



The Buzz

February 14, 2024

Today is both Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's day. A day that might bring flowers and candy for some. A lot of "I love you's" will be spoken as they ought to be. But there is a greater love, a greater love story, that will be heard in Christian congregations today. "No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends..." We follow Jesus to the cross reflecting on his passion for us. We do so in humbleness, "you are but dust and to dust you will return." But it doesn't end there. Because Jesus died, we get to live for eternity in heaven. But that story will be told on Easter... We want to show those we care about that we love them, perhaps with a token gift of flowers or candy. But Christ actually demonstrated his love for us with the gift of his very blood, given and shed for you!

My song is love unknown—
my Savior's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die? CW 397 Stanza 1

Ash Wednesday: The season of Lent begins today. We will be having a worship service this evening at 7:00, to which all are invited. Join us as we ponder again the great love of our Savior as He goes to the cross for us.

No School Feb 15-16: There will be no school (3K-8th) this Thursday-Friday, February 15-16. Our teachers will be attending District Teachers Conference. The ELC will be open both days for childcare.

BB Practice: Tuesday, Feb 20

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

Lenten Worship: Wed, 2/21: Grades K-8 sing for our Wednesday Lenten service at 7:00 p.m.

All of you are invited to supper at 6:00 that evening, which will be served in the school gym.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Feb 14

Chapel 8:20 am

Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 pm

Thurs-Fri, Feb 15-16

No School-3K-8th
District Teachers Conf

Sunday, Feb 18

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Monday, Feb 19

Dartball vs. Greenwood

Tuesday, Feb 20

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

Wednesday, Feb 21

Chapel 8:20 am

Supper 6:00 pm

Lent Worship 7:00pm
Gr. K-8 sing

Thursday, Feb 22

Home BB Games vs. St.
Mark of Eau Claire
B Team 4:00
A Team-5:00

Friday, Feb 23

No Public School.
Alternate Bus Routes.

Faculty Mtg 3:15 pm

BB Games: Thursday, Feb 22

We have home games vs. St. Mark of Eau Claire.

The B Team will play at 4:00, and the A Team will play at 5:00.

Helpers are welcome for the concession stand.

Come and cheer for the Hornets!

Alternate Busing-Friday, Feb 23: The public school has off on Friday, 2/23. We will have school as normal, and will have our alternate bus routes. If you have any questions on bus times, please contact the school office.

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

Pancake Breakfast: We would like to thank everyone who attended the pancake breakfast this past Sunday, and all who donated toward the free-will offering. \$1,723.00 was given. We also want to offer special thanks to all who donated food items or money for food, and to all who helped out. Your support is greatly appreciated!!

Bake Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported our 6th-7th graders as they prepare for their 2025 summer trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter by purchasing items at the bake sale. So far \$655 has been raised from the sale. Thanks for your support!!

Penny Wars: Penny Wars has started up again. Please see page 4 of The Buzz for more details. Funds raised will go toward the school bathroom project.

Coffee Fundraiser: We are once again selling Berres Brothers coffee. Order forms were sent home 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 15th. The coffee should be here and ready to be picked up early in April.

Soup, Pie & Ice Cream: Our parent organization will be serving a supper of homemade soup, pie and ice cream on Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. We are in need of pie donations. Please watch for donation slips to be sent home next week.

Those who signed up to be on the serving committee are: Craig & Rachel Anderson, Josh & Amanda Dux, Ed & Jenn Schmid, and Ian & Courtney Pierce.

Household Item Collection: We thank Eric Backaus for donating the use of his trailer for our collection of clothing and household items. Proceeds from this will go to our school bathroom fund. We are tentatively planning on collecting and delivering the items the last week in April; as soon as we have a firm date we will let you know.

In the meantime, you can begin saving clothing, household items, linens, shoes, books, etc. Watch for further details.

Bathroom Donation: \$300.00 was donated by Julie Berry for the school bathroom project from the Gross Motors Google reviews that were done at the St. John's Gala at Fannies. **Cody Kallian won a free oil change.** Thank you to everyone who was able to help with this.

SAVE THE DATE & SPREAD THE WORD

3K/4K-Kindergarten Open House:

We will have an open house for those families who have children who will be entering 3K, 4K, or Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Open House will be held Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 to noon. More information will be sent home to those families.

Kindergarten Round-Up: Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Thursday afternoon, March 21st, from 12:30 to 2:45. All current 4K students are invited. More information will be sent home to those families.

If you know of a friend, neighbor, or family member interested in a Christian education for their child tell them about these events!



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 1st 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)**.