



The Buzz

January 11, 2024

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD Prayer Also Means Listening to God “My sheep listen to my voice.” -John 10:27

There was a 74-year-old man from Indiana who had paid for a flight in a small plane. He loved the excitement of flying, but had no idea what went into the actual skill of operating a plane. Pilots must go to school for many, many hours to learn the details of taking off, flying, and landing a plane safely. But the day of the old man's flight turned out to be a day he would never forget. Not long after the pilot taxied and took off from the airfield, they leveled off the plane just as they had always done. But then tragedy struck. The pilot had a sudden heart attack and the old man was helpless in directing the airplane. Panicked, he began screaming into his headset which was connected to the ground office. Help! Help! He cried. I have no idea how to fly this plane. I need help now! Fortunately for him, his S.O.S. cry for help was heard by those in the tower, and they assured the man that they would give him detailed instructions on landing the plane. The man listened intently and followed each direction as he was told. And before he knew it, he was safe on the ground once again. After his safe landing, he admitted, “I don't think I've ever listened so carefully to anyone before!”

How well would you listen to the tower? How closely would you follow each instruction, each guiding point, and each suggestion as it came down to you? That picture of the man who listened so closely can be compared to our lives and how well we listen to the heavenly tower, to God. We have said that prayer gives us an opportunity to talk with God. When we talk **with** people that means that sometimes we talk, and sometimes we listen. So it should be with prayer. Sometimes we talk, sometimes we listen.

The young Samuel served as a great example for us to follow when it comes to listening to what God has to say to us in prayer. You may remember the story of the young Samuel fast asleep on his cot in the tent of Eli, the priest. Three times the Lord called the sleeping Samuel. Each time Samuel thought it was Eli who was calling him. Finally Eli told Samuel to go back to bed and if he hears the Lord call again, he should pray the words, “Speak, Lord, I am listening.” So Samuel went to bed again, and sure enough the voice of God called Samuel once again, and Samuel said, “Speak, Lord, I'm listening to whatever it is you have to tell me.” That night God told Samuel about his plans for the people of Israel.

If Samuel had done all the talking, he would never have known that God had something to say. Such can be the case when we pray. Certainly we want to share with God everything that is on our minds. And sometimes that may be quite a bit. But we should always remember that God also wants to impress upon us certain thoughts, certain ways of seeing things around us, and certain feelings. God may not come to us in a voice as he did with Samuel, but God does speak to us through our teachers, through reading his Word, and through our consciences. When he comes to us, we should be open and ready to listen to what he has to say. And then we should be willing to follow his every suggestion. Isaiah tells us about listening to God this way, “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’” (Isaiah 30:21).

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan 11

BB Games @ St. Mark, Eau Claire

B Team	4:00
A Team	5:00

Friday, Jan 12

End of 2nd Quarter-45 Days

Sunday, Jan 14

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

Tuesday, Jan 16

BB Games @ Immanuel, Medford

B Team	4:00
A Team	5:00

Wednesday, Jan 17

Chapel	8:20 am
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BB Practice

B Team	3:30-4:30
A Team	4:00-5:15

Pioneers	6:00 pm
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Thursday, Jan 18

BB Games @ St. Paul, Menomonie

B Team	4:00
A Team	5:00

Friday, Jan 19

No School (3K-8th)

Saturday, Jan 20

A Team BB Tournament at Northland

Sunday, Jan 21

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

Monday, Jan 22

BB Games @ Home vs Messiah

B Team	5:30
A Team	6:30

Dartball vs Globe-Christie

BB Games-Thursday, 1/11: We will travel to St. Mark in Eau Claire for our first basketball games of the season. The B Team will play at 4:00, and the A Team will play at 5:00. We will leave school by 2:30. DRIVERS ARE NEEDED.

Directions to St. Mark, 3307 State St, Eau Claire

Take I-94 west. Take exit 68. Turn Right at WI-93. Take 1st Left onto Golf Rd. Take a slight right at E. Lowes Creek Rd. Turn Right at State Street.

