

Cougar Connection

2025-2026

Make A Joyful Noise

November 21



Today, our Faith Families practiced prayer, emphasizing how to pray for others with a fun activity and treat.

From the Principal's Desk

Happy Friday, St. John's!

We are quickly approaching Thanksgiving, a season where gratitude is encouraged and celebrated. Today our Faith Family groups did a prayer activity together, giving students a chance to put others first and also voice what they are grateful for in their lives. As I traveled from room to room and heard their prayers, it reminded me of how grateful I am to be here at St. John's, a place where faith is at the center of what we do. A place where teachers share messages of love and forgiveness, where students are encouraged to look out for each other and build each other up. I am certainly thankful for the learning that takes place in our halls, but I am even more grateful to see God working through our teachers and students every day.

Next week is a two-day week! There is no school on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. I hope you enjoy the holiday and are surrounded by family, friends, and good food. God's blessings and happy Thanksgiving!

Looking Ahead...

Nov. 26-28- Thanksgiving Break (no school on Wed., Thurs., Fri.)

Dec. 6-7- Cougar Classic Tournament

Dec. 14- Christmas Choir Concert

Dec. 15- School Christmas Program

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Psalm 98:4

In Chapel This Week...

This year, our chapel messages will use our school theme- Make a Joyful Noise- and focus on some of the hymns we sing in church. There will be no chapel this week due to Thanksgiving Break- see you in December!



Our Lego competition was a big hit! Congratulations to all of our winners and to everyone who participated. Your creativity was amazing!

Athletics

Upcoming basketball games:

Nov. 20-22- Trinity Caledonia Tournament (B teams)

Nov. 21-22- Mount Olive Tournament (A Boys)

No games during Thanksgiving week.

From Our Church

We are in the middle of a food collection, sponsored by our church's Stewardship Board. Now through December 12th, we are collecting canned and nonperishable food items, which will be assembled into baskets and given to families in need in our community. You can send in donations with your student (there are collection boxes in each classroom) or bring it to the back of church.

If you'd like to help decorate our church for Christmas, the official decoration date is Tuesday, December 2nd. Decorating will begin around 3:30 and continue until we finish. Many volunteers needed!

Rockstars of the Week

This year, we will be recognizing students who stand out for their acts of kindness and/or service toward others, who are helping to "Make a Joyful Noise" in God's glory here at St. John's.

Our rockstars for this week: Finley Douglas (K); Ava Parrish (2nd); Maddie Harris (3rd); and Cayden Mickelson (7th). Keep up the great work, Cougars!

Parent-Teacher League (PTL)

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make our Lego Competition and Silent Auction a success! The PTL was able to raise over \$4,000 to help with the school field trip planned for Lutheran Schools Week. It was a night of great food, endless creativity, and big winners. Thank you, PTL!

Cougar Classic

Every year, we host a grade school basketball tournament for local schools. This tournament is the athletic department's only source of income and sole fundraising event. The funds raised during this weekend allow us to keep athletic equipment current, replace jerseys as needed, and allows our student-athletes to participate in a variety of tournaments and events throughout the state. This event requires a lot of volunteers. If you would like to sign up to help, please use this link:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/621541044073/false#/invitation>

Crusader Corner

Free Babysitting Day – Hosted by the Service Club at Racine Lutheran High School

Need a few hours to run errands, recharge, or enjoy some quiet time? The Service Club at Racine Lutheran High School is excited to offer a Free Babysitting Day!

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: RLHS, 251 Luedtke Avenue

Cost: Free (a freewill offering is welcomed but not required)

Children will enjoy games, crafts, stories, and supervised play. Snacks will be provided. Space is limited to 40 children, so please sign up early.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/pN6thjxYhubysaLo8>

Questions? Contact: Debbie Menk;
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If you have a current 8th grader who is planning to apply to Racine Lutheran High School for the 2026–2027 school year, we want to let you know that enrollment applications are already underway!

Our next Open House will be held on Wednesday, January 14, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Enrollment folders will be available at that time. Katie Fox will also have a table at the Cougar Classic, so feel free to speak with her in person!



We'd love to have you join us for worship! We have two services on Sundays- one at 7:45 and one at 10:15, with Sunday School and Bible class in between. There is also a Wednesday evening service at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there!