

“Look at the two illustrations. Do you see the face some say looks like Jesus in that one? Do you see the name Jesus in the other one? Some of you may see them. Others you might not. If so, don’t worry. Look again later, and you will. And if you don’t, see me after service I will try to help you see it. We’re going to use those picture puzzles to help us today as we consider selected verses of John 9 with the statement: Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind. Hearing that He gives physical and spiritual sight “

Welcome Today’s Worship Leader Pastor Rodney Dietsche

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs: SIGHT FOR
THE BLIND

ST. JOHN’S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

March 19th, 2023

WELCOME! WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God’s Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today’s order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John’s and Emmanuel and livestreamed at

www.stjohnsmontello.org and also at St. John’s in the Lower Level.

At St. John’s, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John’s.

TODAY'S THEME: *Our Greatest Need: A Gift for the World*

What do you really need right now? To answer that question, one must first define what a “need” is. We understand that a “need” is greater than a “want.” If you lack something you want, life goes on just fine. If you lack something you need, that presents a problem. Thus, to correctly answer that question, “What do you really need right now,” ultimately one must understand their greatest problems. Mankind’s greatest problems are universal. We all live under the curse of sin. That sin makes us utterly helpless in our natural state. Natural man is confused, unable to make sense of life. Left in sin, man is doomed to death, and not just physical death. After one’s heart stops comes another type of death that is infinitely worse, an eternal nightmare. Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

SIGHT FOR THE BLIND We know that unbelief will have consequences in the future—eternal separation from God. But unbelief also has consequences now. It makes you blind, in a sense. The unbeliever is unable to see the world as it really is. That which is harmful the unbeliever considers good; that which is good he considers meaningless. The unbeliever cannot see the danger that lurks behind temptation. He cannot see the blessing contained in God’s Word. The unbeliever cannot see the tragic fate that lies in his future, and he certainly cannot see the Savior. The Old Testament said that restoration of sight to the blind was one of the works of the Messiah. In his ministry, Jesus healed those who were physically blind. But even if our eyes work just fine, we still need Jesus to give us spiritual vision. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we might see him and live. Jesus meets our greatest needs. He provides sight for the spiritually blind.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, pp. 172-182, 171

HYMNS: 576, 515, 517 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 27 “The LORD Is My Light” (hymnal/screen)

SERMON: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 “Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind”

OPENING HYMN: 576 "Amazing Grace" (Sunday at St. John's Sunday School sings "All Part of the Plan")

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal page 172, confession on p.173 (also on the screen)

Note: Glory to God in the Highest omitted during Lent

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:14-21

(God promises to lead the blind to safety and turn their darkness to light.)

¹⁴"For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. ¹⁶I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. ¹⁷But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame. ¹⁸"Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD? ²⁰You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." ²¹It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

(Hymnal Page 178/screen)

PSALM: Psalm 27 "The LORD Is My Light" (hymnal/screen)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

(Those who have seen the light of Christ strive to leave deeds of darkness behind.)

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

(Hymnal page 178/screen)

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 12:2



Refrain



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Tone



Refrain

Let us fix our eyes on Je - sus, the pioneer and perfect - er of faith.

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GOSPEL: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus miraculously enables a man who had been born blind to see the Christ both physically and spiritually.)

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. ¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." ³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

(Hymnal page 180/screen)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 515 "Christ is the World's Light"

SERMON: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 "Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind"

(Apostle's Creed Hymnal page 181/screen)

LENTEN SEASON PRAYER & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(See bulletin p. 7)

(Hymnal page 171/screen)

CLOSING HYMN: 517 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Edna Mae Cragin, Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Gloria Duerr, Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Freitag, Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gromowski (Josh's father, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, John Kelm, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Bob Klapper, Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Earl "Pete" Laun, Thomas Marcelain (Dawn's son), Kay Nelson, Rosie Nindorf, Ben Olson, Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Wayne Riemer, Eloise Schultz, Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon

-For those straying from the Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: March 19-25, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs:
"SIGHT FOR THE BLIND"

