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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:

I will be out of the building next week Monday and Tuesday for a Principal Convention. Mrs. Wenzel will be the acting principal.

We have a new Spirit Sale online. You can use this link to order.

<https://rudh-apparel.square.site/shop/st-john-lutheran-school/JODWQ7SCVIK4LGLIJAEFST>

We have also emailed the link out to families. The sale will always be open and there will be a link on our website: stjohnberlin.org.

The St. John Board of Christian Education will have two positions open starting January 2027. Board members serve three-year terms, and all candidates must be members of St. John Lutheran Church. If you would like more information or are interested in running for the board, please contact Miss Linse or any current member of the Board of Christian Education. Please pray about this opportunity to serve our school.

Next Wednesday, the Berlin Fire Department will be visiting our school to speak with our Preschool through 4th grade students about fire safety. Students will also have the opportunity to go outside and explore the fire trucks.

We greatly appreciate the Berlin Fire Department taking the time to visit our school. More importantly, we are grateful for their dedication and commitment to keeping our community safe each and every day.

Check out our Homecoming Spirit Week Dress Up Days. This is for NEXT week and is sponsored by the Student Council.

The school plans to attend the Homecoming Parade which won't start until around 3:00pm on Friday and it will start around Frank's Meats. We will leave for the parade at 2:45pm from school if you would like to walk with us. If anyone would like to try and save us spots in front of Bosquez Chiropractic office around 2:30 that would be awesome. If our 5th - 8th grade students return from their field trip in time, they will also be walked down to the parade. We contacted the bus company, and they will wait for our return so bus students will still be able to ride the bus home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 5 -

7th/8th pizza sale begins

Oct 6 -

VB at home
4:45 B girls
5:45 A girls

Oct 7 -

Fire Department visit

Oct 8 - 4:45

B Team VB at home

Oct 9 -

5-8 grade go to Feed My Starving Children

3:00 homecoming parade

Oct 12 -

Volleyball at New Springs

4:30 B Team

5:30 A Team

Oct 14 - 6pm

Board of Education meeting

Homecoming Spirit Week

October 5th - 9th

Monday: Dress as your Favorite Movie Character



Tuesday: Jersey Day



Wednesday: Wear your Favorite Color



Thursday: Pajama Day



Friday: Berlin Spirit Ware Green & Red



School News

CHAPEL

This quarter's Chapel offering is going to Phil's Friends. This week \$22.02 was received in our collection which brings our total to \$104.87 for the quarter.

SPORTS

There were no games this week for either volleyball team. Both girls' teams are home on Tuesday, and the B girls have a home game on Thursday.

DONKEY BASEBALL

Thank you to everyone who had the courage to ride a donkey last Saturday for our fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our event. We were blessed with beautiful weather and we made over \$800.00. Thanks again.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER

To raise money for their class trip, the 7th and 8th graders will be selling frozen pizzas from Joe's in Wautoma. They will be collecting orders from October 5-Oct 23, and the pizza will arrive on November 5th.

PTL NEWS

The PTL met recently to discuss several exciting projects and opportunities for the school year. We are currently looking for a few additional chairpersons and volunteers to help with events throughout the year. Please see the email sent by Deb Schrader for available opportunities.

PTL has approved \$200 twice a year per teacher for classroom expenses. Teachers may also request additional support for field trips, special events, and other classroom needs throughout the year. In addition, PTL will provide treats for staff birthdays once each quarter, and a sign-up will be shared soon.

The group also approved updates to the PTL bylaws regarding meeting dates. PTL will now meet every other month, alternating between Monday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Planning is underway for the Christmas Parade on November 19 with this year's theme, "Old-Fashioned Christmas." We are seeking a truck, trailer, trailer storage, and a volunteer to lead the decorating effort.

Please mark your calendars for the Ladies Aid/PTL Cookie Walk on December 13. All school families are asked to provide 4-6 dozen cookies, and parents who would like to purchase cookies may refer to Deb Schrader's email for ordering information.

