



# Badger Bytes

April 24, 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

Thank you to Mrs. Wenzel for being the acting Principal while I was out of the building on Monday and Tuesday.

Student Council would like to invite students and staff to wear Milwaukee Brewer apparel on Friday, May 8th.

Just a reminder, NO SCHOOL next Friday, May 1st. Teachers will have an in-service day. Progress report will come home next Thursday, the end of the school year is creeping up on us!

Just a reminder, students cannot wear shorts to school until May 1st.

## Make time for meals

Is getting a nutritious meal on the table every night a challenge with your busy schedule? You're not alone! These tips can make it easier.

### Plan ahead

Each week, talk about your schedule, and let your child write mealtimes on the calendar. It doesn't have to be dinner. If you know you're working late one evening, have him pencil in breakfast together. Share a picnic before his baseball practice. Or look forward to capping off a hectic week with a Saturday brunch.

### Find shortcuts

No time to cook *and* eat? Skip the cooking part! Stop by the grocery store for a rotisserie chicken, microwavable "steam in the bag" potatoes, and a salad from the salad bar. Or make double batches of soups and casseroles on weekends, and freeze half to defrost during the week. Another idea is to set out a buffet of food you don't have to heat up, such as cold leftover chicken, cheese cubes, whole-wheat crackers, carrot and celery sticks with hummus, grapes, and apple slices.

### Use teamwork

Involve your youngster in every aspect of family meals—from helping you prepare and cook food to setting the table and cleaning up afterward. He'll gain experience following instructions and measuring ingredients. As he becomes more independent in the kitchen, his help will save you time.



**Tip:** Encourage family bonding by turning off the TV and putting silenced phones in another room during meals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 30 -**

Progress Reports go home

Pizza orders arrive

**May 1-**

NO school

**May 3-9am**

Cherub Choir sings at church

**May 7 -**

Hanging basket orders arrive

**May 8 -**

Wear Milwaukee Brewer apparel!

**May 12-6pm**

Board of Education meeting

**May 13 -**

Timber Rattler Field Trip (gr. 3-8)

6:30pm Confirmation questioning

**May 15 -**

West Bloomfield Track & Field Day grades 3rd-8th

Zoo trip for grades 3K-2nd

**NO**  
**SCHOOL**  
**Fri. May 1st**

# School News

## CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs Ministry This week \$32.00 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$96.26 for the quarter.

## SCRIP NEWS

We are looking for someone to take over the Scrip program. Please contact Julie Snow at 920-745-0977 or Rich Wallner 920-252-0049 if you have any questions or are interested.

## THANK YOU

Thank you from Mrs. Fritsch to the Handbell Choir, the Seraphim Choir and all who attended Sunday to participate in Worship, and to recognize my retirement. It has been 35 years since I started here at St. John. I had one year prior in Nashville, IL. That was 1983, when Pastor Fritsch and I got married! We have been very blessed! Thank you all for your well wishes and kind words. I appreciate all of you!

## SURVEYS, SURVEYS, SURVEYS GALORE

A survey link was emailed out to all our SCHOOL families last Monday. We would appreciate if you could take a few minutes and fill out the survey about the school by April 30th. There was more information in the email, please reach out with any questions.

The CHURCH is also doing a separate survey and they would like you to participate, here is information about that survey: In an attempt to understand where we're at and realize God's mission for us, our church is asking those affiliated with it to take a survey. Even if you're not a member, your perspective will be very helpful. When you get a chance, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey at this link: <http://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C76148> (if prompted, enter the code: C76148). Responses are required by May 3. Your responses will be anonymous. You can skip questions you don't have an answer for. We could really use your help! Thank you in advance.

## PIZZA SALE

The pizzas will arrive by the end of the school day next THURSDAY, April 30th. Please plan to pick up your order by 4pm.

## SCREEN FREE WEEK

St. John will be participating in National Screen Free Week from May 4th to May 10th. A note with more information and a list of events came home today so you have time to plan.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE -Vacation Bible School will be held Saturday, July 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ALL children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome to attend. We are also looking for middle school and high school students who would be willing to help make this day a success. Volunteers will assist with storytelling, crafts, games, and food. If you are interested in helping, please email Lisa Schuster at [schram.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:schram.lisa@gmail.com)

Come join us for this exciting and fun-filled event—we'd love to have you!

