



The Buzz

September 7, 2023

School Schedule: There is **NO SCHOOL** Friday, September 8th.

Campout: Our annual school campout will be held September 7th-10th (Thursday-Sunday) at West Arbutus Jackson County Park. **All school parents and children are invited.**

There will be a potluck supper Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and a worship service Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to come for the potluck and worship service even if you are not camping.

The campground does not take reservations after Labor Day, but there should be plenty of room for all. You can pick your site when you come out.

We hope many of you can join us!

Bean Bag Tournament: We are excited to have our third bean bag tournament this year at the campground. The tournament will start with the youth singles at noon on Saturday (9/9). We hope to have a youth singles tournament, an adult singles tournament, and an adult doubles tournament. There will be no entry fee; we just want as many people to come and play as possible. Prizes for first place winners are being donated by the kind people at Ratsch Engineering.

Flag Football Practice:

Monday, Sep 11 Practice 3:30-5:00

Wednesday, Sep 13 Practice 3:30-5:00

Volleyball Game: We will have our first volleyball game of the season, on Tuesday, September 12, as we travel to Trinity in Marshfield. This will be an A-Team game only. We will leave right after school, and the game will be played at 4:00. *Drivers are needed.*

Directions to Trinity, 9529 State Hwy 80 Marshfield

Take Highway 10 east. At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto WI-80. The school will be on the right.

Volleyball Practice:

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sep 7

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Friday, Sep 8

NO SCHOOL

Thurs-Sun Sep 7-10

Church/School Campout at
West Arbutus County Park

Saturday, Sep 9

Bags Tourney Noon

Supper 5:00 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

Sunday, Sep 10

Worship 9:00 am

Monday, Sep 11

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

School Board 5:15 pm

Tuesday, Sep 12

VB Game @ Trinity,
Marshfield (A Team Only)
4:00 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Sep 13

Chapel 8:20 am

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

Parent Meeting (& Supper)
6:00 pm

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

Friends of St. John's Parent Meeting: Friends of St. John's is our parent-teacher group. This group is for all parents and friends of St. John's-not only those who are members at our church. There will be three scheduled meetings throughout the school year.

The first Friends of St. John's meeting will be held **next Wednesday, September 13th**, in the school gym starting at 6:00. We will begin with a light supper, then have a short devotion and our business meeting. All of you are invited to attend. Childcare will be provided.

We thank the parents who have signed up to provide supper before the FSJ meeting. They are: **Jenny Shadrick, Kristine Boon, and Craig & Rachel Anderson.** Thanks for your willingness to help out!

Fall Dinner: One of the items of business at our Friends of St. John's meeting next Wednesday will be our upcoming Fall Dinner, which is set for Sunday, October 15. **Joseph & Becca Biebert and Kristine Boon** have already signed up to help with this, but many more volunteers are needed!!

Sunday School: Sunday School for children age 3 through 8th Grade begins on Sunday, September 17th. 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!

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.

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

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](#)

Parent/Guardian Covenant: Paper copies of our annual Parent/Guardian Covenant have been sent home with the children today. The covenant is also included as an option in our annual online survey. If you are reading and “signing” the covenant online through the survey, you do not need to return the paper copy.

Meet Our Student Teacher, Mr. Bryce Marohn:



My name is Bryce Marohn. I was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. My dad was the principal at St. Mark, Eau Claire, and I can recall visiting St. John's, Neillsville a few times over the years. In 2010, our family moved to Lannon, WI

where I finished grade school and attended Kettle Moraine Lutheran HS for three years. In 2017 we moved to Howards Grove, WI, and I finished high school at Manitowoc Lutheran.

I went on to attend MLC, from where I will be graduating this December. Funnily enough, my family moved back to Eau Claire this summer. My dad will be the principal at Cornerstone Lutheran.

I have five younger siblings. My oldest sister and her husband just graduated MLC and are both starting their first year of teaching over in Michigan. I have two brothers who will be attending MLC this year and two sisters who will be at Cornerstone Lutheran.

One of the things I like to do in my spare time is play basketball. I also like watching basketball once the NBA season comes around. Another thing I'm interested in is computer programming. I started teaching myself some years ago, and I enjoy trying to make apps/games.

New Playground Open House: We will be having a party on our playground next Sept. 16th 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!

Pioneers: Our first Pioneer meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:00-7:00. 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.

Baby Shower: We will be holding a baby shower for Mr. & Mrs. Leiterman on Sunday, September 24th, at 3:00 p.m. in the school gym. All are invited. Cake and punch will be served. The Leitersmans have already received quite a few baby items, so we are asking that if you would like to bring a gift, please bring diapers size 1 and up.



Abigail Backaus

The student of the week is Abby Backaus. Abby is in 8th Grade. She has started out the year with a great attitude, and is polite, helpful and respectful to teachers and fellow classmates.



Congratulations Abigail!