



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

04/12/2024

Connected to Christ

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN...

Several years ago I was watching a cable television show named Behind Closed Doors. During the course of the program, the host followed behind the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes personnel. She met with them as they plotted their strategy and formulated their plans to bring off the big surprise of the \$10 million grand prize. When the prize was finally awarded to a Catholic priest in a small town in Iowa, the shock expressed on the face of the winner demonstrated the pure joy. All the planning, preparation, and execution of the plan went flawlessly.



The surprise and joy shown by this one man is nothing compared to the joy and amazement demonstrated by a group of individuals over two thousand years ago. They had stood on the rugged rock outside of the city of Jerusalem and watched with horror as their master, friend, and teacher had been brutally executed. The darkness that shrouded this afternoon must have amplified the deep sorrow felt and expressed by the many disciples. The earthquake that shook the area when He died brought terror into their lives. For them, the world had ended that mid-afternoon. They had buried their Lord and their God.

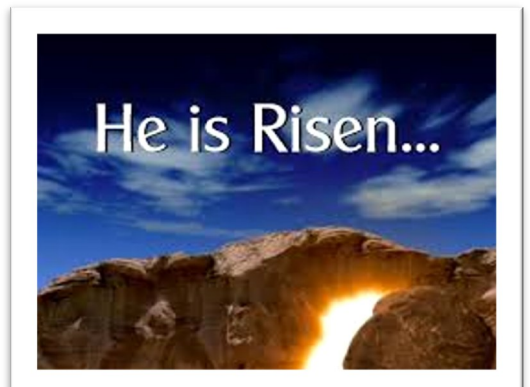
They failed to see the plan. God had perfectly described the events that would take place throughout the Old Testament. The Bible says, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those who were under law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" (Gal. 4:4-5). The God who had promised a Savior to Adam and Eve in the garden, fulfilled that promise on the cross.

The gloom that permeated that day was soon to dissipate. Early that Sunday morning, Jesus fulfilled another promise. The angel came and opened the tomb. The guards fell in fright. The angels proclaimed, "Why do you seek the living among the dead. He is not here! He is risen as He said!" The joy and surprise of the disciples must have been overwhelming.

The joy that comes to us is overpowering as well. Christ has risen for us! By His resurrection, God proclaimed that the sacrifice completed on the cross was sufficient. He lives for the disciples! He lives for you! He lives for me! We can say with the hymn writer, "O what joy this sentence gives. I know that my Redeemer lives."

May God grant you this joy to boldly proclaim,

**"CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!"**



LAST WEEK

for the \$100 Family Registration Fee to be applied to your 24-25 School Year Tuition & to apply for Free Tuition through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program!

Enroll your student for the 24 25 School Year

School Enrollment

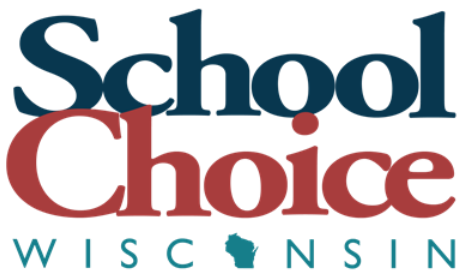
Go to: <https://bit.ly/3GU6BYF> or use this QR Code with your smart phone camera to register.

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.



Last Week! April 18 is last day.

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.



Second Grade is in the lead for the first time!

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?

4th Grade is only 357 Box Tops away from winning the whole year. Watch out Kindergarten! Here they come.



Book Swap!

5/17/2024

Every student will go home with a book for summer! Start bringing books in to swap on 5/13/2024.

HELP is needed on May 13th to the 16th starting at 3 p.m. In school gym.



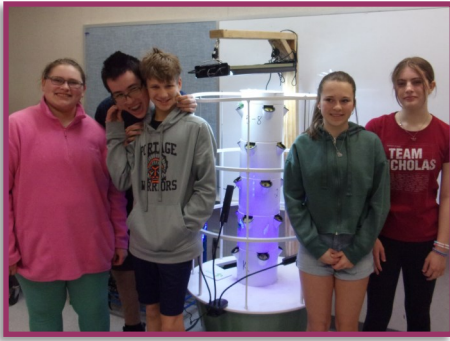
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The Monday, April 8th

Meeting Minutes are available to read at

<https://www.stjohnsportage.com/information> and under the documents tab in Sycamore.



Planting seeds

In Genesis 1:29, it is written: "And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.'"

St. John's Lutheran School has been bestowed with God's blessings in the form of seeds! Each spring, the school imparts the significance of seeds and their growth to its students through engaging science classes. This year, an exciting addition to their educational arsenal came in the form of a Hydroponics machine, elevating their learning experience. From Kindergarten, nurturing grass and flowers, to first grade, cultivating yellow beans, and the upper grades, experimenting with various seeds in water, the journey is one of true blessing.

This year's success is owed to the generosity of numerous individuals and organizations. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Wisconsin Landscaping and Garden Center LLC for providing a diverse array of seeds for our selection. Additionally, we are deeply appreciative of St. Peter's Lutheran School in Reedsburg for lending us one of their hydroponics machines. To the Beckius Family, whose dedication culminated in the construction of a stand to support our plant lights, we extend our sincere thanks. Lastly, our gratitude extends to Thrivent for their invaluable assistance in procuring the extra supplies essential for a fruitful planting season. Without the support of each of these entities, our endeavor would not have been possible.





THE STORE IS OPEN!



Design 1 Apparel is open and accepting orders for St. John's Lutheran Ministries and St. John's Crusader clothing. There are many choices.

Go to the website by using your smart phone camera to scan the below QR code or use your web browser to enter the below URL.

Sale Ends 4/29/2024.



Scan Here!

OR go to: <https://www.stjohnsportage.com/apparel-store>



Join us at

Vacation Bible School

June 10th through the 14th

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinner will be served.

Registration will be sent home or at church
welcome center.

Interested in Volunteering?

Join us Wednesday nights 6 –7 p.m. in the
School Gym to find out more.

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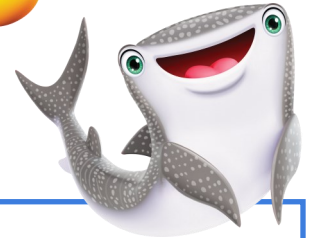
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St. John's
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St. John's Lutheran Church invites you
to join us in worship
at any of the following times:

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

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