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Joint Council Meeting at EM
	7:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
	2:15 p.m.	Public-School Confirmation at SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at EM
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper at SJ-Hosted by CALA Athletic Department
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion

Next Sunday: March 26, 2023

Theme: Third Sunday in Lent: "Our Greatest Needs: LIFE FOR THE DEAD"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m.	"19-minute Bible Studies: Very Important Chapters" at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	"One by One" Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion
11:15 a.m.	Second Pastor Call Meeting at St. John's
11:45 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Youth Group at Princeton

Attendance

St. John's Emmanuel

3/11/23	13	-
3/12/23	56	25

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, March 21st: Joint Council Meeting Emmanuel
6:30pm-St. John's Council Meeting 7:30pm

Sunday, March 26th: Second Pastor Call Meeting at St. John's
11:15am, Meeting will be led by Pastor John Stelter and WELS
District President Zank.

Saturday, April 1st: Easter Family Festival St. John's 9:00am-
11:00am

Sunday, April 2nd: God's Grounds Café in the linkway opening.
Voter's Meeting after church.

Saturday, April 22nd: LWMS Rally at St. John's Markesan

March 2023 Newsletter and Calendar available on the Church
website: www.stjohnsmontello.org

Little Lambs Needs Your Help for Crafting!

We are looking for paper towel rolls (not bathroom tissue rolls,
please). You can drop items off at the St. John's office. Thank You.

HOUSING OPTIONS NEEDED

We at CALA are currently searching for housing options for our new
teacher, Beth Barenz, with a move in date of July 1. If you or
anyone you know have rental options near the Princeton/Green
Lake area, please contact Mr. Sellnow 920-481-9002
or principal@christalonelutheranacademy.net. Thank you!

Sunday Morning Bible Class at St. John's:

Sunday Bible Study – Very Important Chapters

We will be using the 19-minute Bible Study: Very Important Chapters and will be looking at Chapters of the Bible relating to the Lenten Season.

This study is being led by Pastor John Dolan and will take place in church in the front pews on the right side.

Hiring for Little Lamb's and Eagle's Nest:

St. John's Montello would like to hire an aide for the Little Lambs classroom and Eagles Nest wrap around care! Hours needed to be covered are Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (varies day to day, never past 6:00 p.m. and most days not that late). Hours and days are flexible. Duties would include managing nap time, playtime, snack time, cleanup, and doing activities with the children. This position does involve the ability to work from the floor. Base pay will be based upon qualifications. Please call Barb Stelter (816-853-9029) or the school office (608-297-2866) to set up an interview. We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

Usher's schedule (St. John's):

Saturday 3/18/23, Sunday 3/19/23 & Wednesday 3/22/23:

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath

Saturday 3/25/23, Sunday 3/26/23 & Wednesday 3/29/23:

James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

Saturday 4/1/23, Sunday 4/2/23 & Wednesday 4/7/23:

Paul Van Treek, Matt Borzick, Ken Borzick, James Henke, Haiden Van Treek, Nolan Van Treek, Brody Henke

CALA Mission Project Needs a Coordinator!

Our second semester mission project is Thai Village. We are looking for someone to coordinate a sale for Thai Village around Easter. They have products conducive for Easter, graduation, Mother's Day, etc. We can put you in touch with Sara Zondag, who is our coordinator for the mission. She can help you get set for the sale.

Please contact Larry Sellnow at principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.net or Ciara at secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net

Wednesdays' Lenten Supper 4:30pm at St. John's

March 22nd: Hosted by CALA Athletic Dept, serving spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desserts.

March 29th: Hosted by CALA Hot Lunch, serving taco/nacho bar, desserts

Free-Will offering will be taken

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare sessions are being offered in Montello, Princeton, and Green Lake. All sessions will begin at 6:00pm.

