

St. John's Lutheran Church & School



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Dates to Remember!

- * March 4– Shrove Pancake Dinner– 5pm
- * March 5– Ash Wednesday Supper– 5pm
- * March 7– End of quarter
- * March 12– Online Flower Sale ends
- * March 13-18-I-55 Book Fair
- * March 14– Sports Card Show– 6pm
- * March 15– Family/ Middle School Dance– 6pm
- * March 16—"Still Waters Tour" Concert Event (Ticket sales online)- 6pm
- * March 17-21- NLSW observed
- * March 18– "Ron the Magician"– 6pm
- * March 24-28– Spring Break

Spirit Express

March 2025

From the desk of Mr. Rausch

"The joys of play!"

When I think of spring I wonder how the Lord makes plants grow and how I can find a way outside to see them grow. I wonder about how I can get out too, to play. No matter what it might be, activities of play in the spring always have a new wave of excitement and energy. Especially here in Ohio, where much of the winter has us cooped up!

As we move into the spring, I wonder what new things to play!

Our Senior Pastor, Jack Heino has been "playing" in the ministry here at St. John's for 30 years! We will celebrate him this month with a variety of activities and celebrations. Through his service here over the past 30 years one can not fathom how much he has done, how much he has contributed, and how much he has loved.

Generosity of his time, comes first to mind and not too far behind in second place, would be the word FUN. Pastor Heino in his own way, always seems to make light of love, compassion, and he does so with a sense of fun.

Fun can be defined as a verb, noun or adjective. Pastor Heino embodies all, but at the end of the day he has "more noun in him"! That's right, "more noun"! Defined in this manner one is of enjoyment, amusement, or of lighthearted pleasure.

Baptism: You're Invited~ March 19th

Please watch the video invitation presented by Pastor Drake Peterson, Pastor Jack Heino, and Principal Rausch: "Baptism: You're Invited!". We have an extraordinary opportunity for all St. John's Students (as well as their siblings and/or parents) to participate in a group baptism happening during our Lutheran School's Week Celebrations on Wednesday, March 19 (Chapel at 8:15). If this is something that you are considering, in order to ensure your child is included in the Baptismal Chapel service on Wednesday, March 19, please follow these steps:

1. Email Your Child's Homeroom Teacher: By Wednesday, March 5, inform your child's homeroom teacher of your interest in the baptismal service. Clearly indicate whether you are:

- Interested: You would like more information
- Maybe: You are considering participation but need additional details.
- **Definite YES**: You are committed to having your child participate.

This communication helps the organizers plan accordingly.

CLICK HERE: "Baptism: You're Invited!





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Your assistance is requested!

St. John's Spotlight drama will present an adaptation of C. S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* in May. As we prepare to bring this show to the stage, we need some materials for set construction. Those items include: plywood, dimensional lumber (2x4s, 1x3s), paint, fasteners (screws, duct tape, and spray foam), fabric, and 4x8x1" (relatively rigid) Styrofoam sheets.

We will also need white batting and brown fabric (and Joann is going out of business!).

The show will serve as a way for students to connect to this book, especially the fourth graders who read the text earlier in the school year. If you have any of these items you'd like to loan or give Spotlight drama, please email Mrs. Ervin: aervin@sjsmarysville.org. Your support for bringing this timeless tale to life is appreciated!

LSGO

The Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio's purpose it to raise scholarship dollars for students to attend Christian schools throughout Ohio. As you begin to process your taxes help us and reduce what you have to pay to OHIO-CREDITS— for \$ that eliminates what you have to pay.

LSGO Q & A Email rrausch@sjsmarysville.org with questions.

Thank you teachers!

A note from St. John's Elders...

At the last Elders meeting we discussed what a blessing the staff is to our children at St. John's School. One said lets make cookies but we don't know who has what food allergies. One said lets get them T—shirts but since we are all married we know the dangers of picking the wrong sizes. One said lets get them Thank You cards and a list of their great accomplishments but we would have to use poster boards to list

everything. Each of you are a true blessing from God. When you heard your calling to serve us, we are blessed that you said the words of Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am (Lord), send me." You do not hesitate to teach and show Christs Love. May the Almighty God Bless each and every one of you.

St. John's Elders



Join us for these upcoming events







To volunteer for the dance–click below! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409 0F4AAEA62FA3F85-55088983ceafamily Page 3 Spirit Express

Leanna Crawford coming to SJLS

We are very excited to be hosting Leanna Crawford with special guest Cade Thompson on March 16th here at St. John's in the gym at 6 pm!! There are still tickets available till we reach the max capacity of 300!

This is the <u>link</u> to order tickets to the concert.

https://showops.co/e/1240/compa ssion-international-presents-thestill-waters-tour-leannacrawford-with-special-guestcade-thompson



Spring Book Fair



To volunteer:

https://www.signupgenius.co m/go/4090F4AAEA62FA3F85-55062083-2025

NLSW- 3/16-3/21



CEA Flower Sale Extended



The online Spring Flower Sale has been extended to 3/12!! Let's try to reach our goal! We appreciate all of your support!

4th Grade Card Show



Daylight Savings Time

Please remember that Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend, so set your clocks ahead 1 hour to "spring forward"!

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Make disciples of Christ as we
KNOW Jesus and one another
GROW to be more like Him
SOW His love in word and deed.

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School (LC-MS)

Please join us for Worship!
Saturday evenings at 4:00pm,
Sunday mornings at 9:00am
(Church Sanctuary)
Contemporary Worship at 11:00am (Gymnasium)
Adult & Young Adult Bible Study, Youth & Children
Sunday School at 10am



Lenten & Holy Week Worship Service Schedule and Activities

Lenten Worship Services

Ash Wednesday Services: March 5 4:00 & 7:00 pm with Communion and Distribution of Ashes

Ash Wednesday Supper: 5:00-7:00 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Services: March 12, 19, & 26; April 2 & 9; 4:00 pm

Midweek Lenten Suppers: Wednesdays, March 12-April 9, 5:00-6:30 pm in the School Cafeteria/Gym

Midweek Lenten Bible Study: Wednesdays, March 12-April 9: "The Hand of the Lord", weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Jack and Pastor Drake, 5:00-5:45 pm in the Church Sanctuary.



Holy Week Worship Services April 13 - April 19

Palm Sunday Services: April 13 9:00 am: 2025 Youth Rite of Confirmation 11:00 am: Contemporary - Gym

Maundy Thursday Service: April 17 7:00 pm with Communion and First Holy Communion for 2025 Confirmands

Good Friday: April 18
Tenebrae Service: "Service of Darkness", 7:00 pm
Prayer Vigil: Starts at 8:00 pm - Marie Pfarr Room

Holy Saturday Service: April 19 6:00 pm with Communion

Easter Sunday Services: April 20 9:00 & 11:00 am with Communion -Both in Sanctuary

No Sunday School Classes, but please attend:

10:00 am: Easter Egg Hunt for All Ages up to 6th Grade (Meet on the softball field)10:15 am: Our Family Easter Breakfast hosted by the Cafeteria Bible Study Group

Please Join Us — All Are Welcome!