CRUSADER CHRONICLE

January 20, 2023

From the Principal's Pen…

I recently was watching a video in which a fellow Lutheran educator leader was standing in front of a camera describing all of his personal accomplishment as he received a reward. He had been a principal for a long time and was at a vey solid school and had much for which to be thankful for. Yet in all his speech there was little credit given to all of the other people around him and most importantly to a God who had blessed him these many years.

We live in a world which is short of humility. When one listens to people, it is all about them. It may be there success at a job, success of their family or the personal gain, but little attention is paid to the One who has made it possible.

Jesus had this type of behavior in His group of disciples. In Matthew, we read of a conversation that Jesus had. *"Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and the other at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."* (Matt: 20: 20-23)

Many times people who read this passage condemn the two who were asking through their mother. This was certainly an arrogant if not presumptuous request. After all they were asking for the top jobs in Christ's kingdom. They were wanting to exercise the authority that came with those positions. The other disciples were just as guilty. In the following verses they expressed outrage because not because these two thought so highly of themselves but because they had asked first. They were not only angry about the request but they were angry because they had not asked first. Arrogance runs in human nature.

But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matt 20: 25-28). He pointed out that if one wants to be considered great, he must approach with thought of serving others. Jesus, Himself was the perfect example of this.

St. Paul writes of this when he says, "*Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* (Philippians 2: 6-8) Jesus did not seek glory and fame even though it was by right His to claim, but He came to us as a humble servant. Even to the point of dying. He didn't have to do this, **but He did it out of love.** He served so that we can be with him forever

So what do we do with this now. Just as He called the disciples to serve. He also calls us to serve one another. It can be as simple as helping someone or sharing a kind word with someone. It is also taking the opportunity to seek out ways to help others. Maybe it is shoveling snow for someone, willfully helping someone carrying in groceries, or in larger sense finding some one in the community who needs your help.

What is more important than the deed itself is the attitude behind it. We do not work to glorify ourselves as to gain acclaim, but we work to give glory the one who has died for us. By doing this we bring attention to ourselves but we attention to our loving God. Jesus said, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.* (Mathew 5:16)

God has trusted us with His gifts so that we can reach out to others and serve them. What a noble calling this is. We do not stand before a camera or group of people and list off all of our accomplishments, but we praise our loving God by our every action for all that He has done for us.

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 6:00 p.m.
Sr. Youth Group
Grades 8th & up
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

After School Club's

From 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Mark your calendars.

LEGO Club with Ms. Winkelmann

February 13th
March 6th
April 3rd
May 8th

Puzzle Club with Mrs. Winkelmann

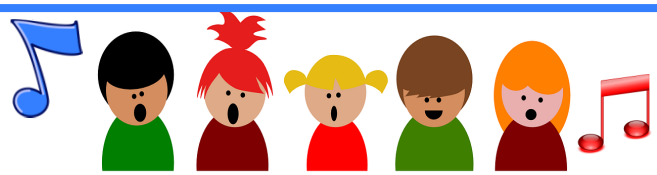
February 21st
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th

This Weekend!

No School

(End of Quarter)

