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Badger Bytes

March 13, 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:

Trivia night is **SATURDAY** starting at 5pm!

Students and staff are invited to participate in the Spring Dress Up Days next week. See the information below.

Mark your calendars—Spring Break is coming up - March 23-27th.

Just a REMINDER, we have only one handicap spot in the parking lot and only cars with a handicap license plate or tag should be parking in this spot. Thank you for understanding.

Stay safe with the weather this weekend. As soon as we are made aware of any cancelations for Monday, we will send out an email to all parents, we will post it on our Facebook page and we will send a text via the Remind app,

Due to the weather forecast, Sunday School is cancel for this Sunday and the Handbells will NOT play and the Seraphim Choir will NOT sing.

Spring Dress Up Days brought to you by Student Council

Monday, March 16th:



Career Day

Tuesday, March 17th:



Green Day

Wednesday, March 18th:



Polka Dot Day

Thursday, March 19th:

Dress Like a Teacher
Teacher's Dress like a Student



Friday, March 20:

Hawaiian Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 14-

Trivia night

Mar 15-9am

Seraphim Choir sings, handbells play

Mar 16 -5pm

PTL meeting

Mar 18-

5:15 Lenten meal

6:30 Lenten service

Mar 20 -

End of the 3rd qtr.

Mar 23-27

Spring Break

Mar 25-

5:15 Lenten meal

6:30 Lenten service

April 1 -

Report cards come home

April 2 -6:30

Maundy Thursday Worship

April 3 -

GOOD FRIDAY—NO school
Worship at 1pm & 6:30pm

School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Camp LuWiSoMo. This week \$29.57 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$660.57 for the quarter.

LENTEN MEAL

The Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 18th will be served by the Altar Guild and LWML starting at 5:15pm. Please join us for soup and sandwiches before the worship service at 6:30pm.

INTENT TO RETURN

You should have received a paper copy and an email with a link to fill out our Intent to Return form for next year. Please fill out one of the forms and return it by March 20th.

ACCELERATED READER CHALLENGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO 8TH GRADE FOR TAKING THIRD PLACE THIS YEAR in the AR challenge!!!!!! The only other grade to finish in the top 10 was 3rd grade in tenth place.

DODGEBALL UPDATE

We have moved the date of the Dodgeball tournament. The new date is **Friday, April 10th** instead of March 6th. Please sign up by March 27th.

PTL MEETING

Come and join us on MONDAY for our PTL meeting and potluck. Food at 5pm and meeting around 5:30pm. More information on page 5. If there is no school on Monday, the meeting will be rescheduled for a future date.

HANDBELLS & SERAPHIM CHOIR

Handbells have had two practices in the last two weeks, with all the sickness and such going around. We will need more time to learn our new pieces to be ready to play in April and May. **NO HANDBELLS MARCH 15.** Seraphim Choir will **NOT SING MARCH 15.**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

As a reminder, If you have a policy with Thrivent Financial your 2025 Undirected Thrivent Choice Dollars® will be expiring on March 31, 2026. Choice Dollars® can be designated online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice), or by calling 800-847-4836 and saying "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

NEW CHANGE: Beginning this year (2026) Choice Dollars will be allocated in one lump sum and then will expire on December 31st that same calendar year. In 2026, Choice Dollars will be allocated to eligible members on April 1st. Beginning in 2027 (and continuing each year after) they will be allocated on January 1st.

Since the beginning of the Choice Dollar® program, here's how much has been allocated to our school and church:

St John Lutheran Church	\$62,064.00	St John Lutheran School	\$63,351.00
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Please plan to join us!
Each Wednesday through Lent
Meal starts at 5:15pm
Service at 6:30pm



Mark your calendars for
the upcoming
Easter Egg Hunt on
Sat., April 4th
starting at 10am.

From the Teachers

3K/4K

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1st/2nd Grade

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This week in math we are using robots to talk about shapes. We are also learning about tally marks, how to make them, and how to count them. We love using our hexagon and square robots in an ABB pattern on our calendar. In language, we are continuing to replace the beginning sound of one word to make a new word. For example, take “may” remove the /m/ sound; replace it with the /s/ sound; and you get the new word “say”. We also started working to identify words that start with the same sound (I say name a word that begins with the /h/ sound in home, and the students say things like hot or house).

