



# Cougar Tracks



**Mission Statement:** St. John's Lutheran School provides quality Christ-centered education for the congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ.  
*Matthew 28:18-20*

Vol. 1 No. 32

**Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone**

March 28, 2018

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

**Ephesians 2:8**

[stjohnsredbud.org](http://stjohnsredbud.org)

<http://fastdir.com/stjohnsredbud/>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Students-3/30-MollyKuehn, George Martin, Gavin Williams & Anna Wolter, 3/31- Allison Welten & Brooke Wolter...  
**Staff Birthdays-** 3/28- Nicki Kadlec

**LUNCH:**

Thur. March 29- Turkey roast and gravy, potatoes, fruit, rolls and milk  
Fri. March 30- No school, Good Friday  
Mon. April 2- No school, Easter Monday  
Tues. April 3- Chicken and noodles, peas, fruit, cake and milk  
Wed. April 4- Spaghetti w/meat, salad, fruit, garlic bread and milk  
Thur. April 5- Turkey wrap, carrots, fruit, goldfish crackers and milk  
Fri. April 6- Hamburger and noodles, green beans, fruit, corn bread and milk  
\*\*USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.\*\*



**ACOLYTES:**

**Thur. March 29- 8:30am-** Carlyne Mulherin  
**Thur. March 29- 7pm-** Addison Liefer

**Fri. March 30- 8:30am-** Dylan Minemann  
**Fri. March 30- 7pm-** Sam Wright

**Sat. March 31- 5pm-** Hannah Sievers

**Sun. April 1- 6:30am-** Riley Candler  
**Sun. April 1- 10:30am-** Simone Liefer

**Sat. April 7- 5pm-** Maggie DuFrenne

**Sun. April 8- 8am-** Megan Henry  
**Sun. April 8- 10:30am-** Trace Wagner

Change collection boxes will go home next week for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student Series.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 30- No School/Office Closed-Good Friday  
March 31- Easter Egg Hunt, 9am  
April 2- No School/Office Closed- Easter Monday  
April 6- Book Fair, 6pm  
Spring Musical, 7pm

April 10- PTL Meeting, 7pm  
April 17- Family Fun Night, 6pm  
April 19- Confirmation Questioning, 7pm  
April 20- Early Dismissal, 11:20am  
April 22- Confirmation Service, 10:30am

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS:** Chapel offerings for the month of March will go to COSLHS. Total offerings for the week of March 21st were \$40.23. Chapel offerings for April will go to LESA.

**REMINDE TELEPHONE SYSTEM:** St. John's Lutheran Church and School will be using a free system that will help to remind church and school members of upcoming events. This system will allow us to send text messages reminding you of events at St. John's. However it does not allow group discussions so there will NOT be continued messages because of the group continuing to text.  
\*\*To join our remind system text the message: @2h9de To: 81010

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Chase Lucht won 1st place in the essay contest held by the Randolph County Soil & Water Conservation District. The classroom teacher also receives a check as well to be used to purchase items for the classroom. Congratulations Chase!

**SPRING PICTURES:** If you have not brought your Spring Pictures/Money back please turn them into your teacher as soon as possible.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The annual **Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 9:00AM sharp** for ages infant to 6 years. Please meet on the north lawn (Sixth Street) of school. Donations of filled plastic eggs are being taken in the school office by the end of day on Thursday, March 29. A little scotch tape to keep the eggs secure works great.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** The Southwestern Illinois Lutherans for Life will be collecting baby items for Safe Haven Baby Boxes. This organization is working with several overseas orphanages who take in babies who have been abandoned, most of which are disabled, and providing items for the babies. They are asking for donations of NEW baby items including, but not limited to, receiving blankets, burp rags, newborn socks, newborn hats and baby wipes. There is a collection box in the Fellowship Hall, or items can be dropped off at the school office. I will need to ship the items to Safe Haven by April 9th so please have your donations in by that date. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366 or [swillinoislutheransforlife@yahoo.com](mailto:swillinoislutheransforlife@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions or concerns.

**SPRING MUSICAL:** The spring musical is scheduled for Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. **We ask that all school families bring a dozen cookies.** There will also be the book fair set up in the cafeteria.

**BOOK FAIR:** If there is anyone interested in helping with spring book fair on April 6th, please contact Janet Papenberg.

**SPELLING CONTEST:** Congratulations and best wishes to the following students who will represent our school at the Monroe-Randolph County Spelling Contest on Thursday, April 12: fifth grade-Christine Liefer, alternate-Eva Kinney, sixth grade- Melayna Crafton, alternate-Ryker Papenberg and eighth grade- Kole Guebert. The Spelling Contest will be held in Waterloo at SS Peter & Paul Catholic School. Registration begins at 5:30, orientation at 5:45.

**JRYOUTH:** The next Junior Youth event will be at Lock In with the Concordia Youth Ministry on Saturday, April 14th at 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 15th at 7 a.m. There is no cost for this event. A parent/guardian will need to sign the child in and out for the event. If your child will be late for the event, please advise us prior to the event since the doors will be locked by 7:15 p.m. Your child will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a change of clothes. Cell phones and other electronic devices will NOT be allowed during the event. Your child may leave his or her phone with one of the adult chaperones in case they need to contact you during the event. Two of the classrooms will be available (one for the girls and one for the boys) to sleep. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided for the youth that night. Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow ([618-972-5366](tel:618-972-5366) or [mroscow@htc.net](mailto:mroscow@htc.net) or comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page) no later than April 12th.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** St. John's Kindergarten and Preschool is hosting a Family Fun Night. The books, games, snacks and activities will be out of sight! Preschool and kindergarten aged children and their families are invited. We hope everyone who comes to school on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. will be excited. The fun for the night was inspired by Dr. Seuss. The characters from his books will be on the loose. This event is being funded by Thrivent Financial.

**VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON:** We love our school volunteers! They will be recognized at church services on the weekend of April 14/15, highlighted in daily announcements throughout the week and honored at an appreciation luncheon on Friday, April 20, at noon in the school cafeteria. Invitations were sent out. Apologies if anyone was missed. Please call the school office to RSVP. Thank you, the Volunteer Appreciation Committee

**TIME TO GET YOUR CARDINAL TICKETS!! SJL DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM IS COMING:** Our students have been asked to sing "God Bless America" at the beginning of the game. They will sing by home plate in front of the crowd. We have a limited number of tickets to sell, so hurry and get your tickets. The game will be Sunday, August 19, 2018. Cards vs Brewers at 1:15pm. Ticket prices are \$25. Each ticket includes a free hot dog and soda coupon. Game promotion includes a Dizzy Dean Watch. Send money to the school office and tickets will be delivered to you. Tickets will be on sale until they sell out or May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2020 and 2021.**

**MARKET ON MAIN-SUMMER CAMP SERIES 'EIGHTEEN-** Market on Main is again hosting the Summer Camp Series for kids ages 4-13. There are several classes/dates to choose from! Information is available in the office. If you are interested please be sure to stop and pick one up.

**CAMP INVENTION:** SPPCS will be hosting Camp Invention, a nationally recognized STEM based camp focusing on engineering and design, problem-solving and teamwork. This will be the 11th year that SPPCS has hosted Camp Invention. Camp Invention's curriculum aligns with state standards and is taught by certified teachers. The date for our camp is the week of June 11-15, 2018. Camp Invention is open to all students entering first through sixth grade. We would love to be able to distribute our Camp Invention flyers at St. John's to extend this to more of the students in the area. We actually had several students from Red Bud attend our camp in the past and received great reviews! Informational fliers are available on the media board in the school lobby.

**KIDS ON CAMPUS:** SWIC is once again offering the Kids on Campus programs this summer. Students must be certified to have scored at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on either a national achievement or to be one and one-half years above grade level in current school work. These classes will take place July 30<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am to 12:30pm. This is for students in grades K-8. Brochures are available on the media center in the school lobby.

**EMPOWER ILLINOIS:** Empower Illinois, a statewide Scholarship Granting Organization created to serve Illinois Children through the state's tax credit scholarship program. These Scholarship Granting Organizations connect Tax Credit scholarship donations to Illinois students whose education opportunities may be limited by household income. They have received for over 44,000 children across Illinois. Thousands of these families have received the email invitation to begin their application, and these invitation emails will be sent for the next several weeks. It may take several weeks for you to receive an email invitation to begin the scholarship application. As long as you received a confirmation number when making your reservation your place in line has been saved and scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the availability of funds. We encourage all families to call the Empower Illinois Scholarship Hotline (English) [1-855-318-1222](tel:1-855-318-1222) or (Spanish) [1-612-548-3337](tel:1-612-548-3337) for any specific or technical questions about their application. We are also happy to announce that extended weekend phone support hours have been put into place.

**PARENTS WHO PAY TUITION:** Any family wishing to apply for Scholarship money through the Lutheran Elementary School Association will use TADS this year. The online application process through TADS Tuition Aid & Assessment service ([mytads.com/fa/lesa](http://mytads.com/fa/lesa)) is open to our families, and April 1, 2018 is the deadline for applications that will be considered during the (initial) May awards process. Applications made after the April 1 date will be considered in the June awards process. More information is available in the office.

**DONOR TILE WALL IN THE NEW GYM LOBBY:** There are still spaces available in the Donor Tile Wall in the lobby of the new gym at school. Please call the school office (282-3873) if you would like to reserve a space in the next run of tiles. The cost is \$400.

**SCHOOL SECURITY:** The tragic school shootings remind us of the importance of security in our own school building. The only public entrances during the school day are from the south parking lot through door #1 (school) and the west parking lot door #11 (daycare). You have to be buzzed in for access. Guests in the school must register at the receptionist's desk and receive a badge to have access to school. Thank you for abiding by these safety measures.

#### **COACHES NEEDED:**

St. John's Lutheran school is in need of coaches for next school year (2018-2019). The areas of need are softball, Cross Country, Track, and possibly Cheer leading.

-A softball coach will be needed from Aug 1 to about mid Sep. The only difficulty is that some games start at 4:15pm

-A cross country coach will be needed from Aug 1 to Mid Oct. This position also has meets that start early in the afternoon at either 3:30, 4:00, or 4:30 with some Saturday meets.

-A track coach will be needed from Mar 1 to mid May. This position has meets that occur during the day but there are only around four of them. If you are interested the current coaches are open to someone helping them this year which will help with a smooth transition.

-A cheer leading coach may be needed from Oct 1 to mid Jan. This position has games that occur at 5:30 or 6:00 pm. The cheer leading team has also cheered only at home games so the travel is not as much, but they are welcome to cheer at away games if the coach so desires.