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### OUR MISSION

Christ is committed to us, so *through* him we commit to connect families to him through excellence in education...for learning, for life, forever.

## February 4, 2024 NEWS

### NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Join us as we welcome the newest members of our St. John family during the Ash Wednesday Lenten supper. Jesus showed his love for us as he lived and died in our place. On Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, which happens to fall on Valentine's Day this year, we have an awesome opportunity to reflect Christ's love to our fellow believers, both new and lifelong. Chili will be served. Come and join us!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is on Wednesday, **February 14**. We will have services at 4pm and 6:30pm this year with a chili supper served from 5-6pm. This meal will also be an opportunity to welcome new members to our church family! *I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken...My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone. (CW21 568)*

### LLHS POPS CONCERT

All fine arts fans are invited to spend time before the concert wandering the halls of Lakeside to see the hundreds of judged arts and crafts by elementary students, then take in the upbeat Pops show today, **February 4**! Fun and popular pieces are the focus of Warrior Band and choir performers. The concert begins at 2 pm, but pre-concert solos and ensembles begin up to 30 minutes before! Then, are you planning to or thinking about Warrior Band summer 2024? Plan to stay after the concert for an important meeting.

### 3K/4K OPEN HOUSE AND APPLICATION AVAILABILITY

Registration is now open for families in our congregation looking to enroll their child into our 3K/4K program at St. John. Applications can be found on our website or picked up in the front office. Ms. Kamps and Mrs. Hoefler will be holding a preschool open house on Saturday, **February 10** from 9:30am to 10:30am. This open house is for anyone interested in our preschool program. Please stop by and learn more about our Christ-centered education at St. John! If you have questions, you can speak with Principal Busch or Ms. Lauren Kamps.

## **EASTER FOR FAMILIES**

We will be having a planning meeting for our Easter for Kids event on **February 6** at 6:30pm. Easter for Kids will be held on March 9. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Topel at [bctopel@gmail.com](mailto:bctopel@gmail.com) or call/text at 920-988-3230.

## **WINE TASTING NIGHT OUT**

Join us once again for an evening of wine and craft beer paired with gourmet appetizers and desserts on Thursday, **February 22** from 6pm-8pm at the Chandelier Ballroom - Great Hall 150 Jefferson Avenue, Hartford, WI. We will have a wine pull and a silent auction. This event benefits the ministry of Christian Life Resources!

## **CALLING ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Enrolling now helps Lakeside make decisions about faculty and resources, and we thank the more than 100 families who have already enrolled their incoming freshmen! The \$200 required during the new student online enrollment process is a downpayment on tuition. Go to [llhs.org/apps/pages/fresh-enroll](http://llhs.org/apps/pages/fresh-enroll). Call Mr. Lauber with any questions at 920-648-2321 x2218 or email [slauber@llhs.org](mailto:slauber@llhs.org).

## **EARLY BIRD LLHS GRAND EVENT TICKETS**

The Lakeside Lutheran High School 13th Annual Fundraising Auction and Dinner -- this year themed "Simply Blessed"-- is Saturday, **April 13** on the Lakeside campus. Doors open at 3pm for social hour, silent auction browsing and student displays. Cost to attend this night that also includes a delicious seated dinner and memorable entertainment is \$80/ticket throughout the end of January. Remaining tickets are priced at \$100 each in February. Sponsorships are also available. The link for registering to attend, for sponsoring part of the night, for donating an item for auction and more is [llhs.org/grandevent](http://llhs.org/grandevent), or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera or call Bari at 920-648-2321 x2223. Talk it up and get a group together! Thank you for your support of Christian education.

## **SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION**

St. John is a part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). With an increase in tuition for the upcoming school year, families who are income eligible may receive a voucher from Wisconsin to pay for all tuition-related expenses at our school. The WPCP provides an opportunity for families to continue their child's Christ-centered education at St. John. All families that think they may be eligible are encouraged to apply. The application period for WPCP began **February 1**. The application can be found [here](#). For more information about the WPCP, Lakeside Lutheran High School has a great reference page for Choice. You can find that information [here](#). If you have any questions about the Choice program you can speak with Principal Busch or our Government Programs Coordinator, Susan McDermott.

