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# Badger Bytes

May 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:

Congratulations to our graduates: Jane Custer, Lorelei Hess, Harrison Johnson and Judah Krueger. Remember to take God with you into high school and on all your future endeavors. He will never let you down.



It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Mrs. Fritsch, Mr. Pett and Mrs. Wallner at the end of this school year. Thank you for your many years of dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to our school community. You have made our school a better place, and your impact will be felt for years to come.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Back to School Kick off nights will be Monday, Aug. 24 and Tuesday, Aug. 25 from 4pm to 7pm. Meet the teachers, bring your school supplies and get your school portraits taken.

Someone will be in the school office during the summer on Monday-Thursday from 9am to 1pm if you want to pay fees, buy raffle tickets or have any questions.

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the whole school year. Whether you helped with field trips, classroom parties, fundraising, volunteering for boards or committee or anything else, we appreciate you. Our school could not function without YOU. A huge thank you to Mrs. Warning for volunteering 3 days a week in our school library.

There are still SO MANY ITEMS ON THE LOST AND FOUND TABLE. We will wait until June 11th to donate anything, there is still time to stop by and take a look.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 19 - Church picnic
- July 25- Vacation Bible School
- August 24 & 25- 4pm to 7pm Back to School Kickoff
- September 1 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (K-8th)
- September 8- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Preschool)

Woo-hoo!  
HAPPY LAST day School

# School News

## CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is being donated to the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dogs Ministry. This week, we received \$25.26, bringing our quarterly total to \$253.77. We will be donating the full amount to Lutheran Church Charities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Chapel offerings throughout the school year. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Bible School, more information is on page 5.

## WASHER/DRYER RAFFLE

To support raising money for the new school roof, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a brand-new Speed Queen Washer and a Dryer (gas or electric) valued at \$4,000. Tickets are 1 for \$30; 2 for \$50; 3 for \$75; or 4 for \$100. Tickets are available for purchase during the school's office hours. License Number: R0045091-A-52601

## DONKEY BASEBALL

Mark your calendars!! Donkey Baseball will return this fall on September 26, 2026.



## A/R NEWS

Congratulations to Judah Krueger for having the MOST A/R points for the 25/26 school year. He had 672 points, Way to Go, JUDAH!



## MEDICATIONS

All medications that were sent to the school throughout the school year will be sent home with students today. Please check your child's backpack for anything that was sent home.

## HANDBELLS AND CHOIR

Thank you so much for a wonderful year making music. You did well last night for graduation. It feels so good when the Handbells can peak their best at just the right time. Keep making music for our Lord!

## CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be Sunday, July 19 at the North Shelter House in Berlin.



# From the Teachers

3K/4K

Miss Linse

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Kindergarten

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1st/2nd Grade

Mrs. Fritsch

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We loved going to get ice cream on Tuesday at McDonalds.

In math, we have been reviewing topics from throughout the year.

In language, we were also on a review week. We are still practicing our sight words (words that cannot be sounded out).

During Jesus' time, we talked about how it is our job to love others, because God first loved us. We are God's children through faith in Jesus and He helps us to love others. God communicated His Word to the early church through letters written by apostles and other believers, and it is our job to share that message still today.

A few of our chicken eggs hatched on Wednesday, and we got to pet them.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child.

Thank you for all your volunteer hours, gifts, and support throughout the year. It was an honor to be a part of your child's education journey. Keep an eye on your e-mail and our Facebook page this summer for updates.

**Have a blessed summer!**

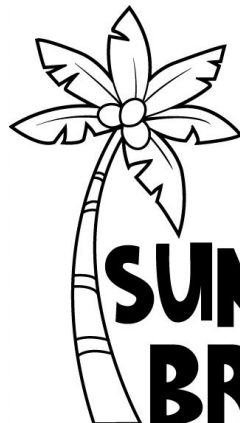
This week in Jesus time, we talked about the story of Lydia. She sold purple goods and when she hears Paul share God's Word about Jesus she is baptized and welcomed Paul into her home. God wants all people to come to faith in Jesus and be saved.

Keep reading 20-30 minutes a night with your child.

Thank you to Mrs. Derksen and Mrs. Wacholtz who helped to put on a fantastic end of the year party on Thursday. We had a blast!

We had a lot of fun at kindergarten graduation Wednesday night. We have worked hard all year, and we are looking forward to next year. We are ready to be first graders!

Thank you, families, for a wonderful year. We cannot believe the school year is over, where did time go. Have a blessed summer and we will see you in the fall!



