

February 2026

Dear saints in Christ,

Ash Wednesday is February 18th this year. And with Ash Wednesday begins our Season of Lent – our preparation for the great celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ from the dead.

Ash Wednesday and the rest of our midweek services will be Wednesdays beginning with a meal at 5:30 pm and service at 6:30 pm.

During our midweek services for the Season of Lent, we'll be looking in depth at the Apostles' Creed. We'll take special note of this Creed as the Second Part of the Catechism, where we find Luther's explanation to the Creed. And we'll look at just what it means to confess the Creed.

We'll appreciate more the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Trinity – as we study the Creed during this midweek gatherings. And we'll come to see our deep need for Salvation from God – and His deep love for us, revealed from the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit.

Join us this Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Christ's Victory over Death and the Grave at Easter!

Beginning February 18: Wednesdays Meal at 5:30 pm Service at 6:30 pm

In Christ,

Pastor Brown



Live Stream Volunteers: Would you like to check out and learn how to stream the church services?? We are currently looking for additional volunteers to help live stream church services. If you are interested, please contact Mike Stauffer

Central News:

February	2	No EACS Bus	
February	6	Early Childhood Open House (PK & K)	4:30 - 6:00 PM
February	9	3rd Quarter Mid-Terms Sent Home	
February	12	Pastor-Principal Meeting	8:45 AM
February	13	No School - TLSP In-service Day	
February	16	No School Presidents Day - Potential Make-Up Day	
February	18	Ash Wednesday	
February	20	Charger Spirit Day	
February	22	CLS Association Meeting	1:45pm-2:30pm
February	27	Opperetta	7:00pm

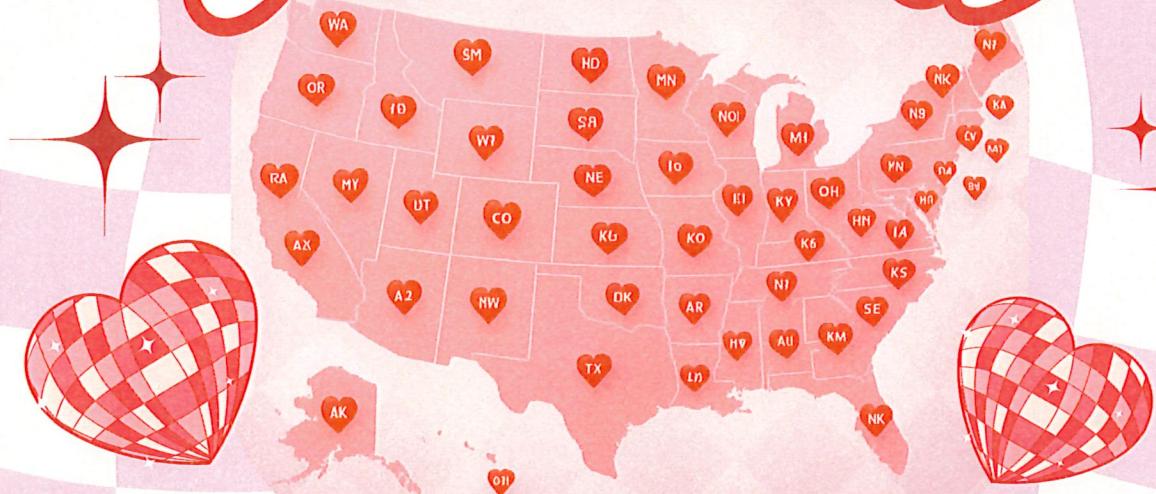
Kids Club News:

We are currently looking for an Infant room staff member!! If you would like to volunteer a day two to come and read to a classroom, share a devotion, or help with school age activities, please email Sara at Martinikidsclubministry@gmail.com. This is a great way to earn a little extra cash for the holidays!! Must be 18+ years old to apply. VERY flexible scheduling.

We are also very excited to share that we are participating in “Hearts Across America” where we exchange valentines from all 50 states. If you would like to follow along on our journey, we will post updates on our Facebook page every Wednesday through the end of February!! Our flier and card we sent out can be found on the next page!



Hearts Across America

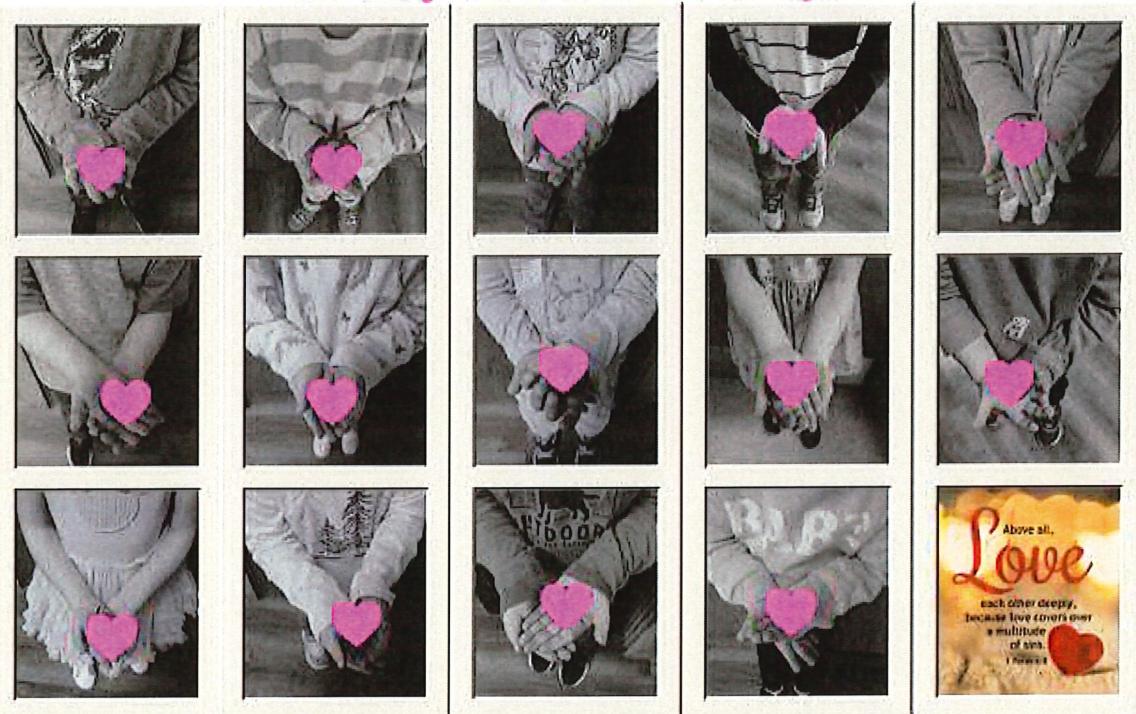


Our Early Learners are hoping to receive a Valentine from all 50 states!

Please send a card or postcard to:
Martini Kids Club Ministry
333 Moeller Road, New Haven, IN 46774

Thank you for helping our littles learn that love, kindness, and community reach far beyond our classroom walls. We are having so much fun with this already and can't wait to see how far our hearts travel!

Happy Valentines Day



from your friends in Indiana

- Everyone's favorite cartoon cat Garfield found his first home in Indiana. His creator, Jim Davis, was actually from Marion, IN.



- Indiana's home to a sea of limestone deep below the earth and has the richest deposits of that type of stone found anywhere on the planet



Limestone

- The Coca-Cola bottle was designed in Terre Haute, IN.



The Coca-Cola Bottles

- Indiana produces more than 20% of the United States' popcorn supply.



- People from Indiana are known as Hoosiers. Hoosier is also Indiana's official state nickname too!



- The first professional baseball game was played in Fort Wayne on May 4, 1871.



February 2026 Newsletter Article

"I have a question for you. Have you ever read through all the paragraphs in your will? I did recently on a rainy afternoon when there was nothing else to do and I had no idea I ever signed a document that addressed so many topics." Those words were shared with Rita by her friend Rene. Rita responded, "I find legal documents and estate issues so complicated. I'm glad I can have someone else lead me through that challenge."

Sometimes we may think that an estate plan is simply a will, a trust and a couple of POA documents and that the fees an attorney charges for that stack of papers is too expensive. However, an estate plan is more than just a stack of yellowing papers. The plan comes out of discussion, prayer, and thinking, discerning how God wants you to distribute the things He has entrusted to your care once He calls you home to Jesus. The real value of the estate plan is found in the plan, not just in some documents. It takes some work to create that plan.

