

St. John School Eagle Edition

Friday, December 2nd

St. John School Mission Statement

Igniting hearts and minds through living, loving, and learning in Christ



The 50:20 Challenge

How many times am I to forgive a person who intentionally sins against me? Seven times? That seems like a lot of time to forgive someone who does not even say he is sorry once. But I don't think the Lord knows how much this person hurt me with his words. I trusted this person. I looked up to this person. I shared some of my deepest feelings with this person. Yet he does not seem to care. So how many times should I forgive this person who does not even seem to care that he hurt me? Should I forgive him seven times? "No", the Lord says, "but seven times seventy".

Forgiveness is a hard Christian characteristic to put into practice. The expectation, however, is that all Christians are to forgive, even if the ones hurting us don't stop or don't seem to care. Jesus even gives us some examples of how forgiveness might be applied to our daily lives.

Jesus is the best example. Jesus' first words from the cross were words of forgiveness, "Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing." Jesus forgave before the Jews, Romans, and Chief Priests even asked for forgiveness. Jesus forgave you and me even before we were going to sin. Wow!

God gives several examples in the Bible. One we studied in the Forgiveness Challenge was the 50:20 principle. Joseph in the Old

Testament had been mistreated by his brothers and sold into slavery. However, God remained with Joseph. Eventhough Joseph was a slave, God prospered him and the people around him. When opportunity came to confront his brothers, Joseph did so with a forgiving heart and not one of hate or revenge.

From Genesis 50:20 we are given a strong example to forgive. We read in Genesis 50:19-21

“But Joseph said to them (his brothers) ‘Do not fear, for am I in the place of God?’” (v. 19)

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.” (v. 20)

“So do not fear, I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. (v. 21)

Lord, teach me to forgive as Jesus forgives me and as Joseph forgave his brothers.

Cheesy Ham Chowder

This soothing recipe is wonderful. The soup is full of potatoes, carrots and ham. The best part is that you can get it on the table in only a half hour of hands-on time.

St. John Church Christmas Worship Schedule

Thursday, December 22nd 7:00 PM
Christmas Hymn Service

Saturday, December 24th
3:00 PM Worship with Communion
6:00 PM Worship – Children’s Program
11:00 PM Worship with Communion

Sunday, December 25th 9:00 AM
Christmas Carol Service

Thursday, December 29th No Service

Saturday, December 31st 7:00 PM
Worship with Communion

Sunday, January 1st 9:00 AM
Worship with Communion



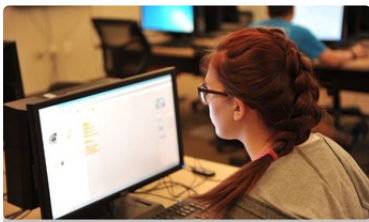
Craft Sale and Fundraiser

Craft Sale and Fundraiser for Seminary student, Adam Flanick and his wife Meghan, their 2 children and child #3 is on the way. Are you looking for a unique, handcrafted, or delicious homemade goodies for Christmas



gifts for a special someone?? Maybe a teacher, friend, spouse, grandma or grandpa, aunt or uncle, sister or brother, daycare provider, Pastor ect. Look no further, come to the craft sale/fundraiser on Sunday, December 4th at St. John between the 1st and second service, and after the late service. There will be homemade cards, soaps, Christmas ornaments, bowl and plate cozies, homemade goodies, just to name a few wonderful items. There will also be a silent auction for some beautiful hand quilted items that will be displayed at Church in the upcoming weeks.

Christmas Tree Decorating Hacks! 10 Hacks for your Tree!



Technology Instructor Position

St. John Lutheran is looking for a K-8 technology instructor for the 2022-2023 school year. The teacher will teach about six hours per week at \$25 per hour. The days and time are flexible. Qualifications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The instructor need not have a degree because the principal will be the main teacher working to develop lesson plans. This position is paid by a Federal grant. For more information contact Principal Jiter, either at 715-842-5212 or email at principal@mailstjohn.com



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December 11th



After Advent Program

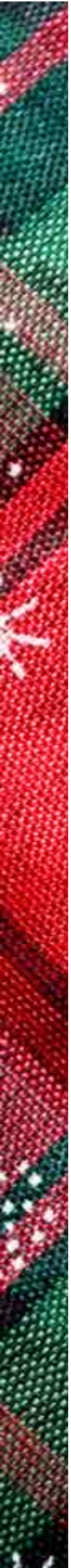
Please join us for a cookie, coffee, juice in the gym, following the Advent Program.

