



# The Buzz

September 15, 2022

## Living for Jesus Means Placing Our Trust in Him

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." -- Proverbs 3:5*

Today we'll learn a new word. It is *phobia*. It means having a very great fear of something. For instance, some people have a phobia for heights or getting caught in a tight space. Other people have a fear of dirty hands or flying in airplanes. Do you have a phobia? One website lists over five hundred phobias or extreme fears that people have. Some of them almost make us giggle. Here are a few strange phobias.

Alektorophobia is the fear of chickens

Alliumphobia is the fear of garlic

Consecotaleophobia is the fear of chopsticks

Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of one's mouth

Ereuthrophobia is the fear of blushing

Linonophobia is the fear of string

These might almost seem funny, but they are all real fears that some people have.

Fear was certainly nothing new to people who lived in Bible times. In fact, the word *fear* appears over 250 times in the Bible. The words "do not fear" are mentioned 18 times, and the phrase "do not be afraid" appears 65 times. In the Christmas story, Gabriel told Zechariah not to be afraid. The same angel visited Mary and told her the same thing. Joseph was told not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, and the angel told the shepherds on the hillside not to be afraid because they brought good news of the Savior being born. Fear was certainly something that was common to those people. If you ever wondered what God commanded of his people more often than anything else, the answer isn't thou shall not covet, commit adultery, or kill. The command mentioned most often in the Bible isn't even one of the Ten Commandments. It's the command not to be afraid.

One of Jesus' boldest and bravest apostles was Peter. He was a man who seemed to always be strong and bold. He was like the he-man of the disciples, the man whose name meant "rock." Yet late one night

while fishing on the Sea of Galilee, Peter decided to try something new. He saw Jesus coming to him, walking on the water. Peter decided he wanted to try that too. He climbed out of the boat and sure enough, he began to walk on the water. But when he felt the wind whipping his face, he became afraid. He wasn't so bold anymore. The water would no longer hold him up and he began to sink because of his fear. The Bible says: *"When he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"* (Matthew 14:30). Peter knew that Jesus was right there with him. He knew help was only a few feet away. He knew Jesus has power over the wind and waves and that he was safe in the presence of his Savior. Yet despite all of that, his head told him that walking on the water was impossible. What he was trying couldn't be done. He let just a tiny speck of fear enter his mind, and he almost drowned.

Fear is something that bothers us all at times. Children are afraid of being without mom or dad. They are afraid of storms. Some children become afraid when they hear their parents argue, or when they become very ill. Many people are very afraid of dying, or hearing about war. All of us have times in our lives when we are fearful of something.

Yet when we live our lives for Jesus, we can shake off all those fears, because we know that he is in control. Jesus has promised to be with us always and to take away all our fears. Peter became afraid because he took his eyes off his Savior and looked at the wave instead. Living for Jesus means we should always place our trust in him. Jesus is the one who can wipe away all our fears. Listen to what David wrote after he was captured by the Philistines, *"When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid"* (Psalm 56:3,4).

Hope to see many people in church this Sunday since the kids are singing at 9:00!

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

**Singing Schedule:** Grades K-8 will be singing for our worship service this Sunday, September 18. 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.

## **Volleyball Games:**

**Thursday, 9/15**-We play at home vs. St. Paul of Menomonie.

B Team-4:30

A Team-5:30

*Come and cheer for the Hornets!*

**Monday, 9/19**-Volleyball Triangular at St. Mark in Eau Claire.

**This will involve the A Team only. We will play at 4:00 and again at 5:00.**

**Drivers are needed. We will leave from school at 2:45.**

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***Directions to St. Mark, 3307 State St,  
Eau Claire***

*Take I-94 west. Take exit 68. Turn right at WI-93. Take 1<sup>st</sup> Left onto Golf Rd. Take a slight right at E. Lowes Creek Rd. Turn right at State Street.*

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**Thursday, 9/22**-We will travel to St. Peter in Schofield.

