



The Buzz

January 18, 2024

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

"By him we cry, 'Abba, Father.'" (Romans 8:25)

For three years Jesus lived with his disciples. These men traveled throughout the land of Palestine as they watched Jesus heal the sick and care for the hurting. No doubt many nights were spent around a campfire asking Jesus all sorts of questions. The Bible tells us in Luke 11 that one day some of the disciples watched Jesus take time to pray. When he was finished, the men said to Jesus, "Lord, teach us how to pray." Jesus sat down with them and taught them the words to the Lord's Prayer. In that prayer, Jesus showed his students many of the blessings we have been given by our loving God.

First Jesus suggested we should begin our prayer by naming the one to whom we are praying. No doubt the disciples' first thought was that we are praying to the Almighty God, the Creator of the universe, the ever-present, all-knowing, all-powerful, eternal God. We are in awe of the mighty God because he is so great.

But instead of using any of those awesome names, Jesus simply said we should call him Father. That name doesn't sound quite as awesome, does it? The word Father is a pleasant name, filled with love, comfort, hope, and joy. A loving Father paints a beautiful picture as we see someone who truly cares for each one of his children. One who gives them clothes and food and a home. He will care for them when they are sick and teach them how to act as they grow older. He will do his very best to care for all their needs because he loves his children very much. That's the way Jesus teaches us to come to our God. He wants us to see him as a loving Father who wants to know all about us and wants to be an important part of our lives.

Once the Apostle Paul was writing about how God's children look at him. He said that because we are God's sons and daughters, we can call him a very special intimate name, "Abba, Father." We don't use the word Abba too much today, do we? But many years ago that word meant daddy. In other words, Paul said when we speak to God we can call him our Daddy Father. Although the word Father shows love and care, the word daddy is even more personal. When we are at home as a family, we can call our fathers daddy. That means we are very close to the man. We are in a loving and personal relationship with him. God our Father also wants us to call him daddy. He wants us to spend time with him as we would our own dads. He wants to hear us share all our problems and successes with him. He wants to hear how much we love him, and that we are thankful for everything his goodness has given to us.

What a beautiful thing it is when we speak the Lord's Prayer and remember first of all who it is we are speaking to, our Daddy Father, our loving, gracious, and forgiving dad. He is the very same Father to our brother Jesus. Isn't it wonderful to know we are part of God's family? What more could we ever hope for?

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan 18

BB Practice

B Team 3:30-4:30

A Team 4:00-5:15

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

Tuesday, Jan 23

BB Games @ St. Peter, Schofield

B Team 4:30

A Team 5:30

Wednesday, Jan 24

Chapel 8:20 am

BB Practice

B Team-3:30-4:30

A Team 4:00-5:15

Thursday, Jan 25

BB Games @ Home vs. St. Paul

B Team 4:00

A Team 5:00

Sunday, Jan 28

Worship 9:00 am

Grades 4-8 sing at Immanuel, Globe 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Monday, Jan 29

Dartball @ Greenwood

BB Practice-Thursday, 1/18:

B Team-3:30-4:30

A Team-4:00-5:15

School Schedule: 2nd quarter report cards will be sent home today. 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 this Saturday, January 20th. Students were given schedules last week. Our first game will be played at 9:50 at Our Savior's in Wausau. Please plan to arrive at Our Savior's by 9:30 Saturday morning.

Directions to Our Savior's Lutheran School, 703 Flieth St, Wausau

Take WI 73 North to WI 29 East. Continue on WI 29 to Exit 164 A-B.

Take Exit 164 A-B. Take Sherman St and S 11th Ave to Flieth St.

Home BB Games-Monday, 1/22: We have our first home basketball games against Messiah of Eau Claire. Helpers are needed for the concession stand.

The B Team will play at 5:30.

The A Team will play at 6:30.

Come and cheer for the Hornets!

BB Games-Tuesday, 1/23: We will travel to St. Peter in Schofield.

The B Team will play at 4:30; the A Team will play at 5:30.

We will leave from school by 2:45. Drivers are needed.

Directions to St. Peter Lutheran School, 115 Eau Claire St., Schofield

Follow US-10 E to WI-34 N in Carson. Take exit 208 from US-10 E. Get on I-39 N/US-51 N in Knowlton. Continue on I-39 N/US-51 N to Rothschild. Take exit 171 from WI-29 E/WI-29 Trunk E. Follow E Grand Ave to Eau Claire St. in Schofield.

BB Practice-Wednesday, 1/24:

B Team-3:30-4:30

A Team-4:00-5:15

Home BB Games-Thursday, 1/25:

We play St. Paul of Menomonie. Helpers are needed for the concession stand.

The B Team will play at 4:00.

The A Team will play at 5:00.

Come and cheer for the Hornets!

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)

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. *Informational packets with more details have been sent home with the 8th graders. Parents, please look for those.*

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 in the next column:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QC87K9>

Our room block is titled "Neillsville Hornets."

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.

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.

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!

State Tax Deduction: Families can deduct K-8 student tuition on their state tax return. There is a form that needs to be filled out, which we have available in the school office. Please let us know if you need the form and/or a statement of your tuition payments for 2023.

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!

Large Truck or Trailer Needed: A collection of clothes and household goods is being taken to raise additional funds for the school bathroom project. A large truck or trailer is needed to haul collected items to Eau Claire. It would be needed for approximately three days, possibly in May, but date and time frame are flexible depending on when the vehicle or trailer would be available. Contact Becca Biebert (507-766-1159) or Linda Biebert (715-819-0455) for more details.

Pancake Breakfast Bake Sale: *Next year's 7th-8th grade students!*

We would like to have a bake sale during the pancake breakfast on February 11th in order to start raising money for next year's 7th-8th graders to go to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter (summer of 2025). We would like any 7th-8th students' families for next year to participate. Caitlin Hannasch will be sending an informational email about this over the weekend. In the email she will give a date for a brief meeting. At that meeting we will explain what is involved with the trip and also the Bake Sale.



Lily Harder

The student of the week is Lily Harder. Lily is in 2nd Grade. She is respectful and polite, participates in class, and has been doing a good job on her homework, slowing down and getting it done well.



Congratulations Lily!