



# The Buzz

September 8, 2022

## Living for Jesus Means Being Patient

*"He is patient with you."*

**-2 Peter 3:9**

Patience is something many people lack today because we are so used to having everything we want when we want it. We want those new shoes now. We want that nasty cold to go away now. We want supper to be ready now. We want an answer to our question now. And we will be disappointed and angry if we are told we have to wait. And it isn't only children who are impatient. Adults get impatient when the car in front of them doesn't move immediately when the light turns green, when they have to wait in line at the checkout, when the computer slows down, or when their Amazon order takes an extra day to arrive.

Impatience isn't something new. Remember how impatient Abraham and Sarah were after they were promised a son? Jonah said he even wanted to die when his patience ran out, and Martha's patience ran thin with her sister when she said to Jesus, *"Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"* (Luke 10:40). Can you imagine how long her anger sizzled before she finally complained to Jesus?

Patience toward those around us is one thing, but what about patience with the Lord? Have you ever been impatient with God? Have you ever been in a situation in which you were in a hurry but God wasn't?

There is one saintly man in the Bible who is known for his patience. His name is Job. Let's look at Job's life. At first Job lived comfortably with his seven sons, three daughters, 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 donkeys, servants, a lovely wife, and a beautiful house. But then everything went wrong. On the same day Job lost the oxen and donkeys, the sheep and servants, the camels, his family, and his house. And if that were not enough to break Job's spirit, a few days later he discovered painful sores all over his body. Why did this happen? The Bible tells us it was because he was *"blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil"* (Job 1:1).

Job was broken in heart, spirit, and body. He felt as if God had deserted him. The Bible says that Job said, *"If I go to the east, he is not there; if I go to the west, I do not find him. When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him.* But then Job's patience began to show. He continued by saying, *"But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold"* (Job 23:8-10).

Job showed us what real patience is all about. We would do well to think of Job the next time we find ourselves becoming impatient when things don't happen like we want them to. Living for Jesus also means that we should try to be patient in all things. After all, can you imagine how patient God is with us? He was so patient that he hung on a cross and died for our sins. That took heavenly patience and love.

In Christ,

Mike Allard, Principal @ St. John's

**School Schedule:** There is no school this Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Campout:** Our annual school campout will be held September 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> (Thursday-Sunday) at the West Arbutus Jackson County Park. **All school parents and children are invited.**

There will be a potluck supper Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and a worship service Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to come for the potluck and worship service even if you are not camping.

The campground does not take reservations after Labor Day, but there should be plenty of room for all. You can pick your site when you come out.

We hope many of you can join us!

**Bean Bag Tournament:** We are excited to have our second bean bag tournament this year at the campground. The tournament will start with the youth singles at 1:00 on Saturday (9/10). We will have a youth singles tournament, an adult singles tournament, and an adult doubles tournament. There will be no entry fee; we just want as many people to come and play as possible. Prizes for first place winners are being donated by the kind people at Ratsch Engineering.

### **Volleyball Practice:**

**Thursday, 9/8: 3:30-5:00**

**Tuesday, 9/13: 3:30-5:00**

### **Flag Football Practice:**

**Monday, 9/12: 3:30-5:00**

**Wednesday, 9/14: 3:30-5:00**

### **Volleyball Games:**

**Monday, 9/12:** Home games vs. Messiah B Team plays at 4:30; A Team plays at 5:30 Parents, please note that this game was missing from your schedule.

**Thursday, 9/15:** Home games vs. St. Paul B Team plays at 4:30; A Team plays at 5:30

**Singing Schedule:** Grades K-8 will be singing for our worship service on 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.

**Friends of St. John's:** This is our parent-teacher group. This group is for all parents and friends of St. John's-not only those who are members at our church. There will be three scheduled meetings throughout the school year.

The first Friends of St. John's meeting will be held next Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, in the school gym starting at 6:00. We will begin with a light supper, then have a short devotion and our business meeting. All of you are invited to attend.

This first FSJ meeting will involve a presentation and discussion about a campaign called "**Wait Until 8<sup>th</sup>**" which encourages parents to hold off on giving their child a smart cell phone until they are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As our world becomes even more digital and the harmful information and images that our children could be exposed to on a smart cell phone are easily accessible, we are looking forward to some thought-provoking discussions. If you would like to check this campaign out beforehand, please visit [www.waituntil8th.org](http://www.waituntil8th.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, Sep 8

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Friday, Sep 9

No School

### Thurs-Sun, Sep 8-11

Church/School Campout @  
West Arbutus

### Saturday, Sep 10

Bags Tournament  
1:00 pm

Pot-Luck Supper 5:00 pm

Worship 6:00 pm

### Sunday, Sep 11

Worship 9:00 am

### Monday, Sep 12

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

VB Games @ Home vs.  
Messiah

B Team 4:30

A Team 5:30

### Tuesday, Sep 13

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

### Wednesday, Sep 14

Chapel 8:20 am

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

FSJ Supper & Meeting  
6:00 pm

### 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

**Friends of St. John's (cont.)** We thank the parents who have signed up to provide supper before the FSJ meeting. They are: *Joseph & Becca Biebert, Craig & Rachel Anderson, and Jenny Shadrick*. Thanks for your willingness to help out!

