



The Buzz

October 12, 2023

WALK WITH GOD-TALK WITH GOD

The Five-Finger Prayer

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you."

-Colossians 1:3

There are certainly many ways we can pray, and many things we can say to our Lord in our prayers. Sometimes it is good to have a plan set down before we begin to pray, that way we don't ramble along or forget to say some things we wish we would. Someone helped us make such a plan when they designed the five-finger prayer. It's an unusual name, but it may be helpful to you sometime in the future.

To use the five-finger prayer, first begin by folding your hands in front of you. Keep your eyes open so you can see what is done next. You will notice that the finger closest to you is your thumb. The thumb reminds us to begin our prayer for those closest to us. That means we could include our parents and brothers and sisters. We could ask the Lord to watch over them and protect them, and to strengthen their faith. We might even ask for healing or help in facing a difficult situation for someone close to us.

The next finger we call the index finger. Sometimes we call it the pointer because we use this finger to point to things. Our next part in our prayer is meant for those who lead us or point us in the right way. That would include our teachers and pastors. They dedicate their lives to pointing us to heaven. We must remember to thank God for these helpful people on our list.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It leads the other fingers in length. That should then remind us to pray for those who lead us. That might include our president, our mayor, and representatives in the government. We pray that God would lead them to live godly lives and make godly decisions. To be good leaders they need to follow the way God would have them go. The fourth finger is the one on which we place our rings, so it is called the ring finger. Of all the fingers, this one is the weakest. It's the one hardest to train to type or play piano because of its weakness. Yet it can remind us to remember in our prayers those who are weakest. That would include sick people, and people who cannot care for themselves.

Finally, we come to the little finger. This is the least significant of all the fingers. And so we save the last words of our prayer for ourselves. The little finger should remind us to ask God for guidance, strength, and protection.

Now when we wish to pray for others, we can just remember our five-finger prayer. Here we will pray for those closest to us, our leaders, those who point us in the right way, those who are weak, and ourselves. What a wonderful prayer plan to follow!

Hope to see everyone Sunday morning at 9:00 here at St. John's to listen to God's message and to hear the children in 3K-8 sing.

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

Upcoming Events

Thurs-Fri, Oct 12-13

Gr. 6-8 Camp Phillip Field Trip

Thursday, Oct 12

Fire Department Visit

No VB Practice

Saturday, Oct 14

A Team VB Tournament at Northland High School

Sunday, Oct 15

Worship 9:00 am

Gr. 3K-8 sing

Sunday School 10:15 am

Mission Presentation
10:15 am

FSJ Fall Dinner 11:15 am

Tuesday, Oct 17

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct 18

Chapel 8:20 am

Pioneers 6:00 pm

Friday, Oct 20

No Public School.

Alternate Bus Routes.

Sunday, Oct 22

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Tuesday, Oct 24

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct 25

Chapel 9:00 am

Grandparents Day Program
(Gr. 3K-1st) 9:30 am

School Dismisses at Noon
End of 1st Qtr (42.5 Days)

Thurs-Fri, Oct 26-27

NO SCHOOL 3K-8TH

State Teachers Conference

Camp Phillip: Grades 6-8 will be taking an overnight field trip to Camp Phillip today and tomorrow (10/12-10/13).

No VB Practice: There is no volleyball practice today.

Singing Schedule: Grades 3K-8 will be singing for our worship service this Sunday, October 15. All students are expected to be there. Church begins at 9:00 a.m. We hope many of you can join us. The children will be singing early in the service, so if some of you need to leave to attend your own church service, that will hopefully make it easier for your children to come here to sing.

Northland A-Team VB Tournament: We will be participating in a volleyball A-team tournament at Northland Lutheran High School this Saturday, October 14th. **Players should be at Northland by 9:30 Saturday morning.**

Our first game will be played at 10:00 a.m. We will play again at 10:45, with afternoon game times to be determined by how we do in the morning.

Directions to Northland Lutheran High School, 2107 Tower Rd, Kronenwetter

Follow US 10 E to WI 34 N (Exit 208). Take WI 34 N to I-39 N in Knowlton. Follow I-39 N to Maple Ridge Rd in Kronenwetter. Take exit 181 from I-39 N. Take I-39 Frontage Rd to Tower Rd.

