



# The Buzz

March 28, 2024

## WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

### Hezekiah Pleads With God

*“Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD.” -Isaiah 38:2*

All of us hate to be on the receiving end of bad news. “Sorry, but you haven’t been chosen for the team.” “I hate to tell you this, but you have three cavities.” “Kids, our vacation’s been cancelled because Dad has to work.” “This store is closing. You’ll have to find work elsewhere.”

Bad reports like these can sometimes be devastating. You’ve been hoping for weeks to make the team. You brush regularly and still have to face the dentist’s drill? We missed vacation last year too because dad had to work. Laid off of work? How can I make my payments and raise my family? Maybe we haven’t encountered any of these bad things, but I’m certain that each of us can name several times when we were devastated with bad news.

Hezekiah was a king of Judah. He was a good king who tried to rule the kingdom according to God’s ways. Yet one day he heard some of the worst news he could ever imagine. This is how the Bible tells the story: *“In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah, son of Amoz went to him and said, ‘This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order because you are going to die; you will not recover.’ Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, ‘Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.’ And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”*

What would you do if the Lord came to you and said, “Put your house in order because you are going to die?” Those words surely frightened Hezekiah. So what was the very first thing Hezekiah did? He prayed! Hezekiah could have searched the kingdom for the best doctors. He could have shaken his fist at God in anger. Or he could have felt sorry for himself and sobbed and sobbed. But he didn’t do any of those things. Hezekiah prayed. He pleaded with the Lord to help him get through this trial. He went first to God, because Hezekiah knew that there is only one who has the power over life and death. He knew that all healing comes from only one source, God alone.

Have you ever pleaded with God? Have you ever needed to bow before the Lord at your weakest moment and prayed for his strength and help? Hezekiah is a good example for us to follow when bad news comes our way. He shows us that the first one we need to go to for help is the one who has promised to help us every time we come to him. Let’s remember where to go when we hear bad news. Pour out your heart to the Lord and bring your problem to him. You can be certain that your prayer will be heard and God will give you an answer and show you a way out.

You might wonder whatever happened to Hezekiah. The Bible gives us the rest of the story: *“Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David says, I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life’.”*

In Christ, Mike Allard, Principal @ St. John’s

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Mar 28

Maundy Thursday Worship  
7:00 pm

### Friday, Mar 29

ELC Closes 12:30 pm

Good Friday Worship-Gr.  
K-8 sing 1:00 pm

School Dismisses after  
church 2:00 pm

### Sunday, Mar 31

Easter Worship 6:30 am

Easter Brkfast 7:30 am

Easter Worship 9:00 am

No Sunday School or Bible  
Class

### Monday, Apr 1

ELC CLOSED

### Mon-Fri Apr 1-5

NO SCHOOL 3K-8<sup>TH</sup>  
EASTER BREAK

### Sunday, Apr 7

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Mon-Thurs Apr 8-11

Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

### Monday, Apr 8

Dartball Banquet

### Tuesday, Apr 9

Worship 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, Apr 10

Chapel 8:20 am

**Maundy Thursday Worship:** We will be having a special Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m. this evening. All are invited to worship with us.

**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards will be sent home tomorrow, along with tuition reminders for those who have a balance remaining. 2024-25 registration forms are also included with the report cards. Parents, please look for those.

**Penny Wars:** Penny Wars ends on Easter Sunday. If you haven't done so yet, bring in your pennies, other coins, or other money you would like to donate toward the school bathroom project. Thanks for participating!

## School Schedule:

Good Friday, March 29: Tomorrow we will have alternate busing in the morning. All children in grades K-8 will be singing for our worship service at 1:00 tomorrow afternoon. Following the service (2:00), children will be dismissed. There will be no buses at that time; please make plans to transport your children home. **The ELC will close at 12:30 on Good Friday.**

Spring Break: There is **NO SCHOOL** for 3K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5, as we enjoy our spring break.

**THE ELC WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, but will be open the rest of that week for childcare.**

**Easter Sunday:** We will have two worship services on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, as we celebrate our Savior's resurrection from the dead. The services will be held at 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. All are invited to worship with us.

