



# The Buzz

March 21, 2024

## WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

Michelle Price

***“A cheerful heart is good medicine.” -Proverbs 17:22***

What are some of the fun outdoor activities you enjoy as a child? How about running and swimming, or maybe climbing and hiking. Perhaps you enjoy some winter activities like skiing or sledding. These are all great ways to get our exercise in summer and winter. Unfortunately, there are some children who are not as fortunate. There are some children who can't enjoy strenuous activities because of a problem they must live with. Michelle Price was such a child.

Michelle was a lively little girl who loved to dance, ride horseback and ski, just like all her friends did. Her Christian parents had raised her to enjoy life to the fullest. But when Michelle turned eight, something went horribly wrong. Her right leg began to swell and caused her much pain. Doctors ran all sorts of tests, and tragically discovered that Michelle had a deadly type of bone cancer from which there was little hope of surviving. The doctors knew that to give her any chance at all, her right leg needed to be removed above the knee. “I don't want to be crippled,” she sobbed. “I want to dance and have fun like the other kids.” But after she thought awhile, she looked at her mom and assured her that Jesus would make it alright.

A few days later, Michelle looked down on her bandaged leg. She cried when she thought of what this would all mean for her future. Then she remembered once again that Jesus would make everything OK. For several days Michelle experienced phantom pains in her leg. These pains make the patient think that the removed limb is still attached. But her battle was not over. A few days later Michelle

started with chemotherapy treatments. These powerful drugs kill the cancer cells but they cause the patient to lose their hair, vomit, and get terrible chills. But whenever visitors stopped in her room, Michelle told them that she was doing well. For eighteen months the chemotherapy continued until the day finally came that the doctors pronounced Michelle free from all cancer. During those months she was a great help to other children who were also having chemotherapy treatments at the hospital. She tried to cheer them up and tell them about the friendship she found in Jesus.

Sometime later Michelle began experimenting with skiing on one leg and skateboarding. She even entered some sports contests for handicapped people and she won many of the events.

Michelle was determined to prove that her handicap wasn't going to take away her dreams. Today Michelle is a world-class handicap skier, a fashion model, a horseback rider, and she is often invited to tell her story of hope and faith. Now a wife and mother, Michelle has started a ministry right on her ranch called Haven of Hope. Here children with disabilities are invited to learn how to ride horses and learn about Jesus. Michelle proves to each of us that although we will all meet with what seem to be impossible problems, with the help of Jesus we can continue to walk with God.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Mar 21

Kindergarten Round-Up  
8:30-11:00

### Friday, Mar 22

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**No Public School.  
Alternate Bus Routes.**

Faculty Mtg 3:15 pm

### Sunday, Mar 24

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Mon-Fri, Mar 25-29

**No Public School.  
Alternate Bus Routes.**

### Wednesday, Mar 27

Chapel 8:20 am

Pioneers 6:00 pm

### Thursday, Mar 28

Maundy Thursday Worship  
7:00 pm

### Friday, Mar 29

ELC Closes 12:30 pm

Good Friday Worship-Gr.  
K-8 sing 1:00 pm

School Dismisses after  
church 2:00 pm

### Sunday, Mar 31

Easter Worship 6:30 am

Easter Brkfst 7:30 am

Easter Worship 9:00 am

No Sunday School or Bible  
Class

### Monday, Apr 1

**ELC CLOSED**

### Mon-Fri Apr 1-5

**NO SCHOOL 3K-8<sup>TH</sup>  
EASTER BREAK**

**Alternate Busing-3/22—3/29:** The public school has off Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have school as normal, with our alternate bus routes each day.

**End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter:** The third quarter ends tomorrow (3/22). Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 29.

**Pioneers:** Pioneers will be meeting next Wednesday, March 27, at 6:00 p.m. All children are invited.

**Maundy Thursday Worship:** We will be having a special Maundy Thursday worship service at 7:00 p.m. on March 28. All are invited to worship with us.

