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August 28, 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship – Comm. <i>Students Sing</i>	28 6:00-7:30 V-ball Practice	29	30 8:05 am Chapel	31 Hearing Screenings – Grades 1, 4 & 7 6:00-7:30 V-ball Practice	Sept. 1 September's Tuition is Due!	2
3 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship	4 <b>Labor Day NO SCHOOL Office Closed</b>	5	6 MIDTERMS (grades 2-8) 8:05 am Chapel 7 pm Church Council Mtg.	7 6:00-7:30 V-ball Practice	8	9 12 Noon Patriot Day Celebration at Gabbard Park

Hello St. John Families and Friends,

It is becoming more clear to us here at school that people may not know about or understand the school choice program within the state of Indiana. Word of mouth advertising is the most valuable source of marketing. People trust their friends and family more than any other source of advertising. Studies suggest that 92% of consumers are more likely to listen to friends and family.

We not only want you to talk to people about our school and refer them to us, but also to spread the word about school choice. As of May 2023, seven states in the USA offer universal school choice. Indiana is one of those states. The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program, commonly referred to as the "Voucher" system, provides scholarships to eligible Indiana students to offset tuition costs of non-public participating schools.

Our school is a fully accredited school that participates and meets the requirements of the school choice program. This past summer, the state of Indiana legislature made it even easier for students in grades kindergarten through high school to qualify for the choice scholarship program. School choice allows students the option to attend private schools with scholarships to help cover the costs of that private education. We would love to talk to anyone who has questions about this—please send them our way.

***"All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children." Isaiah 54:13***

Have a great week and a safe and joyous Labor Day weekend.

In His Service,

*Mrs. Willoughby*  
Mrs. Willoughby

## Hearing Screenings

Students in grades 1, 4 & 7 will have hearing screenings on Thursday, 8/31. If you want your child in a differing grade to be screened, please Dojo message Ms. Lisha or send her an email.

## Parent Checklist

- Return the participation form for the Patriot Day Celebration at Gabbard Park (grades K-8). St. John students will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance. (You don't have to stay for the whole program.)
- Return the Art Club participation form if your child would like to join the after-school Art Club. (Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 2:45 – 3:45, beginning 9/12.)
- Sign up a foursome for the Golf Outing on 9/16 at Kelly's Hidden Acres in Milan. You can also sponsor a hole.



## Notes of THANKS

Thanks to the students who came to sing during the worship service yesterday. This is a great way to show our thanks to the congregation members of St. John who so graciously support the school ministry with their offerings and tithes. *The next time the students sing in church is Sunday, 9/24.*

Thanks also to Stanley Slack, Rhonda Brown, Hillary Storey, Connie Griffin, Christy Claydon, and Sandy Lang for covering classrooms for August's teacher lunch. *We still need volunteers for the next teacher lunch on Thursday, 9/28.*

### Call Committee Update

St. John Lutheran Church has been in a pastoral vacancy since January 16<sup>th</sup>. A Call Steering Committee (CSC) was established by St. John's Voters' Assembly. With the help of Circuit Visitor, Pastor Kolaskey, those church members have been working very prayerfully and diligently to find St. John's next Pastor.

A Call List was received from the Indiana District President, and from that list, a Call was issued to the Rev. Josemon Hoem. After a visit in June, Pastor Hoem declined the Call to serve at St. John.

Although the original Call List still applies, additional names were added to the list by the Indiana District President. All 28 names with short biographies are available for review in the church and school office through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to review this information; however, only members of St. John Lutheran Church can raise an objection to any man on the Call List.

*There will be a special meeting of the Voters' Assembly on Monday, 9/11, at 6 p.m. to hear the recommendation of the Call Committee.* Please keep St. John Lutheran Church in your prayers as she awaits her next Pastor. Also remember in prayer the Call Steering Committee members: Kimber Ampt, Mel Green, Lisha Manning, LouAnn Olson, Rick Probst, Harley Robinson, Greg Ross, Loraine Rumsey, Terri Schmeltzer, and Jennifer Willoughby.

**Chapel Offerings – Lutheran World Relief**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Giving to Date ..... \$117.50**  
Chapel services are held each Wednesday at 8:05 a.m., unless otherwise stated. Please use the envelope sent home on Monday for your Chapel offering.

