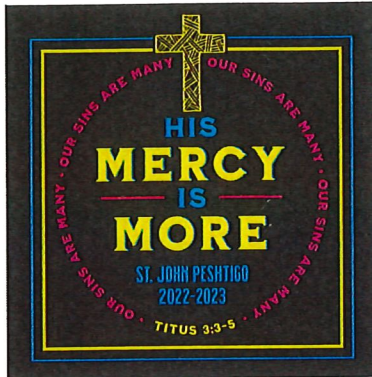


# St. John Lutheran School

## The Cardinal Chronicle

April 12, 2023



### Vision Screening

The Peshtigo Lions Club will conduct a vision screening for students in Grades 4K - 8 on **Wednesday, April 26th**, at 9:00 am. A permission form was sent home last week. Please complete this form and return to your child's teacher **by Thursday, April 20th**. We are grateful to the Lions Club for providing this wonderful service to our school.

### Upcoming Events

- Apr. 14 - Chapel devotion - 8:15 am
- Apr. 14 - Hot Lunch
- Apr. 19 - Lutheran Pioneers at Zion - 5:30 - 7:00 pm
- Apr. 20 - School Choice application deadline
- Apr. 20 - Vision Screening permission forms due
- Apr. 21 - Family Entertainment Night - 6:00 pm at Trinity, Coleman
- Apr. 17 - 21 - Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week
- Apr. 26 - Lions' Club Vision Screening

### School Choice Deadline

The open enrollment period to **apply or reapply** for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) is **ending on Thursday, April 20**. Please contact Hannah Langebartels, the School Choice Administrator, at [choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org](mailto:choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org) or (414) 758-8607 with any questions you may have.

## Hot Lunch

This week's hot lunch will be pizza cups provided by the McClain family in honor of Jacob's birthday last month. The cost is \$2 per person.

## Entertainment Night Practices

Just a reminder that all the children in Grades K - 8 will be practicing for Entertainment Night at Trinity Lutheran Church (221 N. Louis Ave.) in Coleman, after school April 17 - 20. The Coleman bus will transport all the children from St. John's to Trinity. Parents should make arrangements to pick up their children at the following times:

Grades K - 2 at 3:45 pm

Grades 3 - 8 at 4:30 pm

Parents can organize carpooling for these pickups. Please send an extra snack with your child for these practices.

## Family Entertainment Night - Sign Up Genius

The CEA is looking for help with providing light refreshments for the Family Entertainment night. We have created a Sign Up Genius for this with the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FACAA2AA0F85-family4>

We also need assistance with clean-up at the end of the evening, which is also on the Sign Up Genius. Any help or donations of food or bucket raffle items will be greatly appreciated! Looking forward to a wonderful night of fellowship and entertainment!!

## Entertainment Night Raffle Donations

Our Family Entertainment Night is a big fundraising event for our CEA. They are in need of **your help** with donations of items for the raffle that evening. Please **refer to the March 8th School Newsletter** for suggestions of raffle items. The CEA asks if you can please drop off any raffle items right at Trinity on those days when you come to pick up your children from play practice the week of April 17 - 20. If you have any questions, you can contact Hanna Maedke at 920-591-1180 or Mrs. Sargent in the school office. We greatly appreciate the support our families give to these fundraisers which help cover non-budgeted items at school. This year we plan to do new flooring in the Grade 3 - 5 classroom.


## Mission Offering



Our second semester mission offering will be going to the family of Finneas Bater, the 2 year old son of a WELS pastor in Thousand Oaks, CA. Finneas was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, a form of brain cancer. He has been going through numerous chemotherapy treatments over the last few months. Our donations will help the family pay for the treatments that Finneas needs. Our total semester offering is \$400.99. Mission offerings will be collected during our chapel service on Fridays. Thank you for your heartfelt gifts.



