

# NEWSLETTER



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# Can God Help Me?

I want to have more happiness in my life.  
*Can God help me find it?*

We need to begin by asking, “What do we mean by happiness?” For a child, happiness might mean getting Christmas presents every morning and cake and ice cream for every meal. After a few days, though, it would stop being fun. Many adults think that money will make them happy. But we have seen many rich people who are unhappy and even depressed. Others might think that drugs and alcohol make them happy. But the “high” soon wears off. Finding happiness in the things and people of this world is an exercise in frustration.

The Bible uses the word “blessed” to describe happiness. The blessings of God give us true happiness. The most important of God’s blessings is Jesus, whom he sent into this world. Jesus took the blame for everything we ever did wrong. That’s why he died on the cross—not because he did anything wrong, but because we did. Jesus has paid for our sins, and that means we are saved from God’s judgment of eternal death by believing in him. That makes us happy. Jesus blesses us with salvation.

No matter how long we live, we are all destined to die. But when Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning, he broke the hold of death. Even though we will one day die, by trusting in Jesus, we have the sure hope that we will also come back to life and live forever in heaven. That makes us happy. Jesus blesses us with eternal life.

God even uses the tough times in life for our good—to teach us more about his love and strengthen our trust in him. No matter how tough life is for us, no matter how much pain we endure, and no matter how poor we are, no one and nothing can take away what Jesus did for us. Our sins are forgiven by God, and through faith in Jesus, eternal life in heaven is waiting for us. That makes us happy. Sometimes we smile through tears, but we can still smile.

Can God help us find happiness? He has already given it to us through Jesus.



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

CHURCH EVENTS  
FOR AUGUST 2023

**Tuesday, August 1:** Joint Elders' Meeting 9:00am  
CALA Board Meeting at PRINCETON 6:30pm

**Thursday, August 3:** Board of Education Meeting 4:30pm

**Sunday, August 6:** Emmanuel Congregational Meeting 9:00am

**Wednesday, August 9:** Montello Care Center Devotion 10:00am

**Thursday, August 10:** CALA Parent information Meeting at Montello 6:00pm

**Sunday, August 13:** CALA Parent information Meeting at Montello 6:00pm

**Monday, August 14:** Choir 6:30pm

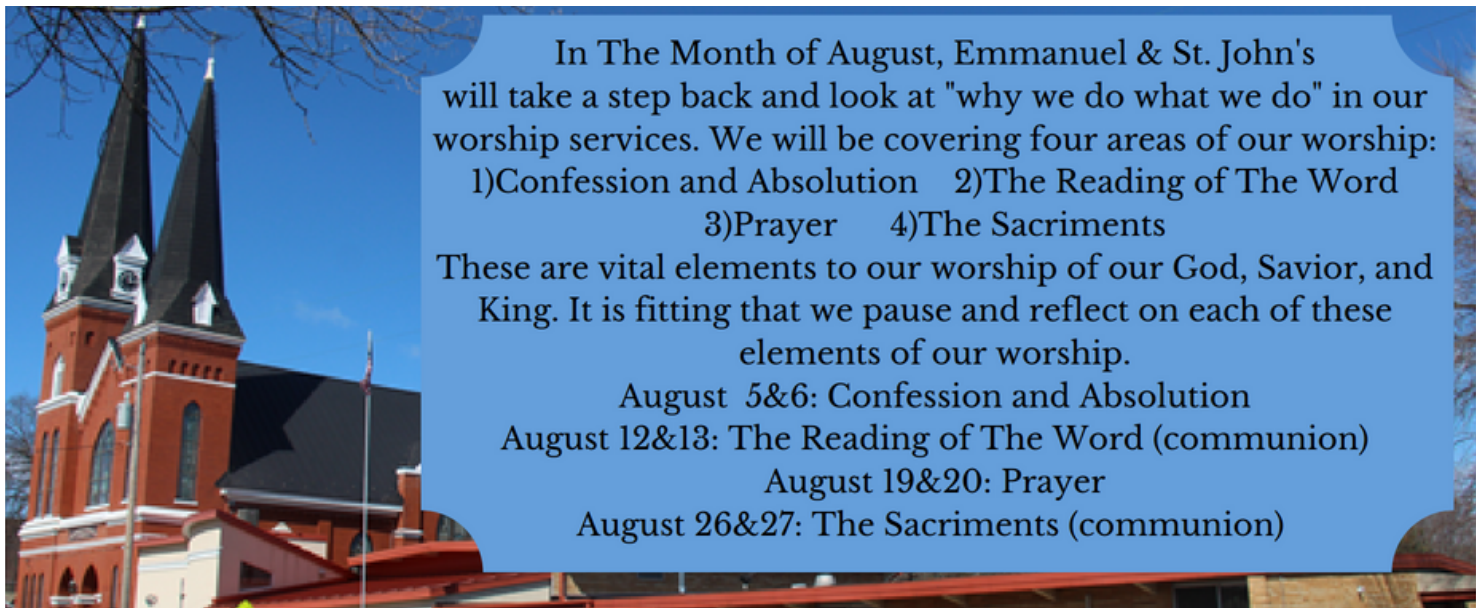
**Tuesday, August 15:** St. Jon's Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Sunday, August 20:** Evangelism Meeting 11:00am

