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A Monthly Newsletter from St. John Lutheran Church and School

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Devotional Corner



Devotion Corner: Easter is Reason to Celebrate!

Because I live, you also will live.

John 14:19

“Happy Holidays!”

Does this sound out of place in April? It doesn't have to. This month marks, arguably, the most important holiday of the year—Easter. Why? Because at Easter we celebrate that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. This miraculous event is certainly a reason for celebration. It proves that Jesus has power over even death.

And, what's more, he promises that he has power over your death. You may not be thinking about death at Eastertime. You may not like to think about death at all. (Who does?) Still, we are all facing that reality. Sooner or later, our lives will end.

Then what? Plenty of people have plenty of ideas about what happens after we die. But there is one person who can tell us with certainty what will happen because he has already been there and done that. Jesus experienced death...and came back to life! Now, listen to what he promises all of his followers, “Because I live, you also will live.”

Could there be any better news? Could there be anything more worth celebrating? Through Jesus, you do not need to be afraid to die. You can be sure that one day he will raise your body back to life. And you will never die again.

What a reason to celebrate!

Come and celebrate the ‘holidays’ with us!

*Maundy Thursday Service:
Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30 pm*

*Good Friday Service:
Friday, April 3rd, 6:30 pm*

*Easter Sunrise Service:
Sunday, April 5th, 7:00 am*

*Easter Breakfast:
Sunday, April 5th, 8:00-9:30 am*

*Easter Festival Service:
Sunday, April 5th, 10:00 am*



Worship With Us Sundays at 9:00 am

Christian Parenting Today

Christian Parenting Today: How Do I Raise My Sensitive Child?

A Focus on the Family article by Danny Huerta

Raising sensitive and emotional children can be very challenging and frustrating even though they can be an incredible gift. In fact, your child likely has a remarkable capacity for intuition, joy, and love because their personality can be more tender. However, it also means they are more prone to overacting, misreading situations, and more easily getting their feelings hurt.

Here are a few ways you can help your sensitive child in their perceptions and responses.

1. Validate

As you intersect with your sensitive child's emotions, do your best to look beyond the emotions and behaviors and into how your child is seeing the situation. Usually, the emotions and behaviors are spot on with the perception they carry.

For example, a sensitive child worried about disappointing others and losing their love may act out or start intensely crying when they're corrected. They think that if someone corrects them, they are unlovable or might not be enough for that person. If that is the perception, then an intense fear, acting out, and crying make sense.

2. Guide

Teach your child that there is more than one way to look at things. You could say, "That is one way to look at what's going on. Another way to look at it is..." Help your sensitive child consider other possibilities within their anxious brain.

For example, if they mess up, instead of the idea that they may not be enough or may lose love, what if it is an incredible opportunity to grow, improve, and be more connected? Help them find new ways to get what they want, which is approval and trustworthy, loyal connection with others.

3. Set Limits and Boundaries

When you skip discipline (boundaries and limits) with your sensitive child out of fear of their emotional response or hurting their feelings, you miss out on an opportunity to teach them how to be aware of their misperceptions or to manage their fear of disappointing others. Boundaries and limits, when done with warmth



and sensitivity can be very loving and critical to helping your child learn how to navigate their difficult feelings. Keep in mind that sensitive children can quickly go to shame, guilt, and insecurity when they are told "no" or are corrected. You get to guide them toward healthy relationships that include failure, disappointment, rejection, risk, and conflict.

4. Build Their Emotional Control

Consider using an Emotions Chart or Feelings Wheel to help your child put a name to their emotions and develop ways to understand what their emotions are saying. They can learn that emotions provide more information about how we're seeing something. Help them come up with more effective and healthy ways to communicate their wants, needs, and emotions.

How Your Sensitive Child is Wired

When God created your sensitive child, He specifically gave them the gifts of intuition, compassion, and kindness. In the midst of swirling emotions, your sensitive child might also have the gift of fulfilling God's command in John 15:12 to: "love one another as I [Christ] as loved you."

When you notice your sensitive child acting humbly or putting others before themselves, encourage their decision-making and behavior. Pointing out when they act out their feelings in positive ways can be important building blocks to future positive behavior and emotional control.

