

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL

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Short Stories that Speak Volumes for Our Lives



The Measure of a Mustard Seed

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches" (Matthew 13:31,32).

Who is America's richest man? America's tallest mountain? Largest lake? Largest city? Most populous state? If you answered Elon Musk, Denali (Mount McKinley), Lake Superior, New York City, and California, you are part of the proof that Americans pay attention to big things. We live in bigger houses, eat larger meals, and work longer hours than almost any other people in the world. We tend to live by the maxim, "Bigger is better."

But Jesus takes the "less is more" approach. He says: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed." Have you ever seen a mustard seed? It's so small that you could hold thousands in your hand. Why would Jesus tell us this? Because it's possible to be so focused on what *looks* big and impressive that we overlook him and his blessings.

It's a common mistake. At first glance, there was nothing big or impressive about Jesus. When he came to establish his kingdom, he arrived as a child of a poor girl in a conquered country. He was born in a barn. He grew up in an obscure village. His followers were nobodies. He never wrote a book or held a high position. He never

lived in a palace or even a house of his own. After a few years in the public eye, he was killed on a cross like a common slave. On Good Friday, he *looked* small and powerless.

When Jesus spoke about the mustard seed, he gave us a short story that speaks volumes for our lives. The measure of a mustard seed is not its tiny size but the huge plant that it grows into. In the same way, the measure of Jesus' humble life and death is not how many people missed its meaning at the time but what he accomplished. By his perfect life and his innocent death, Jesus has freed the world from the guilt of sin. Countless millions who have put their trust in him have become part of his eternal kingdom.

When Jesus rose from his humble grave to conquer death on Easter morning, he proved that what seems small and weak can be amazingly powerful. It's Easter time again—why not celebrate by exploring what his life and death and resurrection can mean in your life? You might be surprised!

St. John's & Emmanuel Worship Schedule March

Sundays: Emmanuel 8:00am; St. John's 10:00am
 Holy Communion Offered: Sunday, March 10, and Sunday, March 24
 Emmanuel Bible Studies: Sundays 9:00am
 St. John's Bible Studies: Mondays 7:30pm; Wednesdays 10:30am; Sundays 8:45am
 Sunday School at St. John's: Sundays 8:30am

SPECIAL NOTE: NO SATURDAY WORSHIP DURING LENT!

Sunday, March 10	Daylight Savings Time Begins	Saturday, March 16	Men's Breakfast & Study Club 8am St. John's Lower Level
Saturday, March 23	Family Easter Festival at St. John's	Tuesday, March 19	Joint Council Meeting at Emmanuel
Sunday, March 10	Little Lambs Teacher/Director and Pastor Call Meetings at St. John's	March 11-15	Spring Break, No School

Sunday School,
CALA &
Little Lambs
Singing Schedule

Wednesday, March 6: CALA 3-8 at MECAN
 Sunday, March 10: Sunday School at MONTELLO
 Wednesday, March 20: Little Lambs-CALA 2 at MECAN
 Sunday, March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday) Little Lambs-CALA 8 at MONTELLO
 Good Friday, March 29: CALA 3-8 & Chimes at PRINCETON

EMMANUEL & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES 2024 LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY LENT DEVOTIONS:

EMMANUEL: 3:30 PM---St. JOHN'S: 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY LENT WORSHIP: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (NO SATURDAY WORSHIP)

EMMANUEL: 8:00 AM---St. JOHN'S: 10:00 AM

HOLY THURSDAY-MARCH 28: EMMANUEL: 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY-MARCH 29: St. JOHN'S: 1:00PM

EASTER-MARCH 31:

EMMANUEL: 8:00 AM---St. JOHN'S: 10:00 AM



**THE
LIGHT
IN THE
DARK**

HOW GOD PRESERVED HIS WORD THROUGH THE AGES

PASTOR LUKE GEORGE THOMPSON
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, OTTAWA

**Men's Breakfast & Study Club Saturday, March 16 8am
St. John's Lower Level**

Topic: The Light in the Dark

How God Preserved His Word Through the Ages Part 1

Video Presentation by Pastor Luke Thompson

Menu: ham, eggs, hashbrowns, dunkers, coffee, milk, OJ

Men of all ages welcome!

Dads welcome to bring kids!!