During Jesus’ time, we read the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. We also read the story of when Jesus was anointed. The parables tell us that God will search for every lost person, and He rejoices when He finds them. Jesus being anointed reminds us that we are getting closer in our Bible timeline to Jesus fulfilling the promise that a Savior would come. I included some handwriting practice for the capital and lowercase X if you would like to work on that. Your child brought home their “S” door page today. This is not required but can be fun.

This week in Jesus’ time, we learned about some of Jesus’ “I Am” statements from the Bible. We talked about how Jesus is the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, and the Good Shepherd, meaning He cares for us, guides us, and gives us what we need. We talked about how Jesus is always with us and helps lead us in the right way.

In Superkids we finished unit 15 and saw how the Superkids turned an old bus into their new clubhouse. We cannot wait to find out what fun things the club is going to do. We continue to work hard on our handwriting, please encourage your child to take their time and write their letters the Superkids way. Keep reading your word bag cards.

In math, we have finished 103 lessons. In Social Studies we talked about Mexico City and how monarch butterflies fly there for the winter.

In science, we continue to talk about the weather. We talked about the animal that enjoy the rain and how rain helps many living things. We learned how rain helps animals find food, stay cool, and live in their natural habitats.

In art we made ‘springy shamrocks’. We are excited for the spring weather, but it is all over the place, so we need to make sure that we keep bringing warm coats and packing hats and mittens for outside recess just in case.

We have been putting together a Jesus booklet. It includes Jesus’ life with the disciples, Mary & Martha, His talk with Nicodemus and some miracles. Hopefully, it will be a project to keep “forever!”

In math, we have started multiplying by 0, 1’s, 10’s, and 100’s. We are subtracting 9 and 8, measuring centimeters, finding the perimeter of an area, and adding three-digit numbers. We are learning to keep numbers in their columns, stacked with the big numbers always on top. We also began time to the minute.

In science and math, we are charting the weather for March with a lion on stormy, cold, and snowy days, and a lamb on the sunny, warm days.

In our Superkids story, Second Grade learned lessons on cooperating with a partner, being friends, giving people a chance even if you think they cannot do something, and obeying their teacher. The students did activities with “er” sounding endings, comparing big, bigger, and biggest. First Grade read about Buster the pigeon. They thought he was a boy, until he laid an egg! Surprisingly, Buster is a girl pigeon! They also did activities using contractions and comparing long, longer and longest. They also read about *Rainy Day Projects*. The students picked one of the projects to do they will be presenting them on Friday, March 20.

From the Teachers

3rd Grade

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5th/6th Grade

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7th/8th Grade

Mr. Pett

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Happy Friday! It's hard to believe next week ends the 3rd quarter. As we continue to journey through Lent, we will continue to learn how the Israelites strayed from God. We will focus on Hezekiah and the Three Men in the Fiery Furnace. We will learn that God invites us to pray to Him in times of trouble, and He promises to hear us and help us.

This week we worked on writing six blessings God has given each of us. We then added these blessings to our "I Am Blessed" are project. "Every good and perfect gift is from above."

Have a great weekend!



Please don't forget that our classroom is collecting items for a food drive. Items are due by March 20 so we can add to the collection at church.

We're learning about the Lewis and Clark expedition this week. Sacagawea was part of this expedition, so the students found ten interesting facts about her and wrote a short paper!

We are working hard on long division, with and without remainders!

A sheet was sent home with different dress-up days for next week. There is a list in our classroom if anyone needs a reminder.

Don't forget the Wednesday Lenten services.

Watch the weather this weekend!

Spring Break begins next week Friday after school.

We have one more week until spring break, and we will continue moving right along, since it is also the last week of the quarter.

We will be finishing up presenting our diorama projects since we weren't able to this week with students being absent.

Students have made their notecards for the Midwest region and should now be studying the states and capitals so they are ready for their test on them after spring break.

We will also be working on the next section in health which is about maintaining an active lifestyle. We will continue to draft our first report and work on revising them.

We will see what next week brings with the weather, so make sure students have what they need for going outside at recess time.

Have a great weekend!

This week we started *My Side of the Mountain* in Literature. We are still studying the different types of nouns in Language Arts and next we will be talking about pronouns.

We are talking about what the United States was like under President Andrew Jackson in History. We are using Wireless Speakers and Sound in Science to learn about sound waves and how science has advanced technology.