Friday, January 20th



2nd-4th Grade Choir Singing

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

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

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

Making Disciples for Life

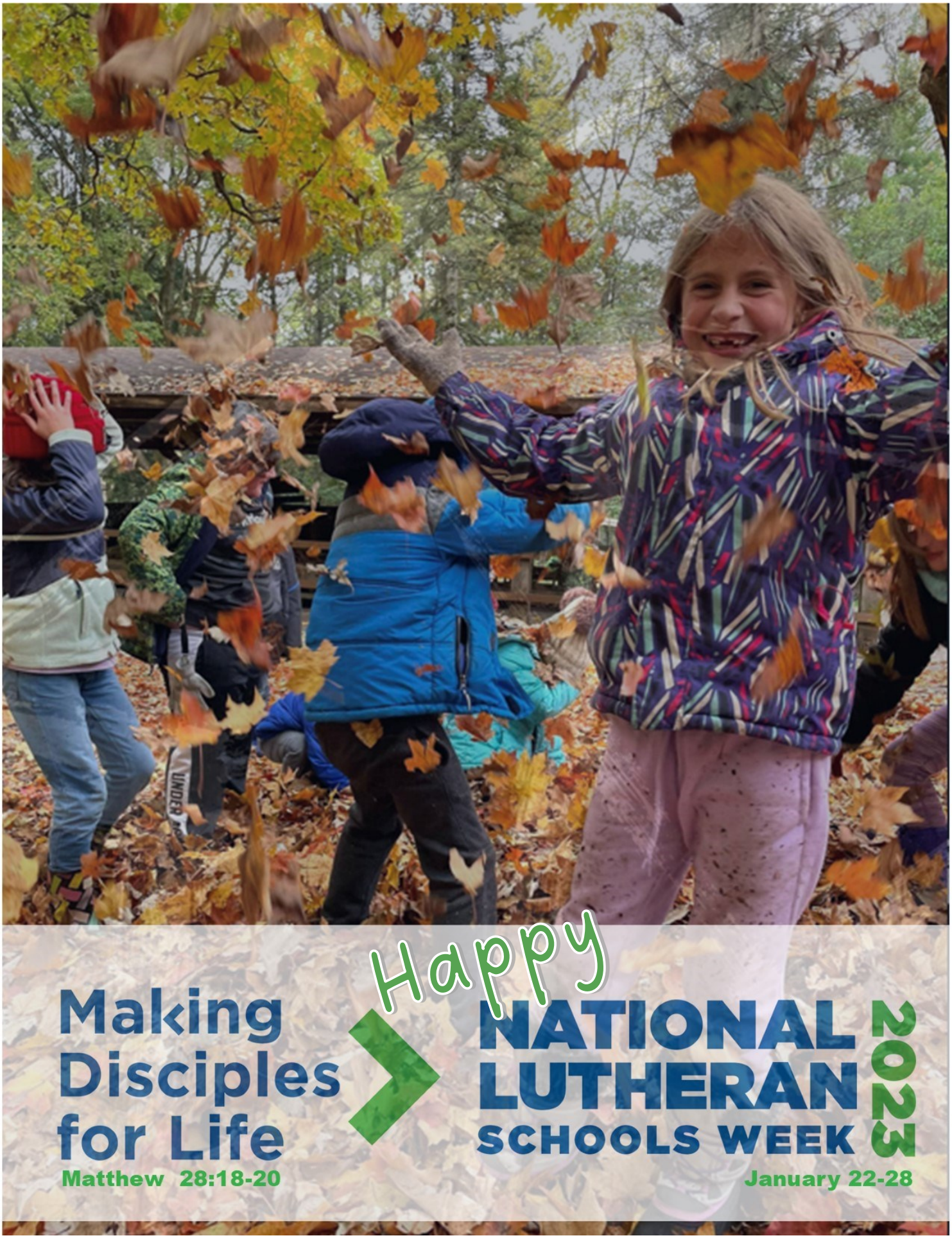
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

MATTHEW 28:18–20

January 22-28, 2023

Every year we look forward to National Lutheran Schools Week. We are so blessed to have a Lutheran school as part of the ministry of St. John's. During the week of January 22nd to January 28th, we join over 1,850 other schools and over 180, 000 students across the country in praising our God for allowing us to serve our students, families, and communities. For over 150 years, St. John's has faithfully supported this ministry in which the students and their families are brought to the feet of their loving Savior. The teachers and staff are given the opportunity to share the certain hope that we have in Christ through His death and resurrection.

Although it might not always be immediately evident, God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, uses our school and other Lutheran schools to share good news of salvation and make an eternal difference in every aspect of life as we prepare our students to be disciples. In addition to thanking God, we would like to thank the members of our congregation for their continued support and sacrifice which makes this possible.



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Matthew 28:18-20

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Chapel Offerings for 3rd Quarter

Our 3rd quarter chapel offerings will be going toward The Market. The Market is a food pantry located at Portage High School that all Portage school families may use.

We will be collecting money and food and personal items. Items that are in high demand are: snacks, bottles of water, large boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cake mix, brownie mix, deodorant, and large tubes of toothpaste.

Thank you for your support of this service that benefits our community.

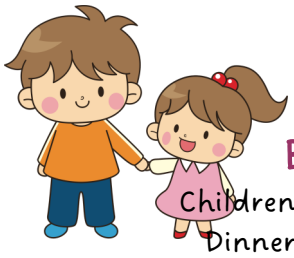
In Christ, Ms. Winkelmann

We need help to spread the news of our school's open house. The best way to do this is through word of mouth.

Will you help your school spread the word?

Contact the school office, 608-742-9000 option 3, if you would be willing to share open house flyers with your friends and neighbors. The school will put you to work. Help us grow!

Parent Teacher League Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
School Cafeteria



Youth Group Valentine's Day Babysitting

Children ages 0 to 9
Dinner Provided.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023
4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran School—Gymnasium
(Armstrong Street Entrance, Door F)

Free—Will Donation Accepted.

