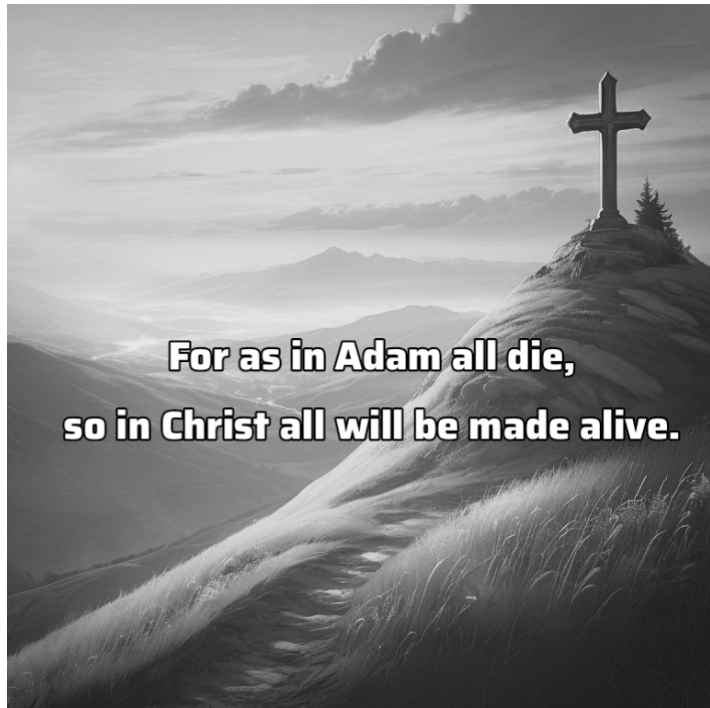


**Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day –
RESURRECTION REALITY: ALL WILL BE MADE ALIVE**



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Mark 16:1-8
& 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
"God on Trial: Vindication"

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**

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024
Emmanuel 8:00am—St. John's 10:00 am

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

THEME OF THE DAY: ALL WILL BE MADE ALIVE

The film director Woody Allen once said, "I'm not afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens." Studies have shown that most people fear death to varying degrees. This fear is so common, there is even a field of psychological study called thanatology. It examines human reaction to death and dying. One of the biggest reasons people fear death is the perception of its permanency. In the normal realm of human existence, dead is dead. Someone dies, and all you have are pictures and memories. That is the way people typically think, but it is far from reality. Today, Christ proves to us that death is not final at all! Easter teaches us that Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. Just as Christ rose, "so in Christ all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). That changes everything: the way we grieve the death of a Christian loved one, the way we feel when our health fails, the way we look at the purpose of life right now. Let us rejoice in this resurrection reality: All will be made alive!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two; Hymnal Pages 172-181,171

HYMNS: 465, 471, 446, 449 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: 118B "Irish Alleluia" (Bulletin/Screen)

SERMON: Mark 16:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 "God on Trial: Vindication"

SPECIAL MUSIC: At Emmanuel & St. John's: Adult Choir sings Hymn: 451 "See, What a Morning"

OPENING HYMN: 465 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN OF PRAISE: 471:1,2 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27

(By faith Job knew that because the redeemer lives, even though Job would die and his body would decay, he would see his God with his own eyes in the resurrection.)

²³"Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, ²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! ²⁵I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; ²⁷I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

PSALM: 118B "Irish Alleluia"

Refrain



Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.
The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;
the LORD has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
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**

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 (Sermon text along with Gospel Reading)
(Christ gives us hope in this life. But Christ's resurrection gives us hope also for the eternal life that is to come.)

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Refrain

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8 (Sermon text along with Second Reading)

(Early Easter morning, an angel explains to the women why they won't find Jesus' corpse in the tomb.)

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But

when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' " ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 446 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

SERMON: Mark 16:1-8 & 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 "God on Trial: Vindication"

APOSTLES CREED: Hymnal Page 181/Screen

EASTER SUNDAY PRAYER & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 449 "This Joyful Eastertide"

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Second Sunday of Easter –

RESURRECTION REALITY: THE LIVING LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE

Next Sunday, April 7, St. John's has its Quarterly Voters' Meeting

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St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Sunday, March 31	Saturday, April 6 Sunday, April 7
Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond	Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley



Please note, GriefShare will Not be held at Montello on March 29, April 4 or 11, and will Resume April 18th.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Laura Heibler (Marjorie Fabian's granddaughter), Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Donnie Kath (Matt's father), Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: __)
- For Pastor Jacob Hanneman called at our 3/10 E/SJ Joint Voter's meeting to serve as lead pastor
- For Miss Patricia Bodi called at our 3/10 St. John's Voters meeting to serve as Little Lambs 3,4K director/teacher who returned her call on Thursday (3/28)
- For our St. John's member, Del Henke, who celebrated his 86th birthday on Wednesday (3/27)

HOLY WEEK PRAYER - Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You took on you what was mine, yet set on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I might become what I was not. Amen. (Martin Luther)

Emmanuel members. The church council is looking for volunteers to assist with counting and recording Sunday offerings. The counting and recording takes about 15 minutes following the service and you will be joined by several others to accomplish the task. Volunteers as available would be asked to serve several Sundays during the year. If interested please contact Gary Wegner or any of the Trustees.

