



The Buzz

November 10, 2022

Living for Jesus Means Talking to Him

"The prayer of the upright pleases him."

-Proverbs 15:8

Ponder on these questions about prayer. First, "When do you pray?" Do you talk to God every morning when you get up? Do you try to get in a prayer at night when you go to bed? Are you in the practice of praying before and after every meal you eat? Do you ever stop during the day to say a prayer? Would you consider yourself as someone who prays a little or a lot?

Second, "Where do you pray?" If and when the need arises, do you have special places where you say your prayers? Jesus mentioned praying in a closet. He often went off to a quiet place for his talks with the Father. Do any of you still kneel at your bedside to pray? Prayer is certainly a good thing, but it can also be such an easy blessing to ignore!

There's an incredible example in the Bible of a man who loved to pray. His name was Daniel. When he was a young man, he was kidnapped and taken to a strange land to serve a heathen government. After living there for many years, we read the exciting story of Daniel being put into a den of lions. Do you remember the story? Do you know why Daniel was arrested and sentenced to die in that lion pit? He was arrested for not praying to King Darius and was thrown into a lions' den as punishment.

Daniel got himself into trouble because of something he liked to do. Daniel loved to pray. He had a special time and place for prayer, and he wasn't about to change that for anyone, not even a king. The Bible says, "*When Daniel learned that the decree [to pray only to King Darius] had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God, just as he had done before*" (6:10). How dare he be so bold and unashamed to pray, and to be seen in public no less! Daniel could not plead ignorance since we know he heard the decree. Daniel also knew what would happen if he prayed.

Daniel loved to pray. He enjoyed every moment he spent with his Father in heaven. He treasured those quiet moments several times a day. He cherished the opportunity to come to the Lord and empty his heart. He was always on time every day, and he wasn't about to let anyone take that blessing away.

Are you as bold as Daniel was? Have you ever been afraid someone might catch you praying? Have you ever gotten off a quick prayer while no one was looking? Do you sometimes skip your mealtime prayers when you're away from home in fear that someone might notice you? Does it bother you that those around you might hear you talking with your heavenly Father?

Daniel had a bold prayer life. We can learn something by following Daniel's prayer habits. We can get a certain confidence when we understand how important prayer was to this great man, and not only to Daniel, but also to Moses, Gideon, Hezekiah, Samuel, Hannah, Elijah, Ezra, Peter, Stephen, and Paul. The Bible tells us that each of these people often prayed to God. These people knew that living for Jesus means talking to him. Keep your prayer life alive. Speak to God about everything. Share all your thoughts with him. Tell him all your troubles. Thank him for the many wonderful things he has done. Become a prayer warrior, just like Daniel!

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

Veteran's Day Program: Grades 2-8 will be attending a special Veteran's Day program at the Public School on Friday, November 11th at 10:30.

Farewell: Tomorrow is Miss Stobb's and Miss Hoffer's last day with us. It has been a pleasure having them here, and we wish them God's blessings as they finish up their final year of college and prepare to begin their full-time teaching ministry.



Parent-Teacher Conferences: We thank all the parents for your participation in parent-teacher conferences this week. If you have any questions or concerns in the future, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher.

Shorts: This Friday (11/11) is the last day that students are allowed to wear shorts to school until next spring.

Pioneers: Our Pioneer group will be meeting this coming Wednesday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. This is for all children in grades K-8. Our project will be sewing.

Picture Retakes: Picture Retake Day is next Thursday, November 17. If you purchased and were unhappy with your Picture Package, please send your Picture Package to school with your student on Retake Day. Your Retake Picture Package will be produced and shipped to the school four weeks after Retake Day. *Please note, if your child is photographed on the original **and** Retake Picture Days, the Retake picture will replace the original picture in certain products, like the yearbook.*

Students who were absent for Picture Day should come to school prepared to have their picture taken. If you have not preordered, please use the Retake Order Code **71259QF** to place your order at

<https://inter-state.com/Order>.

We will also be taking candid and sports photos that day for the yearbook.