B Team-4:30

A Team-5:30

**Drivers are needed. We will leave from school at 3:00.**

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***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.*

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## **Volleyball Practice:**

**Tuesday, 9/20: 3:30-5:00**

## **Flag Football Practice:**

**Monday, 9/19: 3:30-5:00**

**Wednesday, 9/21: NO FB PRACTICE**

**Friends of St. John's:** Our first Friend of St. John's (parent-teacher organization) meeting was held this past Wednesday. If you didn't get a chance to attend, the agenda and minutes from the meeting are included with this newsletter. You can also access the minutes on our website at the following link:

[FSJ Meeting Minutes](#)

**Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup>:** Last night Mr. Allard gave a presentation to parents on the Wait for 8th initiative that parents across the country are taking part in. This pledge encourages parents to wait until at least 8th grade to give their children a Smartphone. Mr. Allard talked about some of the issues that come from Smartphones which can affect children and also adults in some cases. Those issues were: addiction, academic distraction, changing childhood, altering of the child's brain, sleep impairment, behavioral impact, interference with relationships, increased risk for anxiety and depression, risk of cyber bullying, exposure to sexual content. Even major tech. executives ban Smartphones for their kids until age 14. If you would like more information from the meeting it is available in the office. This is something we are going to encourage and try to pursue here at St. John's.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Sep 15

VB Games @ Home vs. St. Paul

B Team 4:30

A Team 5:30

### Friday, Sep 16

Faculty Meeting 3:30 pm

### Sunday, Sep 18

School Board Meeting  
7:30 am

Worship 9:00 am

Grades K-8 sing

### Monday, Sep 19

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

VB Triangular (A Team Only) @ St. Mark  
4:00 & 5:00

### Tuesday, Sep 20

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Wednesday, Sep 21

Chapel 8:20 am

No FB Practice

Pioneers Informational Meeting 6:00 pm

### Thursday, Sep 22

VB Games @ St. Peter, Schofield

B Team 4:30

A Team 5:30

### Friday, Sep 23

Biking-Walking Presentation (K-3) 1:30

### Sunday, Sep 25

Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

### Monday, Sep 26

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

VB Triangular (A Team Only) @ St. Paul  
4:00 & 5:00

**Sunday School:** Sunday School for children age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade begins on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 are welcome!

## You Are Invited!

**What:** Informational meeting about our rejuvenated youth program **Lutheran Pioneers!**

**Who:** Boys and Girls in 5K-8th Grade!

**Where:** St. John's School Gym

**When:** **Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 @6:00pm**

(Meetings every 3rd Wednesday of each Month Sept.-May!)

**Why:** Our sincere hope is that all children get the chance to learn life skills in a fun and supportive environment through a Christ centered lens!

**Some life skills:** Knot Tying, First Aid, Navigation, Cooking, Sewing, Carving, Fishing, and much more!

**Activities:** Camping, Canoeing, Fishing, Biking, Hiking, Craft Making

*Pioneer Leaders: Brian Thell and Jenny Shadrick*

**Biking-Walking Presentation:** Representatives from Clark County will be giving a special presentation to Grades K-3 on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, (1:30) on safe walking and biking.

**Walk to School Day:** Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent home next week.

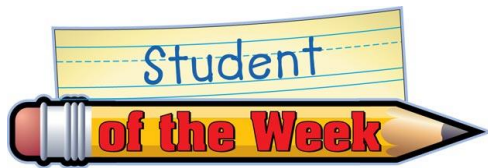
**School Pictures:** School picture day is Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information to come home soon.

**Box Tops for Education:** It was brought to our attention recently by one of our parents that the General Mills Box Tops for Education program is still going. It is now a completely digital, simple-to-use program; you don't need to cut out and save box tops. All you need to do is download the Box Tops app on your mobile device and scan your receipts. For more information or to download the app, go to the following link:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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!



### Mason Dux

The student of the week is Mason Dux. Mason is in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. He sets a good example in the classroom, follows classroom rules, gets his work done well, and is respectful and friendly to teachers and fellow classmates.



***Congratulations Mason!***