**Fall Dinner:** One of the items of discussion at the Friends of St. John's meeting will be our upcoming Fall Dinner (Oct 16). Those parents who signed up to help with that are listed below. More volunteers are needed and welcomed!!

*Fall Dinner Committee:*

*Joseph & Becca Biebert, Ed & Jenn Schmid, Shawn & Jenny Shadrick, Rene Defourneaux & Skye Goode, Kristine Boon, Josh & Amanda Dux, Ian & Courtney Pierce*

**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!

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

**Amazon Wish Lists:** Our teachers have come up with "wish lists" of items they could use for their classrooms from Amazon. These lists will continually be updated throughout the school year. If anyone is interested in checking these out or would like to help out with needed donations, please click on the links below.

Grades 6-8: <https://a.co/feSfEIO>

Grades 4-5: <https://a.co/8GnKaZr>

Grades 2-3: <https://a.co/h0Ybri3>

Grades K-1: <https://a.co/6PmhZSp>

School Office: <https://a.co/9jLZa5t>

Infant Room: <https://a.co/csapH64>

Toddler Room: <https://a.co/5rNMOG0>

3K Room: <https://a.co/93pM1v2>

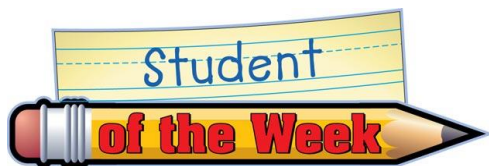
4K Room: <https://a.co/hTahVtl>

**Survey:** Our annual parent survey is available for you to fill out online, **until September 14**. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey, if you haven't already done so. We appreciate your cooperation! Once the survey is closed, we will be drawing a name to receive a \$25 Kwik Trip card.

The link to the survey is: [22-23 Parent Survey](#)

## Clark County Health Dept Info:

Information from the Clark County Health Department was sent home with all the students this week regarding student immunizations and flu clinics, and also the county seal-a-smile program. Seal-A-Smile consent forms should be returned by Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to the school office.



### Maria Backaus

The student of the week is Maria Backaus. Maria is in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. She has started out the year with a great attitude, is friendly to her classmates and teachers, sets a good example in the classroom, and gets her work done well.



***Congratulations Maria!***

**Kitchen Update:** We want to thank the ladies who have been helping out in the kitchen the last couple weeks, Alice Glinski, McKayla Schoen, and Amber Kallian. Thanks ladies! We welcome back Cheryl Fields as our kitchen assistant.

We would also like to welcome our new school cook, Mrs. Monique Coleman. She will be training with Mrs. Gaddis for the rest of September, and then will be taking over. We welcome her!

## 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



## Meet our Student Teachers



### **Lisa Hoffer (left)**

I grew up in Plymouth, Minnesota, and attended West Lutheran High School. This is near the Twin Cities. I am a senior at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. My major is elementary education. I have many teachers in my family that taught public school but there are no teachers in my immediate family. Things that I enjoy are playing basketball and softball on the MLC women's teams. I also enjoy making music with my voice or on the piano.

In high school, I was in four sports, volleyball, basketball, softball, and track and field. I was in our traveling choir, NHS, Student Council, Theater (8 shows), and many other activities. I love extracurriculars. Having competition, goals, teams, and friends are where I thrive.

My family consists of my mother and my older brother who is married and has a daughter who is two. My father passed away in October 2021. This has been a hard year but I'm deeply rooted in my faith and I trust God's promises for us believers. My family is very large as I have 40+ first cousins and they all have many children too. They have all been really supportive and stepped up this last year with the death of my father.

### **Sydney Stobb (right)**

Hello! My name is Sydney Stobb, and I have the astute privilege of serving in your 4-5 classroom during the first part of my student teaching experience.

I grew up in Westland, Michigan, which is a part of metro Detroit. I attended Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan, which is roughly 2 hours away from my hometown. I'm currently a senior at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. I am majoring in elementary education and minoring in music. As I approach my final year of education, I look forward to beginning my years of educating. Many people ask me, "Why are you going to school just to be in school the rest of your life?" I have had answers for this question in the past, and I'm hoping that my student teaching experience will help me answer that question more authentically.

I have 1 sister who just graduated high school. Neither of my parents were teachers. My mom graduated with a degree in criminal justice and my dad took on a job involving paving, but I have aunts and other extended family that have gone through DMLC / MLC and have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences there, which comforted me in making my decision.