Our next PTL meeting will be held on November 2 at 5:00 p.m. at the school. We will be having a potluck, so feel free to bring a dish to share. We are also working on providing childcare for families attending the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the anonymous donor who dropped off money for snacks for the students and for the 7th and 8th grade field trip.

PETALS & PLOWS FIELD TRIP

Your child should have brought home a permission slip to go to Petals and Plows. This is a WHOLE school field trip. Please sign and return the permission slip ASAP. Please reach out to Mrs. Deb Schrader if you need a new copy of the permission slip. [Permission slips and money are due on MONDAY.](#)

CHRISTMAS VBS

We are looking for adults and students in 5th-8th grade who would be willing to help with our upcoming Christmas Vacation Bible School (VBS) on Saturday, December 5th. If you or your child are interested in helping, please reach out to Lisa Schuster at schram.lisa@gmail.com

From the Teachers

3K/4K

Miss Linse

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Kindergarten

Mrs. Webb

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1st Grade

Mrs. Wenzel

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Mornings are now going quite smoothly. This week we practiced writing our letter Dd's and Ee's. We have started a new pattern on our calendar, but nothing has repeated so we are not sure what kind of pattern it will be yet.

In math, we practiced matching 1-5 to sets of objects of that number. We also practiced positional phrases, like on top of, under, and behind. We are singing our numbers 1-5 and our basic shapes.

In language, we are working on identifying the beginning and ending sounds of a word. We are also practicing putting together and taking apart compound words. We enjoyed sharing orange items during show-n-tell. This week, during Jesus' time, we read the story of God calling Abraham. God promised to be with and bless Abraham, just like He promises to be with us and bless us.

In art we created handprint acorns. We have a new prayer for the month of October. The tune is the Jaws theme song and the words are "God is great and God is good. And we thank Him for this food. Aaaaaaaaamen."

This week in Jesus time, we learned about Jacob and Esau. We talked about the choices they made and how, even when we make mistakes, God still loves us and shows us His grace.

In Superkids, we met our next friend, Cass! Cass is helping us learn about the letter C and the /k/ sound it makes. Cass loves to cook and has a cat named Coconut.

In math, we have finished 20 lessons. They have been working hard using their math manipulatives. The pattern blocks continue to be the favorite!

We will be using a new snack and lunch prayer for the month of October. It is called the superman prayer. The words are "Thank you God, for giving us food. Thank you God, for giving us food. For the friends that we meet; and the food that we eat. Thank you God, for giving us food. Amen!"

Please remember the weather is cooling down and we are outside for recess so it is important to have a coat that will keep us warm.



In first grade, we have been learning that although family members may sin against one another, God continues to work through His people to bless others. We learned that Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and that God used the difficult events in Joseph's life for good.

In math, we began creating shapes and objects—such as dogs, boats, and turtles—using geoboards. We also began counting pennies and continued learning how to solve story problems.

In reading, we continued discussing the characters, setting, and plot of our stories. We also began learning about action verbs and how verbs tell what a noun is doing.

As we concluded our study of how God made each of us special, we learned that He has also blessed each of us with a family. We are learning that, just as each person is unique, every family is different. This connects beautifully with our religion unit on how God blesses families.

God Made Me Special!



Have a blessed weekend!

From the Teachers

2nd/3rd Grade

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Another week has passed, and we continue to learn a lot in our classroom. This week we learned about Abraham and Sarah and God's blessings that he gave them. We also have been learning about what adjectives are, how they describe nouns, and how we can also use them to make our writing more detailed. We focused on syllables with our words this week for spelling. In math, we have been working on adding and subtracting two-digit numbers and rounding. 2nd grade is reading about our bodies in their Superkids reader and learned when to use *tch* and *ch* in a word, and 3rd grade read a reader's theatre about jury duty and continued practicing making conclusions when they read a story. We did a virtual activity in science to make predictions about forces with a train, and their predictions were correct 4 of the 5 times, so they showed what great scientists they were! We also labeled maps with the different parts we are learning about in social studies like the prime meridian and equator.

