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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Preparing children of our church and community for life and eternity through Jesus

Be Strong

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

"Be strong." Do you ever get tired of hearing that? Maybe mom and dad were dropping you off at your first day of school or football practice and the advice was: "Be strong." Maybe it was time to go to the doctor for some serious tests or to the funeral home for some funeral planning and the encouragement you heard was: "Be strong." Maybe you were going in to face the boss or were about to have a tough conversation with an estranged friend and the advice given to you was: "Be strong."

The directive, "be strong," can be quite dangerous for two reasons. On the one hand, we might actually believe we have sufficient strength on our own to do whatever it is that we need to do. This self-reliance can work at times, but ultimately leads us to crash and burn. That's because we rely on ourselves rather than

God. On the other hand, constantly being told to "be strong" can have a demoralizing effect. Maybe we know that we don't have the strength required for the task and the encouragement to "be strong" leads us to despair and to give up. This is the problem with relying on human strength. It fails and lets us down.

Thankfully, God's Word goes on to tell us: "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." On our own, sinful human beings can only fall short of whatever goal we are trying to achieve. But trusting in the Lord and relying on his power, there is nothing that God can't accomplish for us. Scripture says that all things are possible with God. God's Word teaches us to lift our eyes off ourselves and our own weaknesses and failings, and to focus on our Savior Jesus.

When we focus on Jesus, we see a Savior who has everything we need. We see One with the

power and might to calm storms and to drive out demons and heal diseases. We see One with the wisdom to know exactly what we need and when we need it. We see One with the love to do everything necessary to make sure that we are forgiven and saved, even when that meant going to the cross to die in our place. We see One with the power to rise from the dead and the promise to do the same for us some day.

Each day we can begin with the encouragement—not to "Be strong" in our selves, but to "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

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Special points of interest:

- Friday, October 13—Early Dismissal at 11:30. See notice attached with the school newsletter.
- Wednesday, October 18—Picture Re-Take Day
- Thursday, Oct. 26 & Friday, Oct. 27—NO School. State Teachers Conference

Children’s Church: Young Hearts & Voices

Contact Pastor Zak (ben.zak@stjohnsmilw.org) or Mrs. Janna Zak (coach.jz@hotmail.com) if you would like to be involved with the Children’s Church ministry or with questions.

Children’s Church has begun.

With the desire to purposefully engage the youth of St. John’s, we are offering a new ministry called Young Hearts and Voices. Youth ages 3 to 9 are invited to gather in the Bible study room in the Welcome Center for a Bible story, music time, and prayer. The leader of these gatherings will wait in the back of church for you to

excuse your child during the sermon hymn (the song right before the sermon). They will walk to the room together to enjoy this time of worship and will return to their families in the church during the offering. We are pleased that this ministry will allow:
1. families to enter and leave the church together for Sunday morning worship. 2. the youth to hear Scripture, sing praises with movement

and pray together.
3. parents and caregivers to be able to listen to the sermon with less distraction. This ministry is there to use if you choose to. Parents/caregivers are also welcome to join their child(ren) until they feel comfortable attending alone. All children are of course always welcome to stay in the church with their families during the whole service.

Gradelink Parent Online Access

Gradelink is St. John’s Student Database System

Parents of students in grades 5-8 received an email last week with their Gradelink parent online access code.

If there was not an email listed for parents, a paper copy was sent home with the child.

This access allows parents to see grades for their children before mid-terms or report cards.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers

The Girl Pioneers have field trip planned for October 12.

The group is going to Wehr Nature Center for a program at 4 p.m. sharp. The program is scheduled until 5:30 p.m.

On October 19, the Girl Pioneers are going to

Godsell’s Farms in Muskego. The event is scheduled right after school and will return by 6:00 pm.

Carpools will be organized in advance for both events.

To coordinate drivers, find out the cost of each outing or other information, contact Lori Ramirez

at ramirezlr@aol.com

Lutheran Night with the Milwaukee Admirals

Saturday, October 21 at 6 p.m.—Panther Arena (400 W. Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee)

Join the Admirals and fellow Lutherans in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! The game tickets are just \$20 and includes an exclusive Martin Luther Bobblehead sporting an Admirals jersey. The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee will be on hand to sing the

National Anthem, so be sure to arrive early.

Contact fellow WELS Member John Bitter at 414-227-0829 to secure your tickets.



Thank You!

In honor of Called Worker Appreciation, a few school families provided a delicious lunch for St. John's Faculty, Pastors and Staff on Friday.

We would like to thank the families who provided the generous treat. It is greatly appreciated.



Sports this week at St. John's-Volleyball & Soccer Updates

Tues:

3:45 B Girls VB Practice

4:00 Soccer Playoffs—Our soccer team plays at 5 p.m. at Rainbow Park (700 S. 119th Street, West Allis) If they win, the soccer team plans on Thursday at Rainbow Park.