Green Lake on Mondays

Princeton on Tuesdays

Montello on Thursdays

Any questions, please call or text **Mark Emond 608-697-1600.**

CALA Singing Schedule:

March 19th: Sunday School at St. John's Montello

March 22nd: Little Lambs-2nd at Emmanuel

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT St. John's & Emmanuel members are invited to join LWMS in a donation drive for Alpha Resource Center & Thrift Store in Watertown, a chapter of Christian Life Resources. Collection containers are located at both churches. Please collect only items on the following wishlist: size 6 & 7 diapers, rolls of paper towels, boxes of tissues, hand soap, 2-gallon ziplock bags, stamps, envelopes, reams of paper, and Goods for Resale: any sizes of new or gently used baby clothes & adult clothing. Monetary gifts are also welcome & should be given to the LWMS reporter at your church: Helen Stelter @ Emmanuel; Linda Wachholz @ St. John's

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:

Florence Dahlke is turning 101! The Ladies Aid invites the members of both congregations to send her a birthday card and shower her with all the well wishes. Her Birthday is March 20th. Please mail her a birthday card to:

Florence Dahlke

Haven Hills RM 109

215 Dale Dr.

Lodi, WI 53555

St. John's Mid-Week Lenten Worship Series:

“His Final Steps” 6:30 pm

March 22nd: “His Final Steps Led To A Tomb”

Pastor John Stelter; St. John's, Princeton

March 29th: “His Final Steps Led To His Father's House”

Pastor Mike Sheppard; Mt. Zion, Ripon



Midweek Lenten Devotions 2023

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Mecan, WI

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3:30pm

March 22, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS ... You Will Disown Me*

March 29, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS...If One Dies, It Produces Life for Many*

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR SPRING MISSION OFFERING? They are being collected **through Sunday, April 2**, by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. A container is located in the entrance at both St. John's and Emmanuel--*Please give your gift at the church where you are a member.* Projects supported by these offerings are listed by the container. Gifts are welcome from all who love missions!

EMMANUEL EASTER BREAKFAST

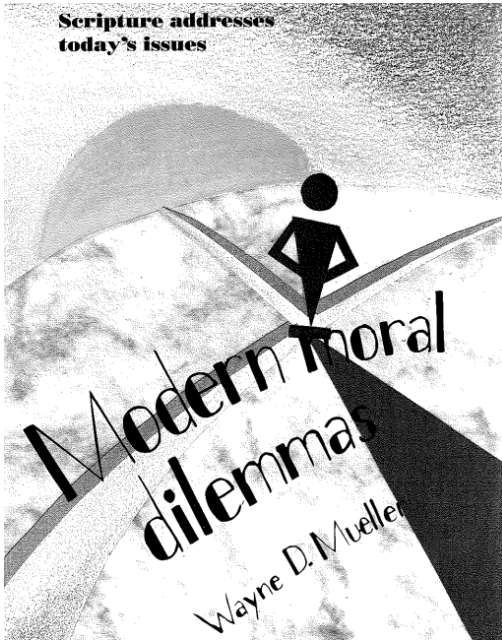
Sunday April 9th after the 8:00 AM Easter Service.
Everyone is welcome for food and fellowship. This event is supported by a Thrivent Action Project.



Easter Cards for sale

The Ladies Aid has Easter Cards for sale in the Lower Level of St. John's

\$5.00/box



What can we do about the gross immorality that flaunts its presence in our modern world? How can we sort out the dilemmas we face in a permissive society where once-clear moral choices are now challenged and changed? Is the Bible still relevant today?

Wayne Mueller addresses these questions clearly and concisely in this book. He not only demonstrates the relevancy of God's word but also does a masterful job in correctly relating law and gospel to the issues. The author offers fresh and incisive insights on such up-to-date concerns as premarital relationships, family planning, materialism, authority, and the environment.

New Monday & Wednesday Bible Study

Beginning 3/20 & 3/22

The study will be using the W.D. Mueller book "Modern moral dilemmas". We will be looking at topics including: Drug abuse, the environment, single life, church and government, premarital relationships, materialism and much more. Monday classes at 7:30pm. Wednesday classes at 10:30am. Come and join this hard-hitting study.

Help us stay in touch!

Scan the code below using your smartphone camera and fill out the prompted information. Don't have a smartphone? That's ok! Fill out an attendance card located at the end of each pew and place it in the offering plate located at the entry of each church.



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