**SUMMER  
BREAK**

What a wonderful end to our last week! We finished our Lego Mad Minute Racetrack, received our cars as prizes, and took our properties home. We cleaned out our desks of most things. We had some time to color our Father's Day Gift! We decorated pots for our seeds, whether they grew or not. That's science...always an experiment!

There are summer packets available. I will get them to each family, and you may do what you want with them. Summer gets long, and after a few weeks, "What is there to do, I'm bored sets in." No one should ever be bored if there is a book nearby. READ!!!

I have been very blessed to teach at St. John for 35 years. I have crossed the paths of all kids that walked through our doors either in my classroom, through recorders, music, Handbells or Volleyball. I have loved teaching and sharing Jesus with everyone. St. John is a family of believers in Christ, and I pray that the ministry continues through our faith in Jesus. My confirmation verse is John 14:27 - *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you, not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

Blessings in Christ,

Mrs. Char Fritsch

# From the Teachers

## 3rd Grade

Mrs. Wenzel

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It's hard to believe our third-grade year is over! It has been a fun and busy week. We finished our last religion unit "Jesus Sends the Church." We have learned that Jesus makes us right before God by faith and also works in us to love and serve our neighbor.

We spent the week hearing about the adventures of our "Flat" students as they returned to school. The 3rd graders were excited to learn about the adventures of their "flat" 3rd graders.

Today we will close the school year with an Amazing Race throughout Berlin in the morning. After the Amazing Race, we will come back to school for an all school picnic and an afternoon of games, activities, and fun.

It has been a year of change, growth, and learning.

God's blessings on your summer

## 4th Grade

Mrs. Berry

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Medals were handed out for the students to celebrate their achievements from the Track and Field Day!

We finished the day strong with an End of the Year Math test. They were surprised at how much they learned this year!

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! God's blessings to the class as they move forward!

Please have your child READ each day this summer! There are so many great books to check out at the public library.

Play math games to keep their skills sharp!

Donkey Baseball is set for this September! Watch for the flyers for more information this summer.

May 31 is a rare Micro Moon, so if you can get out on Sunday night, you see it!

Thank you to Mrs. Waters for bringing in her two tree frogs for us to see and learn a little about on Thursday.

Have a great and blessed summer.  
Mrs. Berry

## 5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Pick

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Happy Last Day of School! It has been a great year of learning amazing things in 5th and 6th Grade! From fractions to learning our states and capitals, we learned a lot!

We took an end of the year math test on Thursday, which we then corrected, so that students could see how much they learned this year, and so they know any skills that they could work on and review over the summer. I told the students to take it home and show it to their parents, so hopefully they did.

We are enjoying our last day with our Amazing Race and enjoying outdoor activities. What a fun way to end the year! It has been another wonderful school year with this group of 5th and 6th graders and being a part of the St. John School family. I have enjoyed teaching them and watching them grow both in their knowledge and their faith. I hope they all remember what Pastor Schrader told them yesterday and take the time to grow in their relationship with God over their summer break too.

Have a blessed summer break!

Mrs. Pick

## 7th/8th Grade

Mr. Pett

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This is the last Badger Bytes of the year. I hope all of you have a great summer. In case you had not heard, this is my last day at St John as God has other plans for me. Thank you for all your prayers and support over the past five years. It was an honor getting to teach your children. Continue to nurture your student's growth in their relationship with God in various ways from daily devotions to Vacation Bible School to attending church regularly all year long. May God bless you and keep you in His peace.

Serving in His Kingdom,

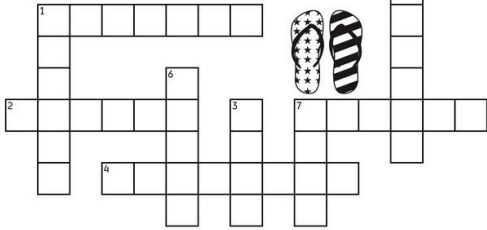
Mr. Pett

GOODBYE  
SCHOOL  
HELLO  
SUMMER



# Summertime Crossword

Find the correct answers to the clues and fill them into the crossword puzzle.



## DOWN

1. Knee-length clothing for hot days
3. A fun item to fly at the beach or park in summer
5. Staying in a tent under the stars
6. Area next to the sea with sand
7. Place to swim in the sun

## ACROSS

1. Flip-flops are a type of these
2. Wind that feels good
4. When you go away and enjoy time off
7. A meal eaten at a park

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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ages 3 to 5th grade  
ALL are welcome

Saturday, July 25th  
9am-3pm

- Bible Stories
- Games
- Crafts
- Lunch/Snacks
- Music
- Bounce House
- Prizes



Scan the QR code to register.  
Please register by July 8th  
Or call 920-361-0555