BB Games-Tuesday, 1/16: We will travel to Immanuel, Medford. The B Team will play at 4:00, and the A Team will play at 5:00. We will leave school by 2:30. DRIVERS ARE NEEDED.

Directions to Immanuel Lutheran School, 420 Lincoln St., Medford

Take WI-73 north. Merge onto WI-29 toward Abbotsford. Take the County Hwy-E exit, EXIT 127, toward Curtis. Turn left onto County Hwy-E / County Rd E. Continue to follow County Hwy-E. Turn right onto WI-64 / County Hwy-E / State Highway 64. Continue to follow WI-64. Turn left onto N 4th St. Take the 1st right onto Lincoln St. 420 LINCOLN ST is on the right.

BB Practice: **Wednesday, January 17**

B Team-3:30-4:30

A Team-4:00-5:15

Pancake Breakfast Committee Meeting: The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 17, at 4:15. Anyone interested in helping to plan the pancake breakfast is welcome to attend.

Pioneers: Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. All children are invited.

BB Games-Thursday, 1/18: We will travel to St. Paul in Menomonie. The B Team will play at 4:00, and the A Team will play at 5:00. We will leave school by 2:15. DRIVERS ARE NEEDED.

Directions to St. Paul's Lutheran School, 1100 9th St. E, Menomonie

Take US 10-W to Interstate 94-W. Take I-94 W for 35.8 miles. Take exit 52 for US-12/WI-29. Turn right onto US-12 W/WI-29 W for 9.5 miles. Turn left onto 9th St E. St. Paul's will be on the left.

School Schedule: 2nd quarter report cards will be sent home on Thursday, January 18th. There is NO SCHOOL FOR 3K-8TH on Friday, January 19th. The ELC will be open for childcare.

A Team BB Tournament: The A Team will be participating in a basketball tournament at Northland Lutheran High School on Saturday, January 20th. Students were given schedules last week.

Parent's Meeting: Minutes from our Parent's Meeting this Wednesday are included with this newsletter. You can also read the minutes online at the following link:
<https://shorturl.at/hmqF8>

HELP NEEDED for Home Basketball Games: We are in need of volunteers to help make the basketball season run as smoothly as possible. For each home date we need people to help run the scoreboard, do the stat book, and also help in the concession stand for both the B team and A team games. Even if you have never done it before it is not too hard to learn- anyone is welcome! The first home games are on Monday, January 22!

8th Grade News: Neillsville High School's annual ACP (Academic & Career Planning) Night will be held Monday, Jan. 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. This is for all 8th graders who will be attending Neillsville High School next year. NEW for 2024: High School Staff will be available in their classrooms from 4:30-6:00 PM for walk-in conferences. Please take advantage of this time if you would like to connect with any of your student's instructors.

Parents, please watch for a letter and informational packet to be sent home next week.

Watertown Tournament Hotel: We have reserved a block of 15 rooms at the Comfort Suites in Johnson Creek for the co-ed A-team basketball tournament March 8-9. This is a different hotel compared to previous years. (The block has been reserved for Friday night, March 8.) Rooms have two queen beds. Parents, you will need to reserve your room by **Friday, February 9th**. Please reserve rooms online using the link below:
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QC87K9>
Our room block is titled "Neillsville Hornets."

School Bruce Mound Outing: Our Bruce Mound outing **HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**. (Grades 2-8). This will be the last time we reschedule, so plan on attending! Chaperones are free.

Family Tubing Outing: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Globe is sponsoring a family tubing outing at Bruce Mound on Saturday, February 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are invited. Please bring a dish to pass.

Singing Schedule: Parents, please take note of the upcoming singing schedule. *Please note that the dates are different from what was on your singing schedule handed out at orientation.*
Sun, 1/28: Grades 4-8 sing at Immanuel, Globe (9:00)
Sun, 2/4: Grades 3K-3rd sing at St. John's, Christie (10:30)

Winter Carnival: Our church's HIS Group (Hands in Service) is sponsoring a children's carnival on Saturday, February 24th as part of Neillsville's Winter Carnival. The children's carnival will be held here in our gym from 11:00-1:00. There will be bounce houses, a cake walk, face painting, balloon animals, a giant slide, concessions, crafts...activities for all ages! Parents are expected to stay while their children are here. Cost will be \$5.00 per child (ages 1-12). Infants and ages 13+ are Free! Cost for the cake walk is \$1. We hope many parents and children can attend!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the carnival. We also need bakers who would be willing to bake cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk. If you would be able to help, please talk to Mrs. Allard or contact the school office. Thanks!

