



# 2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

04/05/2024

## Connected to Christ

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

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

Spring is almost here! Although it still possible to get some snow in April, one knows that it is only a matter of time before the grass will begin to turn green and the leaves will once again fill the trees.



Much of my time as principal has been in communities that have had a significant tie to the agriculture. If not yet, the farmers will begin to work the fields in preparation for the planting of their crops. Once the soil is prepared, the planters will be filled with tiny little kernels that don't seem to have any life in them. With great precision the planter will move through fields injecting these seemingly lifeless objects in the ground.

Several weeks will pass by before the tiny green shoots will sprout from the ground. As the weeks and months go by this tiny seed will develop into a very tall corn stalk.

The human spiritual life can be like this seed. When one faces death and stands the graveside of a loved one it can appear that there is nothing but decay and hopelessness, but for Christians that is not the case. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). As Christians we can stand with sure and certain hope that we will rise as Christ rose from the dead. We will rise to eternal life with our Lord and Savior. This is the absolute and most important connection to Christ that we have. This is the reason that St. John's Lutheran Ministry exists. We are here to proclaim and teach the certainty and joy that we have in this resurrection. This is the reason that our continued theme for this school year is proclaimed in the words, ***We are connected to Christ through His resurrection.***

This certainty that we have is not based on anything that we have done. It is based on the completed work of Christ through His death and resurrection. We can say with Job, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:25-27)



What a privilege we as God's people have to share that joy with everyone. In the coming month, let's take that message to everyone with whom we have contact.

# DEADLINE is APPROACHING

## 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.

**School  
Choice**  
W I S C O N S I N

## Last Day is 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.**

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.

# Keep selling Crusaders!

Spring is right around the corner and people are going to want this card for the food, treats, plants, and golf discounts! Keep selling!



## 4th Quarter Chapel Offering

We will be partnering with the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) here at St. John's to donate hygiene kits. The kits will be given to Orphan Grain Train to distribute in countries in need. We will be collecting the following new items:

- April 10: bath size bar of soap
- April 17: plastic soap box holder
- April 24: toothbrush & sturdy comb
- May 1: small pack of facial tissues & nail clipper

All items will be packed up for shipping on May 7th.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness to help people all over the world.



**AS OF MARCH 31st**

**Kindergarten is the Top Seller for March**

*with 266 Box Tops!*

April is the last month! There are many BOX TOP Bonuses right now! You can earn 34 BOX TOPS with bonus offers happening throughout April. Will this be enough to give Kindergarten competition?



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Gretta 4/2
- Zoe 4/3
- Hunter 4/5
- Julie 4/8
- Vivian 4/11
- McKenna 4/22
- Jade 4/24
- Cayson 4/26
- Emma 4/29



## April Baptismal Remembrance

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Galatians 3:27 ESV

- Emme 4/2**
- Mr. Krupski 4/3**
- Hazel 4/17**
- Hunter 4/24**



Rescheduled Meeting

Monday, April 8th

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

School Cafeteria

December Meeting Minutes

and April Agenda can be found in Sycamore and on

[stjohnsportage.com/information](http://stjohnsportage.com/information).



You are invited to attend  
**CHILI MADNESS**

with St. John's Lutheran Ministries Youth Group

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

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

**School Gymnasium**

Join us for Chili, Hot Dogs, Games, Voting on Chili Contestants, and Final Four Competition! It is a blazing good time!

Free Will Suggested Donation of \$5 per Person. Proceeds go to Youth Group Missions.



**2nd through 4th Grade Choir sing this  
Saturday, April 6th at the 5:30 p.m.  
Worship Service.**



**Coffee Hour FUNdraiser: April 7th**

The 7th and 8th grades are raising money for their class trip, so every sip counts! Join them for coffee, April 7th at 9 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Christian Life Center. Crusaders Cards will also be available for purchase!



*Word and Sacrament*

*Christian Education*

*Caring and Serving*

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St. John's Lutheran Church invites you  
to join us in worship  
at any of the following times:

Saturdays 5:30 p.m. — *Abbreviated service*  
Sundays 8:00 a.m. — *Communion at the rail*  
Sundays 10:30 a.m. — *With Praise Band*

Contact us: (608) 742-9000

Church:  
Option 4  
Office Hours  
M-Th 8:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
[churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnsportage.com)

School:  
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