



The Buzz

November 21, 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Thanksgiving Schedule: There will be no school for 3K-8th Grade Wednesday through Friday, November 22nd-24th, as we enjoy Thanksgiving break.

ELC Schedule: The ELC will be open for childcare on Wednesday, November 22nd. **The ELC WILL BE CLOSED Nov. 23rd-24th.**

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.

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.

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!

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.

Christmas Service Music: We are looking for students who would be willing to play or sing pre-service music for our children's Christmas service on December 17th. If your son or daughter would like to participate, please talk to Mrs. Sternitzky, or you may call the school office at 715-743-2501.

Shorts: Students are not allowed to wear shorts after Thanksgiving break.

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!

Camp Phillip Scholarships: Our Friends of St. John's group (parent organization) has funds set aside to provide scholarships for students who would like to go to Camp Phillip in Wautoma next summer. If you are interested in sending your children and would like to apply for a scholarship, please fill out the Google form (link listed below) by December 23rd. We will discuss the scholarship applications at our next parent meeting in January. (Camp Phillip registration opens up February 1st.)

<https://forms.gle/3e3rcGz5w63HTjyq7>

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



Thank You, LORD!

Call Returned:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters at St. John’s,

On October 15, I received a Divine Call to serve as principal at Salem Lutheran School in Milwaukee. I truly appreciate all the kind words that were typed, written, and said to us while I have been deliberating this call. You are all truly wonderful blessings to us and to our family. If I return the call to serve at Salem there are many unique blessings and challenges that we would have here at St. John’s. If I accept the call to serve at Salem there would be many unique blessings and challenges in Milwaukee too. This was also interesting to deliberate because it would take me out of the classroom as a full-time teacher and make me responsible for the day-to-day operations of leading a school and its staff along with working on a leadership team in a network with another WELS school.

After many conversations with lots of people and a whole lot of prayer, I have decided to return the call and am thankful to continue serving our Savior alongside all of you in Neillsville.

As I said, there are many unique challenges and blessings that we currently face here at St. John’s. There will be more that come up in the future and I look forward to working through those with all of you with God’s help. Throughout this process, I continued to find myself so thankful for all the people I get to work with here every day along with the leaders of our church and school. We are so blessed here in our little corner of the kingdom of God in Neillsville and I hope we all never take that for granted.

I also ask all of you to pray that very soon the good Lord will bless Salem with the principal that he has handpicked for them.

May God continue to bless His ministry in every place. To Him be the glory!

Serving in Christ,”

Mike Allard

Principal @ St. John’s

Please Join Us!



The King
Shall Come

Advent Program for Women
Hosted by St. John's Lights Group

Sunday, December 3rd
2:00-4:00pm
St. John's Lutheran Church
Neillsville, WI

Enjoy devotion and fellowship while refocusing on our
Savior's coming during this busy Christmas Season!
RSVP to the Church Office: 715-743-2501