## CHERUB CHOIR

The Cherub Choir (grades PS-3rd) will sing at church next Sunday, May 3rd.

## WEST BLOOMFIELD TRACK MEET

A permission slip came home today with all 3rd-8th grade students. The annual West Bloomfield Track & Field day will be Friday, May 15th. There is NO cost for this field trip, but we need parent drivers. Please return the permission slip by Monday, May 4th.

## PTL MEETING

There will be a **SHORT** PTL meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at 3:30 to elect officers for the 26/27 school year. If you would like to run for President, Secretary or Treasurer, please email the school so you can be added to the ballot. You can reach out to any PTL member or the church office for more details. We hope to see you there.

# From the Teachers

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Can you believe that we are almost halfway through our last quarter?

In math, we practiced tally marks again this week. We also spent time practicing putting things in order of first, second, third, and fourth.

In language, we are continuing to work on identifying rhyming words. For example, when given word pairs such as *hat* and *cat*, students generate additional rhyming words like *rat* and *mat*. We are also practicing identifying words with the same beginning sound. When given a word such as *fish*, students respond with words that start with the same sound, such as *farm* and *fly*.

During Jesus' time, we read about Jesus appearing to the disciples and His command to Peter to take care of His sheep (us). Jesus comes to us, assuring us of His forgiving love and guiding us to live as His disciples. We also read the story of the great commission and Jesus' ascension. When Jesus had completed His earthly work, He returned to Heaven, leaving His followers to carry out His mission. He promised the disciples and us that He would always be with us and help us to share His love with others.

This week in Jesus time, we learned about how Jesus showed His glory to Peter, James, and John on the mountain. We talked about how God said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him," and how we can listen to Jesus by trusting Him and following His words.

In Superkids, we have started our 4th Superkids book, and we will be working on the letters K, Q, and J. We did learn that the letter Q has a best friend that is always with it so when we practice Q we are practicing "Qu". Icky is our Supernoodle for the letters K and Q. He wrote a skit that the superkids are going to perform in three parts called acts. Today we are bringing home our third homework assignment that we can be practicing.

In social studies, we got to learn about the Netherlands and began to talk about Italy this week.

In art, we celebrated Earth Day and made our own little earth and got to say what our earth promise would be to help keep our earth clean and healthy.

Please remember that spring weather can be unpredictable and muddy so keep packing boots and warm coats for recess.

Important date to remember: Kindergarten graduation is fast approaching; Wednesday, May 27th at 5:30pm.

We have done more reviewing of the death and resurrection of our Savior. Peter's Denial, and Jesus appearing again to the disciples after His resurrection. He asked Peter three times if Peter loved Him. Why three times? Was Jesus hard of hearing since His death. Absolutely not! Peter had denied Jesus three times, now Jesus wanted Peter to know that He had forgiven Him for his denial three times as well! We have a wonderful Savior. He forgives our sins when we repent as well. Thank you, Jesus.

In math we learned about arrays, most likely, least likely, impossible, multiplying by 4, perpendicular line segments, right angles, and adding and subtracting three-digit numbers.

In Science we are learning about Painted Lady caterpillars. We are observing the caterpillars and keeping a journal of their development.

We've also planted sunflower seeds and are journaling their progress as well.

Second grade has almost learned all the lowercase cursive letters. We will then start writing our names in cursive on our papers!

Superkids reading keeps us very busy, doing the activities in our Workbook and reading our stories.

Have a blessed weekend,

Mrs. Fritsch

# From the Teachers

## 3rd Grade

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## 4th Grade

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## 5th/6th Grade

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## 7th/8th Grade

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Christ is Risen! We continue to exclaim this throughout the Easter season and every day after. This week we heard how Jesus spent 40 days after His resurrection preparing His disciples to tell people about His great love for them. This is the same message He wants each of us to share with others.

Wednesday was National Earth Day. The 3rd graders observed the occasion with a scavenger hunt. During our walk, we had also collected any garbage we found. We used this time to learn how, as God's children, we should take care of the earth He has given us, reflecting on the message of Genesis 2:15: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it."

We spent this week finishing our "Flat" 3rd grader stories. We are sending our Flat students to family/friends and are asking them to write down and/or take pictures of our Flat student while with the friends and family. Stay tuned for the adventures of our Flat 3rd graders. Have a great weekend!

