



The Buzz

October 6, 2022

All It Takes Is a Little Faith – October 6, 2022

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Luke 17:5,6

Have you ever tried doing what Jesus says here? Have you ever tried using nothing but your faith to uproot a mulberry tree and launch it into the ocean? Should be easy, right? All it takes is faith as small as a mustard seed!

If you haven't been able to uproot a mulberry tree with your faith, what does that mean? Does that mean you don't really have faith? If that's the conclusion you've come to, don't worry! That's not the point Jesus is trying to make here.

Jesus is trying to show us the power of faith. He indicates that even with a little faith, great things can be done. That's because, ultimately, it's not our faith that does anything. It's the one we've put our faith in who does the impossible.

God does the impossible. He takes away every single sin of every single person in the world through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. He allows sinners like us to stand innocent in his presence. He allows us to talk directly with him in prayer. These things should not be possible for us but because of God's love for us, they are possible.

If God found it necessary, he would allow you to uproot a mulberry tree and hurl it into the ocean. God could make that happen for you. But God probably doesn't need you to do that. Instead, he has given you faith to be able to forgive those who sin against you, just as he forgave you. He has given you faith to persevere through difficult seasons of life and moments of great loss. He has given you faith that clings to Christ so that salvation and heaven are yours. What once sounded impossible has been made possible, through faith in the all-powerful Lord.

Prayer: Lord, increase my faith. You work the impossible and so I put my trust in you. Amen.

Taken from WELS Daily Devotions and www.WhatAboutJesus.com

No School-10/7: Parents, please note that there will be **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW** (10/7). The ELC will be open for childcare.

Volleyball Games:

Thursday, 10/6-We will travel to St. Mark in Eau Claire.

B Team-4:00

A Team-5:00

Drivers are needed. We will leave from school at 2:30. Drivers should be here by 2:15.

Directions to St. Mark Lutheran School, 3307 State St, Eau Claire

Because of the road construction, you will need to take Highway 12. Put the school address into your phone GPS.

Tuesday, 10/11-We will travel to Immanuel, Medford.

B Team-5:00

A Team-6:00

Drivers are needed. We will leave after school dismisses (around 3:30).

Directions to Immanuel Lutheran School, 420 Lincoln St., Medford

Take WI-73 north. Merge onto WI-29 toward Abbotsford. Take the County Hwy-E exit, EXIT 127, toward Curtis. Turn left onto County Hwy-E. Turn right onto WI-64. Turn left onto N 4th St. Take the 1st right onto Lincoln St. 420 LINCOLN ST is on the right.

Thursday, 10/13-We play our final regular season games at Home vs. St. Peter.

B Team-4:30

A Team-5:30

Come and cheer for the Hornets! Volunteers to help in the concession stand are needed and welcome!!

Volleyball Tournament: Our A-Team will be participating in a tournament at Northland Lutheran High School on Saturday, October 15th. Watch for further details.

Flag Football Games:

Monday, 10/10-Our final games of the season will be played here at home.

We play at 4:00 and again at 6:00.

Come and cheer for the Hornets as we play our first home flag football games in a long while! Volunteers to help in the concession stand are needed and welcomed!

Picture Day: **Picture Day is Monday,**

October 10th. Picture order envelopes have been sent home with the children today. Those should be returned to school, with payment, on or before picture day.

If you prefer, you can order pictures online at the link below:

<https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/71259HF>

Fire Safety Presentation: Fire Department volunteers will be visiting us on Wednesday, 10/12, at 10:30 to give a fire safety presentation to Grades 3K-3rd.

Alternate Bus Routes-10/14: The public school has the day off on Friday, Oct. 14. We will have school as normal. Buses will be running our alternate routes, as they did in August. Any questions about bus times, please contact the school office.

