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ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL

NEWSLETTER



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Congrats to our Confirmands!
Ally Steuck, Lily Logemann
Drake Hunter, Joe Zauner



Can God Help Me?

I'm under a lot of stress.

Can God help me with some relief?

I once attended a presentation called "All Stressed Up and Nowhere to Blow!" I was attracted by the title because it described the way I felt at the time. Perhaps you know the feeling.

An online search of the word "stress" lists 344 million hits. Maybe that indicates that you and I are not the only ones who feel stress in our lives. Occasionally, we each would have to say, "I'm all stressed up!"

Stress puts the squeeze on all of us at one time or another. It's natural to look for relief. As we seek to discover just how practical our relationship with God really is, we might be led to ask, "Can God help me with some relief?"

It seems like some people in Palestine had that question nearly 2,000 years ago as they went out to hear a new preacher named Jesus. The all-knowing Jesus gave a wonderful answer in that teachable moment that we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew, one of the disciples with Jesus on that day, records some of Jesus' comments about stress. He said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you

will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes?" (Matthew 6:25). To those stressed about grocery money, Jesus pointed out that God doesn't let the birds go hungry. To others who were stressed over an inadequate wardrobe, Jesus pointed out that God doesn't let the flowers down when it comes to how they look. His point was made in a question that he still asks us today, "Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Of course, we are! The Bible tells us that "God so loved the world!" (John 3:16). You and I are included in that statement of good news. God showed his love by removing the greatest stress—our sin that separated us from our God—and placing it on Jesus, who took it away by his death on the cross.

God has the perfect antidote to relieve stress. He wraps his loving arms around us and says, "I love you! I forgive you." That relieves the stresses over finances or health or time crunches or job pressure ... or anything. Relief is as close as God's promises, which are written for us in the Bible. Each week we take a close look at some of those wonderful promises. Come and share with us some genuine stress relief.

Weekly Schedule:

Mondays:
Bible Class 6:30pm

Wednesdays:
Bible Class 10:30am

Last classes until fall:
5/15 & 5/17

CHURCH EVENTS FOR MAY 2023

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

EMMANUEL: SUNDAYS 8:00 AM

ST. JOHN'S: SATURDAYS 4:30 PM
SUNDAYS 10:00AM

COMMUNION ON 2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS AND
PREVIOUS SATURDAYS

Monday 5/1: HIP meeting 3:30pm at St. John's

Tuesday 5/2: Elder's meeting 9:00am at St. John's--CALA Board Meeting at Montello 6:30pm

Thursday 5/4: Ladies Aid Meeting and Dessert Noon at St. John's

Friday 5/5: CALA Musical at **Princeton** Campus 6:00pm

Sunday 5/7: Piano Recital at St. John's **Montello** 4:00 pm

Monday 5/8: Pastors Study Club at Peace, Wautoma 9:00am--St. John's Board of Education meeting 5:00pm

Wednesday 5/10: Montello Care Center Devotion 10:00am

Saturday 5/13: Wayne Riemer Memorial at St. John's 11:00am

Sunday 5/14: Mother's Day

Tuesday 5/16: St. John's Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday 5/17: Ascension Eve Worship at St. John's 6:30pm

Saturday 5/20: Men's Breakfast & Study Club at St. John's 8:00am

Sunday 5/21: Little Lambs Graduation at Montello 3:00pm

Wednesday 5/24: Montello Care Center Devotion 10:00am

Tuesday 5/23: Worship Meeting 6:30pm

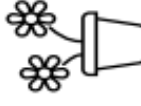
Thursday 5/25: CALA Kindergarten & 8th Grade Graduation at Princeton 6:30pm

Friday 5/26: CALA and Little Lambs Last Day of School

Sunday 5/28: Youth Group at Princeton 4:00pm



May 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Hands in Prayer Meeting at St. John's 3:30pm Adult Bible Study at St. John's 6:30pm	2 Elders' Meeting 9:00am at St. John's CALA Board Meeting 6:30pm at Montello	3 Adult Bible Study at St. John's 10:30am Public School Catechism 3:45pm	4 Ladies Aid Dessert and Meeting at St. John's 12:00pm	5 CALA Musical at Princeton Campus 6:00pm	6 Worship at St. John's 4:30pm
7 Easter 5 Worship: Emmanuel 8:00am St. John's 10:00am Piano Recital at St. John's 4:00pm	8 Pastors' Study Club at Peace, Wautoma 9:00am St. John's Board of Education Meeting 5:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	9	10 Montello Care Center Devotion 10:00am Adult Bible Study at St. John's 10:30am	11	12	13 Wayne Riemer Memorial Service at St. John's 11:00am Worship with Communion at St. John's 4:30pm
14 Mother's Day Worship with Communion: Emmanuel 8:00am St. John's 10:00am	15 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	16 St. John's Council Meeting 6:30pm	17 Adult Bible Study at St. John's 10:30am Worship at St. John's 6:30pm	18 Ascension Day	19	20 Men's Breakfast & Study Club at St. John's 8:00am Worship at St. John's 4:30pm
21 Worship: Emmanuel 8:00 am St. John's 10:00am Bible Study: Emmanuel 9:00am St. John's 8:30am Little Lambs Graduation St. John's 3:00pm	22 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm	23 Worship Meeting 6:30pm	24 Montello Care Center Devotion with Communion 10:00am Adult Bible Study at St. John's 10:30am	25 CALA Kindergarten and 8 th Grade Graduation at Princeton 6:30pm	26 CALA Last Day of School	27 Worship with Communion at St. John's 4:30pm
28 Pentecost Worship with Communion: Emmanuel 8:00am St. John's 10:00am Youth Group at Princeton 4:00pm	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

