St. John's Lutheran School

ST. JOHN'S HORNETS

The Buzz

October 8, 2026

AREN'T ALL PEOPLE BORN GOOD?

Psalm 51:5- "I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."

Babies are cute when they're born. Have you ever seen a baby shortly after it is born, lying there with eyes barely opened? Everything is completely different to newborn babies. They see peoples' faces for the first time and begin to breathe and eat on their own. They feel hunger and get tired. It is amazing how the newborn's brain begins to make all sorts of decisions.

Before long, each new baby will come home from the hospital and become familiar with his or her new surroundings and loving parents. As the baby grows its body begins to get used to routines. When it feels hungry it cries. If it eats too quickly it burps up some of the food. It even gets into a routine of getting its diaper changed. Soon it begins sleeping through the entire night. He or she also begins to make cute smiles and sad frowns. How remarkable it is watching these tiny creatures grow. These children are so cute some might be tempted to say, "Look how innocent that little baby is."

That is a nice thought. It certainly seems like babies are innocent. They appear to be too young to know how to sin. After all, babies don't lie or cheat, hate, or steal. Babies seem so innocent that some religions believe that babies are born without sin. They say children don't know what sin is until they grow older.

Are babies born with sin, or do they learn to sin as they get older? That's an interesting question. To find the answer we must look in the Bible. Let's look at the story of King David. David was a good king. He loved God and wrote many hymns for God's people to enjoy. But David was also a sinner. Once David did some terrible things. He sinned and broke several of God's laws. When David was told about his sin, he bowed his head in shame. He knew he did wrong and needed to make things right with God. That's when he wrote the thoughtful words of Psalm 51. In that psalm he mentions that all people are sinful. He knew that the sin that Adam and Eve committed in the Garden of Eden had been passed down to every person since then. In other words, everyone has sin within them even before they are born. David wrote, "I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me." That means from the very moment our life begins–even before we are born-we have sin within us. How precious it is to know that in our baptism our sins are forgiven and we become children of God.

Is anyone born without sin? No! No one is! The Bible says so. But by God's grace we can be saved from the curse of sin. Jesus died on the cross to forgive all our sins, even the sins we were born with. We will want to be lights to the world and share this truth that God is gracious to everyone who believes in Jesus. Even little babies!

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct 8
Gr. 3K-2nd Walk to Fire Department

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Sunday, Oct 11
Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:30 am

Bible Study 10:30 am

Youth Group Hiking 1:00

Tuesday, Oct 13
VB Games @ Home vs Messiah
B Team-5:00
A Team-6:00

Wednesday, Oct 14
Chapel 8:20 am

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Thursday, Oct 15
No Public School.
Alternate Bus Routes.

VB Games @ Trinity, Marshfield
B Team-4:00
A Team-5:00

Friday, Oct 16
No Public School.
Alternate Bus Routes.

Saturday, Oct 17
Northland VB Tournament (A Team)

Sunday, Oct 18
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Gr. 3K-8 sing

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mission Presentation 10:15 a.m.

FSJ Fall Dinner 11:30 a.m.

Practice:
Thurs, Oct 8 Volleyball 3:30-5:00

Youth Group Hiking: 8th-12th graders are invited to a hiking outing this Sunday, October 11th. We will meet here at St. John's at 1:00. Bring along a picnic lunch. We will have a devotion, play games, and go hiking at Wildcat Mound. Because of youth hunting going on that weekend, please wear bright orange and/or pink. (There is no hunting allowed at Wildcat Mound, but we just want to exercise caution.)

Volleyball Games-10/13: On Tuesday, October 13th, we will play @ Home vs Messiah.
B Team-5:00
A Team-6:00
Helpers are needed in the concession stand. Come and cheer for the Hornets!

Practice:
Wed, 10/14 Volleyball 3:30-5:00

Alternate Bus Routes-10/15, 10/16: On Thursday and Friday, October 15-16, the public school has off, so we will have our alternate bus routes.

Volleyball Games-10/15: On Thursday, October 15th, we will play @ Trinity, Marshfield.
B Team-4:00
A Team-5:00
We will leave right after school. Drivers are needed.

Directions to Trinity, 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.

Northland VB Tournament: Our A-Team will be participating in a tournament at Northland Lutheran High School on Saturday, October 17th.

Singing Schedule: Grades 3K-8 will be singing for our worship service next Sunday, October 18th. 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.

Fall Dinner: The Friends of St. John's is sponsoring their annual Fall Dinner next Sunday, October 18th, from 11:30 to 1:00 in the school gym. The menu will include chicken, mashed potatoes, side salads, and pie.

All are invited to attend. There is no charge. Proceeds from the free-will donations raised at the dinner will go toward replacing the broken slide on the older kids' playground.

Field Trip-10/23: Grades K-3 will be taking a field trip to Ferguson's Apple Orchard on Friday, October 23rd. If you have any questions, talk to your child's teacher.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 25, from 2:00-4:00. 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.

First Quarter Ends: The first quarter ends on Wednesday, October 28th. First quarter report cards will be sent home the following week.

Grandparents Program: Grades 3K-5th will be putting on a program for grandparents (and aunts, uncles, parents, etc.) on **Wednesday, October 28th**.

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 10/28-10/30:
Parents, please take note of the upcoming school schedule.

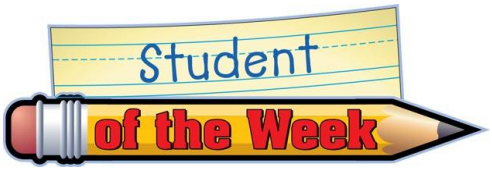
Wed, 10/28:	**We will dismiss at noon.**
Thurs, 10/29:	**No School (3K-8th)**
Fri, 10/30:	**No School (3K-8th)**

Our teachers will be attending state teachers' conferences in Milwaukee on the 29th and 30th. On the days we don't have school, the ELC will be open for childcare.

Basketball Update: We have enough interest once again this year to have an A team boys' basketball team for grades 5-8. This team will start practicing the first week of November and will play games in November and December.
There is not enough interest in having a girls team this year.
We will be having a coed B team (grades 3-6) and a coed A team (grades 6-8). These teams will start practicing in December and they will play games in January and February.
Practices and games will mostly be Tuesdays and Thursdays with occasional Wednesday practices during the coed season.
Any questions, please reach out to Mr. Allard. Thanks!

School Pictures: If your child was absent on picture day or if you are not satisfied with your child's picture, we will be doing retakes on Thursday, November 12th. We will also be taking team and group photos for the yearbooks that day.

Flag Football Wrap-Up: This past Monday we wrapped up our flag football season. We finished Monday night with a win against Messiah and tied St. Marks. The Hornets played hard and kept improving every game. Thank You to all the parents for driving for practices and our games. Special thank you to our coaches: Faith Schmidt, Cody Kallian, Carter Hannasch, and Mr. Leiterman. Also, we want to thank our refs who made our home game possible: Nathan Wilke, Matthew Ladd, and Cody Kallian. We look forward to next year!



Piper Keller

The student of the week is Piper Keller. Piper is in 2nd Grade. She is a hard worker, gets her work done, is polite and respectful to teachers and fellow classmates, and sets a good example in the classroom.

Congratulations Piper!

Walk to School Day

Pictured below is our Walk-To-School Day crew. We thank the members of the Neillsville Optimist Club and the other parents who walked along with the students!