### Family Bible Night

You're invited to Family Bible Night on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. For those who aren't familiar, this is an activity meant to be shared as a family. Think Vacation Bible School – Bible lesson, singing, craft/activity, and fun for all ages – only held in one evening! Family dinner will begin promptly at 5:30 in the gym/cafeteria. This month's dinner and activities are sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and dinner will be pizza. A flier is attached – stick it on your fridge so you won't forget, and plan to join us!

### Meal Manage

A Meal Manage flier is being sent home today. Scan the QR code to join Meal Manage, where you can see your milk/lunch balance. The app wasn't updated at the beginning of school, so some payments and all lunches input for the first couple of weeks were multiplied. We believe all duplicates have been removed, but please speak with Mrs. Kramer if something doesn't look quite right.

The ability to pay through Meal Manage will be coming soon. For now, payment can be made in cash or by check to "St. John Hot Lunch". Give payment to Mrs. Kramer or drop it off in the office.

### Labor Day Holiday

There will not be school on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, due to the Labor Day holiday. The office will also be closed.

### Midterm Reports Wednesday, Sept. 6

Midterm grade reports will be sent home next Wednesday for students in grades 2-8.

### September's Tuition

September's tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup>. If payment is not made by September 10<sup>th</sup>, a \$15 late fee will be charged to your account unless other arrangements are made with the school office. Remember, payment can be made electronically by visiting [stjohnaurora.org](http://stjohnaurora.org) and clicking on the "Donate" tab. Once you click the Donate tab, you can choose "Tuition" as an option. ACH transactions are FREE. If paying by debit/credit card, you will be billed separately for the fees charged to St. John.

PERMISSION SLIP  
Agricultural (AG) Day Education Program  
Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds  
Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Students in Mrs. Grehl's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom will be traveling to the Lawrenceburg Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> for AG Day, sponsored by the Dearborn County Extension Service and Dearborn County Farm Bureau. This is a day of education and fun learning with fourteen different educational stations. Mrs. Kramer will provide a sack lunch for the students which will count against their lunch ticket. Students will need to dress appropriately for the weather as they will be outside during the entire field trip. We have 3 parents who have volunteered to chaperone. Ms. Grehl, the chaperones, and the students will be transported to and from the fairgrounds in private vehicles. We will leave St. John promptly at 8:30 a.m. and leave the fairgrounds by 2:00 p.m. Please complete and return the following information NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child has permission to attend AG Day on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, my child cannot attend Field Day on Sept. 26, 2023. I understand my child will remain at school and complete an alternate assignment.

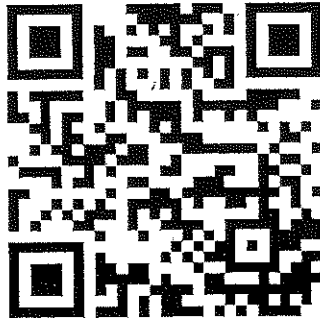
Child's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Welcome to MealManage

For MealManage parent (Mobile/Desktop) guides and videos online please scan the QR code below and go to parent section on FAQ page.

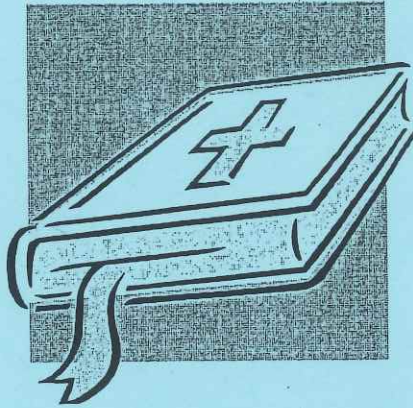


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# You're invited to ...



## Family Bible Night!

Family Bible Night is a gathering similar to VBS, except that it is for parents and any age children to enjoy TOGETHER! Each time we meet, we will have dinner, as well as activities, learning times, worship, and music for families.

Mark your calendar for the next Family Bible Night and plan to join us!

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**

Meet in the school gym.

A Pizza Dinner begins promptly at 5:30.

*(This Family Bible Night Is Sponsored by a Grant from  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.)*