

The Eagle Express

September 3, 2026



Our Theme Verse for the year is: For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
(Jeremiah 29:11) For All + For Jesus + Always

Labor Day Weekend

There is **no school tomorrow through Sept. 7th for Labor Day.** School will resume again on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. (The SJL office will also be closed on Monday, Sept. 7th.)

SJL Fall Fest



All are welcome to join us for Fall Fest this year on Friday, Sept. 18th from 5:30-7:30pm at SJL!

Highlights include:

- Children receive a caramel apple
- Food & drinks are available for purchase to support the GLC
- Bounce house, crafts, games, lighted walk, face painting
- This is a PTO event open to all!
- See attached flyer

Blue Ribbon Book Fair

There's no better way to kick off back to school time than with a Blue Ribbon Book Fair! This year's Book Fair will take place Wednesday, Sept. 9th through the 15th in the SJL Cafeteria.

- Weds. 9/9: 2:30-5:00pm
- Thurs. 9/10: 2:30-3:45pm
- Fri. 9/11: 2:30-5:00pm
- Sun. 9/13: 11:45-1:00pm (After the 10:30 Worship Service)
- Mon. 9/14: 2:30-5:00pm
- Tues. 9/15: 2:30pm-3:45pm

Please view the attached flyer for more information!



Need SJL Spirit Wear? See the info below!

Next Week's Events

- Monday, 9/7/26** - NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
6:30pm Worship
- Tuesday, 9/8/26** - 3:00-4:30pm Girls A Volleyball Practice
4:00-6:00pm Girls B Volleyball Practice
5:30pm Cub Scout Meeting - Cafeteria
- Wednesday, 9/9/26** - Bring a Teddy Bear to School Day!
7:45am Teacher/Class Book Fair Preview
9:07am Chapel with Mrs. MacGillis
2:30-5:00pm Book Fair in Cafeteria
2:45-3:45pm Cross Country Practice
4:30pm Girls B Volleyball vs. West Bend
5:30pm Girls A Volleyball vs. West Bend
- Thursday, 9/10/26** - 2:30-3:45pm Book Fair in Cafeteria
2:45-3:45pm Cross Country Practice
4:30pm Girls B Volleyball vs. Grafton
5:30pm Girls A Volleyball vs. Grafton
6:00pm Auction Committee Meeting
- Friday, 9/11/26** - 7:45am Teacher/Class Book Fair Shopping
2:30-5:00pm Book Fair in Cafeteria
SJL Girls B Volleyball Tournament this WKND
- Saturday, 9/12/26** - 4:30pm Worship - FORWARD WEEKEND
- Sunday, 9/13/26** - 8:00am Worship - Bible Blessing for 3rd Graders
8:00am Worship - Grades 3, 4, 5 Singing
9:30-10:15am Studies Between Services
10:30am Worship
11:45am-1:00pm Book Fair in Cafeteria

Bible Blessing for 3rd Graders



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

We value lifelong learning for all ages. On Sunday, September 13, we will pray over, bless, and hand out Bibles to our 3rd Graders (who attend Lutheran School, public school, homeschool). We want to celebrate with our 3rd Graders and we pray for God to bless their reading and learning. Katrina Johns: kjohns@sjlplymouth.com

Welcome New Staff to the SJL Team



Please join us in welcoming Brenda Given and Linda Steltenpohl to the SJL Childcare Team! Linda is a familiar face to many, having previously worked at St. John, and we're excited to welcome her back. We're also pleased to welcome Lori Brandt as our new 1st & 2nd Grade Teacher Aide! We're thankful to have each of them and look forward to the care they will bring to our students and families.

Youth Group



SJL Youth Group is a place for students to grow in their faith, build meaningful friendships, and have fun together! Youth Group is divided into two groups: Middle School (6th–8th grade) and High School (9th–12th grade). Students from public schools, private schools, and homeschools are all welcome to be part of the Youth Group community! Our goal is to provide a safe and welcoming place where youth can learn about their faith, discover how to live it out, and grow in confidence as they share it with others. Most importantly, Youth Group is a place to have fun, build friendships, and spend time with others who share the joy of knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior. Katrina Johns: kjohns@sjlplymouth.com

- Middle School – Sunday, September 27th – Games in the Youth Room – 1:00–2:30pm
- High School – Sunday, September 20th – Putting Together Care Packages/Games in the Youth Room – 4:00–6:00pm

Girls' B Volleyball Tournament Volunteers



St John will again be hosting our 5/6 Girls Volleyball Tournament 9/11–9/12. We are in need of volunteers to take admissions, work the concessions stand, and the score table. The tournament relies on great volunteers to help make this an event that runs smoothly and provides a great Christian atmosphere. Please check this [LINK](#) to see available time slots and sign up.

