



The Buzz

November 16, 2023

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD Hezekiah Pleads With God

“Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD.” -Isaiah 38:2

All of us hate to be on the receiving end of bad news. “Sorry, but you haven’t been chosen for the team.” “I hate to tell you this, but you have three cavities.” “Kids, our vacation’s been cancelled because Dad has to work.” “This store is closing. You’ll have to find work elsewhere.” Bad reports like these can sometimes be devastating. You’ve been hoping for weeks to make the team. You brush regularly and still have to face the dentist’s drill? We missed vacation last year too because dad had to work. Laid off of work? How can I make my payments and raise my family? Maybe we haven’t encountered any of these bad things, but I’m certain that each of us can name several times when we were devastated with bad news.

Hezekiah was a king of Judah. He was a good king who tried to rule the kingdom according to God’s ways. Yet one day he heard some of the worst news he could ever imagine. This is how the Bible tells the story: “In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah, son of Amoz went to him and said, ‘This is what the Lord says: Put your house in order because you are going to die; you will not recover.’ Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, ‘Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.’ And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”

What would you do if the Lord came to you and said, “Put your house in order because you are going to die?” Those words surely frightened Hezekiah. So what was the very first thing Hezekiah did? He prayed! Hezekiah could have searched the kingdom for the best doctors. He could have shaken his fist at God in anger. Or he could have felt sorry for himself and sobbed and sobbed. But he didn’t do any of those things. Hezekiah prayed. He pleaded with the Lord to help him get through this trial. He went first to God, because Hezekiah knew that there is only one who has the power over life and death. He knew that all healing comes from only one source, God alone.

Have you ever pleaded with God? Have you ever needed to bow before the Lord at your weakest moment and prayed for his strength and help? Hezekiah is a good example for us to follow when bad news comes our way. He shows us that the first one we need to go to for help is the one who has promised to help us every time we come to him. Let’s remember where to go when we hear bad news. Pour out your heart to the Lord and bring your problem to him. You can be certain that your prayer will be heard and God will give you an answer and show you a way out.

You might wonder whatever happened to Hezekiah. The Bible gives us the rest of the story: “Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, ‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David says, I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life’.”

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov 19

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Tuesday, Nov 21

Church Band 4:00 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

Wed-Fri, Nov 22-24

NO SCHOOL -
THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thursday, Nov 23

Thanksgiving Worship
9:00 am

Thurs-Fri, Nov 23-24

ELC CLOSED

Sunday, Nov 26

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Monday, Nov 27

Dartball vs. Globe/Christie

Tuesday, Nov 28

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 29

Chapel 8:20 am

Sunday, Dec 3

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Advent for Women
2:00 pm

Apparel Order: Are you in need of St. John's apparel, either for yourself or as a gift? You can now order online at

<https://stjohns23fa.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Check out all the styles, colors, and logos that are available.

New this time: "Hornet Music" logo.

The online store will be open for orders through **Wednesday, November 22nd**. You will receive your items before Christmas.

If your child is playing basketball, please make sure to order a pair of shorts that they can wear with their jersey.

School Schedule: There will be NO SCHOOL for 3K-8th Grade Wednesday through Friday (11/22-11/24). The ELC will be open for childcare on Wednesday (11/22), but WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (11/23-11/24) for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Worship: We will be having a special Thanksgiving Day worship service on November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. All of you are invited to join us for this special service as we give thanks to our gracious God for his continued grace and blessings to us.

BB Practice: Basketball practice will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 starting Tuesday, December 5.

Gala/Auction: We would like to thank everyone who came to the Gala at Fannie's on November 11th. We also want to thank everyone who brought in items for the classroom baskets, and all who donated money. After expenses, \$22,365.70 was raised for the school bathroom project. We greatly appreciate all the wonderful support!!

We also want to thank everyone who worked hard helping to plan the Gala and helping out that night. The Gala could not have been a success without all the hard work that went into it!

12/17-K-8 Christmas Service &

12/19-3K/4K Christmas Service: All students are expected to participate in our children's Christmas services. We wanted to give parents a heads-up so that you can plan accordingly. This is part of our religion curriculum.

The service on Dec 17 will be at 9:00 a.m.

