



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN:
THE KINDNESS IN HIS CALLING**

He first found his own brother
Simon and said to him,

**“We have found
the Messiah.”**

John 1:41, ESV

Pastor Zietlow’s Sermon:

John 1:40-42A

“Winning Family and Friends for Christ”

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.

**ST. JOHN’S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCHES**

January 13 & 14, 2024

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN

"Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." Today, if someone says, "I had an epiphany," he means he had some extremely important, life-changing revelation. Within the Church Year, that is the purpose of the season of Epiphany—to reveal important truths about Jesus Christ, truths that will indeed change your life. For most of his adult life, Jesus was known simply as Mary's son. He followed his adoptive father, Joseph, into the carpentry business. People in his hometown of Nazareth probably thought of Jesus as a very nice man—hardworking, honest, a role model for others. (That is still how many think of Jesus today.) But around the age of thirty, the fuller truth about Jesus began to be revealed: his person, his power, his purpose. It started with Jesus standing in a river with John the Baptist. The biggest epiphany took place at a mountain, where select followers saw Jesus shining brighter than the sun. All these epiphanies—all these revelations about Jesus—changed the lives of everyone around him. In this season of Epiphany, as we follow Jesus from the river to the mountain, may they change us too.

THEME OF THE DAY:THE KINDNESS IN HIS CALLING

We try to hide our faults and failures from others. We want people to see us at our best. Perhaps we assume that if people knew what we were really like, they would want nothing to do with us. There's no hiding anything from God. He is all-seeing and all-knowing. Christ Jesus has witnessed our very worst, even the sins that only occurred in our heads. The psalmist says, "You perceive my thoughts from afar. You are familiar with all my ways" (139:2,3). Yet even though Jesus knows all our faults and failures, he badly wants something to do with us. So, he calls us to follow him. He wants us to be with him, secure in his love of forgiveness. Here is this week's epiphany: Jesus shows kindness when he calls us to discipleship. More, he shows kindness by giving us the ability to answer that call, so that we might always be near him and his blessing.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One with Communion; Hymnal Pages 154-170

HYMNS: 633, 375, 658, 721 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 139F "To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul" (Bulletin/Screen)

SERMON: John 1:40-42A "Winning Family and Friends for Christ"

OPENING HYMN: 633 "Speak, O Lord"

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–10

(At a time in history when the word of the LORD was rare, the LORD shows kindness to the boy Samuel by calling to him.)

¹The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. ²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God

had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

PSALM: Psalm 139 F "To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul"

St. John's Sun.- Sunday School Choir sings: "I Am a Child of God"

Refrain



Tone



You have searched me, LORD, and you / know me;
 you perceive my thoughts / from afar.
 You discern my going out and my / lying down;
 you are familiar with / all my ways. *Refrain*

For you created my inmost / being;
 you knit me together in my / mother's womb.
 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder- / fully made;
 your works are wonderful, I know that / full well.
 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the / secret place;
 your eyes saw my unformed / body.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Text: Lectionary for Mass

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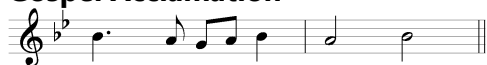
SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:13–17

(God called us to faith through the gospel, not because of any merit or worthiness in us, but entirely because of his grace and kindness.)

¹³But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Gospel Acclamation

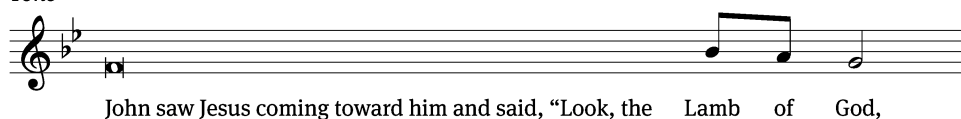
John 1:29



Refrain



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GOSPEL: John 1:43–51

(Jesus proves to Nathanael that he knows absolutely everything about us. In kindness, Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to follow him.)

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

HYMN OF THE DAY: 375 "Arise and Shine In Splendor"

SERMON: John 1:40-42A "Winning Family and Friends for Christ"

JOHN 1:40-42A:

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

NICENE CREED: Hymnal Page 162/Screen

PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO DON'T ATTEND CHURCH &

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION We respectfully ask that only those who are members of this congregation or members of our sister WELS and ELS congregations come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. By this close (or closed) communion practice, we do not mean to imply that our visitors are not true Christians. Since we view coming to the Lord's Supper as a confession of complete agreement with all the teachings of our church, we would like the opportunity to discuss these teachings with you. Please speak with pastor or indicate on the Friendship Register that you would like to discuss our communion teaching and practice. Thank you for your understanding.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 658 "With All My Heart, I Praise You, Lord"

CLOSING HYMN: 721 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" (School Hymn)

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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Third Sunday after Epiphany-

From The River to The Mountain: Committed To A Lofty Charge

ST. JOHN'S USHER'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 13 Sunday, January 14	Saturday, January 20 Sunday, January 21
Jerre Duerr Zoe Zauner, Sr. Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul Corey Kaul	Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond



EMMANUEL MEETINGS

Emmanuel Council Meeting Sunday, January 14 9:00am

Emmanuel Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 21 9:00am

Call Meeting

The next Pastor Call Meeting is for Sunday, January 28th.

