



The Buzz

January 25, 2024

WALK WITH GOD—TALK WITH GOD

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

"Teach me to do your will." -Psalm 143:10

How great is God? How big and how powerful, and how wise is he really? Certainly we can point to many of the miracles in the Bible to learn something about how great God is. We can think of the flood, the plagues in Egypt, dividing the Red Sea, making the walls of Jericho fall down, or shutting the animals' mouths in the lion's den. We can even mention the many people Jesus healed, and even those he raised from the dead. Those are all examples of how great and awesome God is. Let's just take a moment to think about God's greatness. Here is a list of some things that describe our great God.

Nothing happens without God's permission. Not even a hair falls from our head without God knowing it. No raindrop falls without God allowing it, and no leaf sprouts on a tree without God first letting it grow. In other words, God is in complete control of everything – every blink of your eye and every heart beat happens because of God's plan.

With God there are no surprises. The terrible news of cancer comes as a complete shock to the patient, but God knew from eternity that was going to happen. God isn't surprised by world leaders starting wars, or tornadoes destroying whole towns. Because God is all-wise, he knows everything, in fact he knew it all before the world was ever created.

God is almighty. If we take apart that word we find the words All Mighty, meaning that he owns all power. God can control the weather, the seasons, and even the birth of a baby.

God owns everything. If you paint a beautiful picture, you can say that picture's mine because I made it. God can say that about everything we see and handle and hear. God made it all, and he owns it all. Every time we give God our talents, time or treasures, we really only give back to God what was his in the first place. What a great God we have. We have a special word for such a great God. We call him "sovereign". He is unlimited, boundless, and supreme. And he is the same God who knows our names and loves us. What a tremendous blessing to consider.

But the Lord's Prayer continues to say that God's will should be done on earth and in heaven. The word "will" means "desire". By praying that God's will should be done, it's as if to say God should do everything he desires. Whenever we come to Jesus and ask for blessings, we always realize that God will give them to us only if he desires to give them. God knows what is best for us, and we should always be willing to accept God's desires for our lives. That way we can be certain that whatever happens to us, it is done because our loving God willed it for us.

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan 25

BB Games @ Home vs. St. Paul

B Team 4:00
A Team 5:00

Sunday, Jan 28

Worship 9:00 am

Grades 4-8 sing at Immanuel, Globe 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Monday, Jan 29

Dartball @ Greenwood

Tuesday, Jan 30

BB Games @ Trinity, Marshfield

B Team 4:00
A Team 5:00

Wednesday, Jan 31

Chapel 8:20 am

BB Practice

B Team 3:30-4:30
A Team 4:00-5:15

Thursday, Feb 1

BB Game @ Our Savior's, Wausau

Mixed Team 4:30

Saturday, Feb 3

Bruce Mound Family Tubing Outing 5:00-8:00

Sunday, Feb 4

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Gr. 3K-3rd sing at St. John's, Christie 10:30 am

Monday, Feb 5

Home BB Games vs. Immanuel, Medford

B Team 4:00
A Team 5:00

Home BB Games-Thursday, 1/25:

We play St. Paul of Menomonie. Helpers are needed for the concession stand.

The B Team will play at 4:00.

The A Team will play at 5:00.

Come and cheer for the Hornets!

Singing Schedule: Parents, please take note of the upcoming singing schedule.

Please note that the dates are different from what was on your singing schedule handed out at orientation.

Sun, 1/28: Grades 4-8 sing at Immanuel, Globe (9:00)

Sun, 2/4: Grades 3K-3rd sing at St. John's, Christie (10:30)

8th Grade News: Neillsville High School's annual ACP (Academic & Career Planning) Night will be held Monday, Jan. 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. This is for all 8th graders who will be attending Neillsville High School next year. NEW for 2024: High School Staff will be available in their classrooms from 4:30-6:00 PM for walk-in conferences. Please take advantage of this time if you would like to connect with any of your student's instructors. *Informational packets with more details have been sent home with the 8th graders. Parents, please look for those.*

BB Games-Tuesday, 1/30:

We will travel to Trinity in Marshfield. Drivers are needed. We will leave right after school.

The B Team will play at 4:00. Players should arrive by 3:45.

The A Team will play at 5:00. Players should arrive by 4:30.

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.

Seal-A-Smile: Dental hygienists will be here at school on Wednesday, January 31, to do the first round of dental sealants for those children whose parents returned permission slips last fall.

