



The Buzz

February 22, 2024

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

***“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.”
-James 1:13-14***

Did you ever have a problem understanding the words: “Lead us not into temptation”? Why would we ask God not to lead us into temptation? Isn’t God a loving God? What kind of loving God would lead his children into temptation? Is God really that cruel? Don’t feel bad, a lot of people have had this misunderstanding initially when learning about the Lord’s Prayer.

Perhaps it can be explained with a short picture story. A father was taking his daughters on a trip that took them through a huge forest. Since it was getting dark, he decided to turn on the car’s headlights. However, they were dim and barely lit anything. The car’s battery would soon be dead. What would they do then? The girls were frightened of the dark and scary place. But dad knew exactly where the road would lead. All he asked of his daughters was that they would stay close to him. “Don’t worry, daddy,” one of the girls said as she squeezed her dad’s hand, “we’ll stick to you tight like super-glue!”

There will come times in our lives that will be much like the trip in our story. Sometimes life can take us into the darkest forests. A parent can lose their job so we will need to sell our house and move away to another neighborhood. A family member has cancer and must stay in a hospital room for many weeks. Those who we thought were our best friends have talked bad about us, deserted us and left us all alone. No matter how hard we try, we just cannot seem to pass a test in school. It’s terrible having to listen to mom and dad arguing and yelling at each other.

Each of us will be led through a different forest where we will be left with a “broken down automobile.” Left on our own we would all be completely lost and hopeless. But in the story, it was that dad who knew the way out. In our lives that dad is God, our closest Friend, our Father! He knows the way. That’s why the first two words in this part of the Lord’s Prayer is “lead us.” Jesus has said he will be the leader. We just need to stick to him like super-glue.

Think about some of the stories we have talked about each week this school year already. They were in some dark and scary places in their lives that we can only imagine. Yet they stuck to Jesus like glue. Think about stories from the Bible like the misfortune Joseph went through, the trials Daniel needed to put up with, or the torture Paul endured. God tells us that there will be trials in all our lives, but with each trial he has promised to walk us through it. His plan is always to deliver us from the evil that lurks around every corner. We only need to confidently take hold of his hand, knowing that he knows the way out of the woods because he’s already been there.

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

Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, Feb 24

Kids Carnival 11:00-1:00

Sunday, Feb 25

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Tuesday, Feb 27

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

Wednesday, Feb 28

Chapel 8:20 am
Pioneers 5:00 pm
Supper 6:00 pm
Lenten Worship 7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb 29

Home BB Games vs. Trinity of Marshfield
B Team 4:00 pm
A Team 5:00 pm

Sunday, Mar 3

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Mar 4-7

Spirit Week

Monday, Mar 4

School Board 5:15 pm
Dartball vs. Globe-Christie

Tuesday, Mar 5

BB Practice (A Team Only)
3:30-5:00

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 tomorrow. 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 **this 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!!

BB Practice: Tuesday, Feb 27

B Team 3:30-4:30

A Team 4:00-5:15

Pioneers: Our Pioneer groups will be meeting at 5:00 on Wednesday, February 28th. All children are invited.

Pine cars will be available from Mrs. Shadrick starting next Thursday. Cost is \$3/each. Watch for more details on the Pine Car Derby.

Lenten Worship: Wednesday, Feb 28

All of you are invited to our Lenten worship service at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is also invited to join us for supper that evening, which will be served in the school gym starting at 6:00. The menu will include BBQ and plain pulled pork sandwiches, cheesy hashbrowns, and all the extras.

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School Band Online Voting Contest:

Heid's Music from Stevens Point does a "Big 10 Contest" each year that awards prizes for school music programs. We are participating this year to benefit our school's new music program. You can vote once a day to support our school. This contest goes through the month of March.

Last year, we participated in this contest and took 11th out of over 150 different schools/groups. With a limited choice of options, we chose to get an electric violin. We are going to sell that instrument in hopes to get other instruments we can eventually use.

To vote, you will need to go to the link below. Then you will scroll down the page to the section "Vote For Your Favorite Photo." There you will enter your email address, first and last name. As you scroll down, please find the picture of our school students and vote.

<https://www.heidmusic.com/big10plus/>

This being our third year of giving instrumental lessons, we currently have seven students learning and using their God given gifts and abilities to serve the Lord; what a blessing! On behalf of our beginning and returning instrumentalists we thank you for your support. God is good, all the time!

Serving You In Christ-
Mr. Brandon Leiterman

Penny Wars: Penny Wars has started up again. Please see page 5 of The Buzz for more details. Funds raised will go toward the school bathroom project.

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. If you can help by donating any pies or other needed items, please return the donation slips that were sent home this week. Thanks!

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

Lights, Camera, Action!-March 15:

This year, our 3K-4K classes and our K-3 group will be putting on some school plays in the St. John's gym. The 3K-4K will be presenting "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." The K-3 classes will be putting on the play "Stone Soup" (a fantastic fable about the great gift of sharing).

Invite your friends and family to our play night on March 15th at 6pm.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Mr. Leiterman:

(email: mr.leiterman@stjohnsneillsville.com)

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.

School Yearbooks: Interstate Studio is no longer offering yearbooks free of charge to parents who ordered school pictures. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A YEARBOOK, THE COST IS \$6.00 AND YOU WILL NEED TO ORDER IN ADVANCE.

To place your order for school yearbooks, go to the following link: <https://interstate.com/YearbookEntry/82205P>

Orders are due by March 15.

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, March 21st**, from **8:30-11:00**. 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!

FUNDrive: Clear your clutter for a cause!

Please bring your bags and covered boxes of unwanted household items to the collection trailer in the St. John's Lutheran School parking lot. Regular collection times are Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26, 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Proceeds help make our original school bathrooms handicap accessible!

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

Books & Media

paperback, hard cover - all genres; **media needs to be boxed separately* **no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.



Vada Schoen

The student of the week is Vada Schoen. Vada is in 6th Grade. She has been working hard on her assignments, has a good attitude about her schoolwork, is friendly and polite, and participates in class.



Congratulations Vada!



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)**.