Oktoberfest Auction

SATURDAY, OCT. 10 | DOORS OPEN AT 4:30 PM | SJL GYMNASIUM

Join us for this year's St. John Lutheran Church & School Oktoberfest Themed Auction – an evening of fun, fellowship, and supporting Christian education! Whether you joined us last year or are planning to attend for the first time, we can't wait to welcome you! This exciting evening will feature a traditional German feast, festive music, joyful fellowship, and a mix of silent and live auction items. Doors open and Silent Auction will begin at 4:30pm, Dinner at 5:30pm, and Live Auction at 8:00pm.

Purchase your tickets today at this [LINK](#). If you'd like to purchase your tickets with cash or check, please call or visit the SJL office. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, October 2nd. Please click this [LINK](#) if you are able to VOLUNTEER at the event!

Youth Group Mum Orders Due Sept. 7

The SJL Youth Group is having a mum sale! The order deadline is Monday, September 7, 2026. You can contact the office to place an order. When bringing payment to the office, please include payment with order form and have checks made out to SJL with "mum sale" in the memo line. Mum pick up will be in the church/school parking lot on Thursday, September 10, from 2:45–5:00pm. Proceeds are used to support the SJL Middle and High School Youth Groups!

National Teddy Bear Day - Sept. 9

National Teddy Bear Day celebrates one of the world's most beloved stuffed friends! Teddy bears have been bringing comfort, companionship, and countless hugs to children for more than 100 years! At St. John, we're excited to celebrate this fun day to remind our students that while teddy bears bring comfort, God's love is the greatest comfort of all. Bring a teddy bear to school on Wednesday, September 9th!

Mark Your Calendars for Picture Day

Harmann Studios will be at SJL to take student's pictures this year on Monday, Sept. 21st starting at the beginning of the school day (7:30am). Re-take day is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th. Stay tuned for more information to come!

SJL Spirit Wear

Show your SJL team spirit – check out the Cross Country and Volleyball Apparel Shops and order your apparel today! Our Spirit Shops are brought to you by Engaged Marketing in Sheboygan!

[CROSS COUNTRY SHOP LINK](#) | [VOLLEYBALL SHOP LINK](#)

Sign Up to Acolyte

At St. John Lutheran, 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders serve as Acolytes. It is a joy to serve the Lord and our church family. Acolytes serve on a rotating basis in the weekly worship services. Also, acolytes will have the opportunity to serve at special services (such as Midweek Advent Services, Midweek Lent Services, Christmas, and Holy Week). 6th Grade Acolytes will be trained before they begin serving. Acolyte Training will begin in September (at the start of the school year). Please sign your child up for three slots during the following schedules. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Sunday Studies Begin Sept. 13

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES | BEGINNING SEPT. 13 | BETWEEN SERVICES

Sunday morning education opportunities begin Sunday, September 13th from 9:30am-10:15am (between church services). There is something for everyone at SJL!

- SJL Tots (children up to preschool-age with at least 1 parent) – Room 119
- Kindergarten/1st grade – Room 103
- 2nd/3rd grade – Room 105
- 4th/5th grade – Room 203
- Middle school Bible study (6th – 8th grade) – Conference Room (next to cafeteria)
- High School Bible study (9th-12th grade) – Youth Room
- Special Needs Bible study – Library
- Adult Bible study – Cafeteria

For SJL Tots through 5th grade, please register your child at [THIS LINK](#).

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sign Up Links

Our Annual Cookie Dough Sale Fundraiser is underway, supporting our school field trips here at SJL. Please view the attached flyer for full information. This would not be possible without the help of our amazing families!

- Here is the sign up for the donation of cookie materials: [LINK HERE](#)
- Here is the sign up to help make cookies: [LINK HERE](#)

LET'S MAKE THIS OUR BEST YEAR YET!

SJL COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

Every container. Every dozen.
Every order makes a difference!

OUR GOAL:

100%
OF SJL FAMILIES
PARTICIPATE!

♥ TOGETHER,
WE CAN DO THIS!