## Upcoming School Schedule:

Good Friday, March 29: On Good Friday, March 29, we will have alternate busing in the morning. All children in grades K-8 will be singing for our worship service at 1:00 that afternoon. Following the service (2:00), children will be dismissed. There will be no buses at that time; please make plans to transport your children home. **The ELC will close at 12:30 on Good Friday.**

Spring Break: There is **NO SCHOOL** for 3K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5, as we enjoy our spring break. **THE ELC WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, but will be open the rest of that week for childcare.**

**Easter Sunday:** We will have two worship services on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, as we celebrate our Savior's resurrection from the dead. The services will be held at 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. All are invited to worship with us.

Easter Breakfast: Our Youth Group is sponsoring our Easter Breakfast, which will be held starting at 7:30 a.m. in the school gym on March 31<sup>st</sup>. All are invited.

**School Band Online Voting Contest:** Thank You everyone who has voted so far. You can vote once a day to support our school. This contest goes through the month of March.

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/>

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** We will be having spring parent-teacher conferences only for those parents who request it or by teacher request (Grades K-3 and 6-8). If you don't hear from your child's teacher but you would like to have a conference, please don't hesitate to contact them.

**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conferences:** All 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be having parent-teacher conferences, since Mrs. Leiterman was on maternity leave last fall and didn't have conferences then. Sign-up sheets were sent home with the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders this past week. Please return those as soon as possible.

**Pine Car Derby:** We will be having a Pine Car Derby on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **St. John's Pioneer Chili Cook-off:**

Calling all Chili Cooks!

St. John's Pioneers will host a Chili Cook-off contest during the Pine Car Derby on April 13<sup>th</sup>!

All are invited to compete for the Wooden Spoon! Please bring your crock of Chili to St. John's by noon. Voting will take place during the pinecar derby. The Winner will be announced during the awards ceremony after the race. Judging will be by popular vote.

Not a cook? Come and vote for the best Chili. Then purchase a bowl of your favorite for a donation to the Pioneers. All proceeds will help pay for the many activities the pioneers enjoy throughout the year.

**Play Night:** DVDs of play night are available. If you would like one, please contact the school office.

We would like to thank all who attended play night. Special thanks to Bunny Dux, Kristine Boon, and Cindy Wilke for their assistance, and thanks to the parents for your support. Very special thanks to Mrs. Shadrick & Mr. Leiterman for all their hard work!! We look forward to next year's play night!

## **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:

Sunday, April 21 from 10:00-12:00

Monday, April 22, through Friday, April 26, 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.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.

**Summer School:** Summer School informational packets and registration forms are available from the school office.

## Do you know someone who is great at working with children?

St. John's Early Learning Center is NOW HIRING! We will be needing to fill a full-time caregiver position to work with ages 0-3 during the school day. Position options are flexible. Must be at least 18 years old, organized, a good communicator, and ready to share Jesus' love with little ones! Previous experience working with children is great but not required. We're happy to help with training. Stop by the St. John's school office or contact Megan Allard 715-937-7535 or [preschool@stjohnsneillsville.com](mailto:preschool@stjohnsneillsville.com) if interested.

Please share this information with those you know who may fit this position and consider it for yourself! St. John's has a wonderful working environment and it's a joy to see so many young children spend their days surrounded by God's Word. Thanks for considering!



### Clayton Hannasch

The student of the week is Clayton Hannasch. Clay is in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. He has been working hard, asks questions when he doesn't understand something, is respectful, and sets a good example for his classmates.



**Congratulations Clay!**

**2024-25 School Calendar:** The calendar for next school year was recently approved by the school board. The entire calendar will be shared soon. For now, here are some important dates:

1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School:	Aug 21
School/Church Campout: (one week later than normal)	Sep 13-15
State Teacher Conf	Oct 24-25
Christmas Break	Dec 23-Jan 3
District Teacher Conf	Feb 20-21
Spring Break	Apr 21-25
Last Day of School	May 22

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

### St. John's Outreach Survey

Fellow members who we see regularly, fellow members who we sadly have not seen for some time, friends who are visiting our church, or families who are using our elementary school and early learning center, we want to hear from you and value your input in this short survey. Thanks for participating!

To access this short survey go to the following link:

<https://shorturl.at/jlzH4>

or scan the QR code below:





# 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)**.