



The Buzz

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Living for Jesus Means Forgiving Others

"Forgive and you will be forgiven."

-Romans 12:19

Little Johnny's mother raced into the bedroom when she heard him scream and found his little sister yanking hard on Johnny's hair. She carefully unraveled the little girl's hand and said to Johnny, "It's okay, sweetheart. She didn't really mean it. She doesn't understand that it hurts." Almost as soon as mom was out of the room, she heard the little girl scream. Rushing back in, she asked, "What's wrong?" "She understands now!" exclaimed Johnny.

Getting even with those who have done wrong to us is something we learn as little children. Like little Johnny, we feel we have to take revenge against those who hurt us. And children aren't the only ones who feel the need to get even. Teens and adults face the same problems. That's why there are many people in prison today. They felt the need to get even with someone.

The Bible is filled with stories about revenge. Esau wanted to kill his brother Jacob for taking his birthright. Jezebel vowed vengeance against Elijah. Herodius displayed the head of John the Baptist as her vengeful trophy, and Peter lashed out with his sword at one of the soldiers in the Garden of Gethsemane.

If there was ever a man who was wronged throughout his life, it was Joseph. If there was ever a man who would have had a reason to get even, it was Joseph. Yet instead of getting revenge, his life was one incredible lesson in how to forgive.

After years of clawing his way back from the pit of despair, Joseph reached the rank of second in all of Egypt. During those years, a severe famine arose that would reunite him with the same brothers who hated him and planned for his death. When Joseph's brothers came to Egypt looking for emergency food supplies, their path led them right into the presence of Joseph. Joseph immediately recognized them but they did not know that he was Joseph.

Can you imagine the thoughts that raced through Joseph's mind as he stared at his brothers? Now the opportunity for revenge was there in front of him. He couldn't have written the script any better. Joseph's life was filled with tragedy thanks to his brothers. He was thrown into a dark pit from which there was no escape, he was sold to strangers in a traveling caravan, he was traded as a slave in Egypt, he was falsely accused of adultery by his master's wife, he was sentenced to prison, and worst of all, he was torn from the father and home he loved, and he was separated from any mention of the God he learned to know and love as a child. And now his brothers were standing right in front of him.

So what did Joseph say to them? He looked them in the eyes and said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you" (Genesis 45:4,5). Those words didn't sound at all like "get even" words. Those were the words of a child of God. Joseph didn't have any plans for revenge although that's what most people would have done. He knew that living for Jesus means we gladly forgive those who have hurt us. Jesus showed us how to forgive when he died on the cross in order to forgive us for what we have done. Today let's try to follow what Paul once wrote, "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).

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

Volleyball Games:

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 by 3:00. Drivers should be here by 2:45.

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.

Monday, 9/26-We will travel to St. Paul in Menomonie for a VB Triangular. (This is for the A-Team only.) We will play at 4:00 and 5:00.

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

Directions to St. Paul's Lutheran School, 1100 9th St. E, Menomonie

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

Tuesday, 9/27-We will travel to Trinity, Marshfield. (This is for the B-Team only.) We will play at 4:00.

Drivers are needed. We will leave at 3:15. Drivers should be here by 3:00.

Directions to Trinity Lutheran School, 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, 9/29: 3:30-5:00 (B Team Only)

Flag Football Practice:

Monday, 9/26: 3:30-5:00

Flag Football Games:

Tuesday, 9/27-We will travel to Messiah in Eau Claire for our first two football games of the season.

We will play at 4:00 and again at 5:00.

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

Directions to Messiah Lutheran School, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire

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

Biking-Walking Presentation:

Representatives from Clark County will be giving a special presentation to Grades K-3 on Friday, September 23rd, (1:30) on safe walking and biking.

Sunday School: Sunday School for children age 3 through 8th Grade begins on Sunday, September 25th. Sunday School is held almost 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!

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, Sep 27

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

FB Games @ Messiah
4:00 & 5:00

Wednesday, Sep 28

Chapel 8:20 am
No Football Practice

Thursday, Sep 29

VB Practice (B Team Only)
3:30-5:00

Thurs-Fri, Sep 29-30

Grades 6-8 Camp Phillip
Field Trip

Sun, Oct 2

Worship 9:00 am
No Sunday School or Bible
Class

Mon, Oct 3

Grades K-3-Field Trip-Play
FB Games @ St. Mark
4:00 & 5:00

Tues, Oct 4

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Sunday Bible Class: Parents, while your children are attending Sunday School, why not try our adult Sunday Bible Class? It runs at the same time as Sunday School. There is always room for more attendees at our Sunday Bible Classes. They are held in the church basement from 10:15-11:15. All are welcome! Refreshments are provided.

Walk to School Day: Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 5th. More information is being sent home today.

School Pictures: School picture day is Monday, October 10th. 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 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!

School Store: We thank those who have already turned in their school store envelopes. We've had great participation! Thanks for your support!! Students can still continue to turn in their envelopes.

Apparel Order: We are doing another ELC and "Hornet" apparel order. All ordering and payment will be done online, at the link below. The due date is October 2nd at midnight. Check out the color and logo options for many items on the website.

<https://stjohns22fa.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Camp Phillip: Grades 6-8 will be taking an overnight field trip to Camp Phillip next Thursday and Friday (9/29-9/30).

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.

We are not certain yet if we will serve chicken or beef tips. The rest of the menu will include mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cheese curds, salad bar, delicious homemade pie and all the extras! 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 will be sent home with the children next week. Thanks!

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.



Vada Schoen

The student of the week is Vada Schoen. Vada is in 5th Grade. She sets a good example in the classroom, has been participating in class, gets her work done, and has been very friendly and helpful to her fellow classmates.



Congratulations Vada!

Parent Conversations Website:

Being a Christian parent is challenging. Although we have a wonderful resource in God's Word, the Bible doesn't always answer our parenting questions with black and white answers--and neither does the "Parent conversations" website. What "Parent conversations" does provide is real-life perspectives from parents who are struggling with the same questions as you.

Looking for insight on a particular parenting topic? Search the "Parent conversations" archive. More articles continue to be added, so check back regularly. You can access this website by going to the link below.

<https://forwardinchrist.net/parents>