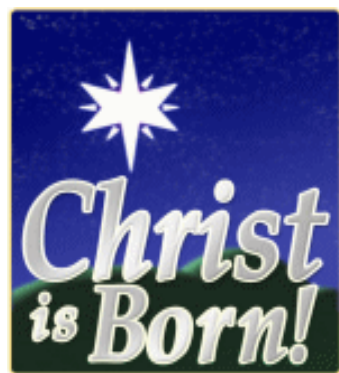


# St. John's Lutheran School

## EAGLE CLAW

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### DECEMBER EVENTS

- ♦ **Monday, December 24th, 6:30 P.M. Children's Christmas Eve Service**



### JANUARY EVENTS

- ♦ *Fri., Jan. 11th  
End of the Second Quarter*
- ♦ *Tues. & Thurs., Jan. 22nd & 24th  
3:30-7:30 P.M.  
Parent Teacher*
- ♦ *Mon., Jan. 28th  
PTS Mtg.—  
Gr. 5&6 Serve*

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### Weekly Schedule

Sun., Dec. 23	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b> <b>DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE</b> (Young Adults Assisting with Both Services)
Mon., Dec. 24	6:30 PM	<b>Children's Christmas Eve Service</b> All Children Sing School Doors will Open at 5:30 P.M.
Tues., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	<b>Christmas Day Worship Service</b> <b>Merry Christmas!</b>
<b>Dec. 25– Jan. 2</b>		<b>Christmas Break</b>
Wed., Dec. 26 Thurs., Dec. 27	4-5:30 PM 10-11:30 AM	Open Gym Open Gym No Thursday Night Worship Service Open Gym
Fri., Dec. 28	4-5:30 PM	
Sun., Dec. 30	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<b>DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>No Bible Class or Sunday School</b> <b>DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Tues., Jan 1		<b>Happy New Year!</b>
Wed., Jan. 2	3-4:30 PM 3:30-5:30 PM	B Girls BB Practice A Girls BB Practice
Thurs., Jan. 3	3-4:30 PM 3:30-5:30 PM	<b>School Resumes</b> B Boys BB & Cheer Practices A Boys BB Practice
Fri., Jan. 4	5:00 PM	<b>CEF Stamps &amp; Band Practice</b> <b>BB @ St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam</b> 5:00 P.M.—B Girls, 6:00 P.M.—B Boys 7:00 P.M.—A Girls & 8:00 P.M.—A Boys

### Worship Schedule

From the Father's throne He came and ascended to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell—High the song of triumph swell! CW 2 st. 4

**Thursday—6:30 P.M.**  
**Saturday—5:00 P.M. (Horicon Location)**  
**Sunday—8:00 & 10:30 A.M.**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class—9:15 A.M.**



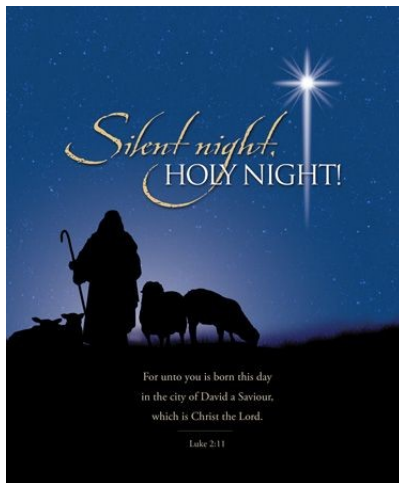
## From the Principal's Desk

### Silent Night! Holy Night! (200th Anniversary)

1. Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia,  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

### Christ—Calm, Bright, and Love's Pure Light

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the  
Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:12)



High in the Alps in the region of Tyrol at the Church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, a pastor and the organist of the church were talking about the Christmas Eve service which was rapidly approaching. The organist and village schoolmaster, Franz Gruber, said to Father Joseph Mohr, "I'm afraid I have sad news. The organ in church is not working. I don't know what is wrong, and we can't get the organ builder to come out this quickly."

"That is sad news, indeed, and just before Christmas," responded Pastor Mohr. "I'll have to write a simple Christmas hymn the people can sing without the organ. We don't want to disappoint them on Christmas Eve."

