



The Buzz

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WALK WITH GOD-TALK WITH GOD

Jim Elliot Walked with God

"Go and make disciples of all nations." -Matthew 28:19

There are certainly many blessings that Christians enjoy. We are loved by God, the angels are sent to protect us, God listens to our prayers, and we can look forward to spending eternity in heaven. These are all wonderful blessings for which we should be thankful. However, being a child of God will also bring about some unpleasant times for us as well. Jesus spoke of these problems when he was about to send out his disciples to be missionaries. Jesus mentioned that they should expect that not everyone would be happy to hear their message. Some people might become very hateful of them and the message of salvation. Jesus told them, "All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved" (Matthew 10:20). Jesus wanted them to know that Satan has put hatred into the hearts of those who do not believe in Jesus. Sometimes that hatred can have horrible consequences.

Jim Elliot was 29 years old when he and four other missionaries climbed aboard a small plane that would take them to the jungles of Ecuador. It had been three years that Jim was planning this trip. His prayer was to share the love of Jesus with a remote tribe of natives known as the Aucas. The Aucas had a history of killing anyone caught in their area. But Jim felt deeply that they would change their ways once they heard the gospel message.

Jim had spent years telling more friendly natives about Jesus, and he had seen great success in his mission. But the Aucas would be a special challenge for him. Nate Saint, Jim's pilot, found a way to lower a bucket filled with gifts and supplies into the Auca camp. They also used a loud speaker to tell the Aucas that they were friends who wished to help the Aucas. After several months of visits, the Aucas placed a gift in the bucket for the missionaries. Jim and the other missionaries felt it was time to land the plane on the beach and attempt to meet the Aucas face-to-face. After they touched down, an Auca man and two women approached them. The missionaries treated them to a meal and even gave them airplane rides. Jim felt there was a friendship being started with the natives. For several days there were no more contacts. Finally on day six they heard a terrifying cry come from several natives who began attacking them. Although Jim carried a gun, he promised himself not to use it against the Aucas. Within minutes the air was filled with wooden spears. Everyone in Jim Elliot's party was killed. The Aucas had turned on them.

But that is not the end of the story. Less than two years later Jim's wife and daughter continued Jim's mission to the Aucas. Thanks to their preaching, many Aucas turned to Jesus as their Savior. Jim Elliot and his friends knew the Lord would be with them and keep them safe in the arms of Jesus even in the face of death. They had faith in the promise of Jesus that if we follow him, walk in his ways, and live as his ambassadors, there will be a prize at the end, a crown of life that will last forever. God willing, we will never face those trials, yet our love for Jesus will compel us to share his love with everyone we meet, even if it may be difficult at times.

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

Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, Oct 29

Worship 9:00 am
Guest Musician Stephen
Bautista
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am
Trunk or Treat 4:00 pm

Monday, Oct 30

Faculty Mtg 3:15 pm
Stephen Bautista Concert
6:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct 31

No Worship Service

Wednesday, Nov 1

Chapel 8:20 am

Friday, Nov 3

No Public School.
Alternate Bus Routes.

Sunday, Nov 5

Worship 9:00 am

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.

If you haven't filled out the Grandparents' Day survey yet, please take a few moments to do so. The link is below.

This survey is meant for all parents (Grades 3K-8), and will help give us a count of how many children will be staying to eat hot lunch and how many will be leaving at 11:00 after the program is done. There will NOT be busing home at noon, so please make arrangements for transportation for your child(ren).

[Grandparents Day Survey](#)

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 27th. On the days we don't have school, the ELC will be open for childcare.

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.

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.

Concert: Christian singer/songwriter Stephen Bautista and his daughter Marissa Renee will be presenting a concert here at St. John's on Monday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. The concert will be held in church. All of you are invited to attend.

Alternate Bus Routes-11/3: The public school has the day off on Friday, Nov. 3rd. 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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

(Gr. K-3 and Gr. 6-8): Parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday through Thursday, November 6th-9th. Sign-up sheets have been sent home with the children; please return those to school ASAP.

****Note for 4th-5th grade parents:** Because Mrs. Leiterman is 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.

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.