**Monday, August 21:** Choir 6:30pm

**Thursday, August 24:** CALA fill your desk night 4:30-6:00pm

**Sunday, August 27:** Beth Barenz Installation and Welcome Dinner at  
PRINCETON 4:00pm



In The Month of August, Emmanuel & St. John's will take a step back and look at "why we do what we do" in our worship services. We will be covering four areas of our worship:  
1)Confession and Absolution 2)The Reading of The Word  
3)Prayer 4)The Sacriments

These are vital elements to our worship of our God, Savior, and King. It is fitting that we pause and reflect on each of these elements of our worship.

August 5&6: Confession and Absolution

August 12&13: The Reading of The Word (communion)

August 19&20: Prayer

August 26&27: The Sacriments (communion)

# August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Joint Elders' 9:00am ..... CALA Board 6:30pm AT PRINCETON	2 Board of Education 4:30pm	3 Board of Education 4:30pm	4	5 St. John's Worship 4:30pm
6 Worship Emmanuel 8:00am <b>Emmanuel Cong. Mtg</b> 9:00am St. John's 10:00am	7	8 Montello Care Center Devotion 10:00am	9 CALA Parent info Meeting Montello 6:00pm	10	11	12 St. John's Worship 4:30pm COMMUNION
13 Worship Emmanuel 8:00am St. John's 10:00am COMMUNION <b>CALA Parent info</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>Montello 6:00pm</b>	14 Choir 6:30pm	15 St. John's Council 6:30pm	16	17	18	19 St. John's Worship 4:30pm
20 Worship Emmanuel 8:00am St. John's 10:00am Evangelism Mtg 11:00am	21 Choir 6:30pm	22	23	24 CALA fill your desk night 4:30-6:00pm	25	26 St. John's Worship 4:30pm COMMUNION
27 Worship Emmanuel 8:00am St. John's 10:00am COMMUNION <b>Beth Barenz Install &amp;</b> <b>Welcome Meal at</b> <b>PRINCETON 4:00pm</b>	28 <b>First Day of School</b>	29	30	31		

## *From an Ex-Pastor's Perch*



***The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, and all who live in it.***  
*(Psalm 24:1)*

I've got Stewardship on my mind this month. Two recent random happenings put it on my brain and now in print. One was an email announcement received, outlining a new ministry tool for congregations about stewardship. The other was a 40 + year-old rediscovered document that has been sitting patiently in one of my "maybe I will need this someday" files.

The "new" ministry tool is called *The Stewardship Legacy Series*. It promises multiple years of resources and encouragement for pastors/congregation leaders including worship ideas and Bible study resources, all ready to be downloaded electronically.

The "old" and somewhat yellowing mimeographed document was titled simply *What is Stewardship?* It explained in a simple and straightforward way the age-old definition of "stewardship" as the "management" of an owner's (God's) resources. See Psalm 24:1 above.

It struck me how even after almost half a century these two tools are so different and yet how they are basically the same. The current offering focuses on the different areas of stewardship as the five "T"s of **T**ime, **T**alent, **T**reasure, **T**emple, and **T**ruth. The old offering uses a clever acronym to say pretty much the same thing – Stewardship is spelled **S**oul, **T**ime, **E**mployment, **W**ord, **A**bilities, **R**esources, **D**ollars, **S**ervice, **H**ealth, **I**ntelligence, **P**lay.

