



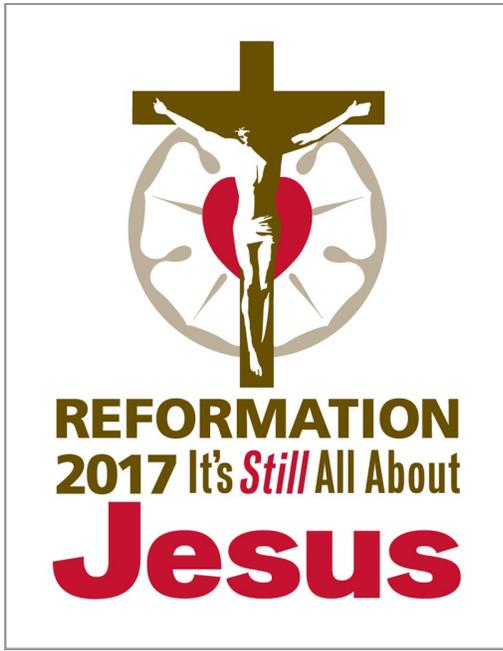
St. John's Newsletter

Committed to Jesus Christ and the spiritual growth of all God's children.

August / Sept 2017

Theme for the Year

"It's Still All About Jesus"



This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the Church. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther wrote 95 Theses on which he wanted to debate the abuses of the church at that time. The result of that event was the rise of the Protestant churches as well as the reform of the Roman Catholic Church.

The theme of the Reformation is Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone, and scripture alone. We still

hold to these basic tenets as a Christian church. Reformation must happen in every generation as it is easy for us to be distracted and stray from the truth of God.

Our church and school will mark that event with the theme "It's still all about Jesus," remembering that it is through Jesus that God's love has been shown to us

Worship Services Hours Change

Back to 2 services on September 10

Worship Services

8:30am and 11 am

Bible Study at 9:45

Golf Outing

The annual Golf Outing helps provide financial support for our school. The golf outing this is *October 7, Saturday*, at Glenwoodie Golf Course. We are looking for participants, sponsors, people to donate items for auction, people to attend the dinner, and people to help publicize the event. Please speak with Ben Ramsey if you are willing to help with the outing.

Tickets and donations can be made at the church office or online at Eventbrite by going to sjcch.com/golfouting.

Steeple Fund

We are now receiving donations to help repair and maintain our steeple to keep it from deteriorating any further. The last major repair on the steeple took place around 40 years ago. The steeple has been a major landmark in Country Club Hills since 1874.

Donations can be made in the church office or through Paypal on sjcch.com/steeple.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Benefit Members are encouraged to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John's Lutheran Church. This can be done by going online to thrivent.com and signing in

and selecting Thrivent Choice Dollars. There is no cost to you. This simply directs a Thrivent gift to the church/school.

Thrivent is a financial services company that has its roots in the Lutheran Church. Originally it was two insurance companies that only sold insurance to members of Lutheran churches. They have now branched out and sell a number of financial services to Christians of various church groups.

Donate through Amazon.com

Any purchases made through Amazon.com can be made through smile.amazon.com and the school will receive a percentage of your purchase—at no cost to you. Log in through smile.amazon.com and select St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Lutherans Engage the World

Learn about how your church engages the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. A magazine is available to you by mail or online entitled "Lutherans Engage the World." You can get this magazine online at engage.lcms.org/

subscribe or to have an individual subscription you may phone 888-THELCMS (888-843-5267). Serving behind the scenes

A number of groups help serve God through the church behind the scenes. We thank those who serve faithfully without public notice.

Volunteers Needed

The altar guild prepares the altar for worship services, setting up communion, and cleaning. The counters record the offerings and report to the treasurer and to the office so individual offering records can be maintained for tax purposes. Office helpers help prepare newsletters for mailing.

All of these can use more volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please write it on the connection card or send an email to the church office.

Thank You

...to Mrs. Linda Friesser for her generous gift to St. John's School in loving memory of Mary Biel;

...to Mrs. Emily Stelter for her generous gift to St. John's Steeple Fund in loving memory of Carroll Bas.

