



# The Buzz

April 25, 2024

## WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

### Corrie Ten Boom Walked With God

*"Forgive as the Lord forgave you." -Colossians 3:13*

Sometimes walking with God means that we must forgive others just as God forgives us. There are times when that forgiveness may be very hard for us to give. Joseph's brothers were so cruel to him that they sold him and forced him to live the rest of his life in a foreign country where he lived as a slave, spent time in prison, and rose to become a great hero of the people. Yet many years later when Joseph was reunited with his brothers, instead of cruelly punishing them for what they did to him, Joseph forgave them.

One of the tragedies of World War II was that the German Nazis hated the Jews and imprisoned, tortured and killed millions of them in concentration camps. We hear the story of a Christian named Corrie Ten Boom who along with her family in the Netherlands, spent all their resources on hiding Jews in their home in hopes of rescuing them from the hated Germans. The Ten Booms built a special false wall in Corrie's bedroom about the size of a large closet. In this false room, the Jews could hide whenever the Germans came to inspect the house. But one day in February 1944, someone tattled to the Germans about the Ten Booms secret hiding place. As a result, Corrie and her sister were arrested and put into a horrible concentration camp named Ravensbruck, where they ate little, slept on wooden bunks, and were tortured if they did not cooperate. One day Betsy, Corrie's sister, died in Corrie's arms. She said in her dying breath that there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still.

Due to a typing error, Corrie was accidentally released from that prison in December of 1944. The war ended a short time afterward and Corrie returned to the Netherlands. For years afterwards she went around the world preaching the love of Jesus. She wrote a best-selling book titled *The Hiding Place* which told of her difficult times during the war. It was later made into a Hollywood film. One day in 1947 after one of her speaking engagements, a man walked up to her who looked quite familiar. He was one of the cruelest guards at Ravensbruck. He told Corrie that he had come to know the love of Jesus and was sure that Jesus had forgiven him. Now he was asking for Corrie's forgiveness as well. What would she do? This man was responsible for the deaths of many of Corrie's friends as well as her sister. She knew what God wanted her to do. So she prayed to God that he would give her a loving heart to forgive this man. She took his hand and said to him, "I forgive you with all my heart."

People like Joseph and Corrie Ten Boom can teach us lessons on what it means to truly forgive. Let's never forget that if God is willing to forgive the many sins we commit, we should also be willing to forgive those who sin against us.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, Apr 28

Confirmation Worship Service 9:00 am  
Grades 4-8 sing  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Bible Class 10:15 am  
Piano/Band Recital 1:00 pm

### Tuesday, Apr 30

Worship 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 1

Chapel 8:20 am

### Thursday, May 2

Seal-A-Smile

### Sunday, May 5

Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Bible Class 10:15 am

### Monday, May 6

School Board 5:15 pm

### Wednesday, May 8

Chapel 8:20 am

FSJ 6:00 pm

### Thursday, May 9

Supper 5:00 pm

Ascension Day Worship 6:00 pm

### Friday, May 10

No Public School  
Alternate Bus Routes

Faculty Mtg 3:15 pm

### Sunday, May 12

Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School 10:15 am  
Bible Class 10:15 am

**Science Fair:** Our Science Fair will be held this Friday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. Grades K-8 will be participating. All are invited to come and view the students' projects.

**Singing this Sunday:** Grades 4-8 will be singing for our worship service this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. This is also our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation service.

**Confirmation:** Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed during the worship service this Sunday.

***St. John's Confirmation Class 2024***

***Mason Anding***

***Seth Kaiser***

***Congratulations and God's Blessings!!***

**Seal-A-Smile:** The dental hygienists are planning to do the second round of seal-a-smile on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Parents' Meeting-5/8:** We will hold our final parents' meeting of the school year on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. All of you are invited to attend. Childcare will be available.

Please make plans to attend this meeting. We will be talking about important information for the next school year—included will be a discussion on the tuition increase for next school year.

Parents who signed up to help provide supper that evening are: ***Ed & Jenn Schmid and Mike & Megan Allard***. Please contact one of them if you would like to help provide food.

**Alternate Bussing-5/10:** We will have our alternate bus routes on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, as the public school has that day off.

