



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
The Eagle Express  
December 18, 2008 – January 7, 2009  
'Led by God's Grace'



### LED BY GOD'S GRACE



#### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Bless my family and friends, I pray, Help them dear Lord through each day.  
Please don't let them lose sight of the season. Show them, that your Son is the reason.

As they hang each ornament on their tree, let them dear Lord, do it in honor of Thee.  
As they wrap and prepare their gifts to give, Let them think of the reason they live.

To give all glory and honor to You, Bless them dear Lord in all that they do.  
As they take their cards and begin to write, Let them remember that Holy Night.

Bless them as they cook and prepare their ham; Take their minds back to Bethlehem.  
Let them vision that Baby so dear; Let them feel Your Holy Spirit near.

And as they watch the children play, bless them dear Lord with the spirit to pray.  
And as they see the winter snow fall, help them to remember to pray for all.

For the most precious gifts are Love, Peace, and Joy. It's not the latest fashion or the newest toy.  
And most of all, bless our children in public places, where all they can see are Santa Faces.

Bless the ones that gather on Christmas Day, to remember that You are the way.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. John School, I would like to wish you and your family a Blessed Christmas and Glorious New Year!!! Our hope for everyone this year is that we can all be an example of God's love shining through us for others to see. Through our servant heart, we can help lead others to the Christ child; not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the year! Join us in the Birthday celebration of Our King!!  
--- Sharon Forst

**We pray you have already accepted Christ in your life. -- MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!**

### THANK YOU!!!



A BIG Thank you to all parents, grandparents, staff and friends that helped to support our recent school fundraiser. A Bigger thank you to everyone that picked up their orders last Thursday. I apologize for some of the confusion of the day, and some delays on orders. Your patience and understanding meant a lot!! Unfortunately, the delivery truck was delayed on that day, and the anticipated organization of the product was not in place. I want to thank the parents, students and staff members that helped me get the orders out in quick order on Thursday. I hope you are all enjoying the cookies and Kringles!!

Please let me know if anything in your order was amiss. Again, thank you all for your patience and understanding!!

**A GIFT ENJOYED FOR YEARS....**



**”Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”**

Are you still looking for that “special” gift that will help many children here at St. John School?!! There is always a financial need for our student tuition fund. It is Christ working through the hearts of Christian people that helps to make a Christian foundation available for all children, no matter of their families financial needs.

May God continually Bless you, and your family, throughout this year, and beyond. I ask that you continue to pray for our school, and the families that are touched through the Christian education our school provides. If you can give a monetary gift for tuition assistance, you will be helping a child in need learn about Christ through all that our school can provide. This is truly a gift that helps develop future Christian leaders.

Thursday, December 18	-	JK to Plymouth Public Library	10:30-11:30 AM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	Hosanna! Singers – MMR	6:30 PM
Friday, December 19	-	RED AND GREEN DAY	
Sunday, December 21	-	Adult Choir Sings	8:00 AM
	-	Hosanna! Singers Sing	10:30 AM
	-	Happy Birthday Mrs. Robin Larkin	
Monday, December 22	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	4:00-5:30 PM
	-	B-Boys Practice	5:30-7:00 PM
	-	Christmas Vacation	
Tuesday, December 23	-	Christmas Vacation	
Wednesday, December 24	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	Christmas Eve	
	-	Adult Choir, Gospel Light Chorus Sing	6:00 PM
Thursday, December 25	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	Christmas Day	
	-	Adult Choir Sings	10:00 AM
Friday, December 26	-	Christmas Vacation	
Saturday, December 27	-	Christmas Vacation	
Sunday, December 28	-	Christmas Vacation	
Monday, December 29	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	4:00-5:30 PM
Tuesday, December 30	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	Cheerleading Practice	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Wednesday, December 31	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	New Year’s Eve	
	-	Happy Birthday Pastor Thomas Burton	
Thursday, January 1	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection	

