



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

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Seek First the Kingdom

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

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BIRTHDAYS: Students – 12/8 – Sutton Jones, 12/9 – Whitley Henry, 12/11 – Aubrey Kiefer, 12/12 Jettson Grohmann, Elaina Uffelmann. **Staff** – 12/13 – Stephanie Valleroy.

HALF-BIRTHDAYS: Students – 6/8 – Kamden Wilson, 6/9 – Finn Voss, 6/10 – Brian Liefer, 6/12 – Madalynn Gulley. **Staff** – No Staff Half-Birthdays this week.

BELATED BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS: Our apologies to Hazel Veath who celebrated her birthday on 11/30. We hope you had a wonderful day Hazel! God's blessings on your year ahead!

LUNCH:

Thurs. Dec. 7th – Chicken alfredo, salad, garlic bread, oranges, and milk.
Fri. Dec. 8th – Hamburger on bun, baked beans, smile fries, apple salad, and milk.
Mon. Dec. 11th – Chicken patty, corn, pears, brownie, and milk.
Tue. Dec. 12th – Sloppy joe on bun, tator tots, peaches, cottage cheese, and milk.
Wed. Dec. 13th – Chicken noodle soup, carrots, roll, grapes, and milk.
Thurs. Dec. 14th – Grilled ham and cheese, green beans, mixed fruit, chocolate mousse, and milk.
Fri. Dec. 15th – Taco meat/chips, lettuce, cheese, apple crisp, and milk.



ACOLYTES:

Sat. Dec. 9th, 5pm – Addy Schloemann

Sun. Dec. 10th, 6pm – Sydney Kassing
Sat. Dec. 16th, 5pm – Case Hess

Sat. Dec. 23rd, 5pm – Athena Wolfmeier
Sun. Dec. 24th, 5pm – Addison Breier
Mon. Dec. 25th, 9am – Mr. Becker
Sat. Dec. 30th – Ella Cowell

Sun. Dec. 10th, 8am – Lilly Meyer
Sun. Dec. 10th, 10:30am – Maya Macbeth

Sun. Dec. 17th, 8am – Hollis Wolfmeier
Sun. Dec. 17th, 10:30am – Liam Kilpatrick
Sun. Dec. 24th, 3pm – Carson Moll
Sun. Dec. 24th, 9pm – Sr Youth

Sun. Dec. 31st, 10am – Austin Stellhorn
Sun. Dec. 31st, 5pm – Kade Liefer

WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL:

Wed. Dec. 6th – K-2 Christmas Service, 7pm
Thurs. Dec. 7th – GBB vs. Valmeyer, 6pm
Fri. Dec. 8th – Sat. Dec. 9th – BBB “C” Trny @ RBC
Fri. Dec. 8th – Sat. Dec. 9th – GBB “C” Trny @ RBL

Sun. Dec. 10th – Primary SS Program @ Church, 6pm
Tue. Dec. 12th – BBB @ New Athens, 6pm
Tue. Dec. 12th – GBB vs Steeleville, 6pm
Wed. Dec. 13th – 6-8 Christmas Service, 9am & 7pm

CHAPEL SCHEDULE:

Wed. Dec. 6th – Grades K-2 Christmas Service, 9am Old Gym, All students will attend
Fri. Dec. 8th – No Chapel Service
Wed. Dec. 13th – Grades 6-8 Road to Bethlehem Service, 9am Church, All students will attend
Fri. Dec. 13th – No Chapel Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: The following Grade Groups will present School Christmas services on the following dates:

- Grades K-2, December 6th (Children's Christmas Service in the Old Gym, 7 PM performance)
- Grades 6-8, December 13th (Road To Bethlehem Pageant at Church, 9 AM & 7 PM performances)
- Preschool/Daycare, December 20th (Early Childhood Christmas Service in Old Gym, 9 AM & 7 PM performances).

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN: Thank you to everyone who donated toward our Christmas gifts for LCFS children. Each child will be richly blessed this Christmas. To those who are shopping for classroom gifts – please have them to your child's teacher by Fri. Dec. 8th for delivery. Your receipt(s) should be turned in to the school office for reimbursement. Thank you for providing Christmas joy to those in need!

THE WARMING TREE: Our lobby Christmas tree is once again set up as the Warming Tree. Help us “warm” our tree with your donations of NEW coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, underwear, and blankets. All items collected will be donated to local families in need to help them stay warm during the winter. Donations can be hung on the tree or placed in the box next to it.

THANK YOU: To everyone who supported our annual Christmas Cottage. Students had a wonderful time shopping for gifts!