**Music, Lit, & Skit Night-5/16:** Our annual Music & Literature Appreciation Night will be held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the main part of the church.

What kind of show will it be? We would like to have singers, piano players, and other instrumentalists, but we'd also like to broaden the show to involve people who may not be musically inclined. We are also looking for people who may want to read an excerpt from a favorite book, or read a poem they've written, or act out a skit...The list is endless. There are no "prizes" involved; we just want to share our God-given talents with each other and have a fun evening.

**Hoops for Heart-5/17:** Grades 5-8 will be participating in Hoops for Heart at St. Mark in Eau Claire on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be provided at St. Mark (there is no charge to parents). **We need 4-5 more drivers!** If any parents would like to come along and could drive, please talk to Mr. Allard.

**Awards Banquet-5/17:** Our Awards Banquet will be held in the school gym on Friday, May 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will be handing out awards for honor roll, perfect attendance, athletics, band, etc. for students in grades K-8, and will be acknowledging our students of the week. We are hoping that all school families can attend this special event. A light supper will be served. So that we can get a count of how many will be attending, RSVP sheets will be coming home with the students soon.

**Graduation Sunday-5/19:** **Students in grades K-8 will be singing for our Graduation worship service on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** The service begins at 9:00 a.m. In a special ceremony during the worship service, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving their diplomas.

**Track Meet-5/20:** Everyone in Grades K-8 will be participating in our annual track meet at UW-Stout in Menomonie on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. A small lunch will be provided at the meet; students can bring other food along if they wish. Watch for further details. **If you are interested in coming, please let us know. We will be taking a bus to the track meet.**

**Last Day of School-5/23:** Our last day of school will be **Thursday, May 23. That is a half-day only.** We will have a closing chapel service that morning at 8:20, to which all parents are invited. We will have a picnic lunch at **11:00**, to which all parents are also

invited, and school will dismiss after lunch. There will be no busses at noon, so parents will need to make arrangements to transport their children home.

***We will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. If you are planning on joining us, please bring a dish to pass. Thank you!***

**Intramural Softball:** Students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will be playing each other during the afternoon recesses throughout the weeks until the end of the year. Remind your child to bring his/her glove. Thanks to Pastor Wilke for setting this up and being our umpire.

**Tuition:** For those of you who still have a balance on your tuition, please remember that is due in full by the last day of school, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call the office with any questions.

**Congratulations:** We congratulate Mrs. Mary Luchterhand on her retirement from her position as Lead Teacher of the Toddler Room here at St. John's. Mary played a large role in preparing for and opening up our Early Learning Center here and we definitely couldn't have done this without her. Mary does want to thank the parents for all their support throughout the years. Mary loves her work here with the children so much that she isn't quite ready to be done completely and will still work in the Learning Center on a part time and as needed basis. Mrs. McKayla Schoen will be taking over the Lead Teacher role starting this summer. We are still looking for a classroom aide for the toddler room. If you or anyone you know has interest in this position, please let us know and ask Megan Allard for more information.

**Penny Wars:** We raised a total of \$842.19 for the school bathroom project through Penny Wars.

4<sup>th</sup> Place: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classroom—they raised \$245.64 and had a negative point total of 2,203.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom—they raised \$200.97 and had a negative point total of 1,319.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades—they raised \$113.31 and had a positive point total of 1,034.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom—they raised \$282.27 and had a positive point total of 5,626.

Thanks to everyone who participated!



### Ella Hoppa

The student of the week is Ella Hoppa. Ella is in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. She is polite and respectful, is a hard worker, and has made great improvements in getting her work done before enjoying free time.



**Congratulations Ella!**

**24-25 Registration:** 2024-25 school registration forms have been sent home. Please look for those, and return them to school as soon as possible. Thanks!

**Fundrive Donations:** THERE'S STILL ROOM! Trailer is open 7:30 am - 8:15 am and 3 pm - 4 pm through Friday this week. Longer hours on Friday evening (3 pm - 8 pm) because of the Science Fair, and 10 - noon on Saturday, April 27!

Please put clothes and household linens in garbage bags, other household items in covered boxes. Keep books separate in boxes marked "books". Thanks to everyone for your help and donations!

