St. John's Lutheran School

ST. JOHN'S HORNETS

The Buzz

September 24, 2026

WHO DOES JESUS SAY HE IS?

Jesus said to his disciples in John 14:6, ***"I am the way and the truth and the life."***

In our last devotion, we asked who some people say Jesus is. When he asked his disciples, Peter said, "[You are] Messiah, the Son of the living God." We also learned that many religions say they believe in a man named Jesus, but he is not the same Jesus of the Holy Bible. Their Jesus is a false Jesus.

Who did Jesus say he was? This week, we learn that he gave himself many different names, each one telling us about the work he came to do. We sometimes call these the "I AMs" of Jesus.

On one special day Jesus was talking to a crowd of more than five thousand people who gathered to hear what he had to say. Late that afternoon the people became hungry and Jesus fed them all having just a few fish and some loaves of bread. That was a miracle! The next day a crowd again came to see Jesus, but this time they were hoping he would give them more free food. Jesus told them he wasn't going to give them bread to eat. Instead he was going to feed them with heavenly bread. He said, "**I am the bread of life**. If you hear my words and believe in me, you will never be hungry again." Jesus was telling the people that once we know Jesus, we need never look for salvation anywhere else. Jesus is truly the bread of life.

At another time Jesus told the people, "I **am the light of the world."** Jesus meant that he brings special peace to those who put their trust in him. His light shines into their lives. Still another time Jesus said, "**I am the door**." Jesus was saying that there is only one entrance into heaven and that is to believe in him. No other way will work. Faith in Jesus is the only way anyone can receive salvation.

Jesus also told his disciples, "**I am the vine**, you are the branches. If you are in me and I am in you, you will produce much fruit." Jesus was telling his friends that we become attached to Jesus like branches are attached to a plant. Jesus is the center of our lives, and the wonderful things we receive through him like love, joy, and peace we want to pass on to others. Still again, Jesus said, "**I am the Good Shepherd**." As our shepherd, he protects us, cares for us, loves us, and knows us by name. It is wonderful knowing we are his sheep and he is our Shepherd.

All the "I AM" names that Jesus used to describe himself show us many ways he cares for us. How thankful we are knowing Jesus is the bread of life, the door to heaven, the light of the world, the vine, and the Good Shepherd. Those wonderful names show us how great his love is. Let us be lights in the world telling others about the I AMs of Jesus.

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sep 24
VB Games @ St. Mark, Eau Claire
B Team-4:30
A Team-5:30

Friday, Sep 25
Field Trip (Gr. K-3) 12:30

Faculty Meeting 3:15 pm

Sunday, Sep 27
Worship 9:00 am

Sunday School 10:15 am

Bible Class 10:15 am

Youth Group 6:00 pm

Monday, Sep 28
FB Games @ St. Mark
vs St. Mark-4:00
vs Messiah-5:00

Tuesday, Sep 29
Gr. 4-5 Field Trip to Highground

VB Games @ Home vs Trinity
B Team-4:00
A Team-5:00

Wednesday, Sep 30
Chapel 8:20 am

VB Practice 3:30-5:00

FB Practice 3:30-5:00

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

Volleyball Games-9/24: This afternoon we will travel to St. Mark in Eau Claire.

B Team plays at 4:30
A Team plays at 5:30

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

Directions to St. Mark Lutheran School
3307 State St Eau Claire

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

Field Trip: Grades K-3 will be going to a "Pumpkins and Petting Zoo" program at the Neillsville Retirement Community on Friday, Sep 25th. More information has been sent home with the children.

Homecoming Parade: The Neillsville Homecoming Parade will be held tomorrow, Sept. 25th. Permission slips were sent home with the children. **All students who are to be dismissed early to watch the parade must have a signed parent permission slip turned in. Students in Grades K-5 will also need an adult to pick them up if they are to be dismissed early.**

School Boiler: One of our two school boilers has developed mechanical problems and must be replaced. After getting two quotes, we decided to hire RC Heating and Cooling LLC of Neillsville to do the work. The installation will be accomplished this Saturday, Sept. 26th and the total cost for this work will be $13,400.00. Donations toward this project are gladly accepted. You can drop those off in the school office.

Sunday Bible Study: Sunday Bible study will continue this Sunday, 9/27, after church. We will be studying "Christian Doctrine Two: 8 Studies on Deeper Christian Teachings." All are invited to join us in the church basement at 10:30.

Sunday School: Sunday School will continue this Sunday, 9/27, for preschool through 6th grade students. Preschool-Kindergarten students will meet in the church basement; Grades 1-6 will meet in the school. All children are invited! We encourage 7th & 8th grade students to attend Sunday Bible Study.

Youth Group: Youth Group will hold its first meeting of the school year this Sunday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Christie. All students in 8th through 12th grades are invited.

We will be watching an online Teen Bible Study, "My Self-Worth," led by Pastor Jon Enter. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." That sentence is a lie. Words hurt. Their wounds sometimes take decades to heal. And the deepest pain is found in words spoken against yourself. I'm worthless. I'm a failure. I'm not good enough. Mephibosheth knows your pain.

His short yet powerfully personal Bible story will guide you to see yourself differently, to see yourself as God sees you: beloved, worthy, and his.

We hope many 8th graders and high school students can join us!

Football Games-9/28: On Monday, September 28th, we will travel to St. Mark in Eau Claire.

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

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

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

Volleyball Games-9/29: On Tuesday, September 29th, we will play @ Home vs Trinity.

B Team-4:00
A Team-5:00

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

Practices:

Wed, Sep 30	**Volleyball**	**3:30-5:00**
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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.

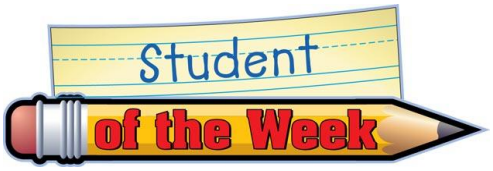
Fall Dinner Donations: If you can help provide food items, serving help, or kitchen help for our Fall Dinner on Sunday, October 18th, please take note of the donation sheets that were sent home this week. Those are due next Friday, October 2nd. Thanks for any help you can provide.

Cross Country Meet: The Cross County Meet will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at Sunnyvale County Park in Wausau. This is for any interested students in Grades K-8. More information is available, including a registration form, from the school office, or you may go to the link below on our website to access the information (the same page where The Buzz is posted).:
News & Notes

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

Save the Date-School Pictures! School picture day for Grades 3K-8th has been set for Monday, October 5th. More information will be sent home soon.

Walk to School Day: Walk to School Day is Wednesday, October 7th. Watch for more information to be sent home soon.



Ezra Allard

The student of the week is Ezra Allard. Ezra is in 7th Grade. He is polite and respectful, sets a good example in the classroom and on the sports field, is a hard worker, and is letting his light shine to those around him.

Congratulations Ezra!