MUSIC NOTES FROM MRS. HUDAK:

- Students, if any of you are interested in singing and/or playing an instrument as pre-service music before the school Christmas services, please let me know! Let me know what piece(s) you'd like to perform so that I can get a running total of everyone who is interested. I'm looking forward to hearing your music!
- On Sun. Dec. 10th Grades 3-8 will sing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” at the 10:30am service. Please return the attached note indicating if your child(ren) will be present to sing.
- On Sun. Dec. 17th, Grades K-2 will sing “Light One Candle” at the 10:30am service. Please return the attached note indicating if your child(ren) will be present to sing.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL THROUGH 1ST GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS: On Sunday December 10, we will meet in front of church to practice our Sunday School Christmas Program. We will begin practice at 9:25 a.m. and will dismiss from there at 10:15 a.m. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Please use the following link to access the music if you wish to practice at home: <https://www.youtube.com/@KathyLiefer>

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES:

- The class of 2025 will be selling pizza bread at Sunday Funday at Santa's Village on Sun. Dec. 10th from 12-4pm. Advance tickets can be purchased through Venmo (@SantasVillageRedBud-2531) or from Cowell Insurance. Tickets are also available for purchase the day of the event.
- The 6th grade class will be hosting a Trivia Color Party on Sat. Jan. 13th at 2pm. The event will be hosted in the Old Gym. Please contact Emma McCarthy, Trisha Ruebusch, Ashley Herriman, or the school to reserve your table.

SCRIP PROGRAM: Are you planning to give the gift of gift cards this holiday season? If so consider purchasing through our schools scrip program! **Holiday orders will be placed on 12/12 and 12/15.** You can also order through the RaiseRight app. Please use our schools enrollment code (E41ED96111348) and choose pay coordinator during check-out. Payments are due when you order to ensure cards are ordered and delivered in a timely manner. A portion of each card sold can be applied to your child's lunch, tuition, daycare, or after school care account. **Our last order donated \$261.50 back to school and daycare families!** If you have any questions please reach out to Sara in the office either by email (sara@stjohnsredbud.org) or call 618-282-3873. Thank you for your support of this program!

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:

- 4th grade students will visit Mr. Becker's house on Fri. Dec. 8th.
- Grades 3-5 will be Christmas Caroling at Red Bud Garden Place on Fri. Dec. 15th. Parents please watch for a note from your child's teacher with more information.

2024 DINNER AUCTION: Save the date for our 2024 dinner auction. Join us for a beach base on Sat. March 16, 2024 at Hecker Community Center. Tickets will go on sale this Friday, Dec. 1st. Flyers with information about special ticket pricing and a request form for ticket certificates were sent home last week and is attached below. Tickets make perfect Christmas presents!!

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE: Mrs. Cindy Nebel, Mr. Bill Becker, and Mrs. Rachel Miller will serve as the directors of our before & after school program this year. This year the music room will serve as the BASC room, students may enter through door 8 where a doorbell is installed. Students with a sibling in daycare may enter through the daycare door. Before school care hours are 6-7:45am, and after care hours are 2:45-5:30pm. Students are asked to bring their own breakfast/snacks. There will be no after school care on 11:20 dismissal days, Dec. 20th, March 28th, and the last day of school (date TBD). Charges are billed at \$5.00/hour with a ¼ minimum charge. Charges will be posted monthly via Fast Direct and can be paid via cash, check, or with a credit/debit card. A 10% multi-child discount will be applied. If your account balances surpasses \$500 and is more than 60 days past due will be charged to the card kept on file in the school office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cindy Nebel at cfnebel@stjohnsredbud.org.



Merry Christmas!

... Searching for that perfect gift for someone this holiday season? Let us help!

The 14th Annual St. John's Lutheran Dinner Auction "Beach Bash" will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Hecker Community Center.

Purchase your ticket certificates now for a special price. Invite your family & friends. If they have never attended the auction, you will have a chance to win a special prize!

Simply fill out the certificate request form below and drop it by the school office with your payment. Certificates will be distributed beginning Dec. 4th. Certificates must be requested by Dec. 19th.

Ticket Prices
Dec. 1st-20th, 2023 - \$35/Ticket
Jan. 4th-Feb. 29th, 2024 - \$40/Ticket



We can't wait to Shell-a-brate good times!

Name(s): _____

Number of Ticket Certificates: _____

Payment \$35 x _____ = _____ Total

3-8 and K-2 Grade Choirs Singing in Church!!!

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade,

Grades K-2nd and Grades 3-8 will be enhancing our Sunday morning worship services in December by singing Advent songs! **On Sunday, December 10th, Grades 3-8 will sing an orchestral version of the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" in the 10:30 AM service. A week later, on Sunday, October 17th, Grades K-2 will sing the well-known song about the Advent wreath, "Light One Candle" in the 10:30 service.**

Both groups of students will sing from the balcony (which I will reserve for them and their teachers.) **They will sing near the beginning of the service between the Collect and the Old Testament reading.** I will have songsheets available for anyone who needs them!!!