# Heart to heart: Parent conversations : My child lied to me. Now what?

 [wels.net/heart-to-heart-parent-conversations-my-child-lied-to-me-now-what](http://wels.net/heart-to-heart-parent-conversations-my-child-lied-to-me-now-what)



## My child lied to me. Now what?

*Dealing with lying makes my stomach twist into knots. I guess that's because so much of it is a guessing game. Did my child really lie to me? Did she do it on purpose? Why did he do it? Does she feel remorse? Did I do something to prompt the lie? My mind swirls with the unknown.*

*This month, two parents share their perspectives on lying. I love the motivation and the heart behind their thoughts. Even if my stomach still twists up when I suspect that one of my children has lied to me, I'll be a better parent if I can keep the right motivation in how I react.*

*Nicole Balza*

**At different times** during the past five years, in addition to our biological children, we have had five other young people live in our home. Because they had different backgrounds than our biological children, honesty was not a core value for all of them. So lies were a common occurrence. As we cared for these young people, I realized that God entrusts me with the goal to make honesty and integrity a core value in the lives of the people in my home. It is a heart issue.

With our biological children, honesty was modeled for them since the time they were babies. Lying has been addressed along with all the consequences that go along with it. With the other children, lying may have been a way of survival, a way of getting what they thought

they needed. Sometimes lying was rewarded when it resulted in earthly positive results. Sometimes they lied and it was so normal to them that they didn't see anything wrong with it.

**So now what?** What I've learned is that we need to call out the lie (oftentimes without backing them into a corner). We call it out and forgive them. When we offer forgiveness, we are letting them know that lying is wrong and we shower grace at the same time. We do our best to model honesty and admit to them when we fail.

Heart issues are so hard. It is much easier to address the behavior without getting to the heart issue. But our God is the change agent. We are his hands and feet. It is difficult to surrender our children and the children God has put in our care to our heavenly Father. But he changes their hearts through the gospel we share.

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*Jenni Schubring and her husband, Tad, have five children ranging in age from 8 to 16. They are also licensed foster parents.*

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**“It must've gotten dinged in the parking lot.”**

That's his story, and he's sticking to it. But eventually the truth emerges: Your son took the car to the unchaperoned party, indulged in some underage drinking, and backed into a hydrant.

**I think lying, like so many sins, is born of fear.** When we lie, we're afraid of being found out, aren't we? As imperfect. Sinful. Human.

For kids, being found out has consequences. Maybe discipline—time-outs, loss of privileges. Maybe public embarrassment. Maybe our disappointment, which, like a temporary abandonment, can be terrifying.

**But that doesn't mean we dismiss our children's lies:** “Aw, they're just afraid of letting us down. Let it slide.” Nope. Deceit demands a firm dose of the law. That's because malicious lying—as opposed to polite white lies or flights of fancy—is so dangerous. Like its father, Satan, lying is insidious. It poisons everything.

Lying poisons relationships. When our kids lie, they need to know: “You've betrayed our trust. Everything you tell us now is suspect. We'll have to check up on you. We'll need to see your phone. Everywhere you turn, we'll be hovering. We'll have to, because your word is no longer good.”

Lying poisons the liar too. It seeps into the cells and the psyche and becomes a way of life. Lying children become lying adults. Inveterate liars unconsciously assume everyone lies, hindering them from ever fully trusting another. And sometimes whole families become liars,

especially when hiding a family secret: a schizophrenic mother, an alcoholic father. Even if the intent is to protect the family's privacy, children develop a doctrine of duplicity, always concocting some new tale to keep up the beautiful, brittle family facade.

If our kids lie regularly, we may want to ask ourselves some hard questions: What are they afraid of? Have we set such high standards they feel they're not allowed to fail? Is our discipline overly harsh? Or are we liars too? Like Adam and Eve in the garden, are we so ashamed of our faults and mistakes that we're always hiding, always blaming others, never 'fessing up?

Maybe the most important question is this: Do our children know the truth about the God who lives in our home and hearts? Our Savior is kind. He understands human weakness and fear. He knows why we're tempted to lie, and he invites honest confession, because no sin is too monstrous, no shame too deep, to be forgiven.

That's good news.

**Jesus' love and compassion drive out fear.** His love lifts the shades and lets the sunshine in. His love—and our reflection of it—makes our home a safe place, where we can air our failures, forgive, and be forgiven. Then it's absolutely okay to be found out—because we're loved and accepted just as we are.

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*Laurie Gauger-Hested and her husband, Michael, have a blended family that includes her two 20-somethings and his teenage son.*

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