



# The Buzz

September 14, 2023

## WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

### How Long Does A Prayer Have To Be?

*"When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words."*

**-Matthew 6:7**

An interesting question some might ask is how long should a prayer be? Sometimes it seems we stand for a long time in church during the prayers and hope the prayer would quickly end. Maybe you've felt that you like to keep your prayers short when you go to bed at night. Does God prefer long prayers or short ones?

That can be a very difficult question to answer. If we use Jesus as our example, we find several different answers. When Jesus prayed before feeding the 5000, he prayed a short prayer of perhaps only twenty words. Then again, we read that sometimes Jesus would go off to a quiet place and pray all night long. It all depended on the situation. We know that when Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, he prayed so long the disciples kept falling asleep waiting for him to finish. Jesus prayed some long prayers and some short ones.

The great reformer Martin Luther once said, "If I fail to spend two hours in prayer each morning, the devil gets the victory through the day. I have so much business I cannot get on without spending three hours daily in prayer." Wow! Could you manage to pray three hours every day? That is a long time!

Think about how long we talk with our parents or friends. Sometimes we have a lot to talk about, like when we come home from school. Then we might tell our moms all sorts of things that happened during the day, or maybe we have a lot to say when we get back from an exciting vacation and we meet with our friends. We want to share all the details with them so they can enjoy the trip as much as we did. It's the very same when we talk to our heavenly Father and our Friend, Jesus. There may be times when we have a lot to say or times we have only a little to say. For instance, when Peter tried to walk on the water and began to sink, he prayed to Jesus who was standing only a few feet in front of him. Was it a long prayer? Peter's prayer had only three words, "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30)

The length of our prayers makes little difference to the Lord. The important thing is that our heart is in our prayers; that we are earnestly speaking to and listening to God. If we come to the Lord with our thanks, our needs, and our praises, God will listen regardless of how long or how short the prayer is. In fact, Jesus once said that we should not be like some who feel that they will be heard because they use a lot of words. God loves to hear us talk to him. You can do it today with a few words here or there, or with a long prayer before you go to bed tonight.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Sep 14

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Friday, Sep 15

Faculty Meeting 3:15 pm

### Saturday, Sep 16

Playground Open House  
10:00-12:00

### Sunday, Sep 17

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Monday, Sep 18

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Tuesday, Sep 19

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Worship 6:00 pm

### Wednesday, Sep 20

Chapel 8:20 am

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

Pioneers 6:00 pm

### Thursday, Sep 21

VB Games @ St. Peter,  
Schofield

B Team-4:30

A Team-5:30

### Friday, Sep 22

Gr. 2-3 Trip to Children's  
Museum

Gr. 4-5 Trip to Reed School

### Sunday, Sep 24

Worship-Gr. K-8 sing 9:00

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Baby Shower for Mrs.

Leiterman 3:00 pm

### Monday, Sep 25

FB Games @ Home vs.

St. Mark 4:00 pm

Messiah 6:00 pm

**New Playground Open House:** We will be having a party on our playground this Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. We're inviting the school families and our congregation as well as the community to come and check out the new area for infants-age 5. There will be outdoor games and activities for children and adults of all ages. We want to thank everyone who has given support for this project in the last few years. Please come check it out and stay for some fun! If you're interested in helping out, we could use homemade cookies. Thank you!

## Volleyball Practice:

Thursday, Sep 14 Practice 3:30-5:00

Tuesday, Sep 19 Practice 3:30-5:00

## Flag Football Practice:

Monday, Sep 18 Practice 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, Sep 20 Practice 3:30-5:00

**Volleyball Games:** Thursday, Sep 21: We will travel to St. Peter in Schofield.

B Team plays at 4:30

A Team plays at 5:30

We will leave from school after we dismiss for the day. *Drivers are needed.*

### **Directions to St. Peter Lutheran School, 115 Eau Claire St., Schofield**

*Follow US-10 E to WI-34 N in Carson. Take exit 208 from US-10 E. Get on I-39 N/US-51 N in Knowlton. Continue on I-39 N/US-51 N to Rothschild. Take exit 171 from WI-29 E/WI-29 Trunk E. Follow E Grand Ave to Eau Claire St. in Schofield.*

**Sunday School:** Sunday School for children age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade begins this Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School is held every Sunday from 10:15-11:30. Grades 1-8 meet here in the school, and Preschool and Kindergarten age children meet in the church basement. All children are welcome!

**Pioneers:** Our first Pioneer meeting will be held next Wednesday, September 20, from 6:00-7:00 in the school gym. Any children in grades K-8 are welcome to come! We will be doing knot tying. There is an \$80 annual fee to register our Pioneer group. There are no dues for the children, but if any parents would like to make a donation to help cover the registration cost, it would be welcome.

**Field Trips:** Grades 2-3 will be taking a field trip to the Children's Museum in Eau Claire on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Grades 4-5 will be taking a field trip that same day to the Reed School. Please see your child's classroom newsletters or talk to your child's teacher for more details.

**Singing Schedule:** Grades K-8 will be singing for our worship service on Sunday, September 24. All students are expected to be there. Church begins at 9:00 a.m. We hope many of you can join us. The children will be singing early in the service, so if some of you need to leave to attend your own church service, that will hopefully make it easier for your children to come here to sing.