Many don't know where to get started in creating their first plan or reviewing an old plan, so they take no action at all. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. It begins with organizing your pertinent information. It continues with honing the goals you have, not just for family inheritance but support of ministry as well. Then clear information can be shared with your attorney, so they can draft documents that take into consideration legal concerns, making sure your goals are on paper and will be respected and accomplished someday. To get started in this faith journey, contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

February 2025 Bulletin Sentences

February 1, 2026

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. An automated will or trust generator may not be able to capture family nuances pertaining to inheritance. Hiring legal counsel to make sure these issues are addressed is pursued. To prepare for working with an attorney, your Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

February 8, 2026

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. Choosing the right asset to aim toward inheritance or the right one to create a charitable gift can make the difference in not paying tens of thousands of unnecessary taxes. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you understand the right choice. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

February 15, 2026

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. A will might refer to a certain percentage of gift to family or ministry, but a beneficiary designation on an account like an IRA might supersede with different instructions. It is important to have help making sure these documents agree. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.

February 22, 2026

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. Sometimes we don’t know the possibilities of things we could do, especially on our own. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can show you those gifting opportunities. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or mark.muehl@lfnd.org.



Concordia Lutheran High School

Concordia Lutheran High School – News for February 2026

CLHS A Cappella Choir Tour | February 5-9

Concordia Lutheran High School's Fine Arts Department invites you to experience the beauty of sacred choral music during the 2026 A Cappella Choir Tour. From February 5-8, our A Cappella Choir will be traveling throughout Michigan, sharing God's Word through song with congregations and communities along the way. Area residents, families, and friends are warmly encouraged to attend one of these free performances and support our students as they use their gifts in worship.

Tour stops include **Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo** on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.; **Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham** on Friday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.; and **Peace Lutheran Church in Saginaw** on Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m., with additional worship service performances on Sunday, February 8 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The tour will conclude with a special home performance on **Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Chapel on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne**. Join us for an evening of inspiring music and help us celebrate the joy of choral worship. All concerts are free to attend and open to the public.

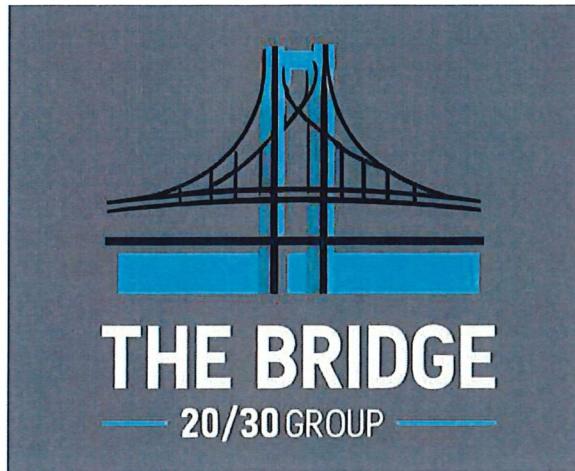
Concordia's 24-Hour Theater Festival | Saturday, February 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Concordia's 24-Hour Theater Festival is a powerful celebration of student creativity and collaboration, challenging students to write, direct, rehearse, and stage four original short plays and one dance in just 24 hours. With more than 130 students involved and the support of dedicated faculty and volunteers, this fast-paced event showcases student voices, leadership, and talent as ideas come to life from Friday evening to Saturday night. The festival culminates in a public performance on Saturday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m., when the curtain rises on productions that did not exist just one day earlier. The cost to attend is \$2.00 or a canned good, with all donations supporting Canstruction. We invite you to join us for an inspiring evening of original student work and creativity in action.

CLHS Theatre Department Presents *Disney's The Little Mermaid* | February 27-March 1

Concordia Lutheran High School's Theater Department invites you to experience the magic of its winter musical, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, a hauntingly beautiful love story based on the beloved Hans Christian Andersen tale and the classic animated film.

Featuring unforgettable music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, including favorites like "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World," this production promises an evening filled with heart, humor, and wonder. Directed by Fine Arts Chair Chris Murphy with musical direction by Isaac Weander, performances will take place on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for this enchanting celebration of student talent and storytelling on the Concordia stage. Tickets are available online or at the CLHS Auditorium Box Office starting 30 minutes before show time.



