NOVEMBER 5, 2026

The
EAGLE CONNECTION

ALL-SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HELP US SHARE ST. JOHN'S ON GIVE TO THE MAX DAY



Dear Families,

Who's one person you could tell about St. John's? Maybe it's a grandparent who loves hearing about chapel, an alum who still keeps in touch, or a neighbor who asks how school is going. A quick note from you could be their first invitation to support St. John's on Give to the Max Day, Thursday, November 19.

With our Give Thanks, Give Back Gala coming up next week, we know how much our school families are already doing. Thank you for giving your time, making plans to attend, and helping make the evening possible. **For Give to the Max, the biggest help you can give us is to pass the word along.** Think of a grandparent who loves hearing stories about school, an alum who still remembers a favorite teacher, or a friend or neighbor who would be glad to support a local Christian school. Send them our GiveMN page and, if you'd like, tell them one thing you love about St. John's. That personal note will mean more than anything we could put on a flyer.

A workplace match could make a gift go further. General Mills, Casey's Retail Company, Wells Fargo, Land O'Lakes, nVent, and Caterpillar offer matching gift programs. If you're sharing the fundraiser with someone who works at one of these companies, remind them to check with their employer about eligibility and how to request a match.

Early giving is open November 1–18, and those gifts count toward Give to the Max Day. Early donations can also help St. John's qualify for GiveMN bonus prize drawings. The statewide event takes place on Thursday, November 19.

You may visit our GiveMN page HERE or share it with someone else. Be on the lookout for social posts to share, too!

Thank you for thinking of someone who might want to be part of this effort and inviting them to join us!

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DEADLINE TOMORROW!
GALA REGISTRATION CLOSES FRIDAY AT MIDNIGHT!!

There's still time to join us for St. John's Give Thanks, Give Back Gala, but don't wait! Registration closes this Friday, November 6, at midnight.

Join us **NEXT** Friday, November 13, at Rush Creek Golf Club, beginning at 5:00 PM, for an evening of fellowship, delicious food, silent and live auctions, and a sweet dessert to finish the night!

Gather your friends, invite another school family, or make it a date night! You can also sponsor a table for eight and enjoy the evening with friends, family, or coworkers while receiving special recognition.

Every registration helps support tuition assistance for families and sound system improvements throughout our facility. We would love to have you there!

Friday, Nov. 13 | Rush Creek Golf Club

Register Now and Support St. John's!



8TH GR. HANDBELLS PLAYING IN CHAPEL TOMORROW & CHURCH THIS SUNDAY!

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

MONDAY DEADLINE - SMALL BUSINESS DAY APPLICATIONS

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.

MONDAY DEADLINE - RSVP NOW 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.**

GRANDPARENTS DAY INFO

Parents, here's what you need to know!

- **NO BACKPACKS at school that day!**
- **RSVP deadline is MONDAY**
- **Early dismissal at 11:30am**
- **Slow Road Photo will be here for optional family photos to purchase separately**
- **NO LUNCH & NO ESP**
  - **Consider Culver's by Hyvee**
- **See flyer for the day's schedule & Culver's info.**



THE EAGLE BOOST

A Grateful Heart -
Thankful for God's Blessings

As we move into the month of November and upcoming holiday season, what a perfect reminder to intentionally practice gratitude. Gratitude begins with recognizing the many blessings God places in our lives each day. Sometimes we think of thankfulness as being grateful for the big things, but there is so much joy to be found in the little things, too! A beautiful morning, a warm meal, a friend to laugh with, or the opportunity to learn something new are all gifts worth celebrating. When we take time to notice God's goodness, our hearts begin to shift toward joy and contentment. Practicing gratitude can also support our emotional wellness by helping us focus on the positive and find joy in everyday moments. Let's make it a habit to pause, notice our blessings, and thank God for His faithful love.

This Month's Wellness Invitation: Start a daily gratitude practice! Each day, name three things you are thankful for. Consider keeping a gratitude journal or sharing your blessings around the dinner table.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." – Psalm 107:1

May the week and month ahead bring you hope, deepest gratitude for the tiny blessings, and contentment in His powerful love.

The Wellness Committee



RECOGNIZE SOMEONE WHO'S MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Who comes to mind when you think of an educator, leader, or pastor who inspires, encourages, and shares Christ's love? Recognize their impact with a nomination for a 2027 Lutheran Education Association Award! Help us celebrate educators and leaders whose faithful services makes a difference in the lives of students, families, and colleagues. Nominate by November 20. Learn more and explore the awards HERE and submit your nomination HERE.

DINE TO DONATE NIGHT AT FRANKIE'S CHICAGO-STYLE PIZZA

Let's raise some dough for St. John's! Save the cooking for Thanksgiving and let Frankie's Chicago Style Pizza in Maple Grove handle dinner on **Tuesday, November 24**! All day, from open to close, 20% of qualifying sales will support our PTL and the student and family events it makes possible.

