



The Buzz

April 11, 2024

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD Learn The Prayer ACTS “Let everyone who is godly pray.” -Psalm 32:6

Many people find it hard to put together a prayer. They want to pray, but don't know exactly what to say, how to say it, or what to include in the prayer. This was a problem that even Jesus' disciples faced. That's why they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

You can learn a very simple little word that can serve as a guide the next time you take a moment to talk with the Lord. It's called ACTS. If you learn how to use the word ACTS you will find your prayers coming much easier for you.

Of course, the word is made up of four letters: A, C, T, and S. Each letter stands for a different part of your prayer. We begin with the letter A. A stands for ADORATION. When we adore God, we are telling him how much we appreciate all he has done for us. In our prayer beginning we want to give God all praise and glory for being the great and wonderful God he is. We want to acknowledge that he is the King above all kings, and the great creator of the entire universe. Many of the prayer hymns in the book of Psalms are prayers of adoration. We begin our ACTS by giving God the glory he deserves.

The C in our special Prayer ACTS word stands for CONFESSION. After we give God the praise and honor he is due, it is time to present ourselves to him, poor sinners. In the second part of our prayer we confess that we have sinned against God and deserve only his punishment. We admit that we have done things we should not have done, and we have not done things we should have done. Here we ask God to forgive us and to provide the strength we need to say no to the devil and his many temptations.

Our third letter in the Prayer ACTS is T. Can you guess what that letter stands for? It's THANKSGIVING or THANKFULNESS. Here we have millions of things for which we can thank God. Truly he has blessed us with family and friends, weather and protection, food and clothing, health and happiness. And let's not forget to thank the Lord for working faith in our hearts and for promising to forgive all our sins and to take us to heaven to live with him forever. Let us never forget to thank God for his blessings.

The fourth and final letter in our Prayer ACTS is S. This stands for a bit more difficult word to remember: SUPPLICATION. The dictionary will tell us that supplication is the act of asking or begging for something. We have left the last part of our prayer to ask God for the things we need, no matter how small or large the request may be. Here we can ask that God would provide good weather for our picnic or healing for grandma. Here we ask for God to send his angels to watch over us on our vacation, or to help mom and dad pay the bills. God has told us that he wants us to lay before him all our supplications.

The next time you lie quietly on your bed and decide it's time to have a talk with your Father in heaven, remember the simple Prayer ACTS of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication.

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

Upcoming Events

Friday, Apr 12

Math Bowl 6:00 pm

Saturday, Apr 13

Pine Car Derby & Chili
Cook-Off 1:00 pm

Sunday, Apr 14

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Tuesday, Apr 16

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Apr 17

Chapel 8:20 am

Pioneers 6:00 pm

Sunday, Apr 21

Worship 9:00 am

Fundrive Item Dropoff
10:00-12:00

Presentation on MLC
10:15 am

*No Sunday School or Bible
Class*

Youth Group Bake Sale

Picnic Lunch 11:00 am

Mon, Apr 22-Sat, Apr 27

Fundrive Item Dropoff

Sunday, Apr 28

Confirmation Worship
Service 9:00 am
Grades 4-8 sing

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Piano/Band Recital
1:00 pm

Math Bowl: Four students will be participating in the Math Bowl this Friday at St. Mark in Eau Claire. Those students are: Carter Hannasch, Natalie Boon, Noah Wilke, and Jesse Backaus.

Pine Car Derby: We will be having a Pine Car Derby this 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.

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 13th!

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.

Shorts: Students may begin wearing shorts to school this coming Monday (4/15). We will still be going outside for recess unless it is raining, so please keep an eye on the weather.

Pioneers: Pioneers will be meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00. All students are invited.

Mission Fest-April 21: We will have a special guest preacher for our Mission Festival worship service on April 21, Professor Jacob Behnken, Dean of Chapel and Professor of Music at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Presentation: Following the worship service, Professor Behnken will be giving a special presentation on Martin Luther College. The presentation will be held in the school gym.

Meal: Our Day Camp staff will be serving lunch in the school gym following Professor Behnken's presentation. The menu will include burgers and hotdogs and all the extras.

All of you are invited to attend our worship service, the presentation, and the meal! We hope to see many of there!

April 21 continued:

Bake Sale: Our Youth Group will be having a bake sale on Sunday, April 21st, with proceeds going to help cover costs for the International Youth Rally in Colorado in June.

Fundrive Item Collection: You can drop off your items for the Fundrive Collection starting on Sunday, April 21, from 10:00-noon. A trailer will be here in the parking lot, along with volunteers to assist you.

We will be collecting items all week; please see below for more details.

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.

Science Fair: Our Science Fair will be held on Friday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. Grades K-8 will be participating.

Confirmation Sunday: Two of our 8th graders will be confirmed during the worship service on Sunday, April 28: Mason Anding and Seth Kaiser. *Grades 4-8 will be singing during that worship service as well.*

Piano-Band Recital: We will be having a piano-band recital on Sunday, April 28th, at 1:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

ELC Position Open: Our Learning Center is still looking for someone to fill an opening beginning this summer. Summer hours are very flexible. By next September we will be needing a full-time aide to work in the Toddler Room with ages 1-3. Must be at least 18 years old, organized, a good communicator, and ready to share Jesus's love with little ones! Previous experience working with children is great but not required. Please consider this for yourself or those whom you know. Stop by the school office or contact Megan Allard 715-937-7535 or preschool@stjohnsneillsville.com if interested.

Call Received: "Dear Members of St. John's,

On Sunday, March 24, I received a Divine Call to serve as principal at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Beverly Hills, FL. Megan also was called to serve as their first-grade teacher. It is always a humbling experience to receive a call to serve our Lord. It is

also a wonderful blessing to serve the Lord in this manner and to have the opportunity to tell children, along with their families, about the saving truths found in the message of our Savior. As we once again go through the deliberation process, please keep our family in your prayers and do not hesitate to reach out.

The following passage provides us confidence and serves as a good reminder for everyone to keep in mind as well during this deliberation process knowing that our good Lord will work all things out in the best interest for both schools.

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Call upon me and pray to me, and I will listen to you.’-Jeremiah 29:11-12

Serving In Christ,” --Mike & Megan Allard

24-25 Registration: 2024-25 school registration forms have been sent home. Please look for those, and return them to school as soon as possible. Thanks!

Music, Lit, & Skit Night-5/16: Our annual Music & Literature Appreciation Night will be held on Thursday, May 16th, at 6:00 p.m. in the main part of the church.

What kind of show will it be? We would like to have singers, piano players, and other instrumentalists, but we'd also like to broaden the show to involve people who may not be musically inclined. We are also looking for people who may want to read an excerpt from a favorite book, or read a poem they've written, or act out a skit...The list is endless. There are no "prizes" involved; we just want to share our God-given talents with each other and have a fun evening.

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

Baseball/Softball: Neillsville Rec. Dept summer baseball and softball registration forms are available from the office.

UMF Summer Camps: Summer Camp information (UMF Studios in Loyal) is available from the office.

Loyal Football: Information on the Loyal football program is available from the office.

Big 10 Contest Results: As you may recall, throughout the month of March we competed in a voting contest through Heid's Music. We took 6th place out of over 70 different entries, our highest placement yet! This year we won six ukuleles! We will be receiving the new instruments later this week. We will be making use of these to continue to encourage music in our school. Thank you very much to everyone who voted throughout the contest. God is good, all the time!



Ella Biebert

The student of the week is Ella Biebert. Ella is in 5th Grade. She is a hard worker, participates in class, helps others participate in class, is polite and respectful, and sets a good example.



Congratulations Ella!