Upcoming Events

Fri, Oct 7

NO SCHOOL

Sun, Oct 9

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Mon, Oct 10

School Picture Day

FB Games @ Home

4:00 & 6:00

Tues, Oct 11

VB Games @ Immanuel,

Medford

B Team 5:00

A Team 6:00

Worship 6:00 pm

Wed, Oct 12

Chapel 8:20 am

Fire Safety Presentation
(3K-3rd) 10:30 am

Thurs, Oct 13

VB Games @ Home vs St.
Peter

B Team 4:30

A Team 5:30

Fri, Oct 14

Public School Day Off-
Alternate Bus Routes

Sat, Oct 15

Northland VB Tournament
(A Team only)

Sun, Oct 16

Worship-Grades 3K-8 sing
9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Mission Presentation
10:15 am

FSJ Fall Dinner 11:00-1:00

Tues, Oct 18

Worship 6:00 pm

Wed, Oct 19

Chapel 8:20 am

Pioneers 6:00 pm

Fall Dinner: The Friends of St. John's is sponsoring their annual Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 16, from 11:00 to 1:00 in the school gym.

The menu will include chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cheese curds, salad bar, delicious homemade pie and all the extras! (*Chicken is being provided by Schmitty's on Main.*) Proceeds from the free-will donations raised at the dinner will go toward the playground equipment fund. 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 were sent home with the children or reply to the text message that was sent out. Thanks!

Pioneers: Our next Pioneer meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 19th, at 6:00. All boys and girls in grades K-8 are invited to come. We will be learning about first aid.

Teens & Fun Around God's Word: Join other Christian teens from our area for WELS Youth Night at St. Mark in Eau Claire on Sunday, October 23rd. Designed to be like a local Youth Rally, the event will include games and fun fellowship, worship, and Bible study. Plan to meet here at St. John's at 5:00 p.m. We will drive to Eau Claire for supper, and be at St. Mark from 6:30-8:30 that evening before driving home. Contact Linda Biebert if you would like to be part of the fun and don't hesitate to bring a friend!

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 4:00-6:00.

Children are encouraged to dress up in costumes if they wish.

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to decorate their trunks and bring treats to be handed out. If you would like to participate or have questions, please contact Mrs. Shadrick at 715-897-0903.

We will have the tools necessary for pumpkin carving during Trunk or Treat, **but please bring your own pumpkins.**

Walk to School: We thank all who participated in Walk To School Day this past Wednesday. We especially thank our parent chaperones.



St. John's Walk to School Crew

Mark Your Calendars: Grades 3K-5th will be putting on a program for grandparents (and aunts, uncles, parents, etc.) on **Wednesday, October 26th**.

We will have chapel at **9:00** that morning, and following chapel will continue with the activities being planned.

All grandparents and other relatives are invited to join us for chapel at 9:00 and for the activities/program, which will be done at 11:00.

School Schedule 10/26-10/28:

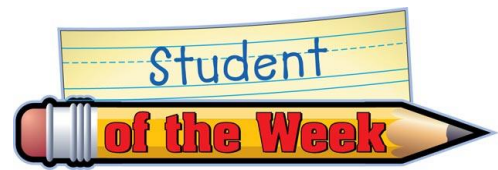
Parents, please take note of the upcoming school schedule.

Wed, 10/26: We will dismiss at noon.

Thurs, 10/27: No School (3K-8th)

Fri, 10/28: No School (3K-8th)

Our teachers will be attending state teachers' conferences in Milwaukee on the 27th and 28th. On the days we don't have school, the ELC will be open for childcare.



Jarus Backaus

The student of the week is Jarus Backaus. Jarus is in 3rd Grade. Since the beginning of the school year he has been polite and respectful, gets his work done, is a hard worker, sometimes has crazy hair days, and was a big help to his teammates as we won our first flag football game this week.



Congratulations Jarus!

Swim Team: The Neillsville Rec. Dept. is looking to start a "swim team/swim camp" on Thursday nights after school. The only prerequisite is that swimmers should be at least level 3 (confident swimming in deep water). All grades of kids are welcome. This is a perfect chance to get some exercise and have some fun, in addition to becoming a solid swimmer. Sign up by calling the Rec. Dept. at 715-743-2400. First night of practice will be Thursday, October 6.