Bridge 20/30 – Building Faith and Community for Young Adults

Bridge 20/30 is a growing young adult ministry serving individuals in their 20s and 30s throughout the Fort Wayne area. Started in 2025 by members of local Lutheran churches, Bridge 20/30 provides a welcoming space for young adults—single, dating, or married—to grow in faith, build friendships, and find meaningful community. The group meets every Tuesdays. for Devotions, service opportunities, and social gatherings.

February Schedule:

- ***February 3, 7:00 p.m. – Bowling Bash at Georgetown Bowling (6770 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne). Cost is \$10 per person and includes shoe rental and three hours of bowling.***
- ***February 10, 5:45 p.m. – Social meetup at Country Heritage Singo Social featuring Taylor & Friends and Women of R&B (185 Country Road 68, Laotto).***
- ***February 17, 7:00 p.m. – “The Porch Night” devotion series: Vanity — A Study of the Book of Ecclesiastes, held at The Holy Cross Youth Center (3420 N Anthony Blvd.)***
- ***February 24, 7:00 p.m. – "Lenten Experience" with Pastor Chad at The Greenhaus (3504 N. Anthony Blvd.)***

Young adults are warmly invited to attend and bring a friend.

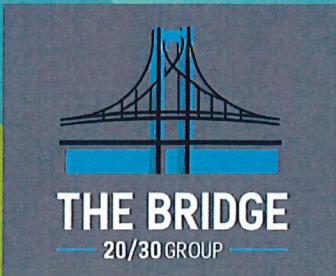
For more information:

Facebook: Bridge 20/30 Group Ft. Wayne

Instagram: @thebridge2030

Email: dschuller@clhscadets.com

Join us for meaningful connections, encouragement, and a sense of belonging!



FEBRUARY EVENT SCHEDULE

FACEBOOK: BRIDGE 20/30 GROUP FT. WAYNE | INSTAGRAM: THEBRIDGE2030

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FEB 2026

BRIDGE BOWLING BASH

7 PM GEORGETOWN BOWLING
6770 E STATE BLVD FT WAYNE
\$10/PERSON INCLUDES SHOE
RENTAL & 3 HRS OF BOWLING

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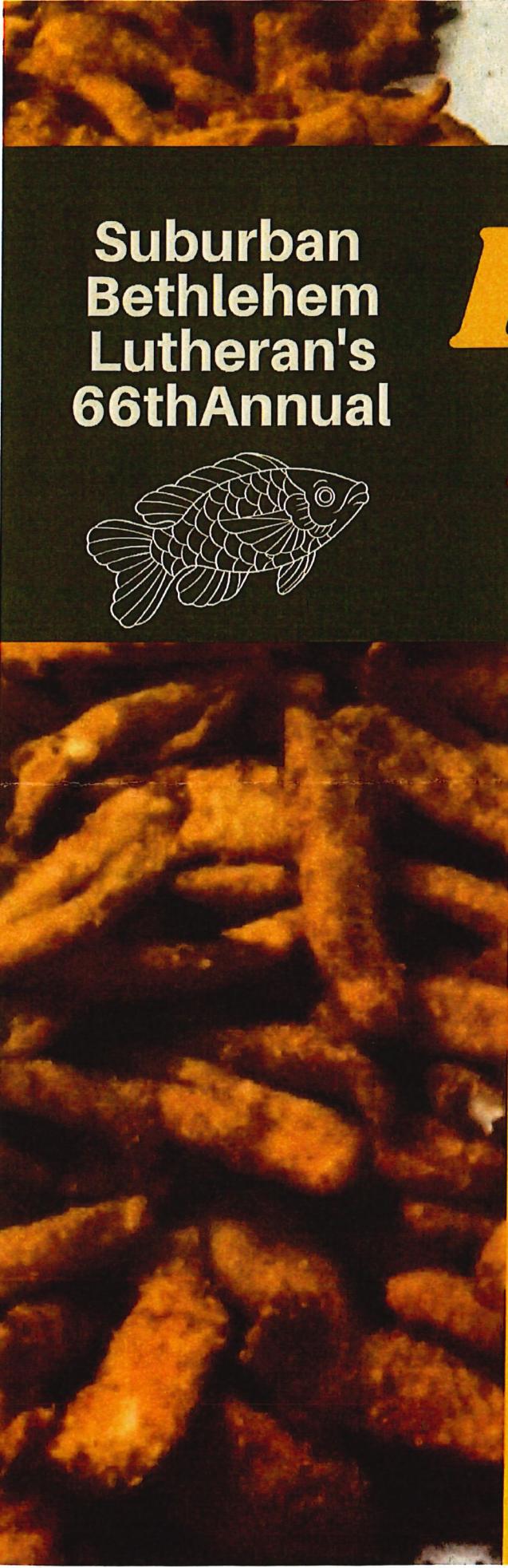
MEETUP - COUNTRY HERITAGE SINGO SOCIAL
TAYLOR & FRIENDS AND WOMEN OF R&B
5:45 PM 0185 COUNTRY ROAD 68 LAOTTO

