



# 2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

03/28/24

## Connected to Christ

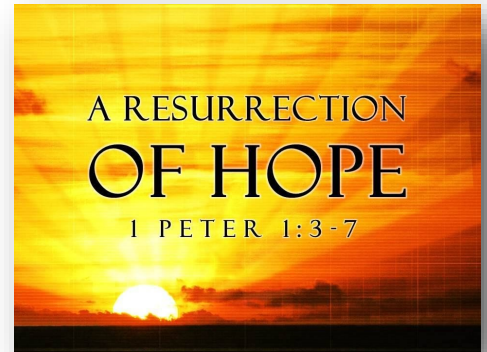
I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. John 15:1

### *From the Principal's Pen...*

"Hope spring eternal" Many times these words are used casually or in an off handed way. For many years as a Detroit Lion's fan those words become almost a joke. This was made in jest but even the most passionate sports fan would eventually agree that this hope is very shallow and insignificant at best.

We live in a world that at times seems like all hope is gone. Whether it is when some tragedy happens, death in a family or other setback takes place hope seems to vanish. When things happen, people seem to be grasping at the wind for solutions. Their efforts are in many cases useless, and people fall into despair. Our world has moved to a place where we think that all our ingenuity will get us through alone.

This Sunday we celebrate **the true hope**. We celebrate that our God did not leave us in the despair of sin and death. He provides us true hope that only comes through Jesus Christ. His resurrection assures us that the devil no longer has a claim on us. God has saved us from our sin and now true hope lives. Peter wrote, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," (1 Peter 1:3). Whether it is a family tragedy, or a loss of a job or tumultuous event that Hope still lives. **Hope lives Eternal in Jesus.!**



One of my favorite Easter hymns has a verse that amplifies our need to embrace this:

"Now let the heavens be joyful,  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph.  
And all that is there-in,  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend.  
For Christ is the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has not end!

As Christians we have a duty at all times and especially now to share this living hope with everyone with whom we have contact. It needs to spring from our lips.

**He is Risen!**

**He is Risen Indeed!**

**Alleluia!**

# Holy Week

SCHEDULE

Join us!



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# Easter

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HE IS  
*Risen*

## ***Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion***

Saturday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*The Son of David Ascends His Throne and  
Reigns in Love from His Cross*

## ***Maundy Thursday***

March 27 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

*Let Us Love One Another,  
as Christ Has Loved Us and  
Loves Us to the End*

## ***Good Friday Tre Ore***

March 29, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Behold the Lamb of God,  
Who Takes Away the Sin of the World*

## ***Holy Saturday***

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

March 30 at 5:30 p.m.

## ***Easter Sunrise***

Sunday, March 31 at 6:00 a.m.

*The Risen Lord Jesus Is  
Our Strength and Our Song,  
for He Has Become Our Salvation*

## ***Easter Day***

*Service of Word and Sacrament*

Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

*The Risen Christ Has  
Swallowed Up Death Forever!*

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, March 31, 2024,  
starting at 9:15 a.m.

# easter egg hunt



St. John's Lutheran School - Gymnasium

In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt is crafts, food, & beverages in the CLC.

We hope you can join us!



Sunday, March 31, 2024

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Church—CLC

Hunt Eggs first & then eat!



## He is Risen!

# Enroll your Student for the 24 25 School Year

## School Enrollment

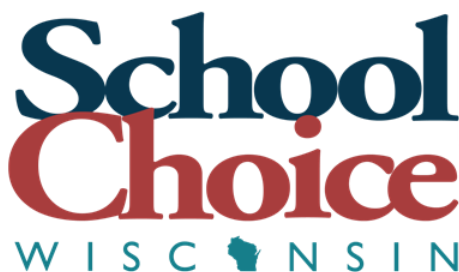
Go to: <https://bit.ly/3GU6BYF> or use this QR Code  
with your smart phone camera to register.



Enter School ID:3226

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

Once completed, a non-refundable \$100 Registration Fee is due to the school office per family. If registration fee is received on or before 4/18/2024, it will be deducted from your family tuition. If unable to make the registration fee before the above date contact Mr. Krupski.



## Enrollment ends April 18th

### for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Your family may qualify for **free tuition** to attend St. John's.

#### Who is Eligible?

Incoming Kindergarten,  
All New & Current 1st Graders,  
All New Students to St. John's, and  
Student's Already part of the  
Choice Program



#### Enroll

<https://sms.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

Use above web address or your smartphone camera to  
scan QR code to enroll & re-enroll your Choice Student .

**Residency Verification NEEDS to be completed before April 18th!**

**Please get paperwork into school office! Call with Questions.**

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