



# The Buzz

February 1, 2024

## WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

**Give us today our daily bread**

*"God will meet all your needs." -Philippians 4:19*

Do you like to eat? That's a crazy question, isn't it? Of course, we all like to eat! Just think how much time we spend every day sitting down for meals and snacking in between. Surely eating is an activity we all love doing.

It is likely that many of you like pizza and chocolate and cherry pie, perhaps, but how would you feel about coming up with some unusual combinations of food? Here are some strange foods you might like to try:

Strawberry Popsicle with ranch dressing

Sausage milkshake

Chocolate-covered shrimp

Scrambled eggs with marshmallow cream

Banana split topped with baked beans

Sauerkraut s'mores

Brussel sprout pudding

Tuna smoothie

Liver meringue pie

None of those may sound very appetizing to you, but they do help us understand the many, many different kinds of flavors and foods we can enjoy. God has blessed us with an unlimited amount of tastes and treats.

When Jesus taught the disciples to pray the Lord's Prayer he made certain to include a part that deals with our daily blessings such as food. Jesus prayed, "Give us today (this day) our daily bread." What was Jesus trying to teach us with those words? First notice that in those few words twice Jesus mentions the word day. He didn't say, "Give us our bread," but rather he included the word today. Was there a special reason for that? Certainly. Jesus wants us to know that we only need to pray for his blessings today. Then when tomorrow comes, he wants us to come to him again, and ask for his blessings just for tomorrow. When the Israelites were in the desert, God gave them a special food called manna. Each morning the people would go out and pick up manna off the ground. But they could only take as much as they needed for one day, for if they kept it overnight, it would be spoiled rotten by next morning. God was teaching them to rely on him to provide their food each day. That's what he is trying to teach us in the Lord's Prayer. Jesus loves it when we rely on him for our blessings every day. He wants to hear us ask again every day of the week.

Of course, the Lord's Prayer is asking for much more than food. We are praying that God would daily give us shelter and clothing, safety and health. All our daily needs are summed up in those few words that Jesus taught us to pray. Let's remember to ask Jesus every day for the blessings we need.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Feb 1

BB Game @ Our Savior's,  
Wausau

Mixed Team 4:30

### Saturday, Feb 3

Bruce Mound Family  
Tubing Outing 5:00-8:00

### Sunday, Feb 4

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Gr. 3K-3<sup>rd</sup> sing at St. John's,  
Christie 10:30 am

### Monday, Feb 5

Home BB Games vs.  
Immanuel, Medford  
B Team 4:00  
A Team 5:00

### Tuesday, Feb 6

Home BB Games vs. St.  
Peter of Schofield  
B Team 4:30  
A Team 5:30

### Wednesday, Feb 7

Chapel 8:20 am

### Thursday, Feb 8

BB Practice  
B Team 3:30-4:30  
A Team 4:00-5:15

### Sunday, Feb 11

Worship 9:00 am

FSJ Pancake Breakfast  
10:30-1:00

*No Sun Sch or Bible Class*

### Monday, Feb 12

Dartball @ Globe-Christie

### Tuesday, Feb 13

Bruce Mound Field Trip  
(Grades 2-8)

BB Practice  
B Team 3:30-4:30  
A Team 4:00-5:15

## BB Game-Thursday, 2/1:

We will travel to Our Savior's in Wausau. We will have one game only, and will play a mixed team (B and A). Drivers are needed.

Game time is 4:30. We will leave school at 2:50.

***The parents of those students who will be playing have been notified, so if you didn't receive a text message, your child does not need to come. This was based on the number and level of players that Our Savior's has.***

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> Ave to Flieth St.