The weather this week has been beautiful! The kids love their time spend outside! The students can start wearing shorts to school on Monday, May 4.

May 13 is the baseball field trip to go see the Timber Rattlers. May 15 is our next field trip to West Bloomfield for a track meet. May 29, weather permitting, the entire school will participate in The Amazing Race. Students will be separated into their chapel groups and race around town to do fun activities at different businesses. We will need parents to travel with groups, so come join the fun! Sign up with the office!

We learned about the suffrage movement in our Reading story this week.

In Wisconsin History we covered more about the Revolutionary War.

We're getting good at long division! We'll be dividing by double digits soon!!!

Enjoy the dry days while you can!

April seems to be flying by! Next week we have a four day week to end the month. We will be having a vocabulary test on Thursday and also our test on the west region states and capitals on Tuesday. Then, we will be introducing the last group of the states, the southwest region, to finish off the year. In health, we will be learning about our ears and eyes, and then moving on to our last chapter about drugs. In religion, we spent this week talking about Jesus rising from the dead and visiting the disciples, and next week we will be discussing his ascension into heaven. We wrapped up our first try at informational reports this week by sharing them with each other in class, and we read about the search for Cleopatra's tomb in reading this week, which was very interesting too. We have five more weeks of school, so I keep reminding my students that they need to finish strong and continue to work hard through these last few weeks. Have a great weekend!

Today we took our first field trip of the spring to the EAA Museum in Oshkosh. We studied the many different types of aircraft created over the years and the progression over time to the technology of today. The students will be writing a brief report about their experience.

Pastor Schrader is continuing a study of the New Testament in Confirmation class. We are continuing our study of sound waves using wireless speakers as a relevant example.

In History, we will be researching the different wars our country has been involved with throughout our 250 years.

In Language, we will be looking a little closer at pronouns, appositives, predicate nouns, predicate adjectives, direct objects, and indirect objects. We are wrapping up *My Side of the Mountain* in Literature. As part of the final project for this book, the students will partner up and create a board game about the story.

In Art we created poppy flower posters for a contest for the American Legion Auxiliary. Your student should have brought home an entry form to participate. In Math, we will be studying slopes, formula substitution, equations with exponents, simple and compound interest, volume and surface area of compound solids, similar solids, consumer interest, and converting repeating decimals to fractions.

Please encourage your child to dress for the weather and remember no shorts until after May 1st. Have a great weekend.

Serving in His Kingdom,

Mr. Pett

# Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Apr 27

Spaghetti & meatballs,  
breadsticks, broccoli, pine-  
apple tidbits, milk

Wednesday, Apr 29

Tacos, lettuce-salsa-  
cheese, carrots-vegs,  
chilled peaches, dessert,  
milk

Friday, May 1

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Apr 28

Chicken nuggets, French  
fries, wgr bread, carrots-  
vegs, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Apr 30

Sloppy Joe on wgr bun,  
tator tots, carrots-vegs,  
chilled pears, milk



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- APRIL
- ARBOR DAY
- ARBORETUM
- ARBORIST
- BARK
- BRANCH
- CANOPY
- CONSERVATION
- ECOSYSTEM
- EVERGREEN
- FOREST
- FRIDAY
- GARDEN
- GREENERY
- GROVE
- J. STERLING MORTON
- LEAVES
- OXYGEN
- PLANTING
- ROOTS
- SAPLING
- SEEDLING
- SHADE
- TREE
- TRUNK
- WILDLIFE
- WOODLAND



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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# Berlin Bike RODEO

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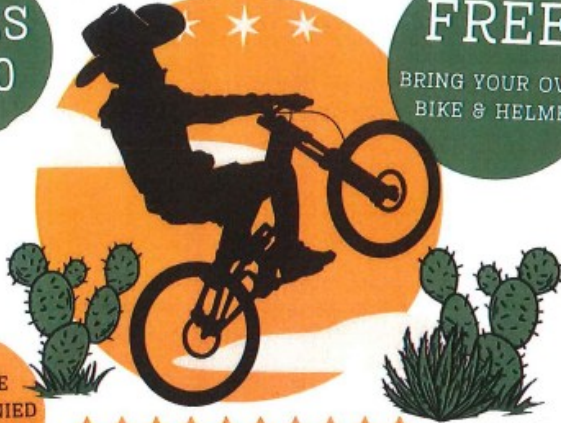
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PRIZES, GAMES, & GIVEAWAYS

