

St. John's Trojan News

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Christmas—Time

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Mark Your Calendars!

- * Feb. 20—Lenten Services 3:30 & 6:30 P.M.
- * Feb. 20 4:15-6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper Served in the Gym
- * Feb. 22—Six Flags Reading Sheets due
- * Feb. 26—Open House—Registration Night
- * Feb. 29—NO SCHOOL—Metro Teachers Conference

I love the idea of “Christmas all year long.”

For Christians, that’s not such a far-fetched idea. The blessings of Christmas rebound throughout the year; today, tomorrow, and every day.

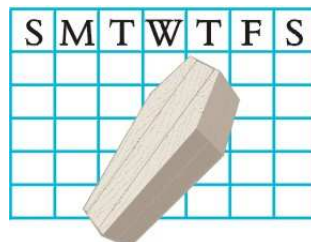
For Christian families we should frequently, throughout the year, kick back and acknowledge that our gracious God indeed brought about His remarkable and wonderful plan for our eternal salvation as He promised He would. We dads and moms have something more special and useful than any other gift every given to share with our families and all those with whom we come in contact—all year long, not only in December—a Savior Who came to assure us of forgiveness and a future home in heaven by His side.

As we remember, how when the fullness of God’s time came, came the birth of Jesus, we might also do well to consider some related key time elements in our lives.

No amount of time is guaranteed us, our children, or the unbeliever, not one more hour, not one more day, not one more year to love and worship Jesus, or to reach out to those who still do not know Him. Our time on earth is an opportunity. So much time is wasted on non-essentials God has given us time here on earth to learn more of His Word, to share His Word with others, and to demonstrate our love for Him in our daily lives.

Take the time to ponder Jesus’ birth often. You and/or your family may not have that same opportunity next year, for no one knows when the fullness of God’s time will be for you or them.

Do you believe, like me, that we should extend Christmas another eleven months each year? Then let’s do it! Now is the time!



So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom

Psalms 90:12

Missions

Mission Offerings – 3rd Quarter **LATTE**

LATTE stands for **L**atin **A**merican **T**raveling **T**heological **E**ducators. This is a team of missionaries (professors) who travel to the WELS missions in South America, the Caribbean and Mexico to teach and prepare men to be pastors. Instead of everyone coming to a school in one place like is done in the US to prepare our pastors, the profes-

sors go to the students. It would be very difficult for these men to leave their country and come here to study. So they are trained in their home countries of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Dominican Republic, (Haiti), and Brazil. It is a large task. Pray for the work of these men. Please give generously and share some of the many blessings that God has poured out on you. Learn more at www.wels.net/jump.latte.

February 9, 2008 Totals

K4	\$ 0
K5	\$3.00
1 & 2	\$5.00
3 & 4	\$20.00
5	\$4.00
6	\$4.25
7 & 8	\$ 18.25
Total:	\$54.50



Lutherans for Life

You are needed! You can help!

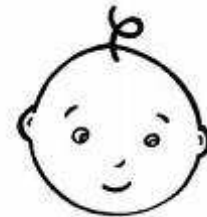
Have you thought of volunteering, but haven't found the right spot? Come "get acquainted" with your WELS Lutherans for Life Metro- Milwaukee chapter.

This "Get Acquainted" session will be a brief overview of how you can help others by volunteering at one of our pregnancy

help centers (4 Milwaukee locations).

The session will take place at Associated Pregnancy Services on Saturday, March 8th, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, with refreshments, located at 8501 W. Lincoln Ave. in West Allis.

Come learn our mission and share our joy! Call 414-727-8176 or 262-385-1957 for info.



Singing Schedule

Copies of the singing schedule are available in the school office. All classes are assigned particular Sundays and church service times. All students are expected to be in church on these dates, unless excused in advance.

Our early service is at 8:00 A.M. the late service is at 10:30 A.M.

WED. Feb. 20—6:30 Gr. 5-8
Feb. 24—Late— Gr. K4 & K5
Mar. 2—Early —Senior Choir
Mar. 2—Late— Jr. Choir
Mar. 9 — Late—Gr. 5-8



Early Service 8:00
Late Service 10:30

Smart Snacking for the Whole Family

Here are some additional ideas to keep on hand or pack in lunch boxes:

- Soup is a great snack for kids after school. Let them sit and tell you about their day while sipping on some soup.
- Low-fat or fat-free tortillas are a great way to make smart, fun snacks. Try spreading some low-fat cream cheese on a tortilla, fill it with fresh veggies and salsa, roll it up, and cut it in snack-size pieces.
- Fondue it! Cut up fresh fruit into chunks and dip them into a small bowl of chocolate syrup.
- Dried fruit is a sweet, high-fiber snack for kids and adults alike. Try different varieties such as raisins, dried apricots, and banana chips. Keep in mind that dried fruits are higher in calories than

fresh fruits, so limit serving sizes to 1/4 cup.



St. John's Member Care Committee Needs Your Help

St. John's Member Care Committee is putting together baskets for our members for the Easter holiday season.

Non-perishable food donations are greatly appreciated. There are food donation baskets located in the church narthex as well as in the school, outside the office.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make your checks payable to St. John's Member Care.

Volunteers who would like to deliver the baskets to our members, please contact the church office at 414.541.5881. **Thank you for your generous gifts**

that enable us to touch the lives of our members with God's love!