Fall Dinner Wrap-Up: We would like to thank everyone who attended the Fall Dinner this past Sunday. Around 160 people were served, and \$1,075.00 was given in free-will donations. After expenses, this money will be used to help purchase whiteboards for the classrooms. We thank all who donated food items or money, and all the volunteers who helped with planning, serving, and clean-up. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

Volleyball Wrap-Up: As our volleyball season has come to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches, Mr. Allard and Mrs. Shadrick, for all their time and hard work. We also want to thank our drivers and referees, all the parents and players, and all who helped out in the concession stand. Thanks for your help and support!

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

Congratulations: We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Leiterman, whom the Lord blessed with the gift of a healthy baby girl, Hannah Kristine, born on Monday, October 16th.

Maternity Leave Teacher: We welcome Mrs. Michelle Korth, who lives in the Marshfield area. She will be teaching Grades 4-5 while Mrs. Leiterman is on maternity leave.

Call Received: “It is that time of the year again! On Sunday, October 15, I received a Divine Call from Salem Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI to serve as Principal of their 4K-8. This call is to be a full-time principal call with the sole focus being building relationships with families and students in the school and community along with leading their staff. It has been and continues to be a wonderful blessing for me to serve the Lord here at St. John’s as principal, athletic director, and upper grades teacher.

It is also humbling to once again be called by another school as Principal and see if my God-given talents and abilities will benefit them and their families. I ask that you keep Megan and I along with our family in your prayers and offer your input as we deliberate the two calls I now hold, to serve here at St. John’s in Neillsville and the call to serve at Salem.

The following passage still provides me confidence and serves as a good reminder for all of us to keep in mind during this deliberation process. We know that our good Lord will work all things out in the best interest for both schools and congregations.

“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 you in Christ,”

Mike Allard



Elliot Biebert

The student of the week is Elliot Biebert. Elliot is in 2nd Grade. He is friendly, polite and respectful, sets a good example in the classroom, and is helpful, especially the last three days when his regular teacher has been gone.



Congratulations Elliot!

Families & Supporters of St. John's,

We are going to have our GALA event at Fannie's Supper Club on Saturday, November 11. This GALA gives families of our school and early learning center, along with members from our church and the community of Neillsville, a chance to come together and support a need in our school. This year, we are raising money to do a complete bathroom renovation in the elementary school side of our building.

We will be putting together baskets from the ELC and also 1 from each classroom at school. Please consider donating an item(s) to these baskets that fit the theme. If you would like to donate cash and have the teacher use that money to add things to the basket that will be fine too. Anything would be appreciated! Descriptions for the baskets are below.

Finally, along with helping us raise money for this project by donating items, we invite you to join us on Saturday, November 11 at Fannie's for a night of good food, good drinks, lots of fun, and lots of support for our school.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

ELC Basket #1- Taco Tuesday (Who doesn't love a fiesta. Donate supplies that would make the absolute best "taco Tuesday" night for a family. Shells, meat, cheese, chips, salsa, queso, decorations, etc. The list goes on and on for this one. Don't forget the adult beverages and the sodas for the kids.)

ELC Basket #2- Ice Cream Sundae Toppings (Can you help make the ultimate Ice Cream Sundae toppings basket? Anything that you could think of for putting on top of the most epic sundae is what we want in this basket. Cookies, Candy, Chocolate, Caramel, and much more...oh my!)

K-1 Basket- Movie Night (Who doesn't love curling up for a nice movie night? Blankets, slippers and bathrobes could make this even better. Combine your favorite candy, snacks, and beverages with a couple of movie options that will be sure to make everyone in the family excited to win this basket.)

2-3 Basket- Sports/Tailgating (We all love cheering for our favorite sports team, whether that is for the Hornets, Packers, Bucks or Brewers. Donate any type of memorabilia that any sports fan would love! Cash donations for this basket will go to buying 1-2 bleacher seats combined with everything else for you to bid on.)

4-5 Basket- Warm and Cozy (Oh the weather outside will soon turn frightful! But inside, you can be nice and warm and cozy, which I hear feels delightful! Donate anything you can that could be considered warm and cozy-special blankets, comfy clothes, candles, etc. The list is endless to help someone beat the winter cold!)

6-8 "Basket"- Fill the Fanny (Mr. Allard picked out the perfect Fanny Pack to be auctioned off at the GALA. However, this is no ordinary fanny! Families in school, church, and those attending the GALA will have the opportunity to stuff it whenever they can. What can you stuff it with?! Money, Gift cards, Gas cards, lottery tickets... you name it! Whatever can fit in the fanny will be accepted! Give your donations to Mr. Allard at any time.)

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