Bring a cookie platter to pass
or just come and enjoy,
ALL WELCOME!



The Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees is an event that benefits Hospice Services. Artificial Christmas trees are decorated and then sold with silent bids as well as raffle items. Walking through the array of trees is a festive activity. This year, while the students in the DCE 4K classroom were using the Twinkle Twinkle Little Star rhyme, they made white clay star cutouts. Those clay stars are part of a small 4' tree decorated for the festival.





Chapel and a Meal

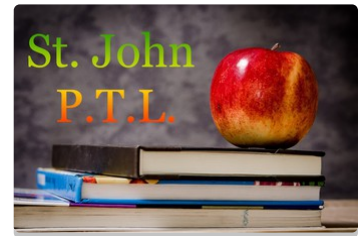
The parents are invited to a chapel service led by Pastor John the same day of the annual Family Feast potluck. The Family Feast will be followed by classroom Christmas celebrations

The Family Feast potluck is scheduled for Thursday, December 22, starting at 11:15. Families attending the Family Feast are invited to the chapel right before lunch. The chapel will be in the church from 10:40-11:10.

More information will follow.

St. John P.T.L.

St. Johns PTL meets the 2nd Monday of the month in the school Tech Room at 5pm. We have lots of opportunities to help with activities for the school/kids of St. Johns. Join us to find out what exciting new activities we're planning for the upcoming year. For more information email jennifer_wirt@yahoo.com. Jennifer Wirt PTL



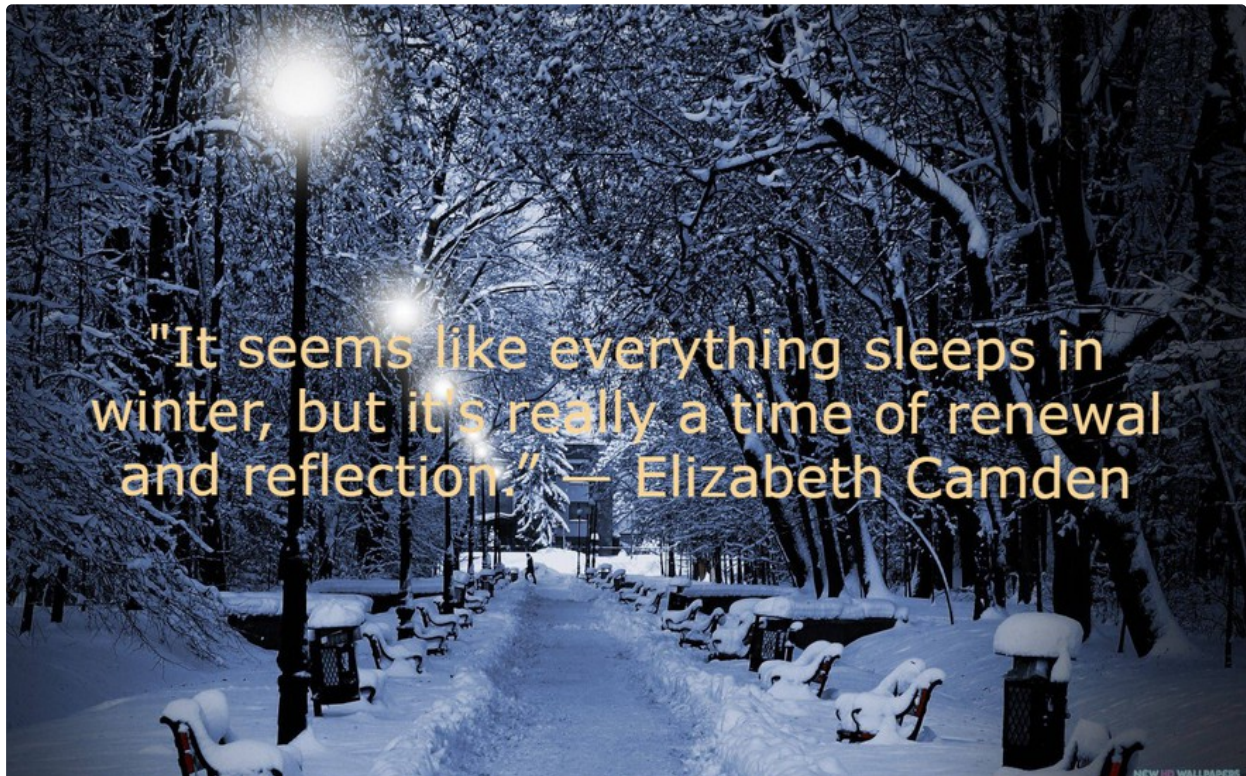
Chocolate Chip Cookie Delight

This is a simple chocolate delight recipe for any type of potluck occasion, and the pan always comes home empty.