Religion is wrapping up the Lord's Prayer and has a test on it next week. Then they will be talking about the New Testament.

In Math, we are working with scale factors, Pythagorean Theorem, indirect measures, slant heights of pyramids and cones, sequence rules, and geometric measures with radicals.

Please be safe this weekend with the possible weather that is incoming. I pray that the Lord keeps you safe and warm. Stay tuned for any closings or delayed starts next week.

Serving in His Kingdom,
Mr. Pett

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Mar 16

Chicken fajitas, cheese-lettuce-salsa, carrots-vegs, chilled pears, dessert, milk

Wednesday, Mar 18

Breaded chicken patty on wgr bun, cheese slices, mac & cheese, carrots-vegs, applesauce, milk

Friday, Mar 20

Tacos, cheese-lettuce-salsa, carrots-vegs, mixed fruit, dessert, milk

Tuesday, Mar 17

Hamburger on wgr bun, cheese slices, baked beans, French fries, carrots-vegs, pineapple tidbits, milk

Thursday, Mar 19

Covered wagons, tator tots, carrots-vegs, chilled peaches, milk



PTL Potluck Family Night
Save the Date: March 16th

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together, enjoy a meal, and learn more about **Parent-Teacher League (PTL)**.

- 🕒 Food will be ready starting at 5:00 PM (join us when you can)
- 🕒 PTL Meeting begins around 5:30 PM

If you can, please bring a **dish to pass**

- + Learn about PTL
- + Discover ways to get involved
- + Help our PTL start a new chapter

Kids are welcome!
 Children can enjoy **open gym time** or participate in **various games** while parents attend the meeting. (We will have some older kids there to help supervise)

Whether you're new to PTL or have been involved before, we would love to have you join us, share ideas, and be part of a team that supports our school.

SPRING CROSSWORD

1. Butterfly

2. Rainbow

3. Flower

4. Ladybug

5. Frog

6. Cloud

7. Snail

Drink to your health!

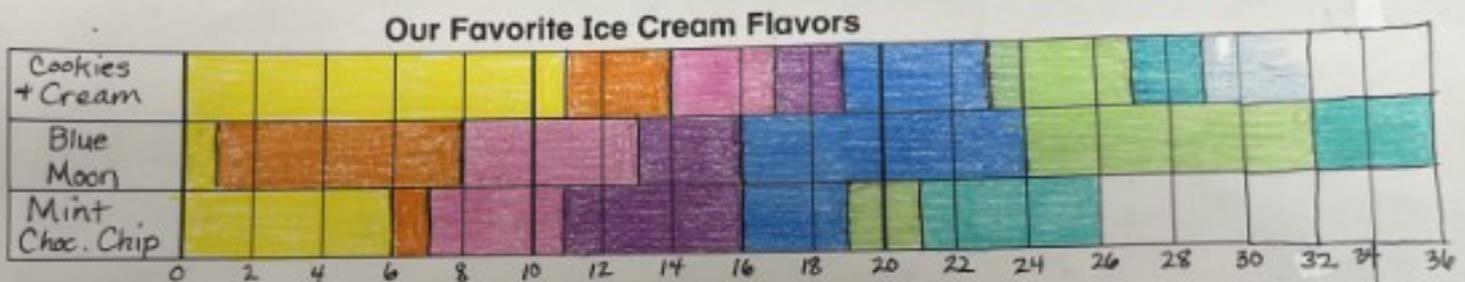


Does your teen know that simply by eliminating soda, he'll probably lose weight? And soda isn't the only culprit in the "liquid calorie" department. In fact, many drinks may seem like a good choice, but they contain sugar—and calories. For example, a regular 20-ounce sports drink has 140 calories and 36 grams of sugar and a 16-ounce bottle of orange juice has 206 calories and 37 grams of sugar.

Having one of these drinks every once in a while is okay, but encourage your child to choose water to stay hydrated and healthy. A glass of fat-free milk a day is a healthy addition to his diet, too.

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Survey taken by the 1st and 2nd grade class on Favorite Ice Cream Flavors



Write three facts about the graph.

1. Blue Moon is the favorite flavor.
2. 3 more children/people liked Cookies and Cream than Mint Chocolate Chip.
3. 91 people took the survey! That might be a record!

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 1+2 ■ 7+8 ■
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