These initial tools will help build resilience, self-awareness, and self-control in your sensitive child. Learn more practical tips for raising a sensitive child and for effective and creative ways to implement loving guidance in your parenting.

Visit www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/raising-a-sensitive-child/ to see the article in its original format. 3

Upcoming Events



Spring Fest- Sunday, April 26th

It is once again time for our school's annual performance day! Join us on Sunday, April 26th, at noon as the students sing and act their hearts out. Various groups will perform their own selections with small breaks in between, so you can come for just your child's group or stay for the whole afternoon. The fun begins at noon. Watch for more information to come out soon about the specific schedule of events.



2nd Annual Expo- Saturday, May 2

Calling all artisans, vendors and resellers: Whether you sell or create unique products, whip up delicious food, or offer exciting purchases, we want to showcase your talents and bring your business to a whole new audience! St. John will be holding its 2nd annual expo on Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Scan the QR code below to register for a spot. There is no registration fee, though there is a \$10 fee for booths requiring electricity. Set up will be available Friday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 pm or Saturday morning beginning at 7:00 am. Contact Tim Raddatz for more information: tim.raddatz@stjohnwrightstown.com or 920-636-5007.



Clays for Cardinals- May 17th

Our big school fundraiser, Clays for Cardinals, is approaching quickly! Be sure to register so that you can enjoy the clay shoot, artist-led painting, dinner, and/or silent auction. This is our 4th annual Clays event and has been a great time to gather with our Cardinal crew for fellowship and fun! Register now by following the QR code or speaking with Courtney Schisel.



The Clays for Cardinals team is also excited to announce we have a donor who is willing to match up to \$10,000 in sponsorships! Any Platinum (\$1000) or Gold (\$500) sponsorships of the event that come in through church members or school families are eligible



to go toward this match. This means you can be the sponsor, or you can seek a sponsorship on your behalf! Think about reaching out to grandparents, employers, business owners, friends, neighbors, etc.

Mark Your Calendars!

April 1-5	Book Fair
April 1-2	Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 1	Kindergarten Field Trip to Heckrodt
April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 3	No School
	Good Friday Worship
April 5	Easter Services and Breakfast
April 6	No School
April 7	Fang's Reading Club Forms Are Due
	Board of Ed Meeting
April 12	Pastoral Call Meeting/Quarterly Voter Meeting
April 19	JAM Sings at Worship
April 22	Early Childhood Open House
April 24	Movie Night
April 26	Spring Fest (SJLS Performance Day)
April 27	FVL Future Freshman Night
April 28	PTO Meeting
April 30	FVL Middle Schools Band Concert
May 2	St. John Expo (Craft and Vendor Fair)
May 3	Confirmation

Church Highlights

Holy Week and Easter Services

Come and celebrate Holy Week with us! A Maundy Thursday worship service with communion will be held on April 2nd at 6:30 pm. A Good Friday service will be held on April 3rd at 6:30 pm. On Easter Sunday, there will be an Easter Sunrise service at 7:00 am. The men of the congregation will be serving Easter breakfast from 8:00 until 9:30 am, followed by the Easter Festival Service and 10:00 am, with breakfast served at 8:00 am. The St. John choir will be singing at everything but the Easter Sunrise service.



Pastoral Call Meeting and Quarterly Voter's Meeting

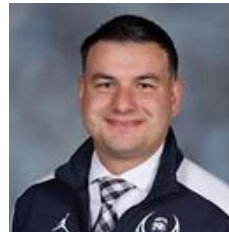
We will continue our efforts to find a new full-time pastor as we hold another call meeting on Sunday, April 12th. We ask that all voters make every effort to be present for this meeting. We will also use this opportunity to take care of any quarterly business.

Current Teacher Calls

We have two calls out that are currently being considered: a call to Mr. Jared R. Witkowiak to fill our 6th-8th grade teaching position as Mr. Raddatz transitions to a full-time administrative position, and a call to Mr. Seth A. Lange to take on our 3rd-5th grade teaching position as Mrs. Shultz resigns at the end of the year. Please keep both gentlemen, their families, and our school and congregation in your prayers as they seek the Lord's will. If you would like to share your thoughts with either of them, please feel free to reach out via their information below.