In order to get a good turn-out, I am enclosing 2 different slips for you to print off indicating whether or not your students can sing. Please fill out the one(s) applicable to your child(ren) and have them turn it into me. You can also let me know by FastDirect, phone call, text message, email, or word of mouth! Thank you and I look forward to hearing the students sing!

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

My 3-8 child(ren), _____,

(please circle one) will will not be present to sing on Sunday, December 10th @ 10:30 AM

(Parent's signature) _____

My K-2 child(ren), _____,

(please circle one) will will not be present to sing on Sunday, December 17th @ 10:30 AM

(Parent's signature) _____

St. John's Lutheran Scrip Card Order Form

Name(s): _____

Circle the denomination you would like, fill in quantity, and total dollar amount.

Retail Stores	Qty	\$ Total	Restaurants	Qty	\$ Total
Academy Sports + Outdoors - \$25 (4%)			Arby's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Ace Hardware - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Applebee's - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Amazon - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.7%)			Bob Evans - \$10, \$25 (10%)		
American Eagle - \$25 (10%)			Buffalo Wild Wings - \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
American Express - \$25, \$100, \$200 (1.5%)			Burger King - \$10, \$25 (6%)		
Apple Store/Apple.com - \$15, \$25, \$100, \$500 (5%)			Cheesecake Factory - \$25 (5%)		
Bass Pro Shops - \$25, \$100 (10%)			Chili's Grill - \$25, \$50 (11%)		
Bath & Body Works - \$10, \$25 (12%)			Chipolte Mexican Grill - \$10, \$25 (9%)		
BP Gas - \$50, \$100, \$250 (1.5%)			Cinnabon/Auntie Annes - \$25 (6%)		
Carter's - \$25 (10%)			Cracker Barrel - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Casey's - \$25, \$50, \$100 (3%)			Dairy Queen - \$10, \$25 (6.5%)		
Circle K - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Darden Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Dick's Sporting Goods - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Denny's - \$10 (7%)		
Dierbergs - \$100 (2.5%)			Domino's - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Disney - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$1000 (3%)			Dunkin Donuts - \$10, \$25 (3.5%)		
Five Below - \$25 (2.5%)			Freddy's - \$25 (8%)		
Fresh Thyme Market - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Golden Corral - \$25 (9%)		
Google Play - \$25 (3%)			Hardee's - \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Home Depot - \$10, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			Ihop - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Instacart - \$25, \$100 (4%)			Jack in the Box - \$10 (4%)		
JcPenney - \$25, \$100 (5%)			Jimmy John's - \$25 (8%)		
Journey's - \$25 (10%)			Krispy Kreme - \$10 (8%)		
Kohl's - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Little Caesars Pizza - \$20 (8%)		
Lowe's - \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1000 (4%)			LongHorn Steakhouse - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Macy's - \$25, \$100 (10%)			Long John Silver		
Maurices - \$20 (7%)			McDonald's - \$10, \$25 (2%)		
Menards - \$25, \$100, \$500 (3%)			Olive Garden - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Michaels - \$25 (6%)			Outback Steakhouse - \$25, \$50 (10%)		
MotoMart - \$50 (5%)			Panda Express - \$25 (8%)		
Old Navy - \$25, \$100 (14%)			Panera Bread - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (8%)		
Phillips 66 - \$25, \$100 (1.5%)			Papa John's Pizza - \$10 (8%)		
Ross Dress for Less - \$25 (8%)			Pizza Hut - \$10 (8%)		
Sam's Club - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)			Red Lobster - \$25 (8%)		
Scheels - \$25, \$100 (8%)			Red Robin - \$25 (8%)		
Sephora - \$25 (5%)			Sonic - \$10, \$25 (8%)		
Shutterfly - \$25 (9%)			Starbucks - \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 (4.5%)		
Southwest Airlines - \$250 (4%)			Subway - \$10, \$50 (4.5%)		
T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Taco Bell - \$5, \$10, \$25 (5%)		
Target - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (2.5%)			Texas Roadhouse - \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Topgolf - \$50 (8%)			TGI Friday's - \$25 (9%)		
Total Wine & More - \$25, \$100 (7%)			Wendy's - \$25 (6%)		
Ulta - \$25 (7%)			Yard House Restaurants - \$10, \$25, \$100 (8%)		
Visa - \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (1.25%)			Zaxby's - \$25 (8%)		
Walgreens - \$25, \$100 (5%)					
Walmart - \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 (2.5%)					
Wayfair - \$100 (6%)					

Total Cards Ordered: _____ Total Amount of All Cards: _____

Please apply our earned rebate to: Lunch Tuition Registration After Care Pre-K Tuition Daycare

I will pick-up my cards _____

Please send my cards with my student _____