GRIEF SHARE

Green Lake: Mondays 6:00pm
Princeton: Tuesdays 6:00pm
Montello: Thursdays 6:00pm

Please text Mark at 608-697-1600 for
information and if you plan to attend.

2024

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WORSHIP SCHEDULE EMMANUEL 8:00AM St. JOHN'S 10:00AM	KEY PSC=PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISM CLASSES HIP=HANDS IN PRAYER	KEY EM=EMMANUEL SJ=St. JOHN'S PR=PRINCETON LA=LADIES AID MTG=MEETING	LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE EM 3:30pm SJ Supper 4:15pm SJ 6:30pm	KEY ABS=ADULT BIBLE STUDY SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL LL=LITTLE LAMBS MCC=MONTELLO CARE CENTER	NO SCHOOL	2 NO SATURDAY SJ WORSHIP DURING MARCH
3 8:30am SS SJ 8:45am ABS SJ 9:00am ABS EM	4 HIP SJ 2:30pm Choir SJ 6:30pm ABS SJ 7:30pm	5 CALA MTG PR 6:30pm	6 10:30am ABS SJ 5:00pm PSC SJ	7 12:00PM LA MTG SJ 6:00pm GriefShare SJ	8 NO SCHOOL	9
COMMUNION 10 DST BEGINS 8:30am SS SJ 8:45am ABS SJ 9:00am ABS EM 11:15am LL/Pastor call MTG SJ	SPRING BREAK 11	SPRING BREAK 12 Joint Elders SJ 9:00am	SPRING BREAK 13 10:00am MCC Devotion 10:30am ABS SJ 5:00pm PSC SJ	SPRING BREAK 14 6:00pm GriefShare SJ	SPRING BREAK 15	16 Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ 8:00am
17 8:30am SS SJ 8:45am ABS SJ 9:00am ABS EM	18 Choir SJ 6:30pm ABS SJ 7:30pm	19 6:30pm Joint Council MTG EM 7:30pm SJ Council MTG	20 10:30am ABS SJ 5:00pm PSC SJ	21 6:00pm GriefShare SJ	22	23 Easter Festival SJ 9:00am
PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION 24 8:30am SS SJ 8:45am ABS SJ 9:00am ABS EM	25 Choir SJ 6:30pm ABS SJ 7:30pm	26	27 10:00am MCC Devotion 10:30am ABS SJ 5:00pm PSC SJ	28 MAUNDY THURS EM Worship 6:30pm	GOOD FRIDAY 29 SJ Worship 1:00pm	30
EASTER SUNDAY 31 No ABS or SS						

2024 LWMS BEAVER DAM CIRCUIT



NEW DATE!
Saturday, April 27

NEW LOCATION!
Zion, Kingston
326 Vine Street

Co-hosted by St. Paul-Manchester & St. John-Salemville

Christ's Love Is Sharing with Others
Spiritually and Physically

If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?
James 2:16



SPEAKER

Pastor Daniel Sims
Director of WELS
Christian Aid and Relief



HANDS-ON SERVICE PROJECT

Monetary Donations Only for Native Christian Ministries, Our Savior's Lutheran School, Peridot, Arizona, to assist with their school & teacher housing building projects.

SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m.	Registration	11:45 a.m.	Lunch
9:45 a.m.	Reporter's Meeting	12:50 p.m.	Devotion
10:15 a.m.	Rally Opening	1:00 p.m.	Speaker
10:20 a.m.	Bible Study	2:00 p.m.	Offering/Summation
11:00 a.m.	Business Meeting	2:10 p.m.	Closing

Carpool Signup in the Information Room at St. John's OR Call your LWMS Reporter:
(Emmanuel: Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 St. John's: Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635)

SPRING MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society throughout March and early April. Containers are located in the entrance at both St. John's and Emmanuel —Please give your gift at the church where you are a member. 75% of gifts given will support Beaver Dam Circuit mission projects—HM/Children's Ministry Outreach WM/New World Mission Fields. 25% of gifts given will support home & world mission projects that will be decided by ballot in May and will be presented at the 2024 LWMS Convention, June 27-30, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Gifts welcome from all who love missions!

