



The Buzz

September 21, 2023

WALK WITH GOD-TALK WITH GOD

Eric Liddell Ran With God

"They will run and not grow weary." -Isaiah 40:31

There are many faithful Christians who spent their lives walking with God. Some lived many years ago, and some are still alive today. Today we will discover a true believer who not only walked with God, he ran with God.

Eric Liddell was born in China in 1902 to missionary parents. When he and his brother were old enough, they were enrolled in a boarding school in their parents' homeland of Scotland. Eric grew up to be a fine scholar as well as a very gifted runner, breaking all sorts of school records. When he went to the University of Edinburgh to study science, he continued his love for running. Soon his room was filled with trophies he collected from his victories. So it was not surprising that he was chosen to represent Scotland in the 1924 Olympics. It was a great honor for him to be chosen to run the 100-yard dash, however, after Eric learned that the race was to be run on a Sunday, he refused to participate, saying that Sunday was a day reserved for the Lord, not for human accomplishments. Although his friends pressured him to run, Eric said if he could not honor God in his running, he would not compete. Yet there was one other race that he could run in that was not run on Sunday, the quarter-mile race. Just before the race began, someone placed a note in his hand that said, "In the Bible it says, 'He that honors me will I honor.'" As you might imagine, Eric not only won the race, but he set a world record. Eric became a hero back home in Scotland.

After graduating, there were many offers for Eric to speak at church meetings, but his real love was to help the unfortunate people of China. He boarded an airplane and went back to his parents' adopted land to teach science in a tiny mission school. While teaching there he married the daughter of another missionary family and they had two beautiful daughters.

Sadly, the area of their mission was torn apart by wars between the invading Japanese and the Chinese. For safety, Eric moved his wife and children to a safer area. That was the last time Eric saw his family. Eric continued traveling the countryside visiting small villages where he could teach the people about the love of Jesus. Before long, he and all other foreigners were arrested and placed in prison camps. These camps were horrible places to live with little food and no medical help. Eric won many friends, but soon severe headaches became more than he could handle. Eric died in the prison camp in 1945 of a brain tumor. In his final words Eric whispered that he was surrendering himself to Jesus.

What an example for us to follow. Eric Liddell was a man of great athletic talent, yet he was far more interested in spreading the love of Jesus to those in need. Truly he was a man who ran with God. May we live our lives focused not on our talents or special gifts, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, Sep 26

VB Game @ Home vs. St.
Paul (B & A mixed team)
4:30 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Sep 27

Chapel 8:20 am

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

Thursday, Sep 28

VB Games @ Home vs.
Messiah
B Team-5:00
A Team-6:00

Sunday, Oct 1

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Monday, Oct 2

FB Games @ Messiah
4:00 and 5:00 Games

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 around 2:45. *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.

Field Trips: Grades 2-3 will be taking a field trip to the Children's Museum in Eau Claire this Friday, September 22nd. 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 this 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 this Sunday, September 24th, 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.

Flag Football Games: We will have our first flag football games on Monday, September 25th, here at home. There will be three games, starting at 4:00. We will play in the 4:00 game (vs. St. Mark) and the 6:00 game (vs. Messiah). Helpers for our concession stand are needed and welcome. Come and cheer for the Hornets!

Volleyball Games: We have games next week Tuesday and Thursday. Please see details below.

Tuesday, September 26th: We will play at Home vs. St. Paul. This will be a mixed B & A team game, which will start at 4:30.

Thursday, September 28th: We have home games vs. Messiah. B Team plays at 5:00, and the A Team plays at 6:00.

Helpers for our concession stand are needed and welcome. Come and cheer for the Hornets!

Walk to School Day: Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 4th. More information will be coming home with next week's Buzz.

School Pictures: School picture day is Monday, October 9th. Order envelopes have been sent home with the students. You can also order school pictures online by going to <https://inter-state.com/order>.

Our order code is 79385ZA.

Gas/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 gas/gift cards to help him cover some of his travel expenses. Gift cards or cash can be dropped off in the school office. Thanks!

Camp Phillip (Gr. 6-8): Forms were sent home this week. We need chaperones to drive. Please contact Mr. Allard if you are able to drive/chaperone. Your child has a sheet with more information.

Fall Dinner: The Friends of St. John's is sponsoring their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 15, from 11:00 to 1:00 in the school gym.

Proceeds from the free-will donations raised at the dinner will go toward whiteboards for the classrooms. All are invited to attend!

If you would like to help out by providing food donations or working in the kitchen, please fill out and return the donation sheets that are being sent home with the children. Thanks! (An example of the donation sheet is on page 4.)



Maria Backaus

The student of the week is Maria Backaus. Maria is in 2nd Grade. She consistently sets a good example, is a hard worker, is friendly, and is a good role model for her fellow classmates.



Congratulations Maria!

FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S FALL DINNER

**St. John's School Gym
Sunday, October 15, 2023
Dinner at 11:00 AM**

All proceeds from the dinner go toward whiteboards for the classrooms.

Below is a list of items we are requesting from anyone willing to donate. Please take a few minutes to fill out this sheet and place on the table in the church entryway or return to school by Friday, September 29th.

Pickles

Dinner Rolls (Please cut)

Jello/Fruit/Pasta Salad (Please specify which type of salad)

Pie (Please cut)

I can...

_____ Donate Pickles

_____ # of jars

_____ Donate Dinner Rolls

_____ Dozen

_____ Donate Salad

Jello Fruit Pasta *(Please circle your choice)*

_____ Pie

_____ *(Please indicate type of pie)*

_____ Make a monetary donation for supplies.

Amount: _____

_____ Help serve the dinner.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Items can be brought Sunday (Oct 15) morning by 9:00 a.m. or may be dropped off in the school office the week before.

If you have questions, please contact the school office (715-743-2501).

THANK YOU!!