



# Badger Bytes

January 29, 2026

## St. John Mission Statement:

St. John Lutheran School exists to provide a Christ-centered education focusing on spiritual, emotional, academic, social and physical growth. We assist parents in preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation. Above all, we proclaim "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

## From Principal Linse:

Oh what a FUN and exciting week we have had. Thank you to the PTL for the coffee and lunch this week. Thank you to the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church for supporting our school.

All students in grades 1-8 are competing with other Lutheran Schools across the country in the Accelerated Reading (AR) Challenge which started on MONDAY. Each week we will report our scores. Students earn points by reading books and taking AR tests on them. The Preschool and Kindergarten students are participating in the Wisconsin Timber Rattler's reading program to earn a ticket for a baseball game.



Great news, Kwik Trip is adding a 5% bonus on their scrip cards for the month of February. The gas cards go from 5% to 10% and the grocery cards go from 15% to 20%. Reach out if you would like to place an order.

Open Enrollment for the Wisconsin Private School Choice program begins on Monday, February 2nd. If your children currently participate in the program, you will be receiving an email on Monday with more information and instructions for re-enrolling. Any current student in 3K, 4K, or Kindergarten that is not already enrolled in the program is welcome to apply at <https://dpi.wi.gov/choice>. If you qualify you could send your child to our school tuition FREE. Unfortunately current students in other grades can not apply. New student can apply though, so if you know if anyone interested, please give them the link above to apply or have them reach out to the school. If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to Mrs. Schrader at 920-361-0555.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 30 -**  
NO SCHOOL
- 5-7pm—Rhinestone Cowboy night (Mother-Son Event)
- Feb 3 -**  
B-Boys and A-Boys at Holy Spirit Catholic School
- Feb 6-7**  
B-Team Basketball Tournament at All Saints
- Feb 9 -**  
4:30 B-Boys at home
- 5:30 A-Boys at home
- Feb 10- 6pm**  
Board of Education meeting
- Feb 12**  
B-Girls & A-Girls play at Valley Christian in Neenah
- Feb 15-9am**  
Seraphim choir sings and Handbells play
- Feb 18 -**  
Ash Wednesday

# School News

## CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Camp LuWiSoMo. This week \$469.44 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$483.79 for the quarter. Thank you to all our Grandparents for increasing what we will be able to send to Camp LuWiSoMo at the end of the quarter

## BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

The B girls played awesome on Monday and won their game 33-6. Our own Bella M had 20 points. The B boys played hard Tuesday and while they have improved as a team, they fell just short of a victory. The A boys pulled out the win in a close game with a final score of 34-28.

Tonight is parents' night for our 4 basketball teams. They take on St. Paul, Manawa starting at 4:30. Cheerleading has the night off.

## SOUP COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made soup, bread, and desserts for our Soup Cook-Off! Thank you also to all the students who helped serve the soup. Your time and generosity helped make the event a success. We had a great time and were able to raise \$800 for the school. We hope to turn this event into an annual tradition.

Congratulations to our top three winners: 1st Place: Sandra Snow, 2nd Place: Megan Draeger, 3rd Place: Josie Hartzke

## TRIVIA NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE

The St. John PTL is hosting a trivia night Saturday evening on March 14th at (time TBD) to raise funds for the school. Please join us in the school gymnasium for this fun event. More details to come soon!

## FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Mark your calendars. Our annual Father-Daughter Dance is coming up on February 21st. See page 6 for more details

## NEW WELLNESS CHALLENGE

The St. John Wellness Committee is excited to announce a new wellness challenge for the month of February. Information about the challenge will come home on a separate note today.

## SERAPHIM CHOIR AND HANDBELLS

Seraphim Choir did very well last Sunday to kick-off Lutheran Schools' Week. The whole Choir also sang for Grandparent's Day. It is so awesome when all the voices participate!

Handbells also did very well on Sunday to kick-off Lutheran Schools' Week. We also played our Christmas piece for the Grandparent's Day. Thank you all for your extra effort!

Handbells and Seraphim Choir participate in worship, February 15.

**PARENT  
TO  
PARENT**

**Get enough  
good fats**

My son Andy recently discovered guacamole, and he'd eat it every day if he could. Because I knew avocados were high in fat, I tried to rein in his guac habit—until I mentioned it at his recent checkup. The doctor said avocados actually contain unsaturated fat that's good for the heart.

Since then, we've been eating other sources of "good" fats that his doctor told us about.

For instance, I'm cooking with olive oil instead of butter and tossing salads with olive oil



and balsamic vinaigrette rather than ranch dressing. We're also eating fish like tuna and salmon twice a week.

Andy is happy he gets to eat guacamole more often. And I've discovered he loves avocado slices on his sandwiches—the creaminess makes them a perfect heart-healthy substitute for mayonnaise.

# From the Teachers

## 3K/4K

**Miss Linse**

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We had fun so much fun participating in the many events to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week like going to the YMCA, bowling, and performing "The Mitten" play for our grandparents. You can see pictures from the Y and bowling on our class dojo. Thank you to all our chaperones and grownups for being a part of this special week.

We were finally able to get caught up on our calendar on Thursday after all that fun. We also spent some time practicing positions, like what is first, second, third, and fourth. In language, we have been focused on identifying beginning sounds by adding and subtracting them from words.

During Jesus' time, we read about John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus and about Jesus being baptized by him in the Jordan River. This story reminds us that in baptism, God washes away our sins and gives us new life with him through Jesus' death and resurrection.

I have included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase R if you would like to work on that at home. Also, your child brought home their "M" door page today. This is not required but can be fun.