Position Available: St. John's Early Learning Center is NOW HIRING! We're looking specifically for a full-time caregiver for our infant room but position options are flexible. Must be at least 18 years old, organized, a good communicator, and ready to share Jesus's love with little ones! Previous experience working with children is great but not required. We're happy to help with training. Stop by the St. John's school office or contact Megan Allard 715-937-7535 or preschool@stjohnsneillsville.com if interested.

If interested please contact us asap. Thanks for considering!



Cheyenne Bue

The student of the week is Cheyenne Bue. Cheyenne is in 5th Grade. She has been getting her work done, turning it in on time, and sets a good example in the classroom by being quiet and respectful.



Congratulations Cheyenne!

Friends of St. John's Minutes 1-10-24

The evening began with supper and a devotion from Luther Prep School on the importance of Christian education, where we are "home".

Business was then discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

*Fall Dinner Proceeds-We plan to do the white boards over spring break or this summer. We should have enough funds available.

We looked at the financial update.

- **FSJ Account: \$4,121.91**
 - o **Fall Dinner Proceeds (whiteboards): \$1,030.54**
- **Booster Fund: \$5,981.13**
- **Bathroom Remodel Fund: \$25,802.63**
- **Camp Phillip Fund: \$1,280.04**
- **7-8 Summer Trip Fund: \$912.36**

*Athletics

Basketball season starts tomorrow. (26 children playing-14 on B and 12 on A)

Help is needed with clock, stat sheets, concession stand. Parents were encouraged to check their schedules and see if they would be able to help. Let Mr. Allard know if you can help.

*Pancake Breakfast (Feb 11)

Committee Members: Mike & Megan Allard, Clint & Caitlin Hannasch, Rene & Skye Defourneaux, Eric & Julia Backaus

Proceeds: After discussion, a motion was made and seconded and approved to split the proceeds in thirds; two-thirds will go to students furthering their Christian education and one-third will stay with the school to be used for our own families that need tuition assistance, starting with the 2024-25 school year.

*Winter Carnival-Kids Carnival Feb 24 (SPREAD THE WORD) (11:00-1:00)

*Soup, Pie, Ice Cream Supper (Mar 6)

Committee Members: Ed & Jenn Schmid, Josh & Amanda Dux, Ian & Courtney Pierce, Craig & Rachel Anderson

Proceeds: We decided that proceeds should go into a fund for teacher/staff appreciation.

*Camp Phillip

Survey Results on families interested-Kristine Boon gave a presentation on this. Five families applied. We have funds to cover almost half of the cost for those who are interested. We talked about providing assistance especially to first-time attendees (up to 50%) if we have enough. We talked about sponsorships from congregations or individuals. We would like students who use the scholarship funds to come back and talk about their experiences at Camp Phillip at a parent meeting or to the congregation. Kristine Boon will work with each family. A motion was made and approved to let Kristine be in charge of this.

Fundraiser opportunity: We could take a collection of soft household items, clothing, linens, shoes, etc. as well as other household items, books, and deliver it to Saver's in Eau Claire. They would pay us for the items. A motion was made, seconded and approved to go ahead with this. Becca Biebert will be in charge of a committee to go over the details of how this will work. Proceeds will go toward the school bathroom project.

We will do another coffee order this spring. Proceeds will go toward the Camp Phillip fund.

*Upcoming Events

March 8	No School LPS Tournament.
Make sure to reserve your hotel room.	
March 15	School Play (3K-3 rd)
April 1-5	No School. Spring Break.
April 26	Science Fair

The meeting was closed with the blessing.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 8 @ 6:00