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THE PORCH NIGHT: SERIES ON VANITY: A STUDY
OF THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES
7 PM THE HOLY CROSS YOUTH CENTER
3420 N ANTHONY BLVD

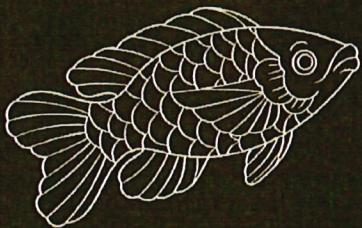
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LENTEN EXPERIENCE WITH PASTOR CHAD
7 PM THE GREENHAUS
3504 N. ANTHONY BLVD
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP &
FUN!



Join us for our famous all
you can eat Fish Fry Dinner.

Suburban
Bethlehem
Lutheran's
66th Annual



Fish Fry

&
Bake
Sale



Saturday Feb. 14

6318 West California Road

Fort Wayne, IN

Enter door 10

4:00 PM - 7:00PM

\$15

Adult

\$7

Children
4-12
years

Free

Children
3 & Under

*Dinner includes :
all you can eat fish,
potato salad, baked
beans, and dinner
rolls with a drink*

**You may also
purchase
carry-out.**



Certificate of Achievement

Presented to

Martini Lutheran Church

In grateful recognition of your outstanding support and partnership with **Changing Footprints of Northern Indiana**.

Through your dedication and generosity during the **2025 year**, you helped make it possible to **collect, sort, and re-distribute over 29,000 gently used shoes to 27 agencies** that provide **free footware to individuals and families in need** throughout our community.

Your commitment-alongside other **schools, churches, and businesses**-has made a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of the poor and needy in Northern Indiana. Because of your efforts, dignity, comfort and hope were delivered two feet at a time.

We sincerely appreciate your compassion, service, and partnership.

With heartfelt thanks,
Gretchen Weerts

The community is invited to a Chocolate Walk and Open House on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Adams Heritage located at 12011 Whittern Road in Monroeville.**

Adams Heritage provides care and compassion in a home-like setting and was recently recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a 2026 Best Nursing Home — a distinction that reflects their commitment to excellence. Guests are welcome to tour the facility and enjoy a warm, festive evening featuring hot cocoa, a chocolate walk experience, and delicious cookies from Sorinna's Bakery. The event provides an opportunity for families and community members to learn more about the wide range of services offered, including short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing care.

Discover Extraordinary Living Where Everyone Is Family. For questions, please call 260-623-6440.

Thank you,

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Chocolate WALK

OPEN HOUSE | HOT COCOA | COOKIES

2026

FEBRUARY

11

5-7 PM

ADAMS HERITAGE

12011 WHITTERN ROAD
MONROEVILLE, IN 46773

Short Term Rehabilitation
Long Term Nursing Care

WEATHER PERMITTING

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MARTINI LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND KIDS CLUB MINISTRY

Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole congregation.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 VOTERS Meeting Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class following service	2 Groundhogs Day 	3	4	5	6 CLS Early Childhood Open House (PK & K) 4:30 - 6:00 PM 	7 Fellowship Hall In Use
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
15	16	17	18 	19	20	21 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 



Hey Kids

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With any pizza purchase

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JOHNS**

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Better Pizza.**

Expires 2/27/26

Limit 1 per child present at time of purchase. Discount will be taken off at the register. Advance orders appreciated.