RSVP to 608-697-2649 via text.

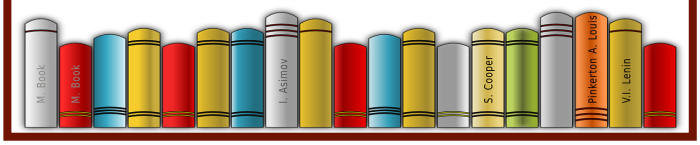
Check out the Chamber of Commerce Community Events Calendar & Monthly news-letter:
https://chamber.portagewi.com/events/calendar/
&
https://portagewi.com/newsbreak-newsletter/

PORTAGE CHAMBER of COMMERCE

PORTAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check out all the events happening at the Portage Public Library for adults, families, teens, and children.

Go to: https://www.portagelibrary.us/



2023 SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

3:30 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

St. John's Lutheran School, Portage

Emmett Street Entrance—Door D

For more information: Call 608-742-9000 option 3 or go to stjohnsportage.com/school.

Inviting Parents with Current & Prospective Students to Attend Our Open House.

St. John's Lutheran School exists to prepare children for a life of faith and service to Jesus Christ by supporting families in the academic, social, and emotional development of their children.

AT OUR OPEN HOUSE:

- Come & Tour St. John's Lutheran School
- Eat & Drink
- Meet the Teachers
- Ask Questions
- Enroll Your Student
- Apply for Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

St. John's Crusaders

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.

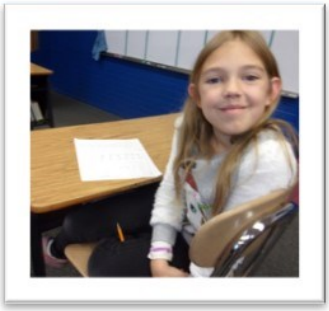
Did you know?

ST. JOHN'S FACT #1: St. John's meets the goals of Common Core Curriculum in a faith based school. In addition to providing art, music, cursive handwriting, technology, choir, band, & field trips for all grades, K-8th. In addition to the school day, there are athletics, clubs, and family gatherings. Plus, no classroom exceeds 20 students.

ST. JOHN'S FACT #2: For those students who live within the Portage Community School District, bus transportation is available through the Riteway bus company. We also have morning & afternoon care.

ST. JOHN'S FACT #3 : St. John's participates in the Wisconsin Private School Choice program. Your family may qualify for **FREE** tuition to attend. Choice enrollment is 2/1–4/15.

ST. JOHN'S FACT #4 : St. John's participates in Raise Right formerly known as SCRIP. It is an easy way for your family to raise funds for tuition. St. John's School has a family who raised over $1100 for their tuition.



ST. JOHN'S FACT #5 : Did you know it is less than $113 per week for a student to attend St. John's, even if you are not a member of St. John's Lutheran Ministry? If you paid Child Care, it cost from $180 to $240 per week depending on your child's age. Reduced cost with same great care.

ST. JOHN'S FACT #6 : St. John's Lutheran Ministry provides tuition assistance to those families needing help.

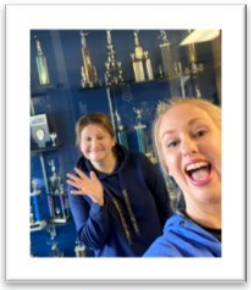
There is more information on us at stjohnsportage.com/school. Check us out!

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,
- & Amazing Families.



School Enrollment

Go to: https://bit.ly/3GU6BYF 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, *if Tuition Deposit is not paid*, 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.

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.

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Girl's Basketball

Go Crusaders!

Join us cheer on Kloe and Mirabella as they play girl's basketball this year with St. Mary's.

Home Games

@ St. Mary's

Games start at 5 p.m.

1/24/2023

vs. St. Peter's

1/26/2023

vs. Baraboo Christian

2/23/2023

vs. St. Pat's

2/28/2023

vs. Sacred Heart

Admission is $3

Away Games

Games start at 5 p.m.

2/2/23

at St. Patrick's

2/7/23

at Sacred Heart

2/9/23

at St. Joe's

2/16/23

at St. Peter's

Join Us as We Celebrate Miss Kris!

She is retiring after serving 23 years!

Come and share well wishes.

Sunday, January 29, 2023

9 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Ministries –

Church, Christian Life Center

850 Armstrong Street, Portage

Card box available in Church Narthex.