**Baby Shower:** We will be holding a baby shower for Mr. & Mrs. Leiterman on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the school gym. All are invited. Cake and punch will be served. Leiternans are registered at Target and Amazon, or they could use diapers size 1 and up.

**Walk to School Day:** Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information to be sent home soon.

**School Pictures:** School picture day is Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information to come home soon.

**Gift Card Collection:** Since our student teacher, Mr. Bryce Marohn, is driving back and forth every day from Eau Claire, we would like to take a collection of gift cards to help him cover some of his travel expenses. Gift cards or cash can be dropped off in the school office. Thanks!

**FSJ:** Our first Friend of St. John's (parent-teacher organization) meeting was held this past Wednesday. If you didn't get a chance to attend, the agenda and minutes from the meeting are included with this newsletter. You can also access the minutes on our website at the following link:

[FSJ Meeting Minutes](#)

**Fall Dinner:** Our annual Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 15. **WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP!!!**

A Fall Dinner planning meeting will be held **this coming Tuesday, September 19, at 5:30.** If you would like to help with planning, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

**Survey:** Our annual parent survey is available for you to fill out online. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey. We appreciate your input! Once the survey is closed, we will be drawing a name to receive a \$25 Kwik Trip card.

Click on this link to access the survey: [2023-24 Parent Survey](#)



## **Chesni Brown**

The student of the week is Chesni Brown. Chesni is in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. She has impressed her teachers with her willingness to participate in class, she sets a good example, is respectful, and has started off the year with a great attitude.



***Congratulations Chesni!***



# Friends of St. John's



## *Fall Meeting*

6:00- Table Prayer, Dinner and Devotion

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### **Financial Update**

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- **Camp Phillip Fund: \$1,280.04**
- **7-8 Summer Trip Fund: \$912.36**

\*Fall Dinner (October 16)

**- Only 2 families have signed up to help -MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

- Honored Guest
- Proceeds

\*VB/FB Concession Stand

### **\*Upcoming Events**

- Sep 16: Playground Open House
- Sep 22: Gr. 2-3-Children's Museum  
Gr. 4-5 Reed School
- Sep 24: Gr. K-8 sing 9:00  
Leiterman Shower
- Sep 28: 3K/4K Fall Walk-Arboretum
- Oct 4: Walk to School Day
- Oct 9: Picture Day
- Oct 10: K-3 Play in Osseo
- Oct 12-13: Gr. 6-8 Camp Phillip

\*Hornet Apparel Order coming soon!

\*Close w/ Blessing

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 10 @ 6:00**

## Friends of St. John's Minutes

### September 13, 2023

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The playground is almost finished. The fence will be installed this Friday. C&R Concrete did very good work on the playground and gave us \$5,000 off.

\*Fall Dinner (October 15)

#### **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!**

We are in need of more people to help out with this. A meeting has been set for next Tuesday, October 19th at 5:30. We will put an announcement in the newsletter and bulletin asking for volunteers to come to the meeting and also to help that day. We will ask Schmitt's to provide the meat and potatoes again as they did last year. We can ask people to bring salads.

Honored Guest-Gloria Hamm, Doug Zank, and Armon Luchterhand were nominated. A motion was made and seconded to have Gloria Hamm be our honored guest. All were in favor of Gloria. She has taught Sunday School for many years, visits shut-in members of our church, and is helping Mrs. Shadrack by being a Kindergarten Aide in the afternoons.

Proceeds-A motion was made and seconded to use the fall dinner proceeds for whiteboards for all four classrooms. All were in favor.

\*VB/FB Concession Stand-Do we want to serve hot chocolate and popcorn at our home flag football games? Our home games are Monday, September 25, with three games at 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00. (We play at 4:00 and 6:00.) Parents offered to bring homemade chili and make hotdogs, and others offered to help serve. Mr. Leiterman will send home a letter to the parents with more details.

#### Upcoming Events

Sep 16: Playground Open House-10:00-12:00 as a thank you to everyone. We will have bounce houses and other games for children.

Sep 22: Gr. 2-3-Children's Museum, Eau Claire  
Gr. 4-5 Reed School

Sep 24 : Gr. K-8 sing 9:00  
Leiterman Shower (school gym-3:00)

We will have Mrs. Michelle Korth as our maternity leave teacher. She was a teacher at Trinity in Marshfield until she left to have a child.

Sep 28: 3K/4K Fall Walk-Arboretum

Oct 4: Walk to School Day

Oct 9: Picture Day

Oct 10: K-3 Play in Osseo

Oct 12-13: Gr. 6-8 Camp Phillip

Hornet Apparel Order coming soon!

Kristine Boon talked about Camp Phillip. We would like to do an application process in November for all families who are interested. (We will do an application process through Google forms.) Camp Phillip registration starts in early February and fills up quickly. This would give us time to take a look at the applications and determine how much funding we have to provide as scholarships or financial assistance.

Other Business: We will plan to have the children who went to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter give a presentation on their trip at our January FSJ meeting and then again at church.

The meeting was closed with the blessing.

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