"Good idea, Pastor, I don't think the perfect Christmas hymn has been written. If anyone can write a hymn, you surely can. Perhaps I can compose a tune for it," said Franz Gruber.

Father Mohr went to his study and wrote the words to Silent Night. He took the copy to Franz Gruber and asked if he would write the melody for it.

After seeing the words, Franz Gruber exclaimed, "Friend Mohr, you have found it—the right song—God be praised." He then began writing a tune to match the words of the hymn. Little did they realize they had written the perfect Christmas song. They both sang the hymn to the accompaniment of Gruber's guitar for the Christmas Eve service.



Do you like this Christmas carol? Is it a favorite in your family? God be praised! It tells us the good news of God's Son. It presents three pictures or snapshots, as it were, from the Christmas Gospel, out of which those who are well acquainted with Scripture can construct the rest of the story.

The first picture from that silent, holy night is that of mother and child in the stable of Bethlehem. "All is calm, all is bright, round yon virgin mother and Child, holy Infant, so tender and mild" as they "sleep in heavenly peace."

Jesus brings calm and brightness wherever He is. He is the one who calms your fears. He replaces anxiety, fright, and fear with a calm that only the Son of God can give. With His presence, He makes a gloomy day bright. Those who believe in Him as the Son of God know that He can turn sadness into happiness. He turns weariness and unhappiness into joy and brightness. When we know and realize the real reason for Christmas, and we have Jesus in our hearts, we can say with the hymn writer that for us as well, "All is calm! All is bright!" This Christmas, sing the carol with joy and let the Son of God turn your gloom, sadness, and fears into joy.

The second picture from this most holy night takes us out to the fields of Bethlehem where we see "shepherds quake at the sight" as they watch "glories stream from afar" and as they listen to those "heavenly hosts sing, 'Alleluia, Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!'"

The third picture, however we interpret it, is the picture of salvation being extended to us and all men. To have life, our text for this devotion says, we must have the Son of God. "He who has the Son has life." The hymn writer calls the Son of God "love's pure light." Indeed, Jesus is the light of the world. He, the Son of God, became the Savior of the world. "With the dawn of redeeming grace," with "radiant beams from thy holy face," He brought light from darkness. Those who believe in Him as the Son of God and Savior have salvation.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank You for Christmas. Thank You for coming to earth to bring joy. Thanks for calming our troubled hearts and minds. Thanks for bringing the light of salvation to all who believe You are the Savior. Savior, bless our Christmas with Your great joy. In Your name we pray. Amen.

### Background of the Hymn:

This hymn was written by Joseph Mohr in 1818. The tune was composed by Franz Gruber the same year. After these two writers sang the hymn in Oberndorf, the organ builder obtained a copy of it and soon it spread throughout the Tyrol region. It was first sung in the United States in 1839 by a family of Tyrolean singers called the Rainers. It is now sung in all the main languages of the world. Could it be the "perfect Christmas song" of which Joseph Mohr and Franz Gruber spoke?

# HAPPENINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

## Church Singing

Sunday, January 13, 10:30 A.M.: Gr. 7

Sunday, January 20, 8:00 A.M.: Gr. 8

## Young Adult Services

All high school and college-aged adults are invited to assist with special Advent Services on Sunday, December 23rd, 8 & 10:30 A.M. Young adults will participate in a special choir for the service. Please contact the church office for more information at [church@stjohnsjuneau.org](mailto:church@stjohnsjuneau.org) or 920-386-3313.

## Mission Offerings

### 2nd Quarter—World Missions

*India*

Total collected for the quarter: \$217.20

Please remember that our mission offerings for our Lord are collected on Wednesday.

## Children's Christmas Eve Service

The children's Christmas Eve Service will be held on:

**Monday, December 24 at 6:30 P.M.**

Please have your children (Gr. K-8) come to school on December 24th before the worship service. School doors will open at 5:30 P.M. Teachers will bring the children up to church for the service. Children can be picked up in the church basement following the December 24th service.



***Each child is expected to attend this service. If your child/children will not be attending, please send a note informing your child's teacher. Thank You!***

## Reminder—Registration Fees

If you are paying your bill monthly, your payment is due to the school office by December 31st. Thank you.