11/24-Thanksgiving Worship: We will be having a special Thanksgiving Day worship service on November 24th at 9:00 a.m. All of you are invited to join us for this special service as we give thanks to our gracious God for his continued grace and blessings to us

Upcoming School Schedule: There will be NO SCHOOL for 3K-8th Grade Wednesday through Friday (11/23-11/25). The ELC will be open for childcare on Wednesday (11/23), but WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (11/24-11/25) for Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

Sun, Nov 13

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Mon, Nov 14

School Board Meeting
5:30 pm

Tues, Nov 15

Worship 6:00 pm

Wed, Nov 16

Chapel 8:20 am
Pioneers 6:00 pm

Thurs, Nov 17

Picture Retake Day

Sun, Nov 20

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Tues, Nov 22

Worship 6:00 pm

Wed-Fri, Nov 23-25

No School-Thanksgiving
Break

Thurs-Fri, Nov 24-25

ELC CLOSED

Thurs, Nov 24

Thanksgiving Worship
9:00 am

Sun, Nov 27

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:15 am
Bible Class 10:15 am

Mon, Nov 28

Dartball vs. Globe/Christie
7:00 pm

Tues, Nov 29

BB Practice 4:00-6:00
Worship 6:00 pm

Wed, Nov 30

Chapel 8:20 am

Women's Advent Program: Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4th! This year's Women's Advent program, being held at 2:00 p.m. in the church basement, is called "Countdown to Christmas." Using a Melissa & Doug Advent Calendar, it will provide a way for you and the child(ren) you love to bring a Christ-centered focus to your Christmas preparations. Watch for invitations coming out soon!

2023 Calendars for Sale: Living Stones Youth Group is selling beautiful 2023 calendars with inspirational Scripture verses and plenty of room for writing birthdays, appointments, etc. in the date squares. Get one for \$8 or two for only \$15. Get yours today before they're gone! Calendars are available in the school office. Make checks payable to Living Stones.

12/18-K-8 Christmas Service &

12/20-3K/4K Christmas Service: All students are expected to participate in our children's Christmas services. We wanted to give parents a heads-up so that you can plan accordingly. This is part of our religion curriculum.

The service on Dec 18 will be at 9:00 a.m.

The service on Dec 20 will be at 6:00 p.m.

Winter Clothes: We will plan to go outside for recess most days during the winter, weather permitting. Please make sure to send along outdoor winter clothing with your children (snow pants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, coats, etc.)

School Closings: As we are nearing the winter season, we thought the following would be a good reminder:

"On days of inclement weather, **St. John's will close when Neillsville Public School closes.** For this information, listen to announcements on WCCN radio in Neillsville, WEAU-TV (NBC local channel), or WAXX 104.5 radio station out of Eau Claire. **If you hear that Neillsville Public Schools are canceled, then St. John's is also canceled.** If you haven't heard anything about the Public School, then we are having school. ***If there is a two-hour delay, there will be no 3K/4K but grades K-8 will still have school, two hours late.*** There will not be a separate announcement just for St. John's." (*Parent's Handbook, pg. 14*)

We will also be sending out text messages to the parents and posting on Facebook any school closings or delays, so watch for that as well.

If school is canceled, the Early Learning Center will most likely be open for childcare as scheduled, except in cases of extensive snow at one time. Parents will be notified if the center opens late, closes early, or closes for the entire day.

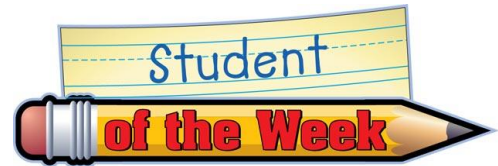
Early Learning Center Staff Positions Available:

Is anyone interested in helping out our childcare a couple afternoons a week? We are looking for support staff that are friendly, work well with kids, and enjoy a fun laid back atmosphere! Parents have fit well into this position because your children will be welcome to come along or stay after school! Maybe you'll have to come back to pick up kids after sports practice? Why not just stay and help, play, and earn a small wage!

St. John's Early Learning Center has positions available for after school hours. After school caregivers assist teachers in supervision of children from 3:00-5:00pm. Position options are flexible. Must be at least 16 years old. Stop by the St. John's school office or contact Megan Allard 715-937-7535 or preschool@stjohnsneillsville.com if interested.

Thanks for considering!

Trinity Marshfield Book Fair: Trinity Lutheran School in Marshfield is having a book fair. The fair opens this Friday after school, 2:45 pm-8:00 pm (they will have a Bedtime Stories event that evening) and the Book Fair will also be open next week Mon-Fri after school each day for an hour, 2:45-3:45pm. All the info is on the Book Fair Homepage (<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/tls>) where online shopping will also be available.



Fletcher Boon

The student of the week is Fletcher Boon. Fletcher is in 3rd Grade. He is polite and respectful inside and outside the classroom, has been working hard, participates well in class, and is a big fan of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense."



Congratulations Fletcher!