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Grant Writing Workshop

A grant writing seminar will be held in St. John Lutheran School gym on *September 23rd from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM.*

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Breakfast foods and lunch will be served. Coffee and water will be available throughout the day.

The company that provides the speaker for this seminar is Artful Askers. They say "they exist to empower faith-based and community organizations with the knowledge, tools, expertise, and skills to access money and other resources to meet needs in their community". "Leave the workshop with everything needed to begin writing grants, including a work-

book, CDs with templates, and additional information".

A preregistration fee of \$75.00 per person (\$90.00 at the door) will be charged for this very worthwhile workshop.

Please mail your preregistration fee to me prior to September 18th to St. John Lutheran Church 4247 183rd St., Country Club Hills, IL. Attn: Pat Couch.

Be looking for more information in the church bulletin and school newsletters.

Please help us raise monies to get our steeple repaired and think of other things that we need around the church, by writing funding grants.

Pat Couch

Children's Church

Children are an important part of our congregation. Engaging children is important as we seek to raise them in the Christian faith as disciples of Jesus.

Beginning Sept 10, we plan to begin a Children's Church. During the sermon, one adult and one youth will take the children into the church basement and do an activity/discussion with them connected to the readings for the day. This allows them to participate with the community in the worship service, but also learn about God on their level. The lessons to be used can be found at <http://episcopaldigitalnet-work.com/lessons/liturgical-calendar/>

This program depends on volunteers. The teachers: Diane Bishop, Rachel Sever, and Jennifer Bennett are coordinating the program. If we have enough volunteers, then an adult or youth will not have to miss the regular sermon less than once a month. Please volunteer on the connection cards at church or through email to the church office.

Bible Classes/ Sunday School

The regular schedule for Bible Classes and Sunday School will resume after Labor Day. On Sunday at 9:45 – 10:45 Sunday School and Wired Word will be held in the Parish House, Pastor's Bible Class will be held in the church, and the Daniel Plan will be held in the school Library.

Thursday morning Bible Class will also resume in the Parish House.

Plan on growing in God's Word as we grow in fellowship with one another.



St. John's
Lutheran School News



Securing Each Child's Future
Jeremiah 29:11

Calendar

August 1	Tuesday	7:00 PM PTL	Planning meeting
August 8	Tuesday	8-11 AM, 4-7 PM	Registration Day
August 17	Thursday	6:30 PM	Back to School/Meet the Teachers
August 22	Tuesday	8:00 AM	School year begins 11:30 AM Early Dismissal
August 25	Friday	All Day	Culver's Matteson Kickback for PTL
August 26	Saturday	8:00AM	Back to School Parade
August 27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship service and Picnic
August 29	Tuesday	7:00 PM	PTL Meeting (library)
September 4	Monday	Labor Day—No school, office closed	
September 6	Wednesday	4:30 PM	Girls Volleyball
September 9	Saturday	12:30 PM	Girls Volleyball

Back to School night/Meet the Teacher night

All parents and students are encouraged to come to the "Back to School" night on **Thursday, August 17th, at 6:30 PM in the gym**. After the time in the gym, parents and students will go to their various classes to meet the teachers and learn expectations and procedures for the year. Two sessions are scheduled for those who have more than one student, that way the parents can go to two different classes.

PTL

PTL is happy to welcome parents to the 2017-18 school year. August 1 there was a planning meeting, but the big kick off is **August 29 in the St. John's gym**. Please join us as we make plans for a successful year of fun, events and fundraising.

Culver's Night

The first PTL event is the Culver Kickback on **August 25**. Please join us. Stop in at the PTL table at registration for more information.

Back-to-School Parade

Join us for the Annual Back to School Parade on **Saturday, August 26**.



From the Principal

Hello members of St. John Lutheran Church & School:

I am excited to serve as your new Principal. I want to take a brief moment to thank everyone for welcoming me this past month with open arms. I have had the privilege to talk with several families and faculty members. The knowledge that has been shared so far has helped tremendously as I transition into this new position.

