



The Buzz

February 29, 2024

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

**“For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.”
“He will lead them to springs of living water.” (Revelation 7:17)**

We enjoy praying the Lord’s Prayer because it is a complete prayer for everyone to pray, and, of course, it was taught to us by Jesus himself. Today we will look at part six of the prayer, “For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.” When we pray this wonderful phrase we are really mentioning things that explain the **AWESOMENESS** of our God. This part of the prayer takes the focus completely off of us and trains our eyes to look only at the **GREATNESS** of God. What a wonderful way to end this prayer.

Yours is the kingdom! The first of the four descriptions that we use is that God owns everything. He is so great that he created and controls the tiniest microorganism to the greatest galaxies in the universe. There is nothing that happens in the vast universe that he does not know about. The Bible says God knows when we lose just a tiny hair, and when a small sparrow dies. Yes, God owns a vast kingdom. The Bible says, “His kingdom rules over all” (Psalm 103:19). Isn’t it a blessing to know that we are part of the inner circle in his great kingdom?

Next, we say that God has **all power**. We all know what it means to be powerful. We know of Marvel superheroes or Batman. But God’s power is so much greater. Just think, he handles the weather, the wind and storms, the heat and tornadoes. And only God has the power to heal us when we get a tiny cut, or when we suffer from cancer. Not only that, he is able to raise us up from the dead. We say that God is omnipotent, or all-powerful. What a blessing knowing that the all-powerful God is on our side and is ready to fight our battles for us. The Bible says, “Great is the Lord, and mighty in power” (Psalm 147:5).

The third description we use about God is that **his is the glory**. When we use the word glory we speak of the admiration we have for God, the praise that is his only, the honor that we display before him, and the worship that is due him. Certainly, God is worthy of all glory. The Bible says, “The heavens declare the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1). Let us give all glory to God!

The last word we use to describe God is **forever**. It’s no secret that God existed forever before he made the world, and he will be forever into the future. It is because he is eternal that he offers to let us share in his eternalness forever in heaven. What greater gift could we ever hope for? The Bible says, “He is the living God, the eternal King” (Jeremiah 10:10).

The next time that you pray the Lord’s Prayer, take time to reflect on the words and the deep meanings behind everything that we are asking our AWESOME God. Believe it! Trust it! Live by it!

Serving You in Christ, Mike Allard, Principal @ St. John’s

Upcoming Events

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)
3:30-5:15

Wednesday, Mar 6

Chapel 8:20 am
Soup, Pie & Ice Cream
Supper 6:00 pm
Lenten Worship 7:00 pm

Friday, Mar 8

NO SCHOOL (3K-8TH)

Fri-Sat, Mar 8-9

Luther Prep A Team
Basketball Tournament

Saturday, Mar 9

Daylight Savings Time
begins tonight

Sunday, Mar 10

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

Monday, Mar 11

Dartball @ Greenwood

Wednesday, Mar 13

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

BB Games: Thursday, Feb 29

We have home games vs. Trinity of Marshfield.

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!

Spirit Week: Next week we will be having a Spirit Week to send our A-team off to their final basketball tournament of the year and to celebrate school spirit. We plan on having different activities throughout the week along with dress up days and a Pep Rally.

Monday: Pajama Day & Anything but a Backpack or Fake an Injury
(Wear pajamas or fake an injury or bring something to school to use as a backpack that is not a backpack!)

Tuesday: Crazy Class Color Day (ELC-wear your favorite color; K-1-wear red; 2-3-wear green; 4-5-wear blue; 6-8-wear black)

Wednesday: Dress Like Teacher/Student or Dream Career Day
(Students dress like teachers or teachers dress like students or dress up as a worker in your "dream" career)

Thursday: Hornet Day *(Come in your hornet gear or black and yellow clothing)*

**Pep Rally at 2:00 Thursday afternoon. If you would like to come and watch you are more than welcome!*

BB Practice: Tuesday, Mar 5

A Team Only 3:30-5:15

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 last 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.

No School-Friday, Mar 8:

There is NO SCHOOL (3K-8th) on Friday, March 8th, as our basketball team travels to Watertown to participate in the Luther Prep tournament. The ELC will be open for childcare.

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 starts March 1** and 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

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://inter-state.com/YearbookEntry/82205P>

Orders are due by March 15.

Winter Carnival Wrap-Up: A very special "thank you" goes out to all who attended our Kids Carnival on February 24th. We had a great turnout; the gym was full! We would also like to offer a special "thank you" to everyone who helped out with the carnival by baking cakes or cupcakes, giving monetary donations, or helping out that day. It takes a lot of work to put the carnival together and run it, and we had a great number of awesome volunteers. We also want to thank Mark Studinski from Rock 'n Roll To Go Plus for loaning us his sno cone and cotton candy machines, as well as the bounce houses and slide. Thanks for all the support!!

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!

Pine Car Derby: We will be having a Pine Car Derby on Saturday, April 13th, starting at 1:00 in the school gym. Pine car kits are \$3 each. You can purchase those from Mrs. Shadrick. All children (and adults) are invited to participate in the fun. If you'd like to bring snacks to share, please feel free to do so. Any questions, talk to Mrs. Shadrick.

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, magazines, 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.



Jaeger Anding

The student of the week is Jaeger Anding. Jaeger is in 5th Grade. He has been setting a good example in the classroom-showing his fellow classmates how they should be treating each other-is a hard worker, is polite and friendly, and is almost always happy.



Congratulations Jaeger!



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)**.