THANK YOU

Emmanuel received an anonymous donation of a new Parish Hall Christmas Tree. In addition, a \$5000.00 donation for more new banners in the sanctuary, choir needs and General Fund purposes.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Chuck Boetcher, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Dennis Gromowski (Josh's father, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Del & Jean Henke, Maureen Hillmer, Drake Hunter, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Gemma Lewis (Maureen Hillmer's granddaughter), Debbie & Steve Parrish, Darlene Phillips (Ken Elmer's mother), Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Annette St. Onge, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Paul Weldon (added this week: Cheryl Wegner)
- For Rebecca Graumann called at our 1/7 SJ Voter's meeting to serve as Little Lambs director/teacher
- For the family of our St. John's member Bernice Wegner called home on 1/8 at the age of 91

Dear members of St. John's,

At our January 7th Call Meeting the voter's assembly present cast a unanimous ballot to extend a Divine Call for our next Preschool Director/Teacher to:

Mrs. Rebecca Graumann

W5620 Buena Vista Rd.

Fort Atkinson WI 53538

Phone: 920-563-0049 (Home); 920-728-2716 (Cell)

Email: bgraumann@stpaulsfort.org

She is presently serving St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fort Atkinson WI as Director of their Early Childhood Ministry, and is licensed for Early Childhood instruction. Please reach out to her with cards, texts, emails and pray for her as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel. Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work to carry out our Gospel ministries.

PIE SALE FOR MISSIONS COMING IN FEBRUARY! Plan to purchase a delicious homemade pie on Christian Education Sunday, February 18. The ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be baking pies for missions with proceeds going to their local mission working fund. \$10.00 per pie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: January 14-20, 2024

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Council Meeting
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Bernice Wegner Visitation and Funeral
	11:00 a.m.	
	6:30 p.m.	
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
		Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study SJ Begins
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club
	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: January 21, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	St. John's Sunday School
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

REMINDER: PLEASE, NO PARKING ALONG SIDE OF THE BUILDING IN THE PARKING LOT (HANDICAPPED SPOTS) ON SCHOOL DAYS. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO WORSHIP SERVICES OR FUNERALS.

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
1/7/24	61	80

St. John's Lenten Suppers: There is a sign up sheet in the Linkway if your group wishes to host a Lenten Supper. There are still a few dates available. Thank You!

ACH Deposits*	Plate Offerings	Total Dec. Offerings	Budget Needs	December Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$5342.83	\$26758.83	\$32101.66	\$33939.58	\$24122.18	\$140791.92	\$119153.41

*ACH Deposits are the offerings made online or via direct withdrawal.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***

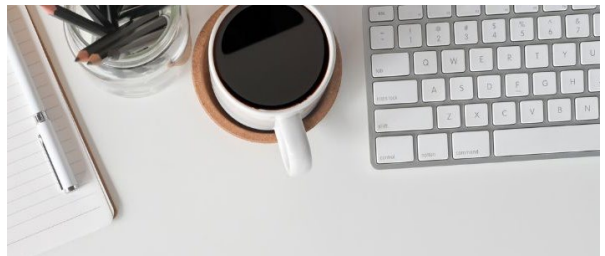
Men's Breakfast & Study Club
Saturday January 20, 2024 8:00am
St. John's Lower Level

Topic: "Leadership Matters"
Video Presentation by
MLC Professor David Scharf

Menu: Sausage Links, Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy,
Eggs, Blueberry Dunkers, Coffee, Milk, OJ

Men of all ages welcome!!!

Please text Matt Kath at 608-494-0167
if you plan to attend
so we know how much food to prepare.
SEE YOU THERE!!!



St. John's is hiring a Part-Time Secretary
to work 3-4 days per week.