Fall Dinner: The Friends of St. John's (school parent organization) is sponsoring their annual Fall Dinner this Sunday, October 15, from 11:15 to 1:00 in the school gym. The menu will include ham, cheesy hashbrowns, salads, cheese curds, and pies. Proceeds from the free-will donations raised at the dinner will go toward whiteboards for the classrooms. All are invited to attend.

Fall Dinner Honored Guest: Each year the Friends of St. John's chooses someone to be an honored guest at the Fall Dinner. This year our honored guest is Mrs. Gloria Hamm. Mrs. Hamm has been serving both our church and school for many years. She visits our shut-in members weekly, delivering bulletins and calendars and DVDs of our worship services. She has been teaching Sunday School for many years. She helps Mrs. Shadrack in the K-1 classroom. We thank Mrs. Hamm for all she does in service to our Savior for both our church and our school!

Pioneers: Our next Pioneer meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 18th, at 6:00. All boys and girls in grades K-8 are invited to come.

Alternate Bus Routes-10/20: The public school has the day off on Friday, Oct. 20. We will have school as normal. Buses will be running our alternate routes, as they did in August. Any questions about bus times, please contact the school office.

Grandparents Program: Grades 3K-1st will be putting on a program for grandparents (and aunts, uncles, parents, etc.) on **Wednesday, October 25th. (Please note that Grades 2-5 will NOT be involved in the program this year.)**

We will have chapel at **9:00** that morning, and following chapel will continue with the activities being planned.

All grandparents and other relatives are invited to join us for chapel at 9:00 and for the activities/program, which will be done at 11:00.

School Schedule 10/25-10/27:

Parents, please take note of the upcoming school schedule.

Wed, 10/25: We will dismiss at noon.

Thurs, 10/26: No School (3K-8th)

Fri, 10/27: No School (3K-8th)

Our teachers will be attending state teachers' conferences in Milwaukee on the 26th and 26th. On the days we don't have school, the ELC will be open for childcare.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29, from 4:00-6:00. Children are encouraged to dress up in costumes if they wish.

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to decorate their trunks and bring treats to be handed out. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Mrs. Shadrick at 715-897-0903.

Flag Football Wrap-Up: As our flag football season has come to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches, Mr. Leiterman, Mr. Marohn, and Colton Hannasch for all their time and hard work. We also want to thank our drivers and all the parents and players for their participation and support. We look forward to next year!

Flag football jerseys should be washed and turned in to Mr. Leiterman as soon as possible.



Fire Safety Presentation: We thank the volunteers from the Neillsville Fire Department for visiting us today and giving a presentation to the students.

Picture Retakes: Picture retake day has been set for Thursday, November 9th, for those who were not satisfied with the first picture. We will also be taking candid and sports photos that day for the yearbook.

End of 1st Quarter: The first quarter comes to an end of Wednesday, October 25th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 3rd.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

(Gr. K-3 and Gr. 6-8): Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday through Thursday, November 6th-9th. Watch for sign-up sheets to be coming home soon!

****Note for 4th-5th grade parents:** Because Mrs. Leiterman will be out on maternity leave, we will not be having parent-teacher conferences for 4th-5th graders until after the second quarter ends in January. At that time, conferences will be offered based on parent (or teacher) request.

Gala Heads Up: Classrooms will be gathering basket items soon for the Gala in November. Look for more information next week about what each classroom's theme will be for their baskets.



Ella Anderson

The student of the week is Ella Anderson. Ella is in 4th Grade. She is polite and respectful, sets a good example in and out of the classroom, and is a hard worker.



Congratulations Ella!



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GALA AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER



St. John's Hands-in-Service group is planning another Gala and Auction Fundraiser for **Saturday, November 11th**. The event will be held at Fannie's Supper Club at 5:00pm. Proceeds will benefit St. John's school as we raise funds for fixing up the bathrooms near the gym.

HELP NEEDED:

Items for bid at the auction are needed by November 3rd and the HIS group is seeking your creativity! Do you have a God-given talent for crafting, woodworking, arranging gift baskets, putting together a vacation package, etc....? If you would like to create and/or donate any item for the auction, please bring items to the school by November 3rd so we can prepare them for auction. Thank you in advance!

For questions, please call the school office to be directed to any members of the HIS committee. 715-743-2501