Let me suggest a few words of hard-earned warning from personal observation and experience to all the above. The easiest way to deal with ministry enhancement tools (old or new) is to do nothing. Well-worn excuses and cliches will come naturally enough to defend this inactivity. Secondly, one sure-fire way to make sure these resources won't work is not to digest them thoroughly and make them your own so you can size them to fit your specific needs and situation. The one size-fits-all approach is often doomed to failure. Then, a common mistake is to think "one and done." Dutifully do a program once in a while, and that's it, but not be committed to this as an ongoing, continuous teaching process. Finally, since offerings always seem to need a boost year in and year out, keep on spelling "Stewardship" like this - **S**teward**S**hip! That'll turn many off, and besides, it sells God's Word short and robs God's people of needed nourishment.

As with every aspect of our personal and church life, it all begins with humble, Spirit-led repentance. Then it calls for serious study of the Scriptures. Permeate both with persistent prayer. THEN get to work! Maybe ask questions like 1) how can we intentionally challenge ourselves to grow in the area of stewardship? And 2) how can we encourage one another and be equipped with all God has given from his gracious hand? Start somewhere. And when it's all been said and done, find another way to say and do it again.

***<sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.*** 2 Corinthians 5:15



**WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
THIS**

# **SUMMER**

**20  
23**

**AUG  
10, 13**

**PARENT INFO MTG**  
MONTELLO @ 6PM

**PRINCETON FLEA MARKET  
CONCESSIONS**  
6AM - 1PM

**AUG  
19**

**AUG  
24**

**FILL YOUR DESK  
NIGHT** MONTELLO &  
PRINCETON 4:30 - 6PM

**MS. BARENZ INSTALLATION  
& OPENING SERVICE**  
PRINCETON @ 4 PM

**AUG  
27**

**AUG  
28**

**1ST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
8 AM



**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[WWW.CHRISTALONELUTHERANACADEMY.ORG](http://WWW.CHRISTALONELUTHERANACADEMY.ORG)**

# School Blurbs

## **AUGUST 5**

This year, at the Green Lake County Fair, we have some wonderful volunteers who are running the food stand for the demo derby! All proceeds will go to CALA. If there are food leftovers, our volunteers would be willing to serve lunch following the 10:00a St. John's Montello service. Stay tuned for more updates as the date sooner approaches. Thank you volunteers!

## **AUGUST 19**

At the Princeton Flea Market, CALA will be putting on concessions in the early morning starting at 6:00a to 1:00p. Come enjoy some food and local shopping all while supporting our school!

***School families:*** please keep your eye on your email for a sign-up coming soon!

## **SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Attention K-8: Enroll today for the 2023-24 school year on brightwheel! Please find the link to enroll on our CALA website: [www.christalonelutheranacademy.org](http://www.christalonelutheranacademy.org) or call the Princeton office: 920-481-9002

## **ICE BOWL FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

**Total raised at our June 18th CALA Ice Bowl fundraiser: \$3,317.00**

WOW! Thank you SO MUCH for all the volunteers who made this event possible!

## **SOCCER COACH NEEDED!**

CALA is currently searching for a soccer coach to start this fall season, typically the first week of school at the end of August. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Ciara at the Princeton office 920-481-9002. Thank you!



Tuesday thru Friday 9 AM – 6 PM  
Monday and Saturday 9 AM – 3 PM  
Donation Accepted Times  
Monday 10 AM – 3 PM  
Tuesday thru Friday 10 AM – 4 PM  
Saturday 10 AM – 3 PM

### **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!!**

We are truly blessed at Second Impressions, and we are happy to announce that we have donated \$255,000 to Winnebago Lutheran Academy! From our amazing volunteers and staff, to our Board of Directors, thank you sooo much for your hard work and dedication. We simply could NOT do this without you! Thank you also to all of our wonderful customers and people who donate to us. We are so blessed and grateful for each and every one of you. Second Impressions continues to grow, and we need more volunteers to help keep up with our growth! Join our team and enjoy Christian fellowship and comradery while making a difference in our community! Stop in, call the store at (920) 907-9900, or send us an email at [secondimpressionsfdl@gmail.com](mailto:secondimpressionsfdl@gmail.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The “F” Troop Car Club is sponsoring another Car Show at Second Impressions on Saturday, September 9, from 9 til 3. Store special is 50% OFF All Clothing (excluding orange tagged items). Also, be sure to shop our Christmas Department! Don't Miss It!