Hot Lunch Schedule

St. John's Lutheran School provides a Government Type A Hot Lunch. Applications for free and reduced lunches are always available in the school office.

The cost of a lunch for grades 1-4 is \$1.95 and grades 5-8 is \$2.05 per day. A cold lunch milk alone is \$.40.

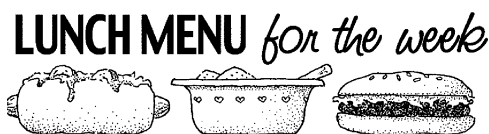
Wed 2/20 Hard Shell Tacos, Shredded Lettuce & Cheese, Pineapple Tidbits

Thur 2/21: Pancakes & Sausage, Hash Brown Potatoes, Apple-sauce

Fri 2/22: Dunkers w/Pizza Sauce, Salad w/Dressing, Diced Pears

Mon 2/25: BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans, Orange Juice

Tues. 2/26: Ravioli, Carrots & Peas Mixed, Slice of Bread, Diced Pears



Six Flags

The 2007-2008 Six Flags Reading Club has begun!

Students in grades K5-6 are eligible to take part in the Reading Club.

**Turn in your Six
Flags Read to
Succeed sheets by
Friday, February 22!**

Children need to complete 6 hours of reading—just 360 minutes!



Campbell's Labels for Education

St. John's School collects Campbell's Labels for Education.

Simply cut and save UPC's and caps from participating Labels for Education products.

Each label is "banked" to purchase unbudgeted items for our school.

Collection bins are located in each classroom as well as outside the office in the school

hallway. Thank you for supporting St. John's School. Thank you!



Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show — Help Needed

There is a sign up sheet in the school office to help with various jobs for the Spaghetti Dinner & Talent Show.

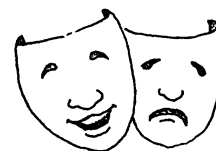
1) Setting up the stage on Friday, February 22, **RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL.**

2) Help with cooking dinner on Saturday, February 23 at 4:00 P.M.

3) Take down the stage on Sunday, February 24, Noon.

If you can help with any of these jobs, please sign up today!

Thank you.



Boy Pioneers

Boy Pioneers are going to Lucky Bob's on Thursday, February 21. Please meet at school at 6:30 P.M. We will be returning to school by 8:00 P.M.

See the Pioneer board located in the school hallway for additional information.



Keep Colds at Arm's Length

Washing your hands frequently is one of the best ways to prevent yourself from catching or spreading germs.

Cold Treatment Primer

Most colds simply need to run their course, which usually is between seven and 14 days. You can help yourself feel better during that time by:

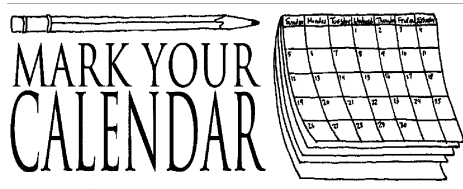
- Resting
- Drinking fluids such as water, 100 percent juice, &

broth.

- Gargling with warm, salted water for a sore throat.
- Using saline drops to moisten your nose if it's raw—however, if you have heart failure, saline drops, salted water, and broth should be used with caution.
- Taking an over-the-counter (OTC) cold medication for symptoms.



Open House & Registration Night



St. John's School will be having an Open House & **Registration Night** on Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30 P.M.

Returning students, this will also be our registration night for the 2008-2009 school year!

Please mark your calendars.

We are planning on having all sorts of information about our church & school at this open house .

See you then!



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Registration Night

2008-2009

Tuesday, Feb. 26

6:30 P.M.

Miscellaneous

Lent Services & Supper Schedule



Lenten services are on Wednesdays during Lent at 3:30 & 6:30 p.m.

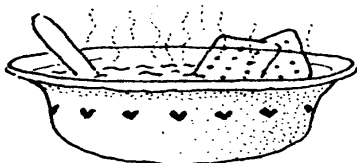
Children need to be under the supervision of a responsible adult to attend these services. Lenten suppers will be served between the two service times, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The Lenten supper schedules is as follows:

Feb. 20 Handbells—Soups & Salad

Feb. 27 Fellowship—Brats & Hot Dogs

March 5 Boy & Girl Pioneers-To Be Determined, Maybe Spaghetti?

March 12 Senior Choir—Meatloaf



Child Care

There is no school on Friday, February 29.

If child care is needed for this day, please stop in the child care room by Friday, February 22 to sign up. Thank you!

Upcoming March Madness Week

Home & School is planning March Madness—Spirit Week. The students have been polled and here are the results:

Monday: Backwards Day

Tuesday: Hat/Tie Slipper Day

Wednesday: Twin/Triplet Day

Thursday: Green & Gold Day

Friday: School Spirit Day

Reclaiming Family Time

Organized activities can help children gain skills and self-confidence, but too much structured activity can contribute to anxiety, stress, and depression in children and cause kids to become self-critical perfectionists, reports a 2006 study by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“You don’t get to know each other because there’s not time to just really be,” Kendall Tackett says. “You’re just interacting between activities.”

Use these questions to help determine whether your family is over-scheduled:

- Do your children enjoy their extra-curricular activities? Do you enjoy them?
- What does the activity accomplish?
- Is it being done out of habit?
- Do you feel like your kids need to be in activities because everyone else is too?
- Do your kids spend so much time in activities that you don’t know what else is going on in their lives?