THANK YOU, WELLNESS MONTH VOLUNTEERS & COMMITTEE!!

Behind every Wellness Month activity and tasty discovery were people working hard to make it happen! A huge **THANK YOU!** to our many volunteers for sharing their time and talents with our students. An especially big round of applause goes to our Wellness Month committee members, whose thoughtful planning, creativity, and countless hours of preparation made the month such a success. You gave our students a month full of learning, fun, and delicious opportunities to try something new—and we are grateful for all the work you poured into it!

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@stjlutheran.org.

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.

PICTURE RE-TAKE GALLERY

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

IMPORTANT LIBRARY BOOK DUE DATES & INFO

The end of the first term is Nov. 24.

- Anything checked out before Nov. 11 will be deemed lost if not returned or renewed by Nov. 24.
- Lost book fees will be assessed and included on the December 1 FACTS invoice.
- We will send a slip home after the end of the term letting parents know the fee will be charged.
- If your student has been getting a slip for a book with a due date before November 18 - that is your heads up that your student has a missing book and will be charged if the book is not found.
- Once the fee is assessed, it is non-refundable even if the book is found at a later date.
    - Lost book fees are used to purchase new books for the library.
- If you are charged for the book and it is found, please feel free to keep the book or donate it back to the library.
- Please reach out to the library if you have any questions or concerns about missing books for the second term before Nov. 24 via email at library@stjlutheran.org.

PTL-SPONSORED PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Enjoy a kid-free night out to Christmas shop, spend time with your loved one, or just sleep, all thanks to our wonderful PTL. RSVP now for your quiet evening on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 5-7:30pm. See the flyer for more info.

The EAGLE CONNECTION

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Friday, November 6

- 8:15am Chapel
  - 8th gr. handbells playing

Sunday, November 8

- 10am 8th gr. handbell warm up
- 10:30am 8th gr. handbells playing in Divine Service

Monday, November 9

- **Small Business Day Application Deadline!**
- 3:30pm A & B girls' basketball practice

Tuesday, November 10

- 3:30pm A & B boys' basketball practice
- 6:30pm PTL meeting

Wednesday, November 11

- Library
- 3:30pm A & B girls' basketball practice

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13 - GRANDPARENTS DAY

- 7am Doors open for students (K-8)
- **7:30am Doors open for PS & guests**
- 7:30am Coffee & pastries for guests
- 8:30am Chapel
- 9:15am Classroom tours & activities begin
- 10:15am Special presentation in gym
- 11am Special activity in gym
- 11:30am Dismissal
- **5pm St. John's Gala!**

Saturday, November 14

- 9am Home basketball games vs. Salem
- 6:30pm 5th -8th Youth group Games in the Dark

COMING SOON



Mark your calendars now with these important dates

- **November 17**: BOE meeting
- **November 18**: StuCo meeting; Preschool Pilgrim Program
- **November 24**: End of Term 1; School Spirit Day
- **November 25-27**: Thanksgiving Break
- **December 2**: StuCo meeting
- **December 3:** Wellness Comm. meeting
- **December 4**: Small Business Day
- **December 8**: Report cards issued; PTL meeting
- **December 11**: ESP piano recital
- **December 14**: Red/Green Dress Up Day
- **December 15**: Christmas Sweater Dress Up 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 Small Business Day Application Deadline	10 PTL Mtg.	11	12 Picture Retake Gallery Available	13 Grand-parents Day 11:30am Dismissal STJ Gala	14
15	16	17 BOE Meeting	18 StuCo Mtg. PS Pilgrim Program	19	20 Chapel	21
22	23	24 Chapel Spirit Day 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: 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 SCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

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

All guests are asked to RSVP.

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!

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St. John's LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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10% OF ALL SALES

DURING **11:30AM–1:00PM** ON **NOVEMBER 13TH**

Celebrating GRANDPARENTS DAY!

This is a great option for grandparents and their families to grab lunch after the Grandparents Day activities.

Thank you for supporting St. John's Lutheran School!

GOOD FOOD. GREAT CAUSE. *Stronger Together.*

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

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LEARN. PRAY. GROW.
The Twenty-Third Week after Trinity: Nov 8 - 14, 2026

LEARN-BY-HEART

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

Classic Bible Memory for Primary Grades

PreK. + **John 11:25-** [Jesus said,] "I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 15:5- [Jesus said,] "I am the vine; you are the branches...apart from me you can do nothing."

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

2nd gr+ 3. that I may be His own
and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

Catechism Bible Verse

3rd gr. + **2 Corinthians 5:21 -** [God] made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
So that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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. 15 - Trinity XXIV
Isaiah 51:9-16- The LORD Comforts Zion
Colossians 1:9-14- Paul's Prayer of Thanksgiving
Matthew 9:18-26- A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed



HYMNS

Church Hymn of the Day for Trinity XXIV - "In the Very Midst of Life" (*LSB* 755)
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.