



January 06, 2023

From the Principal's Pen...

CHRISTMAS IS OVER!

Or is it?

Last month I wrote about how my neighborhood lit up for Christmas starting the day after Halloween. As I did my daily walk in the evening, I enjoyed the festive look of my route as many were celebrating the coming of Christmas. I have always loved Christmas and enjoy decorating for it myself. If you drove by my home or came inside you would see that I go out of my way to celebrate the season as I get ready to celebrate the true first gift of Christmas which is the gift of our Lord and Savior born in a manger.

What was most shocking to me was the rapidity of the stripping of the decorations almost after midnight on December 26th. As I took my walk that morning I passed by several of the public parks and saw multiple trees left in piles for the city to dispose. As the days progressed, the number began to grow and lights were taken down and the area that was so bright and cheery now became dark.



Have you moved on? Has the joy of Christmas that was there just a few weeks ago diminished or disappeared or do you continue to celebrate this season in your heart.?

You may have noticed the tree in the hall of the school was still up when you returned. This is not just because I didn't want to take time to disassemble it and stow the decorations. It was because the Christmas season officially came to an end today with Epiphany. This is the day when the church celebrates the coming of the wise men who followed the star and came to worship the newly born Savior of the world. Many time this date gets ignored by the world but it has great significance for all of us.



Epiphany is important because it celebrates that fact the message of salvation in Jesus Christ was not meant for just a small group in tiny little corner of the world, but was meant for everyone in the entire world. These pagan men from far away were brought to the humble place where they found the baby. This was not just an ordinary baby but was baby for everyone. The well known Bible verse highlighted below is memorized by all students in our school and at a very early stage in education, but we many times bypass the words around it.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. **For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." (John 3:14-17). The reason why



God became flesh and dwelt among us was because He came to die for our sins on the cross. This is the reason why when I set up my nativity scene at home there is a cross to the side of it to remind me and others who see the display that the Love came down on that first Christmas was for all mankind. It was for you and me and all others in our entire world

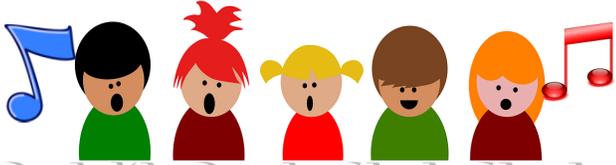
*This month we follow our theme: **Love Does! Love Trusts!***

God did not just sneak into the world, but He poured Himself into the world for all mankind as a sacrifice for your and my sins. For as verse 17 states above, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him." Because of the death on the cross and Christ's resurrection on that first Easter we don't wallow in the darkness of our sins and death but we live with Him forever. God accepts us as His Children and welcome us. We are then called to share that love with others. The joy of Christmas does not disappear on December 26th, but it lives within us each and every day.

We can trust in knowing that light is ours in Christ. As the prophet Isaiah said so many years ago, "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you." (Isaiah 60:1-2)

We can take trust in Him that He will fill our dark world with the everlasting joy of that comes from His love.





2nd-4th Grade Choir Singing

1/21/2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

Save these Dates:

- 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment begins **1/3/2023 (pg4)**
- Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Enrollment begins **2/1/2023**
- Open House on **2/2/2023**

Chapel Offerings

2nd quarter offerings will be going toward Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministries. Second quarter will include our advent services at church, so please continue to bring in your offerings in your chapel envelope.

2nd Quarter Ends 1/19/23.

**St. John's Lutheran Ministries
Worship and Bible Study Opportunities**

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship—8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour & Adult Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Sundays

Church Christian Life Center

Coffee Hour & Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Sundays

School Cafeteria

Youth Groups

Jr. Youth Group

Grades 4th-7th

Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Sr. Youth Group

Grades 8th & up

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



January 21, 2023

6:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m.

**St. John's Lutheran School—
Gymnasium**

(Armstrong Street Entrance, Door F)

All Families are Invited

Bring a Game to Share & Play

Snacks & Beverages will be available

**Hosted by the St. John's Parent
Teacher League**



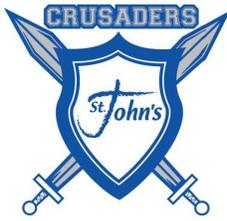
Count Day is here!

Attendance is important everyday!

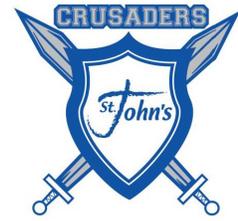
Be in school this Friday, January 13, 2023 to be counted for our school district.

Ah! Ah! Ah! One kid, Ah! Ah! Ah! 74 kids, Ah! Ah! Ah!

2023-2024 School Year Enrollment

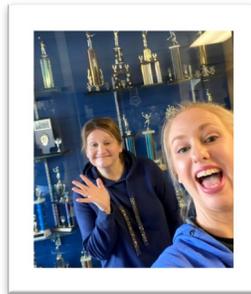


It is that time of the year again!
Early enrollment for the 2023-2024 School Year is open from 1/3/2023 to 3/31/2023.



Reasons to enroll your student at St. John's:

- A Loving Atmosphere,
- Faith-Based Teaching,
- Christ-Centered Creative Teachers,



School Enrollment

Go to: <https://sycamore.school/login?schoolid=3226>
or use this QR Code with your smart phone camera to register.



Enter School ID:3226

Click on Register below the login box and follow the instructions to enroll.

Once completed, a \$100 Early Enrollment Tuition Deposit and Tuition Agreement is due to the school office by 3/31/2023. This deposit will go towards your 23-24 Tuition Account and is nonrefundable. After 3/31/2023, a nonrefundable Enrollment Fee of \$100 will be charged and not credited towards the 23-24 Tuition Account. If unable to make the deposit before 3/31/23 contact Mr. Krupski. Paper Copies in Office.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

Attention Parents participating in the Choice Program.

Each year, parents must complete the online parent application at dpi.wi.gov/choice.

Things to remember when enrolling:

It opens 2/1/2023.

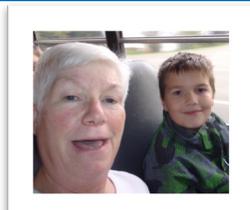
An email address is required.

It is separate from the school system enrollment.

No School Tuition Deposit nor Enrollment Fee required.

Use your legal name and address, making sure it matches legal documentation required to verify your residence.

Application closed 4/15/2023.



St. John's Lutheran Ministry admits children of any race, color, national and ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to children of the Ministry. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic, or other administered programs.