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT St. John's & Emmanuel members are invited to join LWMS in a monetary donation drive for 2 current building projects of Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot, Arizona: 1) a new school & 2) teacher housing. With a student/teacher ratio of 38:1, school expansion and on-reservation housing to accommodate a bigger teaching staff are badly needed. Learn more about these projects

Podcast: <https://kingdomworkers.com/podcasts/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PeridotOurSaviorsLutheranSchool/>

To avoid confusion with LWMS mission offerings currently being collected, please give gifts for this project directly to your church's LWMS Reporter if you wish to donate for Peridot—Helen Stelter at Emmanuel, Linda Wachholz at St. John's.

LWMS SPRING MISSION RALLY at ZION-KINGSTON on SATURDAY, APRIL 27 All are welcome to join us for a day centered on missions! Speaker Pastor Daniel Sims, Director WELS Christian Aid & Relief—"Christ's Love Compels Us to Share with Others Spiritually and Physically!" Service Project: monetary collection for Peridot school building projects (see separate announcement). 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:15 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting with Election of officers and new mission projects; 11:45 a.m. Lunch; 12:50 p.m. Devotion & Speaker; 2:10 p.m. Officer Installation & Closing. Carpool signup in Information Room at St. John's or call your LWMS Reporter: Helen Stelter, Emmanuel, 608-297-7116; Linda Wachholz, St. John's, 608-369-2635.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 61ST ANNUAL LWMS CONVENTION IS DUE APRIL 1st, 2024! Register on-line or get a form to mail from your church's reporter. Point of Information: If you have completed application for riding the Beaver Dam Circuit bus (now full) to Convention, you must still register for the Convention!

Gemeinde Geschichte (Congregation History)

Joe

The roster of principals of St. John's School lists fourteen men. Third on that list is F. W. Mattek. Mr. Mattek served from 1948 to 1959. Anyone who was ever on a first-name basis with Floyd William Mattek knew him simply as "Joe."

This Mattek family hailed from Two Creeks, WI. Joe was born and raised on the family farm along with two brothers. After elementary school, he attended Northwestern Prep in Watertown. Then came the trek west and enrollment at the teacher training school of the synod, Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN.

Joe graduated from DMLC in the spring of 1941 and 21 years of teaching ministry began in Kewaunee, WI. Before the summer of '41 ended he married another DMLC student, Marcella Ehlert. The marriage that began in the south-central town of Eitzen, MN was to last 72 years and brought 10 children into this world. After a teaching stop in Newburg, WI, the sizeable Mattek clan filled the teacherage in Montello, called St. John's home, and blessed our congregations.



These post-WWII years were the beginning of the Baby Boomer era. Steady growth was the norm and change to meet that growth was the order of the day. The 75th anniversary booklet of St. John's describes the local situation. "Because of a decided increase in the enrollment," the congregation in 1949 was convinced of the need for a second teacher. Curriculum and student assessment were updated. In 1951 an addition was built, and the school was modernized and remodeled. City sewer and water were installed. It was good-bye to the outdoor toilets. In 1956 a classroom had to be added in the basement, and a fund for a new school was started.

In 1959 Principal Joe Mattek was led to follow a new call. He moved his considerable gifts, his kind and pleasant demeanor, and his trademark bow tie to Menasha. He was a respected leader in the church at large. It was while he was in Menasha that Teacher Mattek decided to train to become Pastor Mattek. Local pastors under the supervision of the Mequon Seminary provided the pastoral training. In 1964 he was called to Emmanuel, Koberg, WI and ordained into the pastoral ministry. For nearly four decades he pastored congregations, in Koberg, in Riga and Ann Arbor, MI. In semi-retirement from 1986-1993 he served in Fredericksburg, Texas.

After a full and faithful life and ministry of 95 years, the Lord of the Church said that was more than enough and called Teacher/Principal/Pastor Joe home to heaven in 2013. We were blessed to enjoy and reap the benefits of a small part of that life here in Montello and Mecan.



THE RESULTS of this year's Art For Dinner Fundraiser are in!

\$13,245.00 WOW

A huge THANK YOU to everyone that attended and supported this year's event, who gave their efforts, time, talents, and helped in ANY sort of way...THANK YOU! Without YOU, our results would be impossible. Let us remember what a blessing it is to not only come together to support our children and school, but coming together as fellow Christians, growing in faith and fellowship, leading as God's representatives, and setting great examples for our young ones. To Him be the glory!

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9



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