Don't forget next week we have dress up days for Homecoming Week. Have a great weekend!

4th Grade

Mrs. Berry

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Donkey Baseball fundraiser last Saturday.

October 13 is the 4th Grade field trip to a cranberry marsh in Pittsville, Wisconsin. We leave at 7:45 a.m. We have two field trips the next week. The one on the 20th, the whole school will be going to Petals and Plows. Please remember to send the permission slip into school if you have not done so already. The permission slip for going to the fish hatchery in Wild Rose on October 20th for grades 2-4 has not been sent home yet. Our first report of the year was due on Wednesday. The students researched a continent and read their reports to the class. Way to go 4th Grade!

We talked about Joseph and his family in God's Word. We learned that jealousy can lead to some terrible things! We need to be content with all the blessing the God has given us! We have taken our second Math test. Keep up the good work! The Reading story this week was written in play form. This really caught their attention! Next week our story is a tall tale about Paul Bunyan. We will be writing some tall tales of our own!

During creative writing time, I gave the kids three unrelated words from which they needed to write a short story. One set of words was ant, dust, and toenail. Their "Quick Write" stories were pretty funny! They said they love this activity!

Have a great weekend!

5th/6th Grade

Mrs. Heise

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This week in Religion we learned about God saving His chosen people in Egypt from death and bondage. We also read that God sent ten plagues to the Egyptians to teach all mankind that God has the power to protect and lead His children out of captivity.

For Science, we talked about particles in three different states of matter. We also did an experiment to better understand material properties.

In English, the 5th graders are studying compound subjects and compound verbs. They also began the basic steps to outline sentences. The 6th graders are studying more in-depth techniques to outline sentences, to gain a better understanding of the English language and structure.

In math, both grades worked on writing equations for "combining" and "separating" word problems. It was challenging, but they did a great job persevering! Fifth grade also learned about number lines and seeing multiplication as repeated addition, and sixth grade dug deeper into place value and comparison word problems.

During History, we had the privilege of hearing from Mrs. Krista Kobishop about Orange Shirt Day, which honors the Native American children who were sent to Indian boarding schools, many of whom were mistreated there. We also learned about what archaeologists do.

To serve, Mrs. Heise

7th/8th Grade

Mrs. Schrader

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We had another great week of learning! In religion, students learned about the Fourth Commandment and reflected on the question, "Why do I need to go to church? It's full of hypocrites."

In math, both grades completed Lessons 11-13. Seventh graders solved word problems about combining, separating, comparing, elapsed time, and equal groups, and eighth graders learned about percents, decimals, and adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.

In history, students wrote a short essay about explorers from different parts of Europe and the 13 original English colonies. In art, we learned a new tracing technique that transfers pressed crayon onto a new sheet of paper. In English, students are outlining sentences to better understand how sentences are built. In science, students learned how a food chain is affected when fruit fly populations change, and how scientists test generations of seeds to grow the strongest, most effective plants.

We're looking forward to Feed My Starving Children next Friday!

Blessings

-Mrs. Schrader

Lunch Menu and Fun

Monday, Oct. 5

Tacos (soft or hard shell), lettuce-cheese-salsa, carrots & vegg, chilled mixed fruit, applesauce, dessert, milk

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Cheese omelets, ham-sausage links, pancakes-French toast sticks, broccoli, sweet rolls, chilled peaches, applesauce, milk

Friday, Oct. 9

Sloppy Joes on wgr bun, mac & cheese, cheese slices, carrots-vegg, chilled mixed fruit, applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Popcorn chicken, wgr bread, tator tots, carrots-vegg, chilled pears, applesauce, milk

Thursday, Oct. 8

Hot ham & cheese on wgr bun, cheese slices, buttered noodles, carrots-vegg, chilled pineapple, applesauce, milk



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