Funds earned through cookie dough sales help support
FIELD TRIPS & SPECIAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES
for our students all year long!

Why it
Matters



Enriching
Field Trips



Memorable
Experiences



Hands-On
Learning



Opportunities
Beyond the Classroom

How to Sell



Ask family,
friends, neighbors,
co-workers, and
your church!



Share with
everyone you
know—big or
small orders
all count!



Every sale
brings us closer
to our goal and
supports our
students!



SALES END
Friday,
September 18!



TOGETHER,
we can reach
100%



PICKUP DAY
Saturday, October 3
8:00am–10:00am
at SJL

Thank you for
supporting our students
and making amazing
experiences possible!



ONE SCHOOL. ONE GOAL.
ALL IN FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Thank you for being part of the SJL family! ♥



St. John Lutheran

Book Fair

September 9 – September 15



PTO SPONSORED EVENT



Our earnings will be used to purchase library books for the school.



TEACHER/CLASS PREVIEW

Wednesday 9/9
7:45 – 9:15 AM



TEACHER/CLASS SHOPPING

Friday 9/11
7:45 – 9:15 AM



BOOK FAIR HOURS

WED
9/9

2:30 – 5:00 PM

THU
9/10

2:30 – 3:45 PM

FRI
9/11

2:30 – 5:00 PM

SUN
9/13

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM
(following worship)

MON
9/14

2:30 – 5:00 PM

TUE
9/15

2:30 – 3:45 PM



Kick off the school year with a Blue Ribbon Book Fair!



TEACHER WISH LISTS:

Purchase a book from a teacher's wish list and we will add it to their classroom library.



STUDENT WISH LISTS:

If you cannot stop by the fair, send in your child's completed wish list with payment and we will help fill it.



FORMS OF PAYMENT:

Cash, checks, and credit cards. E-Pay at Readola.com.





Friday, September 18th, 5:30–7:30

\$20/Family

All are welcome, bring your family & friends!



Every child receives a caramel apple
(while supplies last)



Food & Drinks available for purchase to support SJL's Gospel Light Choir



**Bounce House, Games, Craft,
Face painting, Lighted walk**



Fall Fest is sponsored by SJL PTO and is a community outreach event.

For more information contact:

Sarah Wegner (920) 342-0774

Parents Connect @ SJL

Because SJL is more than a school...it's a COMMUNITY!

Throughout the year, there are many ways for our parents and families to connect, gather, serve, and belong. Come when you can. Join what works for you.

☀️ There's a place for everyone. ☀️



CONNECT

Build relationships with other parents and SJL staff.

SEPT.
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SJL HAPPY HALF-HOUR

Come early. Grab a drink. Make a connection.

2:00-2:25 PM - Before afternoon pickup

OCT.
15

SJL HAPPY HALF-HOUR

Come early. Grab a drink. Make a connection.

2:00-2:25 PM - Before afternoon pickup

MAR.
18

SJL HAPPY HALF-HOUR

Come early. Grab a drink. Make a connection.

2:00-2:25 PM - Before afternoon pickup

APR.
15

SJL HAPPY HALF-HOUR

Come early. Grab a drink. Make a connection.

2:00-2:25 PM - Before afternoon pickup

MAY
13

SJL HAPPY HALF-HOUR

Come early. Grab a drink. Make a connection.

2:00-2:25 PM - Before afternoon pickup



GATHER

Family events to enjoy together.

SEPT.
18

FALL FEST

For all grades, 3K-8th and their families

5:30-7:30 PM in the SJL Parking Lot or Gym

OCT.
22

EARLY CHILDHOOD NIGHT

For 3K, 4K, and Kindergarten families. Activities, snacks, and fun in the gym!

5:00-6:30 PM

NOV.
20

MUFFINS WITH MOM

For all grades, 3K-8th and their female role-models

7:00-7:30 AM in the Gym

FEB.
5

DONUTS WITH DAD

For all grades, 3K-8th and their male role-models

7:00-7:30 AM in the Gym



THANK

Hospitality and appreciation for our families.

NOV.
24

COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE

We are so thankful for all of our families!

7:05-7:30 AM - @ morning drop off for all adults



SERVE

Work together for SJL and build lasting connections.

OCT.
1-3

COOKIE MAKING

Help make cookies, support SJL, and connect with fellow parents!

FEB.
12-13

PIZZA MAKING

Make pizzas, serve our community, and have fun together!