Next School Board Meeting

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12th, starting at 6:00 in the Church Library. Parents are always welcome to speak to the School Board at the beginning of each meeting. There is time set aside for public input.



Children's Advent Program

The Advent Program for students of the school in grades 3K-8th will be on Sunday, December 11, starting at 3:00 in the gym. The title of this year's advent program is "Seeking the Treasure". Teachers have started working with students in their classrooms. Memory verses have been sent home. The first whole group practices will be next week Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 7-9.

More specific information will be sent out later.



The Christmas Shopping Mall

Update on the Christmas Shopping Mall

We are moving right along preparing for the biggest shopping day for the children of St. John Lutheran Church and School. To date we have six vendors selling a wide variety of items. There have also been donated items in boxes or bags which need to be tagged and set up on the tables the day of the event. More vendors and items for the children to purchase are still desired. Items to be purchased should be marked at \$5 or less.

Many have volunteered to help and more may still be needed. We have at least fifteen volunteers, 6 of which are high school students, who will be helping with various tasks on the shopping day. More volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts, shop with younger children, put out shopping items on the table and price them, and more.

As a Tuesday, December 13, from 8:15 -11:00, St. John Lutheran School will host its first annual Christmas Shopping Mall in the gym for children of the school and church who are in grades 3K - 8th grades. The purpose is to have a shopping place for children to purchase affordable, inexpensive gifts for Mom, Dad, brothers, and sisters. They will not only purchase the gifts, but also have them gift wrapped and labeled before they take them home.

Volunteers are needed to help younger children shop, wrap gifts, and label them for the children. Materials are needed such as wrapping paper, tape, tags, ribbons, small boxes in which to place purchased gifts, and bags for the children to take presents home. Volunteers are also needed to help sell items at the various tables set up in the gym.

Volunteers and vendors are still needed.

I have attached the following for your information:

- Parent Letter
- O & A about The Christmas Shopping Mall

- Vendor Waiver

Please contact Principal Jiter if you wish to volunteer, are a vendor, or have any questions. 715-842-5212, ext. 113 or principal@mailstjohn.com



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Q & A for Vendors and Volunteers The Christmas Shopping Mall.pdf

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Caroling

As part of our outreach to the community, students from St. John Lutheran School will be caroling at a variety of different places on Friday, December 16. Since there is not a lunch served at school this day, we will be eating out together after caroling.



More information will follow.



Life Thoughts in the Church Year

December 4 – Advent II – Our sinfulness once left us lifeless as stones, but God has taken us for His own beloved children (Matthew 3:9) by becoming a little one among us Himself (Isaiah 11:6). Now we get to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us. We proclaim the sanctity of every human life to defend the

cause of the poor, and we put it into practice to give deliverance to the children of the needy (Psalm 72:4).

From Lutherans for Life

Life Quote

December 4 "Christmas is also a time to contemplate the gift of mortal LIFE through the miracle of birth. Christmas is the gift of LOVE that moms and dads shower on their children by saying yes to life –sometimes under very difficult circumstances. Regardless of the challenges, God has a perfect plan for each life that He brings into the world, and His will for them is to out-sparkle and out-shine any ornament."

Bradley Mattes, president of Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



School & Church Dates to remember

- December 3rd 9:00 A.M Prayer Shawl Ministry
- December 4th Craft Sale after both Worship Service
- December 5th School Vision and Hearing Screening
- December 6th 12:30 Senior Club Christmas Party
- December 11th 3:00 School Advent Program
- December 12th 5:00 P.T.L Meeting
- December 12th 6:00 School Board Meeting
- December 12th 7:00 Elders Meeting
- December 12th Board of Christian Ed Meeting
- December 13th Care Ministry Meeting
- December 13th 8:15-11:00 Christmas Shopping Mall
- December 16th K-8th Grade Caroling, no Hot Lunch served
- December 19th 7:00 Council Meeting
- December 22nd School Family Feast
- December 23rd Christmas Break begins

Isaiah 40:31

31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."





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