For more information contact:
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The Fifteenth Annual **of His Word Conference**

Keynote: Pastor Michael Berg
"Built to Serve"

Worship Band: Koine'

14 Challenging Breakout Sessions

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Best Western Premier Waterfront

Convention Center – Oshkosh, WI

Register at: www.menofhisword.org

BUILT TO SERVE – Galatians 5:13 **2024 BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

Speaker and Session details available at www.menofhisword.org

1. Vocation: Masks of God
2. Built to Help Those who Grieve
3. Toward a Biblical Gender Identification
4. Built to Serve as God's Manager
5. The Importance of Christian Mentoring
6. From Pastor's Kid to Police Officer - Built to Serve as a Public Servant
7. Built to Serve ... with a Healthy Habit Foundation
8. Biblical Manhood: Built by the Father, Called by Christ
9. Love Your Neighbor
10. Youth group: do or do not resuscitate
11. Every Member Evangelism: how to encourage and equip people in the pews to reach the lost
12. Send Us Your Nuns???
13. More than a Movement
14. Built to Serve as Family Shepherd

To help keep good communication within our Church, it was voted by the Joint Councils of Emmanuel and St. John's to publish the Unfinished Business and New Business minutes of the meeting **with the understanding that the following minutes are still pending approval.**

7. Unfinished Business

A. Lead Pastor Call – Call meeting January 28, 2024.

B. CALA Joint Mission Pastor – No action until Pastor Zietlow retires, but all financial & mission reports are to continue.

C. St. John's Early Childhood Ministry Call – Call meeting January 7, 2024.

D. Absent Organist – Darrell Buchholz, Matt Kath, & Lauren Zietlow have a pre-made non-communion and communion service powerpoint ready; to be tested on January 20 & 21, 2024.

E. Organist Compensation – Motion by Wayne Stelter (second Jacob Jaster) to give organists \$55 per service starting January 1, 2024. Motion carried.

8. New Business

A. Consolidation Thoughts – Discussion about future church relationship; no action taken.

B. Communication – Motion by Darrell Buchholz (second Jacob Jaster) to print Unfinished & New Business minutes of the Joint Council in the bulletin asap after the meeting with notice that approval of these minutes is still pending. Motion carried.

St. JOHN'S QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

-Mrs. Rebecca Graumann was called to serve as Little Lambs director/teacher

-Many thanks to Jacob Jaster for repairing and coordinating repairs to the school.

-Transport Van: outgrowing current van, CALA is in need of a larger van. If you can help with this, contact CALA at 920-481-9002.

-Organist compensation: starting in 2024, the compensation for the organists/pianists serving in the worship services will increase.

-Absent organist schedule service: Darrell Buchholz and Lauren Zietlow produced a non-communion and communion service; trial run will be January 27&28

-Second Pastor Call: meeting is January 28.

-Secretary: expanded search by listing in St. John's Princeton bulletins.

-Next St. John's Voter's meeting: Sunday, April 7, 2024.

Women's Bible Study – Time: It's a Gift

Time: It's a Gift is a 4-week women's Bible study providing a rich foundation of Scripture, both law and gospel, to guide us as we open up and look into using God's gift of time. The goal is to equip us in the midst of a "no limits" society to make wise decisions in scheduling each day; to live biblically in all the seasons of our lives. God speaks clearly saying "Live in peace and be content." We say, "How is that possible?" We'll look at those possibilities. We also note that nowhere does God say, "Now here's a great way to live a harried life!" Even in the midst of full schedules or time-on-our-hands schedules, may we say with the Psalmist David "My times are in your hands" (Psalm 31:15).

Join us Wednesday evenings for this 4 week study. We will meet at 6:30 at St. John's Montello, starting on January 17th. Questions can be directed to Christa VanTreeck or Lynn Sellnow.



BRING YOUR KIDS TO CHURCH!!!!

EVEN IF You feel they are noisy.

EVEN WHEN they yell out or cry during the sermon.

EVEN IF your pew suddenly looks like a tornado blew through it.

EVEN IF you have to walk out and take a breather in the linkway or lower level.

EVEN IF you have to stand and sway back and forth with your tiny baby in the back of church.

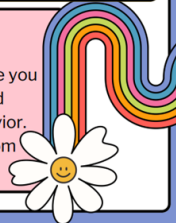
EVEN IF it takes 589 Goldfish crackers and 2 bags of fruit snacks to keep them quiet.

EVEN WHEN they lie on the floor and roll around.

EVEN IF their crayons roll 6 pews ahead of you and they decide to crawl under the pews after them.

Jesus loves those children and wants them in church!!!

Church will not always be easy, but He provides you the patience and wisdom to parent in that hour of church. Let them see you pray. Let them see you sing the hymns and liturgy. Let them see you worship your Savior. If they don't see and learn those things from you, who are they going to learn from?



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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