## **BLUE BUTTERFLY MINISTRIES**

During the month of January 2024, we commemorate the anniversary of the 40th year our nation has observed the sanctity of human life. However, the need to offer support and pray for a culture affirming God's gift of the sanctity of life is vitally important today. We ask you to join us in showing your support of God's gift of life. Please pray for our ministry and bless us with your donation by calling the Blue Butterfly Ministries' office at 920-261-9207, or by returning the form located in the narthex by **February 29**.

## **ST. JOHN SCHOOL GARDEN**

This spring we are looking to add a school garden here at St. John Lutheran School. Which we believe will enhance our National School Lunch Program with improved quality of vegetables and a variety of produce --all grown by the students. With overall inflation, supply chain issues, increased transportation costs and a disturbingly high number of recalls of tainted produce, growing as much of our produce as we are able, makes sense. The Federal school lunch program now agrees. Additionally, with the Biblical themes of planting, harvesting, and caring for the land (Proverbs 28:19), this will provide us with a wealth of teaching opportunities for the children to grow in their understanding of God's Word and in their environment. We're hoping to purchase stock tanks and convert them into raised beds for planting. The size of the tanks is student friendly, arrive ready to fill with soil, and reduce the need for weeding. The vegetables grown would be fresh, nutritious, and increase the possibility of students wanting to eat more vegetables -- especially since they grew and harvested them. The school garden will be financed by donations. So, if you would like to donate to this project, it would be very much appreciated. Seeds and plants are already donated. Please mark your donation: School Garden. If you have any questions, please contact Susan McDermott at 608-279-7795.

## **ARE YOU A MASTER GARDENER?**

If anyone in the congregation is a member of the Madison Area Master Gardeners Association or knows of anyone in the area that is a member of the association, please contact Susan McDermott at 608-279-7795. She will be writing a grant for funds for the new School Garden.

## **OPPORTUNITY!**

Looking to get out of the house for a little while every once in a while? We may have just the thing for you! St. John's Lutheran School and Childcare Center in Watertown is seeking full or part-time individuals to assist other childcare staff in Toddler (18-24 months) and Two-year-olds (24-30 months). If you are interested in helping in a small way or a large way please reach out. This does not have to be an everyday commitment or even a full day commitment. We would gladly appreciate the help of any kind. Ways you may be involved could be changing, playing with, talking and singing to, and loving these precious children. St. John's mission is to provide high quality care and education in a loving, learning, and nurturing environment. For more information or to apply, please contact ECM Director Karla Opperman at [kopperman@stjohnswatertown.org](mailto:kopperman@stjohnswatertown.org) or call 920-261-3756.

## 2024 MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual MOHW Conference will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, **February 17**. This year's theme is based off of Galatians 5:13 – *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.* Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word! Additional details and registration are available at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org).

## CALENDAR

Monday 2/5	Tuesday 2/6	Wednesday 2/7	Thursday 2/8	Friday 2/9	Saturday 2/10	Sunday 2/11
<p><b>3:30pm</b> Basketball Practice</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Worship Committee Mtg</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Senior Choir</p>	<p><b>3:30pm</b> Basketball Practice</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Sunshine Committee Mtg</p>	<p><b>10:30am</b> Highland House Bible Class</p> <p><b>3:45pm</b> Elder Communion Service</p> <p><b>4pm</b> PSCC and TBC</p>	<p><b>3:30pm</b> Basketball Practice</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Bible Class</p>			<p>Senior Choir Sings <b>8am</b> Worship</p> <p><b>9:15am</b> Bible Class Sunday School</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> Worship</p>

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### PASTORAL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 8am-12pm (noon)