org

Make a Jared Box



step 1 – Get a Box

Get a shoebox-sized plastic storage box.



step 2 – Choose for a Boy or Girl

Decide if the box you are making is for a boy or a girl and select an age group. If the box could be for either a boy or girl, check both the Boy and Girl boxes.



step 3 – Fill your Box

Select items for your box, such as crayons, card games, puzzles, or stickers. Refer to our Suggested Toy List for more ideas. Place toys in the box.



step 4 – Say Hello

Print our "Little Note From You" Card. These can be printed on white cardstock. Write a personal note on the card and place it in the box.



step 5 – Print your Lid Label

Print the Box Label (top) - Logo. This template can be printed on Avery Labels 15264, or any standard white shipping labels, six per sheet, 3 1/3" x 4" label size. Place the Jared Box label on the lid of the box.



step 6 – Print your Side Label

Print Box Label (side) - Boy/Girl. This template can be printed on Avery Labels 18163, or any standard white shipping labels, ten labels per page, 2" x 4" label size. Place the Boy/Girl label on the end of the box. Check the appropriate gender and age.



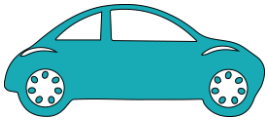
step 7 – Print Activity Sheet

For age groups older than toddler, print the Activity Sheet. Fold the sheet in half and add it to your box.



step 8 – Have some fun

Decorate your box. Our Lid Decoration Guide has lots of great examples. You can optionally use markers or stickers to decorate the outside of the box.



step 9 – Deliver your Box

Deliver your boxes to your local hospital. Use our Hospital Directory to locate a hospital or deliver the boxes to your local hospital. If you would like to deliver your boxes to a new hospital not on our list, you may contact that hospital directly. The Child Life or Volunteer Services Departments usually handle donations.



step 10

Complete the Jared Box Smiles Delivered form (https://thejaredbox.org/make-a-jared-box/tracking) to let us know how many boxes you made and to what hospital you are delivering them. If you are unable to complete the online form, send an email to hospitals@thejaredbox.org. We would love to receive suggestions, stories about your project, and pictures too!

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



10% OFF Purchase by October 31

Capture your memories in this year's St. John's Lutheran School yearbook!

OPTIONAL: Customize your 2 free pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Google Drive and more

- Answer fun memory questions to help remember the year

- The 2 custom pages are free and are printed only in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages are just $1.99.

Hardcover: **$28.29**
Softcover: **$20.38**
*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

To purchase your yearbook, use the QR code below or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

1. Go to treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode: **10163009056478**

Deadline: **Apr 1**

Treering Yearbooks

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Twenty-second Week after Trinity: Nov. 1 - Nov. 7, 2026

LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K.+ **John 3:16**- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 14:6- [Jesus said,] "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through Me."

The Second Article of The Apostles' Creed, part 1 of 2

PreK+ And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

1st gr+ 1. I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
Begotten of the Father from eternity,
And also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,
Is my Lord,

2. Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
Purchased and won me from all sins,
From death and from the power of the devil;
Not with gold or silver,
But with His holy, precious blood
And with His innocent suffering and death,

Catechism Memory Verse

3rd gr. + **Genesis 3:15** - I will put enmity between you and the woman,
And between your offspring and her offspring;
He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

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 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. 9 - Trinity XXIII
Proverbs 8:11-22- The Blessings of Wisdom
Philippians 3:17-21- Citizenship in Heaven
Matthew 22:15-22- Render to Caesar, and Render to GOD



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day - "Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode" (LSB 714)
School Hymn of the Month (Nov.): "I Walk in Danger All the Way" (*LSB* 716)
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.