Teen Confirmands 2023

Drake William Hunter - Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Lily Elsie Logemann - Matthew 22:37-39 “Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Ally Lynn Steuck - Psalm 16:8 “I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.”

Joseph Robert Zauner - Psalm 50:15 “And call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”



The Teen Confirmands and their quilts made by Hands in Prayer



Joe Zauner and Deb Van Treek



Ally Steuck and Deb Van Treek



Lily Logemann and (Grandma)
Bernice Wegner



Drake Hunter and Bernice Wegner
(she's hiding behind the quilt)

Sunday School Creates Lent & Easter Tree

Sunday Schoolers made simple wooden and laminated ornaments for a Lent & Easter tree and put it on display in the linkway at St. John's to share with their church family. Each ornament was a reminder of an event that happened during the Lord's Passion, during Holy Week, or that commemorated the Resurrection.



Attention Gentlemen!

For those who couldn't make it to the Men's Breakfast & Study Club, here is the webpage where you can watch it. <https://www.menofhisword.org/15-happiness-is.html>



Our next meeting of the Men's Breakfast & Study Club will be on Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 am in the Lower Level of St. John's. We will enjoy some good food, excellent fellowship, and for our Spiritual Food, we will watch the presentation "War over the male mind" presented by Luke Thompson.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Come and get your belly full of good food and your soul nourished with Study and fellowship!

God's Grounds coffee bar is now open in the linkway on Sunday's before and after church.

Enjoy some fellowship and coffee with our St. John's family while munching on some delicious baked goods.

How can you help??

Do you like to bake? We are looking for people to help provide baked goods or fruit. "Baked goods" doesn't have to be homemade, store bought is fine! There is a sign-up sheet in the linkway by the food table; just fill in your name & what you're bringing on the appropriate date. You can sign up as a family, individuals, or as a group.

Hosting—We also need individuals, families, or groups to host a Sunday. Basically, that would involve setting out the food & juice, getting (& keeping) the coffee going, & clean-up afterwards. We are also looking for people to "fill-in" as needed on the Sunday's we can't be there. You can sign up for that in the linkway also. The plan is to have the coffee bar open as many Sundays as possible, but it will take a team effort and we will need volunteers to help provide baked goods & to also host it. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Have small children??

Eventually there will be a kid-friendly area located downstairs by the tv. Here you can take your small children to enjoy their beverages & food on kid-size tables. If parents want more time to enjoy fellowship with each other, there will be books & toys to keep the little ones busy. We can even pop in a veggie tales show too!

For more information or to help in any area, you may contact Mark & Patty Emond at 608-697-3327.

The Evangelism Team is looking for volunteers to work at the Emmanuel/St. John's booth at the Marquette County Fair July 6-9. Materials will be provided for you to give out. This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to share your faith and encourage people to come to Church!
Contact Matt Kath at the Church office 608-297-2866



From an Ex-Pastor's Perch

Located in a business park in Waukesha, you will find the *WELS Center for Mission and Ministry*. It's the official headquarters of our Wisconsin Synod and home to the Northwestern Publishing House.

My favorite part of the building is the lower level. There is a cozy, informative welcome center which leads into the **WELS Historical Archives**. Peek in the window and you will see a long row of filing cabinets and row after row of shelves filled with boxes. Sounds exciting, huh! But in those drawers and on those shelves are found documents, photos, and artifacts that tell you almost everything you might want to know about the 175-year history of our church body.

Since I don't hunt or fish or putz around in a garden, I volunteer at the Archives. It's fun and instructive. And they need the help. It turned out that one of my jobs over the past couple of years is to carefully tend to the final remains of congregations that closed and no longer exist. The job of sorting, filing, and filling archive safe folders and boxes is both satisfying and sad. It has given me a strong dose of reality and made me think. What happened to these congregations?