## Thank You

The faculty and staff would like to express our thanks to the families of St. John's for all their assistance during the weeks of preparation for the Christmas Eve Service and for your help and support throughout the year. We are also grateful for the cards, gifts, and expressions of kindness expressed here in the holidays and throughout the school year. May we continue to help and encourage one another in letting our faith in the Newborn King be seen throughout the year!



## Special Christmas Eve Offering

The last couple of years, we have had a special Christmas Eve collection to support our worker training schools (Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Luther Preparatory School, & Martin Luther College). This year we would like to designate our offering for Luther Preparatory School. A special envelope was enclosed in your family envelope last Friday for this offering. Please use this envelope for your offering and return it to school with the children on Christmas Eve.

## January PTS Meeting Change

Our January Parent Teacher Society Meeting will be held on Monday, January 28th, instead of Tuesday, January 29th. Please plan accordingly.

## Welcome New Eaglets to Our St. John's Family

Congratulations to Christopher, Victoria, big brothers, Elliott, Wyatt, and big sister, Scarlett Redecker on the birth of Emmett Ezekiel Robin Redecker. Emmett was born on October 24th.



Congratulations to Ben, Julie, big brother, Bentley, and big sister, Norah Gentz, on the birth of Nolan Matthew. Nolan was born on December 12th.

Congratulations to Tyler, Chelsea, big brothers, Dayton, Annon, and Christopher, on the birth of Anna Beth. Anna was born on December 18th.







## December Dates to Remember:

- ♦ **On Hand Sales only:**  
Sundays, December 23rd & 30th.

Check the SCRIP website, [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for cards that may not be listed on the gold order form. If the retailer is listed on the website, you can order. Fill in the retailer, quantity, and denomination.

*Reminder: Purchasing Scrip for your Christmas needs will add dollars to your student assistance account!*

Questions about Scrip? Contact the Program Coordinator, Char Lober at 920-386-4785.

*Thank you for using  
SCRIP!*



## LLHS Visual Arts Fair



A visual arts fair will be held January 26 & 27 at Lakeside Lutheran High School for grades 5-8. Information packets may be picked up in the school office or requested to be sent home in your family envelope. A registration form is enclosed in your family envelope. Registration forms are due back to your child's teacher or the school office by Friday, January 25th. You may enclose it in your family envelope by Monday, January 21st.

### Open Gyms

**December 26, & 28 (4-5:30 P.M.)**

**December 27 (10-11:30 A.M.)**

All Students & parents are welcome to open gym!

### *Follow the Star*

*"God Makes a Promise.*

*Faith Believes It.*

*Hope Anticipates It.*

*Patience Quietly Awaits It.*

**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**



## ATHLETICS

### Basketball & Cheerleading

#### **Games:**

**January 4:** BB @ St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam  
5:00 P.M.—B Girls, 6:00 P.M.—B Boys,  
7:00 P.M.—A Girls, & 8:00 P.M.—A Boys

**January 8:** BB @ St. Stephen's, Horicon  
5:00 P.M.—B Boys  
6:00 P.M.—A Boys

**January 9:** BB Here vs. Dodgegeland  
4:00 P.M.—B Girls  
5:00 P.M.—A Girls

**January 11:** BB Here vs. St. John, Waterloo  
5:00 P.M.—B Girls, 6:00 P.M.—B Boys,  
7:00 P.M.—A Girls, & 8:00 P.M.—A Boys

**January 12:** BB Tournament  
@ St. John's, Pardeeville

**Parents' Night**—Friday, January 25th

**Eighth Grade Night**—Friday, February 1st  
Please note that the A girls game is at 5:00 P.M. that night. The recognition of the eighth graders will happen before the boys game at 8:00 P.M.

**"Spirit Fridays":** Wear **Black and Orange** on Fridays through the basketball season.

### Basketball & Cheer Practices

#### **January 2:**

B Girls Practice 3-4:30 P.M.

A Girls 3:30-5:30 P.M.

#### **January 3:**

B Boys & Cheer Practices 3-4:30 P.M.

A Boys 3:30-5:30,

### WARNING

**Newly Scheduled Practice—  
Girls Basketball Practice  
on January 2nd**

As we have games on Friday, January 4th, the girls will have practice on Wednesday January 2nd, at our normal practice times. If you have a commitment for this day they are excused, but please let the coach know. Hopefully, all can make it.