BB Practice-Wednesday, 1/31:

B Team: 3:30-4:30

A Team: 4:00-5:15

BB Game-Thursday, 2/1:

We will travel to Our Savior's in Wausau. We will have one game only, and will play a mixed team (B and A). Drivers are needed. Game time is 4:30. We will leave school at 2:45.

We will only be bringing a selected group of players to this game based on the ages of Our Savior's team. Coaches will be letting players know at the start of next week. Look for an update via Remind as well.

**Directions to Our Savior's Lutheran School,
703 Flieth St, Wausau**

Take WI 73 North to WI 29 East. Continue on WI 29 to Exit 164 A-B. Take Exit 164 A-B. Take Sherman St and S 11th Ave to Flieth St.

Family Tubing Outing-2/3: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Globe is sponsoring a family tubing outing at Bruce Mound on Saturday, February 3 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are invited. Please bring a dish to pass.

Watertown Tournament Hotel: We have reserved a block of 15 rooms at the Comfort Suites in Johnson Creek for the co-ed A-team basketball tournament March 8-9. This is a different hotel compared to previous years. (The block has been reserved for Friday night, March 8.) Rooms have two queen beds. **Parents, you will need to reserve your room by Friday, February 9th.** Please reserve rooms online using the link in the next column:

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QC87K9>

Our room block is titled "Neillsville Hornets."

Pancake Breakfast: The Friends of St. John's will be sponsoring its annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 11, from 10:30-1:00 in the school gym. All are invited to

attend. Free will offerings given will go toward tuition assistance.

If you can help out by donating needed items for the breakfast or by helping with serving and clean-up, please fill out and return the donation sheets that were sent home last week. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast Bake Sale: Next year's 7th-8th grade students!

We would like to have a bake sale during the pancake breakfast on February 11th in order to start raising money for next year's 7th-8th graders to go to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter (summer of 2025). We would like any 7th-8th students' families for next year to participate. An informational email was sent out about this. In the email a date was given for a brief meeting. At that meeting we will explain what is involved with the trip and also the Bake Sale.

School Bruce Mound Outing: Our Bruce Mound outing **HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.** (Grades 2-8). This will be the last time we reschedule, so plan on attending! Chaperones are free.

Upcoming School Schedule:

Please take notice from your February calendar that there will be no school on Thursday-Friday, February 15-16. Our teachers will be attending District Teacher Conference. The ELC will be open both days for childcare.

Winter Carnival: Our church's HIS Group (Hands in Service) is sponsoring a children's carnival on Saturday, February 24th as part of Neillsville's Winter Carnival. The children's carnival will be held here in our gym from 11:00-1:00. There will be bounce houses, a

cake walk, face painting, balloon animals, a giant slide, concessions, crafts...activities for all ages! Parents are expected to stay while their children are here. Cost will be \$5.00 per child (ages 1-12). Infants and ages 13+ are Free! Cost for the cake walk is \$1. We hope many parents and children can attend!!

Volunteers are needed to help with the carnival. We also need bakers who would be willing to bake cakes or cupcakes for the cake walk. If you would be able to help, please talk to Mrs. Allard or contact the school office. Thanks!

Coffee Fundraiser: We are once again selling Berres Brothers coffee. Order forms were sent home with the children this week, and extras are available from the school office. Proceeds from coffee sales will go into our Camp Phillip tuition assistance fund. Order forms and money should be turned in by Friday, March 15th. The coffee should be here and ready to be picked up early in April.

Call News-Pastor Biebert: Maybe you have heard that Pastor Biebert has received a call to be pastor at Christus Lutheran Church in Delavan, WI. If you see him around, he would appreciate any comments or encouragements you could offer as he deliberates where best to serve with his gifts. Please make a point of reaching out! There have been so many blessings for us here at St. John's that he has played a part in and it would be great to remind him about those! Also, as always, keep him and his family, along with both church families, in your prayers throughout this time. Thank You!

State Tax Deduction: Families can deduct K-8 student tuition on their state tax return. There is a form that needs to be filled out, which we have available in the school office. Please let us know if you need the form and/or a statement of your tuition payments for 2023.

Large Truck or Trailer Needed: A collection of clothes and household goods is being taken to raise additional funds for the school bathroom project. A large truck or trailer is needed to haul collected items to Eau Claire. It would be needed for approximately three days, possibly in May, but date and time frame are flexible depending on when the vehicle or trailer would be available. Contact Becca Biebert (507-766-1159) or Linda Biebert (715-819-0455) for more details.



Dani Shadrick

The student of the week is Dani Shadrick. Dani is in 6th Grade. She works hard, gets her work done, has been participating more in class, and sets a good example in the classroom.



Congratulations Dani!