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A Family-Friendly Concert

**RANDY PETERSON**

Tuesday, May 5th at 6pm  
At St. John Lutheran Church  
168 Mound Street, Berlin

A concert for kids that the whole family will enjoy



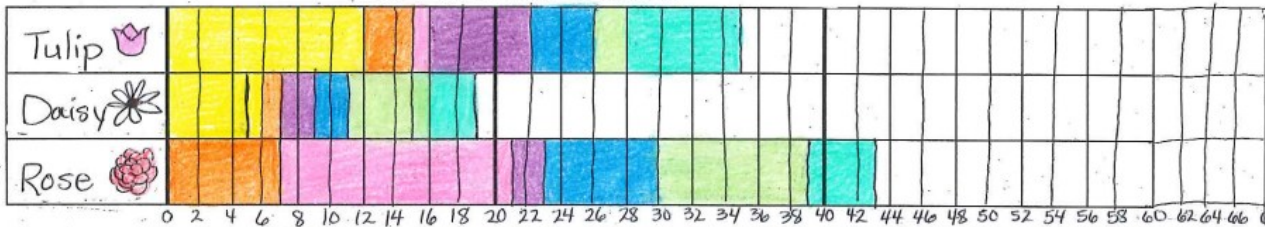
The St. John Lutheran Church  
Evangelism Team is hosting  
Randy Peterson as part of St. John  
Lutheran School's participation in  
National Screen-Free Week.  
This evening concert gives students  
and families an engaging alternative  
to screen time and encourages  
meaningful time together  
through music.

I'm going screen-free!



Learn more at [www.screenfree.org](http://www.screenfree.org)

Our Favorite Flowers



Write three facts about the graph.

- Rose was the favorite flower by 8 votes.
- 24 more people chose Rose than chose Daisy.
- 97 people voted this week.

Key: PK 4  
K 5+6  
1+2 7+8  
3

**1st and 2nd  
Grade  
Survey**

3wk Lunch Menu for April 27 - May 15

<p>Monday 4-27</p> <p>Spaghetti and Meatballs Broccoli Pineapple Tidbits milk</p>	<p>Tuesday 4-28</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets French Fries Wg bread Carrots-Vegetables Apple Sauce milk</p>	<p>Wednesday 4-29</p> <p>Tacos lettuce-salsa-cheese Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches Dessert milk</p>	<p>Thursday 4-30</p> <p>Sloppy Joe on wg bun Tater Tots Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches milk</p>	<p>Friday 5-1</p> <p>Go School</p>
<p>Monday 5-4</p> <p>Chicken Strips French Fries wg bread Carrots-Vegetables Chilled Peaches milk</p>	<p>Tuesday 5-5</p> <p>Covered Wagons Tater Tots Baked Beans Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches milk</p>	<p>Wednesday 5-6</p> <p>Chicken Fajitas lettuce-salsa-cheese Carrots-vegetables Pineapple Tidbits Dessert milk</p>	<p>Thursday 5-7</p> <p>Pizza Rice Pilaf Carrots-vegetables Apple Sauce milk</p>	<p>Friday 5-8</p> <p>Cheese Omelets Ham-Saus Links Pancakes-Fr Tst Broccoli Assorted Breads Mixed Fruit Orange Juice milk</p>
<p>Monday 5-11</p> <p>Breast Chicken Patty on wg bun cheese alfredo French Fries Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches milk</p>	<p>Tuesday 5-12</p> <p>Hot Wn/chicken on wg bun Butter Noodles Carrots-Vegetables Pineapple Tidbits milk</p>	<p>Wednesday 5-13</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Tater Tots wg bread Carrots-vegetables Chilled Peaches milk</p>	<p>Thursday 5-14</p> <p>Hot Dogs w/ corn dogs French Fries Carrots-vegetables Apple Sauce milk</p>	<p>Friday 5-15</p> <p>W/ Bloomfield Day Field Trips</p>

THE MILK OFFERED IS FAT-FREE CHOCOLATE AND 1% WHITE  
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