**New Items Arrive Daily...Come Over And Check Them Out!**

**Donations:** Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our store! We can always use any type of donation. Higher priority items this month include: Tools, linens (towels, sheets, comforters, etc.) men's and children's shoes; all sizes of men's jeans, men's size small shirts; pots and pans; small appliances, and 100 to 500 piece puzzles. If donating clothing, please donate in-season clothing (fall/winter). Please note that if you are donating items that have manuals (i.e. small appliances, etc), it is very helpful if you could include the manual whenever possible. Thank you!

Call or stop by the store to volunteer, donate, or do some shopping!  
325 Winnebago Drive, Fond du Lac Phone: (920) 907-9900

**Help spread the word!!**

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# Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

*LWMS is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).*



The delegation from the Beaver Dam Circuit of LWMS poses for their picture at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention held in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, June 22-25, 2023. Not all Beaver Dam attendees made the picture, but see our complete Montello crew in the back row: Linda Wachholz, LuAnn Zieman, Kay Maass, Shelley Myers, & Send One Sister recipient/First-Time Attendee Christa Van Treeck.

The Convention boasted 1,219 registered attendees. 1,285 attended the opening worship/communion service. LWMS mission offerings distributed \$46,688 to both home and world projects and over \$39,781 to the annual kids c.a.r.e. project. Convention worship service offerings will go to the home and world projects not selected by vote of the membership. Total LWMS membership stands at 786 congregations, 60 circuits, and 15 individual members. 58 circuits had representation at the circuit roll call.

The convention was a wonderful, joyful, and peace-filled event for all who were blessed to be in attendance.

It's not too late to enjoy some of the mission presentations . . .



What an uplifting convention!

If you missed it, here is a [link to the recordings](#).

Watch the Thursday opening service, the flag presentation (Friday morning session) or the presentation (Friday morning session about the one hour mark) about the work of the One Latin America team.

## Quick Facts ~ 2023

### La Crosse, Wisconsin

### 60<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention June 22–25, 2023

### Theme: Peace Like a River-Isaiah 66:12

#### Attendance

- Registered participants: 1,219 – 58 LWMS Circuits had at least one registrant!
- Current LWMS membership: 786 congregations ~ 15 individual members

#### Mission Presentations

- Equipping and Enhancing: Training the Trainers in Our Sister Synods in Africa—  
Rev. Daniel Witte, One Africa Team
- Strength and Courage—Missionary Elise Gross, One Latin America Team
- You Are Part of This—Steve Wolf and Rev. Paul Schupmann, Members of the  
100 in 10 Task Force
- Upcycling Evangelism—Rev. Daniel Lewig, Bethlehem Lutheran Church,  
Richland Center, Wisconsin

#### Daily Devotions

- "Peace with Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ" Rev. James Janke, St. Matthew's,  
Janesville, Wisconsin
- "Peace with the World" Rev. Philip Bigelow, St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc,  
Wisconsin
- "The Peace of Heaven" Rev. Aaron Platzer, Peace, Loves Park, Illinois
- "Peace of Heart and Mind" Rev. Mark Rieke, First Lutheran, La Crecent, Minnesota

#### Workshop Presentations

- Year in Review—Rev. Sam Lor, St. John's Lutheran Church and True North  
Ministries, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- "He Desires a Noble Task"—Vicar in a Mission Setting—Rev. Paul Biedenbender  
and Vicar CJ Fury, Christ Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado
- Two Worlds, One Family—Rev. Peter Janke, East Asia
- A TELL Network Treasure Hunt—Rev. Nathan Seiltz, Multi-Language Productions
- Ignite: Raising Up Leaders—LWMS Awareness Committee

#### Zoom Presentation

- Crossing Oceans—Dr. Artur Villares, Lutheran Church of Portugal

#### Business Meeting

- The business meeting was held on Friday, June 23rd.
- Delegates voted to approve the first proposed change. Article III.B. – Membership  
and Dues wording for clarification.
- Delegates voted to approve the second proposed change. Article VIII.A.5,  
Committees inclusion of Joint Missions.
- Delegates voted to oppose the third proposed change. Article 1 – LWMS name  
change.