	-	New Year's Day	
Friday, January 2	-	Christmas Vacation	
	-	GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection	
	-	Open Gym	4:00-5:00 PM
Saturday, January 3	-	Christmas Vacation	
Sunday, January 4	-	Christmas Vacation	
Monday, January 5	-	Classes Resume	
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Boys Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM
	-	GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection	
Tuesday, January 6	-	GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection	
	-	Cheerleading Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Girls Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	Epiphany Service	7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 7	-	Chapel – Pastor Knippa	9:00 AM
	-	GIFT: Hat, Sock and Glove Collection	
	-	A-Girls Bball Practice	3:50-5:15 PM
	-	B-Boys Bball Practice	5:15-6:45 PM
	-	A-Boys Bball Practice	6:45-8:15 PM

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.  
God's Blessings on your special day!

Madisyn Weigert – Grade 2 - December 20	JadaMae Gilson – 3 year old Preschool – December 23
Emilio Beardsmore – Junior Kindergarten – December 24	Molly Trepanier – 3 year old Preschool – December 29
Maxwell Leonhard – Grade 1 – December 29	Christen Kretschmann – Grade 8 – December 29
Luke Schultz – Grade 2 - December 30	Mackenzie Haese – Grade 7 – January 5

### **HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00 PM Christmas Family Svc.; 6:00 PM Svc. of Lessons/Carols; 8 & 11 PM Candlelight  
**Christmas Day:** 10:00 AM Christmas Communion      **New Year's Eve Service:** 6:00 PM

**Yearbook Cover Contest:** Students, we need your help making the front and back covers of our yearbook. Your drawing must have **St. John Lutheran School** somewhere in the picture, along with the years **“2008-9”** and this year's school theme which is **“Led by God's Grace”**. Your drawing should be done on plain 8 ½ x 11 white paper. Use lots of color and be sure to include the three required items listed above. **Print your name on the back of the drawing** and turn it in to the school office by January 7, 2009. Late entries will not be considered. Drawings will be returned to the artists. Contest winners will be announced in late January. Thanks for your help in making this the best yearbook ever! Mrs. Perl and Mrs. Reil

**January 19-23 Penny Wars:** **Start saving your loose change because** Student Council will again be sponsoring Penny Wars. Last year our students raised \$2,025—incredible!! The money went to Project Angel Hugs and the Olivia McTrusty family. This year, the Student Council has decided that all funds raised will be split between Project Angel Hugs and another charity or family that is yet to be determined. Your child will be bringing a letter home explaining how Penny Wars works. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Reil.

**2009 SJL PIZZA SALE** is scheduled for February 21, 2009. (set up on February 20th) The order sheets will be sent home the first week of school after the Christmas break. Please mark your calendars for February 20th and 21st to help out. Every SJL School family's help is needed. We will also need additional helpers from the congregation, so please consider helping at this very large fundraiser. Thank you, the pizza committee.

**SCRIP Sales for the week of 12-12-08**

Sales \$14,766.00 Special Orders \$2,085.00; Total Sales \$16,851.00;

Tuition Profit \$925.30; General Fund Profit \$402.20 (of which \$224.00 profit is from Kwik Trip sales;

Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip Profits to Date \$11,518.00.)

**NEW POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE IN EXACT AMOUNT OF ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO CASH RETURNED FOR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOUR ORDER IS IN STOCK.**

**SHOPKO:** Effective Thursday, January 1, 2009, the profit for Shopko \$25 and \$50 gift cards will decrease from 4% to 2%

**KWIK TRIP** is available at a 20% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards. This promotion is going through **JANUARY, 2009!!** Beginning December 15th orders of more than \$500.00 will need to be placed by special order only.

Hallmark Gift Cards are now available by **Special Order** in \$25 denominations with a 4% profit. Hallmark Gift Cards may be used for making purchases at any participating Hallmark Gold Crown Store.

**What is SCRIP?** Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

Rhonda and Mary wish you all a Merry Christmas!

*Providing a Christ-centered education focusing on academic,  
physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth;  
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*