## Kindergarten

**Mrs. Webb**

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During Jesus time, we talked more about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and what they went through and why and continuing to trust in God and His plan for us.

We had so much fun participating in our Lutheran school week activities -- we loved the dress-up days. The YMCA on Monday was a blast. We had a lot of fun ice skating, swimming, and playing in the gym and indoor soccer field. We loved going bowling on Tuesday with our friends. We started our version of the Olympics on Wednesday with curling and speed skating. On Thursday we got to eat lunch with our Chapel families, and we finished the Olympics in the afternoon with 2-man bobsled, 4-man bobsled, hockey, and an obstacle course.

We were able to get some academics done this week. We continued with our Superkid friend, Ettabetta and focusing on the short "e" sound. In math, we have finished 77 lessons. We have been working on identifying and writing our numbers 11-20. No

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row.



## 1st/2nd Grade

**Mrs. Fritsch**

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We had an amazingly fun week! Monday, twin day, we went to the YMCA. It was great fun with skating, soccer, tag, or football, swimming, and lunch. Then, Tuesday, was crazy hair day! We also went bowling in the morning. Some of us did really well without the use of bumpers. Wednesday, we dressed up for our Grandparent Day Celebration and brought our favorite Jersey to wear for the start of Olympic Day. Thursday, we dressed like a nerd, and finished the Olympics. It was a fun week.

We did some Superkid reading, a lot of AR reading, math activities, Language Arts pages, and did a page in our Faith Journal. Reminder to parents that most days we go outside for recess and winter play. We need to be dressed for this cold winter weather: snow pants, boots, hats, waterproof gloves, and coats. No one is allowed on the snow without proper equipment. Help make recess fun!

Have a  
blessed  
weekend,  
Mrs.  
Fritsch



# From the Teachers

## 3rd Grade

### Mrs. Wenzel

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This week was a fun and busy week celebrating National Lutheran's School's week. We will close the week long celebration with finishing our Olympics this afternoon.

As we close out January, we continue to learn about Jesus' many miracles He did during His earthly ministry. The miracles we will focus on next week will be "Jesus Feeds Four Thousand People" (this is different from the feeding of the 5,000 Matthew 14:13-21) and "Jesus Heals a Centurion Servant." Jesus takes away our diseases and sin and carries them Himself.

In math we will continue to work on fractions and begin to work on multiplication.

Our AR reading challenge began this past Monday, January 26 and will conclude Friday, March 6. Along with competing against many other Lutheran schools throughout the U.S., I have given 3rd grade a classroom challenge. The 1st challenge is for each student to read at least 3 points AND for the class to earn a combined 50 points. Let's keep reading and see if we can all help reach our first goal.

God's blessings

## 4th Grade

### Mrs. Berry

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Thank you to all the grandparents and extra friends that came and helped the students celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week and our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Congratulations to all the 4th Graders for performing our skit "Fearless Pharaoh Foo Foo"! You all were GREAT!!

We had a great time at the YMCA on Monday and bowling on Tuesday. After lunch on Wednesday, we started the school wide Olympics and finished them up on Thursday.

No school on Friday while the teachers will be at meetings with other Lutheran schools.

Next week we will be back to normal with Math, Reading, English, Science, Wisconsin History, Spelling, and Memory!

Have great weekend.



## 5th/6th Grade

### Mrs. Pick

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We had a fantastic Lutheran Schools Week! The students enjoyed the YMCA and bowling. They presented their Biography in a Bag projects on Grandparent's Day and did an amazing job choosing their items and explaining them! They also competed in the Olympics with their chapel families.

We will be starting our first week of February next week, and getting back into our normal routine. Students will be taking a test on the northeast region states. They should have been studying them for the past couple of weeks. They need to know where each state is located and what the capital is of each. Make sure to ask them how their studying is going. We also took a math test this week, and will be moving on to the next section of lessons next week. Stay warm and have a wonderful weekend!

## 7th/8th Grade

### Mr. Pett

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This week we were blessed to get to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. Some of the fun events included going to the YMCA, going bowling, and competing in our school's version of the Olympics. However, the neatest event was Grandparents Day. Thank you to all of the grandparents and special grownups for attending and making the day special for our students.

This week we were able to squeeze in a Math test Tuesday afternoon and a math investigation on Thursday. For Confirmation, the students had a test on Thursday. Next week, the students will be studying the Lord's Prayer for Confirmation.

In Language Arts, we will continue with verbs and start to learn about nouns. In Social Studies, we are continuing the early years of our country. We will have a project in Science about different things to make our environment better. In Math, we will be working on formulas for areas and volumes, as well as working with integer problems. In Literature, we are continuing to read *Bud, Not Buddy*.

Have a great weekend.  
Serving in His Kingdom,  
Mr. Pett

# Lunch Menu and Fun

## Monday, Feb 2

Spaghetti & meatballs, breadsticks, broccoli, chilled peaches, milk

## Wednesday, Feb 4

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, French fries, carrots-vegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

## Friday, Feb 6

Chicken strips, tator tots, wgr bread, carrots-vegs, mixed fruit, milk

## Tuesday, Feb 3

Tacos, lettuce-cheese-salsa, carrots-vegs, applesauce, dessert, milk

## Thursday, Feb 5

Hot dogs, mini corn dogs, baked beans, potato smiles, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, milk



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8TH ANNUAL

# FATHER DANCE

# Daughter

*Saturday* **February 21st 6-8 PM**

Join us and celebrate an evening of fun with your daughter. Enjoy music, dancing, games, photo booth, door prizes, desserts and refreshments.

All ages welcome (entertainment geared to 2-14 years old) and dress as fancy as you please. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or any other person that fits that role.



**\$20 per Father/Father Figure  
(daughters free)**

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