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April Birthdays

Happy birthday to our church members celebrating in April!

April 1 Bea Ambrosius
April 2 Bryce Denor
April 2 Brooklyn Verheyen
April 3 Savannah Sommers
April 3 Cameron Steiner
April 4 April Leick
April 9 Avery Asman
April 9 Hadley Schisel
April 11 Michelle Bruecker
April 11 Lincoln Wichman
April 12 Arabella Evenson
April 14 Roy Schisel
April 15 Hannah Buchholz



April 16 Nash Bern
April 16 William Olp
April 19 Heather Bush
April 21 Jessica Laabs
April 21 Matthew Laabs
April 22 Kourtney Gardner
April 28 Brandon Beard
April 28 Blakely Guggenbuehl
April 28 Amy Vande Hey
April 29 Aaron Spatchek
April 30 Judy Breister
April 30 Dianne Calaway

School Highlights



I55 Book Fair Now Open!

St. John is having its first-ever book fair! Brought to you by I55 books and our own PTO parents, this book fair features several great titles in stock down the school hallway this week as well as online shopping possibilities. Families can shop in person on Wednesday, April 1st and Thursday, April 2nd from 3-7 pm during parent-teacher conferences or Easter Sunday morning from 8am-12 noon. Cash, credit cards, and checks will be accepted. A portion of sales will be given to classrooms at St. John. You can also purchase gift cards for your children's teachers to be able to get books for the classroom or be on the lookout for a link to their wish lists. Contact Sarah Micke at 920-815-8993 or sarahmarie8993@gmail.com with any questions.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st and Thursday, April 2nd. Conferences will run from 3:00 until 6:00 pm both days. A sign up will come out soon with 15-minute intervals. Be sure to sign up with each teacher that your children have. Please note that there will be no after-school care on those days.

St. John Merch Store Available

Need to update your wardrobe or upgrade sizes for your child's Cardinal gear? St. John Lutheran's online merchandise store is open for a limited time only! Shop before midnight on April 13th to get hats, bags, shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, and more. Child and adult items are available. Get the latest styles by visiting us at <https://stjsspring2026.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>. Gear will arrive a couple of weeks after the sale has ended and will be distributed at school.



School Birthdays

- Savannah S.- April 3
- Avery A.- April 9
- Hadley S.- April 9
- Harper V.- April 9
- Lincoln W.- April 11
- Montzerrath A.A.- April 13
- Nash B.- April 16
- Kennedy L.- April 23
- Blakely G.- April 28
- Evelyn G.- April 29



Screen-Free Challenge Winners

St. John Lutheran School recently had its first screen-free challenge, with families being asked to commit to taking a week away from any unnecessary screen time. Several families took up the challenge and spent the first week of March with no TV, video games, social media, or other electronic entertainment. We would like to congratulate those who made it through! We hope that the week brought you a little closer together as a family and that you found enjoyment in your alternate activities. Participants included those listed below and to the right (including a couple of parents who admitted to an occasional slip-up that we will forgive them for).

Evan, Kari, Nash, and Loretta Bern

**Brandon, Hannah, Madi, Amara, and Dean
Bucholz**

Althea Coenen

Kamden, Emerson, Jestin, and Amanda Demerath

Noah Denor

Laura and Amy Fager

Mila Gerrits

Haven and Jensen Gezella

Niki, Andrew, Jude, and Brock Grossheim

Steve, Sarah, and Isaiah Guajardo

**Jaxton, Blakely, Heather, and Damian
Guggenbuehl**

Levi Johnson

Natalie and Oliver Kratz

Rebekah Kraus

Joseph Lewandowski

Tia, Jacob, and Rebecca Nelson

Nolan, Nathan, Jeni, and Aaron Olson

Dane and Courtney Schisel

Jovie and Daxton Schroeder

Shaliah and Heather VanDynHoven

Karen and Jackson Zuberbier



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