### Thank you to outgoing officers:

- President Patsy Kramer
- Pastoral Advisor Rev. Andrew Schroer
- Spiritual Growth Woman/Befriend A Mission Coordinator Carol Gibson
- Treasurer Rebecca Jungswirth

### Welcome to our incoming officers:

- President-elect Melinda Sims
- Pastoral Advisor Rev. Allen Kirschbaum
- Spiritual Growth Woman/Befriend A Mission Coordinator Linden Georgson
- Treasurer Melissa Bender

### kids c.a.r.e.

- Mi Amigo Jesus - \$39,781.38

### Mission Projects

- Project #HM- 2022-14: Summer Student Assistants - \$46,688.25
- Project # WM-2022-05: New World Mission Fields - \$46,688.24

### Worship Service Offerings

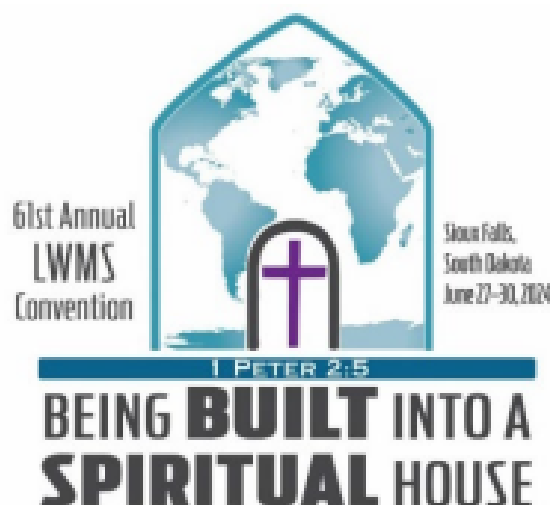
- Project #HM-2022-12: Home Missionary Conferences - \$32,761.08
- Project #WM-2022-09: Asia Special Projects- \$32,761.08
- These numbers are still changing due to money still coming into the office.

### Future Convention Sites

#### 61st Annual LWMS Convention

June 27-30, 2024

Sioux Falls, South Dakota



## Reflections from a SOS (Send One Sister)

What do you think of when you think of LWMS?

Red Hat Society or just one more social club? Or not even really sure what it might be? I was able to experience first hand what LWMS really is at my first ever LWMS Convention in LaCrosse this summer. What I knew ahead of time was that the people who went also were really excited about the convention and that they probably talked about missions (probably in Africa.) What I didn't realize is how truly extensive and life changing the mission work of the WELS is and has been. I was able to hear from the boots on the grounds missionaries who are doing the work. This includes Pastors, families, and individuals who do everything from preaching the gospel, making personal connections, to utilizing their tech skills to develop apps. What a difference it made to actually invest the time to look at the app that provides opportunities for mission work in countries and regions where we have not yet been able to send missionaries. If I am honest, I hadn't been committed enough to spending my own money to check out a convention. Send One Sister gave me a scholarship so that my personal financial investment wasn't required, just my time. Between the fellowship with those from my congregation and across the world and seeing first hand the AMAZING things that God is using this group, I now can reflect and say that the time and money investment is absolutely worth it.

The next time you see this group of ladies hosting a pie sale, serving a meal, collecting pill bottles, or providing mission displays in the linkway; I pray that you will pause for a moment to consider the much larger impact that the particular event may seem on the surface. And... remember that ALL ladies (no matter the age) of our congregation are already members of this group...no membership rituals or contracts required. 😊 Maybe you will consider attending a convention or even one of the local rallies. It is my prayer, and hopefully yours as well, that the work of the LWMS continues to be blessed so we are able to rejoice with those who are impacted by their support for eternity in heaven. My sincere thanks to the LWMS groups of the Beaver Dam Circuit for supporting my trip to the 2023 LWMS Convention.  
Christa Van Treeck





**It's a brand new St. John's  
Sunday School year!**

**Start Date:  
Sunday, September 10  
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
We meet in a school  
classroom. Please be  
prompt.**

Because this is Kick-off Sunday and our Sunday worship service and picnic are at the Montello City Park, we will dismiss a few minutes early to allow our SS families to get to the park.

Under our SS year theme from Psalm 67:3,

***"May all the peoples praise you, O God!"***

we'll find many fun ways to praise our Savior as we follow our Christ Light curriculum, learn from a series of lessons how to dress ourselves in the Armor of God, and follow the great missionary Paul on his exciting journeys! Crafts, games, contests, movies, painting, service projects—even baking—will add to the spice of our SS recipe for fun & learning!

**Open Enrollment! No registration necessary.**

**Members & non-members,**

**Public school & day school, all welcome!**

**Age 3 – Grade 6**

***"Let the little children COME!"***

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