

# NEWSLETTER

**Lent Begins on  
Ash Wednesday:  
2/22/23**

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St. John's is looking for greeters!  
If you are interested in becoming a greeter, contact Matthew Kath in the office at:  
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# Can God Help Me?

## I struggle with loneliness. *Can God help me find companionship?*

"Hi-ho Silver, away!"

Those are feel-good words. The bad guys are in jail. The good guys win. The sun sets. Everyone's happy. Well, almost everyone. At the end of the day, the hero is still the LONE Ranger.

Ever felt like the LONE Ranger? You saved the office from certain peril. You arrived with your son's glove just moments before he took the field. You made everyone happy. You should feel like a hero but so often when the sun sets, the feelings of loneliness rise. Like the Lone Ranger, at times our days end only with the companionship of a faithful, four-legged friend. Can God help me find real companionship?

Imagine how Adam must have felt when he was the only human on the planet. Talk about lonely! But God saw Adam's deep need for companionship. Then by the power of God's creative hand, Eve walked into his life. She was perfect for him.

If only God had a silver bullet like that for us!

Without sin, our loneliness would vanish as quickly as Adam's companionship appeared! But sin is real. We see it in everyone else. We see it in ourselves. And

when we see sin, loneliness sets in.

Listen to these words from a man who was no stranger to loneliness. While unfairly sitting in prison, the apostle Paul said: "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me" (Philippians 3:12).

More than a friend who tells you to "get out there" and find someone, these words tell you that Jesus got down here and found you. He took hold of you so you could "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called you heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

The silver bullet of companionship is seeing yourself as a companion of Christ. His love forgives your sin and creates a relationship with you unlike any other. Through faith in Jesus, you are never alone.

Have you been hiding your feelings of loneliness behind the mask of heroism? It's time to take off the mask. Look at Jesus. See who you really are—a forgiven, grand-prize recipient of eternal life in heaven. Then, come and see us. Let's take off our masks together and learn more about Jesus, our true hero, who alone saves us.



Regular Service  
Times:

Emmanuel:  
Sunday 8:00 a.m.

St. John's  
Saturday: 4:30p.m.  
Sunday 10:00a.m.

Bible Class Times:

Emmanuel:  
Sunday 9:00a.m.

St John's:  
Sunday 8:30a.m.  
Monday 7:30p.m.  
Wed. 10:30a.m.

Communion Services::

Emmanuel:  
Feb. 12 & 26

St. John's:  
Feb. 11, 12, 25 & 26



Ash Wednesday:

Emmanuel: 3:30 p.m.

St. John's: 6:30 p.m.



# CHURCH CALENDAR

Every  
Monday:

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice St. John's

7:30 p.m. Bible Study at St. John's

Every  
Wednesday:

10:30 a.m. Bible Study at St. John's

2:15 p.m. Public School Catechism

Every  
Thursday:

6:00 p.m. Griefshare at St. John's

Tuesday  
2/7/23

Elder's Meeting:  
at St. John's

MONDAY  
2/6/23  
3:30 P.M.

HANDS IN  
PRAYER  
MEETING

**Thursday**  
**2/2/23**  
**12:00 p.m.**

*Ladies' Aid  
Dessert &  
Meeting*

February  
Singing  
Schedule

2/5/23 CALA 3-8 at Princeton

2/12/23 Sunday School at  
Montello

2/22/23 (Ash Wednesday)  
Choir at Montello

**CALA  
Spelling Bee**

*Thursday, February 23rd  
6:00 p.m.*

*Daddy  
Daughter  
Dance*

Saturday February 4th, 6-8pm

*St. John's Lutheran*

*227 Harvard St.*

*Princeton, Wi*

*In the CALA Gym*

*Enter on Clinton Street Entrance*

*Lent By Candlelight  
Women's Event*

Sunday, Feb. 19

4:00pm



St. John's  
Evangelical  
Lutheran Church & School

A wooden cross and a crown of thorns are positioned on a dark, textured wooden background. The cross is made of light-colored wood and is located on the left side of the image. The crown of thorns is made of dark, dried branches with sharp thorns and is on the right side. The text 'Lenten Supper:' is written in a white, cursive font at the top center.

# Lenten Supper:

Wed. 2/22/23

(Ash Wednesday)

Hosted by: Ladies' Aid

At St. John's Lower Level

## Prayers for Worship

### **REMEMBERING MY BAPTISM**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, loving Lord, for cleansing me of my sins and adopting me into your family through the miracle of Holy Baptism. As I worship today, help me remember what my baptism means to me. Lead me to feel genuine sorrow for my sins, and empower me to put down the sinful nature that still lives in me. Lift me up as I hear your promise of forgiveness, and give me strength to live a life pleasing to you.

### **AS I PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Give me joy, dear Jesus, as I prepare to worship you today. Make me understand what my life would be like without you so that I long to hear about your grace and compassion. Help me participate in a way that honors you and builds up all who worship with me, and let their worship strengthen and encourage my faith.

### **FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL**

Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all.

### **BEFORE COMMUNING**

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your Holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

### **AFTER COMMUNING**

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

### **AFTER WORSHIP**

How can I thank you, Father, for allowing me to worship in your house today! I have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. I have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. I have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to share the good news of your Son wherever I go and however I can.



Green Lake on Mondays  
Princeton on Tuesdays  
Montello on Thursdays

All sessions begin  
at 6:00 p.m.

My name is Mark Emond Sr and I have been doing the program for nearly 8 years. I believe in this and have seen it help many people. If you would like to attend please call me and leave a voicemail. Due to the many telemarketers I don't pick up numbers not recognized. I will return your call if you leave a message. Any questions I will be more than happy to assist you. God's continued blessings to you!

If you have any questions about GriefShare,  
Please call or Text:  
Mark Emond 608-697-1600



# WE ARE HIRING

## LITTLE LAMBS AIDE

St. John's Lutheran, Montello is hiring an aide for the Little Lambs classroom and Eagles Nest wrap around care!

**Hours :** Monday-Friday, 12:00-6:00 p.m.  
*(The after-care hours may vary from day to day but would never go past 6:00 p.m.)*

**Duties :** 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.

We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

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# ***BASKETBALL*** *Schedule*

**FEBRUARY 2023**

**Fri, Feb. 3: 4:15pm-6:15p @ Green  
Lake**

**Mon, Feb. 6: 4:00pm-7:00pm  
@Princeton**

**WALL Tournament  
Feb. 10-12  
Oakfield**

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Prep  
Tournament  
No School  
March 3rd

**SPRING  
BREAK  
3/3-17/23**