**Family Tubing Outing-2/3:** 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.

**Singing Schedule: Sun, 2/4: Grades 3K-3<sup>rd</sup> sing at St. John's, Christie (10:30)**

## BB Games-Monday, 2/5:

We have home games against Immanuel of Medford. The B Team will play at 4:00, and the A Team will play at 5:00. Helpers are needed for the concession stand. *Come and cheer for the Hornets!*

## BB Games-Tuesday, 2/6:

We have home games against St. Peter of Schofield. The B Team will play at 4:30, and the A Team will play at 5:30. Helpers are needed for the concession stand. *Come and cheer for the Hornets!*

## BB Practice-Thursday, 2/8:

B Team: 3:30-4:30                      A Team: 4:00-5:15

**Watertown Tournament T-Shirts:** T-shirt order forms have been sent home with those children who will be participating in the Luther Prep Co-Ed Tournament. The order forms and payment should be turned in **TODAY.**

**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 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our room block is titled "Neillsville Hornets." Please reserve rooms online using the link below:

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

**Penny Wars:** Penny Wars is starting up today. Please see page 5 of The Buzz for more details. These informational sheets were also sent home with the children yesterday. Funds raised will go toward the school bathroom project.

**Pancake Breakfast:** The Friends of St. John's will be sponsoring their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11, from 10:30-1:00 in the school gym. All are invited to attend. Free will offerings given will go toward tuition assistance.

If you can help out by donating needed items for the breakfast or by helping with serving and clean-up, please fill out and return the donation sheets that were sent home. Thank you!

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

We would like to have a bake sale during the pancake breakfast on February 11<sup>th</sup> in order to start raising money for next year's 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to go to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter (summer of 2025). We would like any 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> students' families for next year to

participate. An informational email was sent out about this. In the email a date was given for a brief meeting. At that meeting we will explain what is involved with the trip and also the Bake Sale.

**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.

### **Upcoming School Schedule:**

Please take notice from your February calendar that there will be no school on Thursday-Friday, February 15-16. Our teachers will be attending District Teacher Conference. The ELC will be open both days for childcare.

**Winter Carnival:** Our church's HIS Group (Hands in Service) is sponsoring a children's carnival on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Coffee Fundraiser:** We are once again selling Berres Brothers coffee. Order forms were sent home with the children this week, and extras are available from the school office. Proceeds from coffee sales will go into our Camp Phillip tuition assistance fund. Order forms and money should be turned in by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. The coffee should be here and ready to be picked up early in April.

**Call News-Pastor Biebert:** Maybe you have heard that Pastor Biebert has received a call to be pastor at Christus Lutheran Church in Delavan, WI. If you see him around, he would appreciate any comments or encouragements you could offer as he deliberates where best to serve with his gifts. Please make a point of reaching out! There have been so many blessings for us here at St. John's that he has played a part in and it would be great to remind him about those! Also, as always, keep him and his family, along with both church families, in your prayers throughout this time. Thank You!

**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.

**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.



### **Owen Kallian**

The student of the week is Owen Kallian. Owen is in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. He has been working hard, participates in class, is friendly to his classmates, and is polite and respectful to the teachers and other adults.



***Congratulations Owen!***



# St. John's Penny Wars!



**Purpose:** To help raise money for your school to update the old bathrooms next to the gymnasium!

**Goal:** For your class to gain the most points by collecting the most pennies. The winning classroom will get a pizza party! Our goal is to collect at least \$1500. If we do there will be a special reward which will be announced soon.

## **Scoring:**

- Penny: +1 point (put these in your classrooms jug)
- Nickel: -1 points (put these in someone else's jug)
- Dime: -5 points (put these in someone else's jug)
- Quarter: -10 points (put these in someone else's jug)
- Dollar Bill: -25 points (put these in someone else's jug)
- 5 Dollar Bill: -100 points (put these in someone else's jug)
- 10 Dollar Bill: -200 points (put these in someone else's jug)
- 20 Dollar Bill: -400 points (put these in someone else's jug)

**How to Play:** Each classroom will have a jug that they are trying to collect the most pennies in. Other classrooms can put money into a different classrooms jug to make them lose points. (Ex. A 1<sup>st</sup> grade student can bring a \$1 bill and put it into Mr. Allard's milk jug and his class loses 25 points!) **Pennies are the only way you earn points for your room, anything else you want to put in other classrooms jugs.**

**Who can Participate?** EVERYONE, students, teachers, parents, church members...

**How long does this last?** The Penny Wars will start this week **Thursday @ 7:45 AM (Feb 1)** and will go until **Sunday @ 9:00AM (March 31)**.