A little about me, I previously served as Principal at Immanuel Christian Academy in Hillside, IL for the past three years and spent four years prior to that teaching Preschool – 8th grade computers and coaching 7th grade boys basketball at Crown Point Christian School in St. John, IN. During my time as a teacher and administrator, I was able to:

- Implement a 1:1 technology program for middle school students
- Establish programs for Art, Music, Technology, Foreign Language, and STEM
- Increase school outreach and service opportunities
- Oversee fundraising and grant opportunities

My goal is to take those prior experiences and use them here as we all work together to keep St. John Lutheran being great!

I have always lived in the southwest side of Chicago so it feels great to be working in the south suburbs having gone to parochial high school and colleges out this way. I received my undergraduate degree from Trinity Christian College in 2009 and graduate degree from Saint Xavier University in 2012. For students that go to Chicago Christian High School, go Knights! (Class of 2006).

I am a recipient of the Timothy Award that is awarded to innovative educators in the Northern Illinois District and I currently serve on two district committees. You will hear me talking about sports quite a bit as I love to watch and play. Go Bulls and White Sox (sorry Cubs fans). Besides sports, I like to go to the movies and theater productions, spend time with family and friends, go to church, and I am always up for a tasty meal at a good restaurant.

One of my favorite verses for me as an educator is Deuteronomy 32:2: "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." I want to share the knowledge I have with all my students.

I am looking forward to this upcoming year and seeing the great things God has in-store for the community of St. John Lutheran.

Working Together in Christ,
Mr. Matthew Kamien, Principal

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sion, nearly 22,200 strains, sprains, dislocations, and fractures from backpacks were treated in 2013. The backpack should not weigh more than 10%-20% max of the child's body weight. It should never be worn on one shoulder only so the weight is evenly distributed. Also, pack the bigger, heavier books in the back of the pack to keep that heavy weight against the child's back. In this way, the lower back will not be injured.

Eye Protection



According to the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Optometric Association, thousands of children suffer sports-related eye injuries each year. Sports is the leading cause of school-age children's eye injuries, but most of those injuries are 90% preventable. Racquet sports, basketball, and baseball are the sports with the highest injuries. Other high

-risk sports are hockey, football, lacrosse, boxing, and soccer. Eye protection can't prevent every injury, but the correct gear is extremely effective. Proper gear varies according to the sport. Here are a few ways to protect a child's eyes:

- Have the eyes checked prior to playing any sport
- Check to see that prescription glasses are made of polycarbonate plastic
- If playing contact sports, buy glasses with padding at the nose and brow
- Secure glasses with a strap and buy strong frames
- Ask your doctor about prescription sports eye guards

*Until next time,
"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you..." Ill John 1:2.*

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All are welcome to services

Summer Schedule

June 7-September 6

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Sunday Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Sept—May Schedule

(2nd Sunday in Sept to 1st Sunday in June)

2 services Sundays 8:30am and 11am

Bible Study & Sunday School from
9:45—10:45am

Nurse Notes

By Pat Couch,

RN, BSN,

Parish Nurse

Faith

Community Nurse



Since it is back to school soon for everyone, we shall discuss that this month.

The first thing that comes to mind is vaccinations. **Vaccinations** are to be followed on a schedule per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and “can protect infants, children and teens from 16 potentially harmful diseases that could lead to hospitalizations or death”. Even though many of these diseases have been eradicated in the United States, they have not been eradicated in some other countries. If you visit one of these countries you could

contract one of these diseases. Or if someone from those countries come to the U.S. and are infected with one of these diseases, they can infect many people here, especially those without the proper vaccines. Please talk to your doctor and find out which of the vaccinations your families need to protect yourselves.

Flu shots for all the family are also very important to avoid hospitalizations and death, especially in the very young and those over 65. Everyone over the age of six (6) months should get a flu shot, especially those with asthma, cancer and cancer

treatment, diabetes, kidney or liver disease, pregnancy and obesity. The vaccine should be available in August and continue through October or until all the vaccine is used. After receiving vaccines, your bodies produce antibodies that protect from the vaccine viruses. You may have a slight fever and feel muscle aches and pains for a couple of days after the flu shot.

Another thing to think about is how to wear **backpacks** to avoid injuries. Carrying a heavy load in the backpack can cause injury to the lower back that can last into adulthood. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commis-

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