5:00 A Girls VB Practice

Thur:

3:45 B VB Practice

4:00 Soccer Playoffs—at Rainbow Park, 5 p.m. If the team wins on Thursday, the soccer team will play on Sunday at WISCO. The game time will either be 1:00 or 2:00 p.m.

5:00 A VB Practice

Sat:

A VB Tournament at St. Paul's Muskego. Address: S66 W14325 Janesville Road, Muskego. The first game is at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

B VB Tournament at Star of Bethlehem. Address: 3700 S. Casper Drive, Muskego. The first game is at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday: 1:00 or 2:00 at WLHS

Soccer Championship, if our team wins on Tuesday and Thursday.

Questions about sports? Contact Chris Stollfus, Athletic Director.

cstollfus@wordoflifeschool.com

The Home & School Connection

- **Product pick-up for the fundraiser is Tuesday, October 17 from 3-5:30pm!**
Pick-up is at the Welcome Center in church. **If your child sold items you are responsible for pick-up during this time, especially as some food items require refrigeration.**
- Home & School is hosting a **Masquerade Ball on Saturday, October 21 from 6-8pm!** An invitation went home with your child last Friday. We hope you can join in the fun! If you're able to help during the event please contact Rose Sberna at Rose.Sberna@stjohnsmilw.org.
- The next Home & School meeting is Tuesday, November 7 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the 6th grade classroom, child care will be available for kids age 1 and up in Mrs. Randall's K4 classroom.
- If you are unable to attend the Home & School meetings but are interested in receiving the minutes and other information by email, please contact Anna at homeandschool@stjohnsmilw.org.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns or ideas!

Anna Bughman

Email: homeandschool@stjohnsmilw.org

Cell: 608.438.9020 (call/text)

Parent volunteers are needed for set up, greeters, photo booths, MC/DJ at the Masquerade Ball on Oct. 21. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rose Sberna at rose.sberna@stjohnsmilw.org

Re-Take Day

St. John's Picture Re-Take Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18.

If you are unsatisfied with your children's portrait packages, you can have your child's picture retaken. Simply return the entire portrait package directly to the photographer on October 18.

If your child was absent on the original picture

day, order forms are available on the table outside the school office.



Masquerade Ball

Families are invited to a fall dance on October 21. This event will be held in the school gym from 6-8 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

St. John's children will be making their very own mask(s) in school the week of October 16. (Keep an eye out for the masks as they come home)!

This event will be packed with fun activities from a mask contest, photo booth, door prizes, and, of course, prizes for the contest winners. There will be a DJ

providing us with some fun dance activities as well. Casual attire, but have fun if you'd like! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by October 18th if you are able to join us for a fun fall evening!

Questions? Want to serve? Please contact Rose Sberna at rose.sberna@stjohnsmilw.org or 414-405-5997.



Wreath Orders

St. John's Fellowship Committee Wreath order forms are now available.

Orders will be collected until Monday, November 27.

Wreath pick up will be held on Sunday, December 3 between church services in the

school parking lot.

Order forms are available on the table outside of the school office.

Questions? Contact Ruth Ryshke, 414-550-4575.



1st Quarter Mission

The 1st Quarter Mission Project is New Beginnings.

New Beginnings Statement of Purpose:

The mission of New Beginnings is to help a single mother develop spiritually in God's Word, become a responsible citizen in society, continue her education,

achieve self-sufficiency and be a competent and loving Christian parent.

New Beginnings Vision is to provide generationally poor, single mothers with the necessary opportunities and resources to facilitate self-sufficiency.

Amount collected so far:

9/5/17: \$99.49
 9/12/17: \$112.15
 9/19/17: \$94.08
 9/26/17: 68.16
 10/3/17: 108.03
 Total: \$481.91



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absent

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Weekly Lunch Menu:

Today—Golden Corn Dog, Tangy Coleslaw, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fruit

Wed: Cheesy Beef Nachos, Refried Beans, Crisp Romaine Lettuce, Fresh Diced Tomatoes, Fruit

Thur: Pepperoni Pizza, Garden Fresh Salad, Fresh Broccoli Cuts, Fruit

Fri: Half Day— 11:30 Dismissal. No Lunch Served

Mon: Toasty Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Steamed Mixed Veggies, Fresh Popeye Salad, Fruit



Worship with us! Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

2017-2018 Theme:

Here I Stand

Romans 5:1

Miscellaneous

Upcoming Events:

St. John's Open House—8:00-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 11. St. John's congregation members are invited to visit the chapel service and classrooms.

Girl Pioneers to Wehr Nature Center—Thursday, Oct. 12

Half Day/Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.) - Friday, October 13. No lunch is served.

Volleyball Tournaments
Saturday, Oct. 14. A Team at St. Paul's Muskego and B Team at Star of Bethlehem

Picture Re-Take Day:
Wednesday, October 18.

Masquerade Ball—Saturday, October 21. Sponsored by Home

& School. See the Home & School paragraph for details.

Report Cards Distributed—
Tuesday, Oct 24

No School: Thursday, Oct. 26
and Friday, Oct. 27. State
Teachers Conferences.