They were all different - large congregations in big cities, small congregations in rural areas, and midsize ones in towns like Montello. They were all over the map - Cambria, Iron Ridge, Eldorado, Van Dyne, and suburban Milwaukee. There was West Chicago, IL, Zephyrhills, Florida, and more than a few from the Dakotas, and Nebraska. There are many more.

Then it struck me. As different as they were, there was one thing that was the same. They were all once active and vibrant groups of people like us carrying out ministry in one shape or form or another. I am also willing to say that each and every one of them never thought it possible that one day they would no longer exist, that their buildings would be vacant or torn down, and what remained would be relegated to a few boxes on an archive shelf.

Interesting stuff, you say, but that would never happen to us! (Famous last words.) God has certainly promised that his Church (all who believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord) is safe and secure until the Last Day. Count on it!! But ... God never promised that there will be a Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. God never said that you can be sure that there will always be an Emmanuel of Mewan or St. John's of Montello. The Church will endure, but congregations may not. Meet me at the archives sometime and I'll show you.

God promised that the gates of hell will not prevail against his Church, so don't worry about that. But ... don't take your congregation for granted. Complacency, apathy, assuming that the imaginative "somebody else" will do it, are among the first, sometimes indiscernible cracks in the church's one foundation. Of course, there are always factors outside of our control, but don't ever think, "that would never happen to us." It can.

What's the action plan then? Repent. Always repent of our weaknesses and failures, past and present. Pray. Ask God to bless our church and help us treasure, hold onto, and nourish her. Get informed. Be involved. Encourage and build up those who lead. Support it with YOUR proverbial time, talent, and treasure, no matter how seemingly insignificant you think that may be. Be a part of the solution not the problem. Appreciate this blessing of a congregation that you have, and never take it for granted. God does and always will bless that.

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:12

Members in the news


Our Jen Straus once again was featured in the news as she continues to speak for and be an advocate for World Down Syndrome Day (March 21) Good work, Jen.

Congratulations to Emmanuel's Lucas Stelter, pictured in the April 6 Tribune. Lucas has been named the new principal of Forest Lane School in Montello.

Pastor Dolan got a shoutout from the Trib's Kathleen McGwin in her Easter feature on early churches of Marquette County. His stories about the beginnings of Lutheranism here are part of the historical society's book, Our Favorite Tales of Marquette County..

The photographer caught Anna Steuck crossing home for the Montello ladies softball team during the season opener against Markesan.

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy
St. John's Little Lambs
Presents a school musical :



May 5 @ 6:00pm ↓ Princeton Campus Gym

Cast/Main Characters: Please arrive at 5:15p in the upper level classrooms.
Chorus Members: Please arrive at 5:30p in the upper level classrooms.
Audience: Doors open at 5:30p

CALA APRIL UPDATE

GRADES. 1-2

Kindergarten - 2nd grade and Little Lambs went to the Mackenzie Center in Poynette, WI. They got to learn a tons about animals that live in our own environment! Although the weather wasn't the greatest, they were blessed to have an indoor area to meet in. They also had a dairy presentation from Montello schools. Borzick farms brought in a calf, they had a corn sensory activity, played pin the tail on the cow and enjoyed a dairy treat!

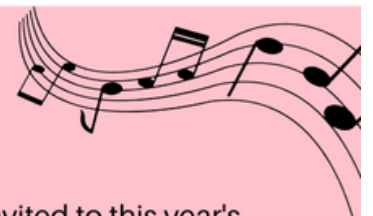


GRADES 3-5

Grades 3-5 had the opportunity to participate in a Tobacco Prevention activity with a county health worker. They went around the block of the Princeton campus to clean up cigarette butts. They also got lunch! Thank you Green Lake Health Dept. for educating our youth!



WLA FINE ARTS FAIR



Our 5th-8th graders were invited to this year's WLA Fine Arts Fair. We had 2 participants. Ella Stelter (7th) and Ethen Neuhauser (5th). Both played the piano and submitted an art piece of their choice. What a wonderful experience to share with their piano instructor, Mrs. Lynn Sellnow! Be sure to save the date for next year.

UPCOMING IN MAY

- May 1 - School Pre-Registration Deadline
- May 2 - School Registration Open
- May 5 - Musical "I AM" at Princeton Gym (all are welcome)
- May 7 - Spring Piano Recital at St. John's, Montello
- May 10 - WLA Track Day for CALA students
- May 17 - Grades 3-8 Timber Rattlers Game
- May 25 - Kindergarten-2 Park Day
- May 25 - Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation
- Grades 3-8 Bruss Farm Trip
- May 26 - Last Day of School
- May 31 - School Registration Deadline

Softball is in full swing!
Come support your Eagles!

May 9 @ HOME (Montello campus) 4:30p
May 11 @ HOME (Montello campus) 4:30p



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