



2024 CRUSADER CHRONICLE

04/19/2024

Connected to Christ

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

When I was in high school, the first Star Wars movie came out. I was amazed to hear some of the people with whom I worked talking about how they had seen the movie eight to ten times. They were enthralled with the story, the special effects, and the overall hype, they were drawn back to it over and over again.



The story of Christ's resurrection has a stronger pull in my life. The joy of the angel's proclamation, "HE IS NOT HERE! HE IS RISEN!" echoes over and over again and brings continuous joy. This is not a day to celebrate and then put away for another year. It doesn't get vacuumed away with the Easter grass only to find remnant strands somewhere unexpected.

The message of Easter should permeate every day of our lives. As St. Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). This is why the early Christians moved their worship to Sunday. By choosing the day the Lord rose from the dead, each Sunday was to be a mini re-celebration of Easter.



We are called to be Easter Christians! We do not live in the sorrowful piety of self-administered reproof for the cleansing of our lives, Christ has accomplished all of this once and for all. We can joyfully assert our total confidence in the work freely and completely accomplished in Jesus Christ.

Help Grow Your School

In the last five years, St. John's Lutheran School has worked hard to promote our fantastic school. We have done everything under the sun including: fliers in the mail, fliers put on the doors of homes, fliers at many local businesses, fliers sent to all our local churches, fliers at the Portage Chamber of Commerce, postcards in the mail, letters in the mail, ads in the local papers, ads on the local radio stations, banners on fences, participated in community events, many Facebook posts, Instagram posts, our posts shared on other local organizations social media, and yet nothing works better than the personal touch of sharing your story face to face with another.

Let us share our stories! God is working within the walls of St. John's Lutheran School. There are wonderful things happening. Share them, how did it make your student feel? How does it make you, as a parent feel?

As a parent of two alumni, I feel grateful for the Lutheran foundation, the wealth of knowledge, and the confidence received here to make it through every day of life. My girls are both accomplishing leaps and bounds thankful to the Lord for the gifts they have received. Both constantly remind me how God is still working in their lives. These moments we share today create heart felt thankfulness for St. John's Lutheran School.

Why are you thankful? What stories have your students shared with you? Help us share them with others. Talk to your friends, tell them to join you in your journey at St. John's Lutheran School. Share your uplifting stories.

~Amanda Kohn



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.*

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 holding the lead for April!

Way to go 2nd grade! There are still many BOX TOP Bonuses to claim! Get on your Box Top app and check them out.

We have just over a week left in our Box Tops Competition. Will Kindergarten win the year? Will 2nd grade win their first month?

Keep it up, Crusaders!
Way to go!



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.



Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

HELP NEEDED!

Friday, May 10th

Go to Signup Genius to see how you can help.

<https://tinyurl.com/3as4fb9a>



Thank You,



Mrs. Tessendorf!

Join us in celebrating Karen Tessendorf, as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement after 45-years of service to her Lord and the children of Lutheran Schools.

In honor of Mrs. Tessendorf, we invite you to a heartfelt recognition of her service on **Sunday, May 19th,** during the **10:30 a.m. service.**

This will be followed by a reception in the Christian Life Center.

We invite and encourage all parents to ensure their student's attendance, allowing them the opportunity to be part of special choir performance. Our entire school will be singing during the service.

For those unable to attend, please reach out to your student's teacher.
Let us come together to honor Karen Tessendorf!





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>

Friday, April 19th is an Early Release Day at 1 p.m.

Don't forget your students.

Portage High School Seniors Walk St. John's Lutheran School Halls on
Wednesday, April 24th!



Join us at

Vacation Bible School

June 10th through the 13th

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.

St. John's
Lutheran Ministries

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

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