The service on Dec 19 will be at 6:00 p.m.

Winter Clothes: We will plan to go outside for recess most days during the winter, weather permitting. Please make sure to send along outdoor winter clothing with your children (snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, coats, etc.)

Shorts: The last week students can wear shorts is next week. Shorts are not allowed after Thanksgiving break.

Cookie Decorating: Our Pioneer group will be having a special meeting on Wednesday, December 13th, at 5:30 to decorate cookies to be put into care packages for our shut-in members. Some supplies are needed: cut-out sugar cookies, white frosting, apples, oranges, string cheese, and fudge. If you are able to help by donating any of these items, please contact Mrs. Shadrick at 715-897-0903. Thank you!

Thank you: We would like to thank the members of the Neillsville Auxiliary for presenting "America's White Table" to our 4th-8th graders this past week. Check out the display in our lobby.



Amazon Wish List: If you're interested in purchasing Christmas gifts for the K-1st Grade classroom, Mrs. Shadrick has updated her Amazon wish list with items she would like for the classroom. To access her list, go to:

<https://a.co/6PmhZSp>

2024 Calendars: Beautiful 2024 wall calendars with Scripture verses are available. Buy 1 for \$8.00 or two for \$15.00. Proceeds will go toward costs for teens to attend the International Youth Rally next year in Colorado. Inspire your year or give as gifts!



Emerson Schmid

The student of the week is Emerson Schmid. Emerson is in 3rd Grade. She is a hard worker, gets her work done, is respectful and polite, and sets a good example inside and outside the classroom.



Congratulations Emerson!

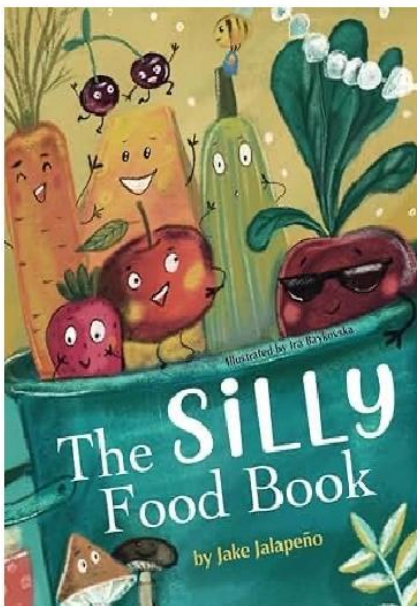


and the Optimist Club along with the Neillsville
Public Library proudly present

Jake Jalapeno

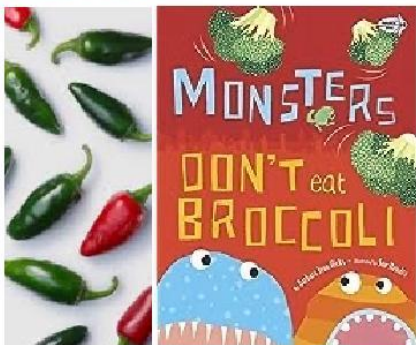
Sunday, December 3rd, 1:00pm at CART

Bring your family to this year's Annual Optimist Holiday Party



This year Jake Jalapeno, author of the Silly Food Book and his son Enoch Jalapeno will be performing at the CART Center. There will be juggling, a magic show and loads of fun for the entire family!

Previous to writing, Jake and his wife, Mrs. Jalapeño, operated their own farm called **The Garden of Weedin'**. He also worked as an Urban Farm Manager and Culinary Coordinator for **Nourish**, a non-profit food education organization in Wisconsin. Jake enjoys spending time with his wife and their five little "poppers". He loves board games, sports, the outdoors and has an unbridled passion for pencils, which he will gladly talk about. These days he is managing Dynamite Harvest Farm in Wisconsin.



Enoch is a young talented magician specializing in card magic. He recently was awarded a scholarship to attend **MagiFest**, the largest magic convention in the country. He grabbed attention by creating an effect in which he made any food on his dinner plate disappear without eating it. This effect was so powerful that his parents banned it from the household. He can be found in his room, reading books on magic, practicing cardistry, or designing his next trick.

All Children must be accompanied by an adult



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