Easter Breakfast: Our Youth Group is sponsoring our Easter Breakfast, which will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. in the school gym on March 31<sup>st</sup>. All are invited.

**School Band Online Voting Contest:** The school band online voting contest ends March 31.

To vote, you will need to go to the link below. Then you will scroll down the page to the section "Vote For Your Favorite Photo." There you will enter your email address, first and last name. As you scroll down, please find the picture of our school students and vote.

<https://www.heidmusic.com/big10plus/>

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** If you signed up for parent-teacher conferences, please watch for your conference day and time to be sent to you soon.

**Coffee Order:** Thank you to everyone who ordered coffee. After expenses, \$1,048.64 will go into our Camp Phillip scholarship fund! We will let you know when the coffee is here and ready to be picked up. It should be within the next couple of weeks. Thanks again for your participation!

**Pine Car Derby:** We will be having a Pine Car Derby on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:00 in the school gym. Pine car kits are \$3 each. You can purchase those from Mrs. Shadrick. All children (and adults) are invited to participate in the fun. If you'd like to bring snacks to share, please feel free to do so. Any questions, talk to Mrs. Shadrick.

### **St. John's Pioneer Chili Cook-off:**

Calling all Chili Cooks!

St. John's Pioneers will host a Chili Cook-off contest during the Pine Car Derby on April 13th!

All are invited to compete for the Wooden Spoon! Please bring your crock of Chili to St. John's by noon. Voting will take place during the pinecar derby. The Winner will be announced during the awards ceremony after the race. Judging will be by popular vote.

Not a cook? Come and vote for the best Chili. Then purchase a bowl of your favorite for a donation to the Pioneers. All proceeds will help pay for the many activities the pioneers enjoy throughout the year.

**Call Received:** "Dear Members of St. John's,

On Sunday, March 24, I received a Divine Call to serve as principal at St. Paul's Lutheran

School in Beverly Hills, FL. Megan also was called to serve as their first-grade teacher. It is always a humbling experience to receive a call to serve our Lord. It is also a wonderful blessing to serve the Lord in this manner and to have the opportunity to tell children, along with their families, about the saving truths found in the message of our Savior. As we once again go through the deliberation process, please keep our family in your prayers and do not hesitate to reach out.

The following passage provides us confidence and serves as a good reminder for everyone to keep in mind as well during this deliberation process knowing that our good Lord will work all things out in the best interest for both schools.

'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. Call upon me and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'-Jeremiah 29:11-12

Serving In Christ," --Mike & Megan Allard

### **FUNDrive: Clear your clutter for a cause!**

Please bring your bags and covered boxes of unwanted household items to the collection trailer in the St. John's Lutheran School parking lot. Regular collection times are:

Sunday, April 21 from 10:00-12:00

Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26, 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Proceeds help make our original school bathrooms handicap accessible!

#### **We Are Collecting--**

##### **Clothes**

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

### Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

### Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

### Books & Media

paperback, magazines, hard cover - all genres; *\*media needs to be boxed separately \*no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

**Summer School:** Summer School informational packets and registration forms are available from the school office.



### Caleb Kempf

The student of the week is Caleb Kempf. Caleb is in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. He is always very polite and respectful, both to his fellow classmates inside and outside the classroom and to adults, and is almost always a very hard worker.



**Congratulations Caleb!**

**2024-25 School Calendar:** The calendar for next school year was recently approved by the school board. The entire calendar will be shared soon. For now, here are some important dates:

1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School:	Aug 21
School/Church Campout: (one week later than normal)	Sep 13-15
State Teacher Conf	Oct 24-25
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3
District Teacher Conf	Feb 20-21
Spring Break	Apr 21-25
Last Day of School	May 22

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

### St. John's Outreach Survey

Fellow members who we see regularly, fellow members who we sadly have not seen for some time, friends who are visiting our church, or families who are using our elementary school and early learning center, we want to hear from you and value your input in this short survey. Thanks for participating!

To access this short survey go to the following link:

<https://shorturl.at/jlzH4>

or scan the QR code below:

