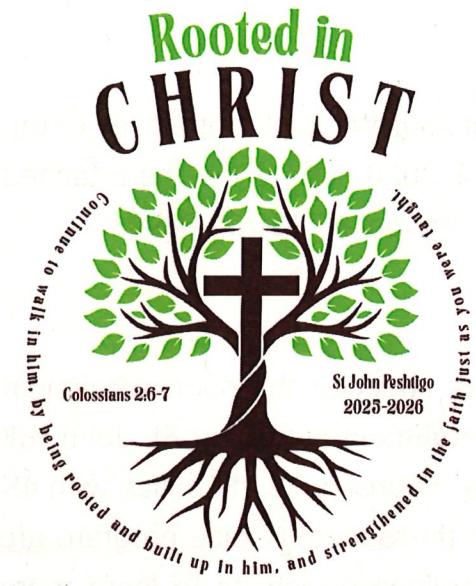


The Cardinal Chronicle

January 28, 2026



Upcoming Events

Jan. 29 - Basketball at St. Paul's, Algoma - 5:15 pm

Feb. 4 - Lutheran Pioneers meeting at Zion Peshtigo - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Feb. 5 - Basketball vs. Twin City at Trinity, Marinette - 5:00 pm

Feb. 9 - Seroogy candy bar **order forms due**

Feb. 12 - 13 - **NO SCHOOL** - Teachers' Conference

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday Service - 2:00 pm
(children sing in church)

Feb. 19 - 22 - Lutheran Pioneers' Winter Campout at Camp Croix

Hot Lunch

This week's hot lunch will be sloppy joes, carrots, grapes and a brownie provided by the Aguilar family. The cost is \$2.00.

Mission Offering Progress:

Our chapel offering collected for God's Kingdom so far is \$306.

Seroogy Candy Bar Orders



Our PTO will once again be selling Seroogy's candy bars as a fundraiser to help cover the installation costs for our recently purchased playground equipment. An informational letter and order forms were sent home yesterday (today for the 4K). Please read through the letter and fill out the form and return to Mrs. Sargent or your child's teacher by Monday, February 9th.

PTO Meeting Minutes

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting was held on January 21st at 6:00pm. Attached to this week's newsletter are the minutes from that meeting. Please take a few minutes to read through these minutes which gives more information regarding the installation of the recently purchased playground equipment and fundraising.

Pioneer Winter Campout

Lutheran Pioneers will once again be hosting their annual Winter Campout at Camp Croix, near Danbury, WI the weekend of February 19-22, 2026. Check out the attached flyer or contact Youth Minister Alex Enter for more information at 715-733-0899.

School Choice Open Enrollment

The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) has changed the open enrollment periods for the 2026-27 school year. The **first open enrollment** period for St. John **will start on Monday, February 2nd and go through Friday, February 20**. Families with 4K and Kindergarten students who are not familiar with the School Choice program are encouraged to consider enrolling. Please go to the following website to learn more about it: <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs>. Current families with K-7th grade students in the WPCP program are strongly encouraged to reapply during this same open enrollment period. You can address any questions you may have about the program to Hannah Langebartels, our School Choice Administrator, at choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org or phone (414) 758-8607.

Preschool/Kindergarten Open House (Save the Date)



We will have our annual Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on the evening of **Thursday, March 5**, from 5:30 - 6:30, for children that will be 3 years old by September 1, 2026 through those that will be entering Kindergarten next school year. Please mark your calendars and join us on that evening if you are interested in enrolling your child for either 3K, 4K or Kindergarten.

St. John PTO Meeting Agenda

January 21, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

At school, in the 6th–8th grade room

Attendance:

W. Aguilar
E. Seewald
J. Bretschneider
S. Myslik
C. Rawlings
B. Rohde
C. McMahon
C. & H. Maedke
J. McDonald
A. & A. Gauthier
M. Mech

Call to Order:

1. Opening Prayer – Mr. Aguilar
2. Approval of Previous Minutes - Mr. Aguilar/ Cody 1st motion/ Cassie 2nd
3. Treasurer Update - Cody
3 transactions since Oct, all r/t the Kwik Trip fundraiser; \$11,009.26 net balance
4. New Business:

a. Pizza Fundraiser - Emily

Motion to postpone pizza sales until next school year – too close to upcoming fundraisers; need adequate time to prepare as we will not be relying upon assistance from Pizza Pros rep and should utilize manpower towards playground. KwikTrip fundraiser date moved up to Labor Day d/t improved profit margin offered in Sept; plan for pizza sales in Oct. Need a sign-up in advance so all can plan accordingly; if insufficient help is available, may defer the fundraiser altogether; can also consider Zion Lutheran youth group assistance. Jen s/w a pizza shop rep in FDL who may be willing to assist with ingredients, etc; will explore.

b. Playground install – open discussion

Location: north of existing playground. Engineer w/school planning can sketch layout; include the proposed bldg. addition, space for a new B-ball court area, then the 50' x 58' footprint for the new playground equip. Zipline is a separate 15' x 10' space. Must factor in the required 6' circumferential perimeter around ea “pod” of equip in order to meet code. Climber may not be assembled this summer d/t complexity and time constraints.

Given the landscape w/natural downward slope to the north, in effort to curtail hauling fill, will split equip’t into 2 or 3 pods. Need to fence off the workspace for safety & notify Little League teams the playground is unavailable for their use during construction.

Plan to begin work at end of current school yr, namely on w/e. The “grounds cmte” of Jesse, Jeremy, Austin, Mike, and Cody will coordinate materials and equipment w/plans

to lay out posts for painting in Mar/Apr; Jen or Jesse will d/w Cory Karban for an estimate. Need to mark distal end of posts for assembly purposes. Austin has 18" auger and skidsteer; Mike and Cody have access to cement mixer (unclear size,? 1/3 yd); Jesse can s/w his employer if add'l equip needs arise. Need est on amt of concrete needed for footings (46 posts, 24" deep, 18" wide); may need to consider Gillett Cement; will f/u with Mike this spring. Tentative plan: drill holes, lay out & assemble equip't, place upright, then pour concrete all at once – defer planning details to Grounds Cmte. Add'l volunteers requested for set up. Emily, Becky, Jen volunteered to make lunch. Copies of playground equip't map distributed by Jen and Becky.

Playground base options: 1) stone/ pea gravel: ? expense; also c/f stones making their way inside school, 2) rubber mulch; most likely the most expensive option, defer further exploration, or 3) cedar woodchips; Jen already s/w Tom Wiedemeier; he is willing to provide a discount but needs playground dimensions. Note: mulch must be 1' deep.

c. Seroogy's Candybars: anticipating sales mid-Feb; Hanna and Emily will clarify w/Lisa Sargent Re: timeline, order submission, delivery dates. Need 2 wk turnaround from pmt to order p/u from Seroogy's. Jen or Hanna volunteered to pick orders up in DP once ready for delivery. List of volunteers for order distribution noted. Recc incorporating updated fundraising efforts into the letter going out to families next week, as now proceeds will be directed towards materials for playgrounds set-up (e.g. concrete, paint, mulch). Recc hanging signage & photo prints of the assembled equip. at family night event.

d. PTO Social: Suggestion made to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony & picnic here once playground equip't is set. Further plans / discussion to come.

Closing Prayer: Mr. Aguilar

Next meeting date TBD, most likely between Seroogy's sales and Family Night.

Pioneer Winter Campout

Join us for the weekend of February 19-22 for winter fun and faith at Camp Croix! Kids and their chaperones—whether parents or church group leaders—are invited to enjoy exciting indoor and outdoor activities that showcase the beauty of the season.



Highlights include meaningful devotions to grow together in God's Word and the thrilling, one-of-a-kind Klondike Race!

This event is perfect for families with kids aged 6–14, but



everyone is welcome to join the fun. Don't miss this chance to experience the wonder of winter at Camp Croix!