St. John's Lutheran School

ST. JOHN'S HORNETS

The Buzz

October 1, 2026

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

1 Corinthians 15:14- ***"If Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless."***

Everyone knows what a cemetery is. No doubt we've all driven past one. Many people who were dearly loved are buried in cemeteries. Often a headstone is placed on the grave that shows the person's name and the dates when they were born and died. We know that people who are buried will not come back to life. When people die, they cannot live again. They will remain dead until Jesus returns. Then their bodies will be brought back to life to live forever.

Some people say that death is the end. They don't believe that Jesus will ever come back. They say it is foolish to believe there will be new life after death because it would be going against the laws of science if we believed such a thing. The Bible tells us otherwise. The Bible says that after Jesus died on the cross, a soldier put a spear into Jesus' side to be certain he was dead. Then Jesus was buried in a tomb and a huge stone was rolled in front of the doorway so his body could not be moved. But something wonderful happened three days later on Easter Sunday. The disciples came to Jesus' tomb early on that morning and found an angel waiting there. The angel said, "He is not here. He has risen." Jesus is God and he has the power to raise himself from the dead. Death could not hold on to Jesus.

Is it important that we believe in Jesus' resurrection? It certainly is! It proves to us that Jesus not only had the power to raise himself, but he has the power to raise us from the dead too. One day each of us will be taken to heaven to be with Jesus forever. We are convinced that will happen because Jesus proved that he is more powerful than death. Jesus said in John 11:25, "The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

According to the apostle Paul, it would be foolish for us to believe in Jesus if he never rose from the dead. In 1 Corinthians 15:14, he says, "If Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless."

It is sad that many people believe that once a person dies it is the end, that there is nothing after death. As believers in Jesus, we know that our years spent here on earth will one day end, but God will bring us back to life to live with him forever. What a wonderful hope we have. God's children know there will come a day when we will be given perfect bodies and live where there is no more pain or guilt, no more sorrow or loneliness.

This news is too good to keep to ourselves. We can let our lights shine to tell others that there is hope after death for everyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior. Such good news will change people's lives.

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct 1
VB Practice 3:30-5:00

Friday, Oct 2
3K/4K Field Trip to Cain's Orchard

Saturday, Oct 3
Cross Country Meet

Sunday, Oct 4
Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Bible Study 10:30 am
Pioneers 6:00 pm

Monday, Oct 5
School Picture Day

Gr. K-1, Play Field Trip

FB Games @ Messiah
4:00 vs Messiah
5:00 vs St. Mark

Tuesday, Oct 6
VB Games @ Home vs St. Mark
B Team-4:30
A Team-5:30

Wednesday, Oct 7
Walk to School Day

Chapel 8:20 am

No VB Practice

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

Practice:

Thurs, Oct 1 Volleyball 3:30-5:00

3K/4K Field Trip: 3K/4K will be taking a field trip to Cain's Apple Orchard on Friday, October 2nd. More information has been sent home with the students.

Cross Country Meet: The Cross County Meet will be held this Saturday, October 3rd at Sunnyvale County Park in Wausau (1234 S. 72nd Ave, Wausau). Try to be at the park at 9:00 for registration.

Pioneers: The first Pioneer meeting of the school year will be held this Sunday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. All children in grades K-8 are invited.

School Picture Day: School picture day for Grades 3K-8th has been set for this coming Monday, October 5th. Order forms were sent home with the students. You can order pictures online using the code on the order forms, or you can send the forms with payment back to school by Monday.

Gr. K-1 Field Trip: Grades K-1 will be going to see the play "Pete the Cat" this coming Monday, October 5.

Football Games-10/5: On Monday, October 5th, we will travel to Messiah in Eau Claire.

St. John's vs Messiah 4:00
St. John's vs St. Mark 5:00

Drivers are needed. We want to be on the road by 2:30.

Directions to Messiah, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire

Merge onto I-94 W toward Eau Claire. Merge onto US-53 N via EXIT 70toward Eau Claire/Superior. Take the North Crossing exit, EXIT90, toward Eau Claire. Turn left onto WI-312/County Hwy-Q/North Xing. Continue to follow WI-312/North Xing. Turn right onto ramp. Turn left onto Abbe Hill Dr. Take the 3rd right onto La Salle St. Turn left onto N Hastings Way.

Volleyball Games-10/6: On Tuesday, October 6th, we will play @ Home vs St. Mark.

B Team-4:30

A Team-5:30

Helpers are needed in the concession stand. Come and cheer for the Hornets!

Walk to School Day: Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 7th. St. John's students will join schools across the United States in celebrating Walk to School Day. Both students and parents are encouraged to participate. Regular bus routes will run as usual.

In the United States, Walk to School Day is expected to be celebrated by thousands of schools and communities. These events emphasize the importance of creating safer routes for walking and bicycling, while also promoting physical activity among children and concern for the environment.

Students are encouraged to show their school spirit and wear black and yellow or Hornet gear. The St. John's route will start at 7:30 a.m. Parents can drop their child(ren) off in the Hansen's IGA parking lot where volunteers will be waiting. Volunteers will be identified by the "Walk to School" signs they will be holding.

This event is being organized by St. John's Lutheran School, the Neillsville Optimist Club, and the Clark County Health Department.

In the event of lightning, heavy rain, or strong wind, Walk to School Day will be canceled.

For additional information, please call Judy Morrow at 715-743-2885.

Fire Department Trip: On Thursday, October 8th, Grades 3K-2nd will be walking to the Neillsville Fire Department to learn more about fire safety and prevention.

Practice:

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

Youth Group Hiking: 8th-12th graders are invited to a hiking outing on 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.)

Singing Schedule: Grades 3K-8 will be singing for our worship service on 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 on Sunday, October 18th, from 11:30 to 1:00 in the school gym. The menu will include chicken, mashed potatoes, side salads, cheese curds, and pie.

Proceeds from the free-will donations raised at the dinner will go toward replacing the broken slide on the older kids' playground. 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 were sent home with the children. Thanks!

Camp Phillip Field Trip: Grades 6-8 will be taking their annual overnight field trip to Camp Phillip in Wautoma on October 22-23. **Permission forms and money should be turned in to Mr. Allard AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We are still in need of one male and one female chaperone.**

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.

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

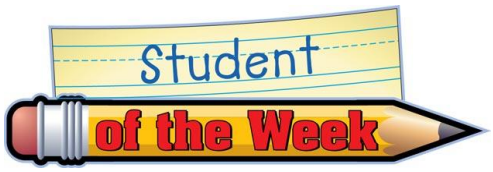
We will have chapel at **9:00** that morning, and following chapel will continue with the activities being planned.

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.



Lily Harder

The student of the week is Lily Harder. Lily is in 5th Grade. She is polite and respectful, has been working hard, gets her work done well, is a good helper in the classroom, and has been setting a great example in the classroom and on the athletic field.

Congratulations Lily!