

The **EAGLE CONNECTION**

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

LET'S PACK THE GYM, EAGLES!

Dear Families,

Grab your St. John's gear, bring your family, and get ready to CHEER! On Tuesday, October 20, we're coming together for Pack the Gym: 8th Grade Night, and we would love to fill the bleachers with Eagle pride!

The fun begins with 8th grade autographs at 3:15 p.m., followed by the 7th and 8th grade volleyball game against RCA of Wayzata at 3:45 p.m. There will also be a serving challenge between matches to keep the excitement going. Whether your children are preschoolers, middle schoolers, or somewhere in between, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an afternoon together and celebrate our school community.

We'll also recognize all of our fall 8th grade athletes! These students have spent the season practicing, encouraging their teammates, and representing St. John's. Let's surround them with smiling faces, enthusiastic applause, and a crowd that shows how proud we are of them!

You don't need to have an athlete in your family to join the fun. Our youngest Eagles can cheer for the older students they look up to, parents can connect with other families, and we can all enjoy the joy of being part of St. John's. Every family in the bleachers helps make the afternoon special—and every cheer gives our players a little extra encouragement!

Mark your calendar, wear your St. John's gear, and help us PACK THE GYM! Let's make this a joyful afternoon our 8th graders will remember. GO, EAGLES!





SEX EDUCATION BEGINNING NEXT WEEK

Students in grades K-8 will receive age-appropriate Christian sex education instruction using materials from Concordia Publishing House beginning next week. Families are welcome to review the materials upon request.

If you prefer that your child not participate, please either notify your child's teacher directly or return the completed form to the front office.

More information is available in the attached form or by contacting your child's teacher.

WELLNESS MONTH CONTINUES

So far, Wellness Month has been A-MAZ-ING! Thanks so much to the Wellness Committee and all of the parents who have volunteered there time so far! We still have volunteer spots available, so [check out our Sign Up Genius](#) and select a slot or two.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE DURING TRUNK OR TREAT!

Our new Student Council met on Wednesday, and they have decided to host 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 October 20th. Appropriate costumes are welcome!

K-4TH SINGING TOMORROW & SUNDAY

Our K-4th grade choir will be singing in chapel **TOMORROW** and in church **THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th** at the 10:30am Divine Service. Students should plan to meet in the music room at 10:15am for a quick warm-up.

UPCOMING SCHOOL BREAK & DELAYED START

Parents, don't forget that there is NO SCHOOL OR ESP from Thursday, October 15-Monday, October 19.

Tuesday, October 20th will begin with a **2-hour delayed start**. This means

- Our bus will still run, but it will be 2 hours later than usual.
- **School doors will open at 9:30am. Students will NOT be allowed inside prior to this time.**
- Breakfast will be served from 9:30-9:55am.
- School begins at 10am, and students will be counted as tardy if they arrive after this time. The afternoon bus and ESP will continue as usual that afternoon.

UPCOMING DRESS UP DAYS!

- Tuesday, Oct. 13: Monochromatic Day
 - Dress from head to toe in the color of your fave fruit or veggie
- Thursday, Oct. 22: Sports Day
 - Wear your favorite team jersey!
- Friday, Oct. 30: Dress Your Best
 - It's chapel day, so dress your best!

We're saving Halloween dress up for Trunk or Treat this year.



LAST DAY TO WEAR SHORTS

Students, wear your shorts while you still can. The final day to wear them is coming up. Per our handbook, **shorts are not allowed from October 15 - April 15.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL PARENT INFO NIGHT!

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

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

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY IS COMING!

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.**

K-8TH PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences K-8th students will be taking place beginning Tuesday, October 20th and continuing through the 30th. Look for direct communication from your child's teacher regarding signups and more info.

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 on Sunday, October 11 or October 25.

Orders will be delivered 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. See the front office
3. Visit the table on Sunday, Oct. 11 or 25

For questions, please see the included flyers or contact Stephanie Thompson at slvthompson@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our students!

NOODLES FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!

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!!



EAGLE BOOST IS BACK & BETTER THAN EVER!!

Renewing Our Minds & Faith with Healthy Habits

Wellness is not only about caring for our physical bodies—it also means caring for our minds and spirits and practicing healthy habits. As Christians, we are called to continually renew our minds by filling them with God's truth and keeping our hearts rooted in faith. Through daily prayer, reading Scripture, worship, practicing gratitude, and time spent in God's presence, we can find peace, strength, and perspective in the midst of life's challenges. When we intentionally turn our thoughts toward God and trust Him, we create space for His peace to shape how we think, live, and care for ourselves and others.

Spending daily time with God is a wonderful habit that keeps us strong in the hard times, courageous in scary times, and grateful when everything is aligned. Here are some ideas for renewing your mind and faith daily:

- “Learn. Pray. Grow.” — sheet sent home every week with Scripture, prayer, hymns, and devotions
- Play worship music in the car or at home while preparing meals
- Have family prayer and affirmation time in the evenings at dinner or before bed
- Go for a walk and pray and/or listen to the sounds of nature
- Watch the sunrise or the sunset in the quiet presence of the Lord

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

— Romans 12:2

May your spirit be renewed this week in the presence of the Lord!

The Wellness Committee

TRUNK OR TREAT 2026

PTL's annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th from 3-4:30pm.

This is such a fun tradition, and we hope to see you there!

Check out the included flyer for more info and how YOU can help out.

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

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.



NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, October 9 - Term 1 Mid-Term

- 8:15am Chapel
 - K-4th singing
- 5pm A & B volleyball conference tournament

Saturday, October 10

- 9am State cross country meet
- 12pm A & B volleyball conf. finals
- 5:30pm A soccer conference finals

Sunday, October 11

- 7:45am K-4th warm-up in music room
- 8am K-4th singing in Divine Service

Monday, October 12

- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:30pm A & B volleyball practice

Tuesday, October 13 - Monochromatic Day

- 3:30pm A & B soccer practice
- 3:45pm B volleyball home game
- 4:15pm B soccer home vs. KOG
- 6:30pm PTL meeting

Wednesday, October 14 - No library today!

- **LAST DAY TO WEAR SHORTS!!**
- 8:15am Chapel
 - Ms. Rudolph's handbell class playing
- 9am 2nd/3rd grade field trip
- 12:30pm Cross country meet

Thursday, October 15

- NO SCHOOL/NO ESP

Friday, October 16

- NO SCHOOL/NO ESP

Monday, October 19

- NO SCHOOL/NO ESP

Tuesday, October 20: 2-Hour Delay

- 9:30am Doors open
- 10am School begins

COMING SOON

Mark your calendars now with these important dates



- **October 21:** Student Council meeting
- **October 22:** Sports Day
- **October 24:** Trunk or Treat!
- **October 27:** Parent Night - *Healthy Kids & Tech. in a World of AI*
- **October 28:** Picture Re-Take Day
- **October 30:** Dress Your Best Day
- **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

Mrs. Anderson says...

The last day to wear shorts is coming soon!





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 MONOCHROMATIC 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 2-Hour Delay Start BOE Meeting	21	22 SPORTS DAY!	23 Chapel	24 Trunk or Treat
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: 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)

To: Parents of St. John's Lutheran School

Date: October 8, 2026

Re: Sex Education



Sexuality is a precious gift from God to be understood and respected by His children.

St. John's Lutheran School has a Christian Sex Education program from Concordia Publishing House for Grades K-8th. The program consists of age-appropriate materials (books and videos) broken down by age group:

K-1 st	"Why Boys and Girls Are Different"
2 nd -3 rd	"Where do Babies Come From?"
4 th -6 th	"How You Are Changing"
7 th -8 th	"Sex and the New You"

The books and videos are available upon your request for viewing. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions about specific content, etc.

The curriculum will be presented at the teacher's discretion between October 19-30. For students in 2nd grade and above, classes may combine so that boys and girls can be taught separately by an adult of the same gender, allowing for less anxiety and open discussion and questions.

All students are presumed to participate in this component of our regular curriculum.

If you choose for your child to not participate, please notify the school by either completing and returning this form or notifying your child's teacher directly.

Child's Name

Grade

I wish for my children listed above to be exempt from the sex education instruction provided at St. John's this school year.

Parent's Signature _____

(Please return this form to the front office.)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL



PACK THE GYM!

FOR

8TH GRADE NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

8TH GRADE AUTOGRAPHS @ 3:15

VOLLEYBALL GAME @ 3:45

SERVING CHALLENGE - BETWEEN MATCHES



STJL

7TH & 8TH GRADE

vs

RGA

WAYZATA

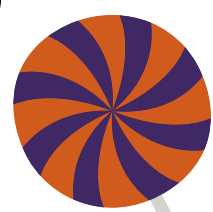


Wear your ST. JOHNS GEAR!!

All FALL 8th Grade Athletes will be recognized!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

TRUNK *or* TREAT

 *Jesus is Sweet!* 

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

 3:00 - 4:30PM



FREE
CANDY
CIDER 
GAMES

**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!



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

HELP SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND JOIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS!

Fundraiser for: St. Johns Lutheran School & Preschool

CLASSIC WREATH



25" : \$35.00

VICTORIAN WREATH



25" : \$40.00

CRANBERRY SPLASH WREATH



25" : \$40.00

WINTERGREEN WREATH



25" : \$40.00

CLASSIC SPRAY



\$30.00

VICTORIAN SPRAY



\$35.00

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CRANBERRY SPLASH SPRAY



\$35.00

WINTERGREEN SPRAY



\$35.00

CENTERPIECE



\$42.00

TABLE TOP TREE



\$42.00

GARLAND



**15' : \$40.00
25' : \$45.00
50' : \$75.00**

EZ WREATH HANGER



\$3.00

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

HELP SUPPORT OUR CAUSE AND JOIN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS!

Fundraiser for: St. Johns Lutheran School & Preschool

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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





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 Eighteenth Week after Trinity: Oct 4 - Oct 10, 2026

The Nineteenth Week after Trinity: Oct 11 - Oct 17, 2026



LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

K + **Matthew 5:48**- You must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Romans 6:23- The wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

The Ten Commandments

- PreK+ 1. You shall have no other gods
2. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God
3. Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy
4. Honor your father and your mother
5. You shall not murder
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
Or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey,
Or anything that belongs to your neighbor

Close of Commandments

1st gr+ *What does God say about all these commandments?*
He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,
punishing the children for the sin of the fathers
to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,
but showing love to a thousand generations
of those who love Me and keep My commandments."
(Exodus 20:5-6)

2nd gr+ *What does this mean?*
God threatens to punish all who break these commandments.
Therefore, we should fear His wrath
and not do anything against them.
But He promises grace and every blessing
to all who keep these commandments.
Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him
and gladly do what He commands.



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 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

Oct. 11 Trinity XIX

Genesis 28:10-17- Jacob's Dream at Bethel

Ephesians 4:22-28- The New Life in Christ

Matthew 9:1-8- Jesus Forgives & Heals a Paralytic

Oct. 18 Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

Isaiah 35:5-8- The Ransomed Shall Return

2 Timothy 4:5-18- Preach the Word!

Luke 10:1-9- Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Trinity XIX - "Lord, Thee I Love" (*LSB* 708)

Church Hymn of the Day for the Feast of St. Luke- "O God of God, O Light of Light" (*LSB* 810)

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.