The Hands in Prayer Meeting is scheduled for this Monday, April 1 at 2:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: March 31-April 6, 2024

Monday		NO SCHOOL
	2:30 p.m.	Hands in Prayer MTG
	6:30 p.m.	NO Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	NO Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	CALA MTG SJ Princeton
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
Thursday	Noon	Ladies Aid Dessert and MTG
	6:00 p.m.	NO GriefShare (Resumes April 18)
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: April , 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.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
11:15 a.m.	Voters' Meeting SJ

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
3/24/24	40	194
3/28/24	65	-
3/29/24	-	68

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

4/21/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello
5/5/24	LL-CALA 8 at SJ Montello
5/19/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello
5/23/24	CALA K-8 at SJ Princeton

Total Feb. Offerings	Budget Needs	February Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$19267.43	\$33939.58	\$34529.18	\$175760.87	\$213325.44

*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***

At our Pastor call meeting March 10 the voters present voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Jacob R Hanneman, to be our next lead Pastor.

Following is his contact information.

627 Ensign St.

Fort Morgan CO 80701-2015

Phone: 406-852-6463 (cell) 970-867-5500 (home)

Email: pastor.hanneman@gmail.com

He is 40 years old, is married to Elizabeth (nee Greenlee) she is a graduate of MLC and they have a 1 year old child. He is presently serving at Shepherd of the Plains Lutheran Church, Fort Morgan CO. His father has a part time call serving St. John's Princeton. His sister Charisa (married to Josh Cheek) were members here and now are members of St. John's Princeton. His bio indicates that Pastor Hanneman is described as a man blessed with a sincere heart who seeks the welfare of others. He demonstrates good organizational skills and careful planning. He is a hard worker. Please pray for him, his family and all three congregations as he deliberates his calls. Also, please reach out to him with cards, texts and emails as an encouragement as he seeks the Lord's guidance as to where he can best use his gifts.

We have received a decision from Patricia Bodi regarding the Divine Call extended to her. After deliberating where she can best serve the Lord, she has returned her call to be our next preschool teacher/director. She will continue to serve at St. John's Milwaukee. We are working with the District President and the Early Childhood Ministry Coordinator for a new call packet of candidates and a date for our next call meeting. There are no Sunday dates available until later in April. We have been offered some evening dates, and have set Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 for our next teacher call meeting. At our next voter's meeting April 7, we will be discussing the request for a graduate Pastor and teacher. The window to make an application for those requests will close at the end of April. We should have time to make one more teacher call from the field by using the April 10 date for our meeting. Please keep our congregation, its ministries and all of our called workers in your prayers. We trust in God's Divine providence to supply the candidate with the gifts necessary for our congregation.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

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!*

Our Christ Alone Lutheran Academy kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lynn Sellnow, was awarded a Herb Kohl Educational Excellence Award in the Teacher Fellowship category. Congratulations, Lynn, and may God continue to bless your ministry. A copy of the Press release follows.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation recently announced 304 Wisconsin students, teachers, and administrators are the recipients of the organization's 2024 Student Excellence and Initiative, Teacher Fellowship and Principal Leadership awards. Student Excellence and Initiative Scholarships of \$10,000 will be awarded to 187 graduating high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence and initiative and have displayed a broad range of activity and leadership in their community. Teacher Fellowship awards of \$6,000 will be presented to 100 teachers who were nominated for their leadership and service in and outside the classroom, their ability to inspire a love of learning and to motivate their students. Principal Leadership awards of \$6,000 will be given to 17 principals for setting high standards for instruction, achievement and character, and creating a climate to best serve students, families, staff and community. "Herb Kohl believed that education is the key to the future of Wisconsin and our nation," JoAnne Anton, President & CEO of Herb Kohl Philanthropies said. "That's why he invested in and prioritized awards that recognize students, teachers, and principals who demonstrate incredible hard work, achievements, and service. We hope this year's awards help this impressive group of recipients in their individual pursuits today so that they pay it forward in the future. We call that the Herb Kohl Way." Award recipients are selected by a statewide committee composed of civic leaders and representatives of education-related associations and the program's co-sponsors: The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, regional Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA), the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and the Wisconsin Homeschooling Parents Association. The Kohl Foundation award program was established by Herb Kohl, former U.S. senator, philanthropist, and businessman who died December 27, 2023. Since 1990, the foundation has awarded nearly \$38 million to Wisconsin educators, principals, students, and schools.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE

5 WEEKS

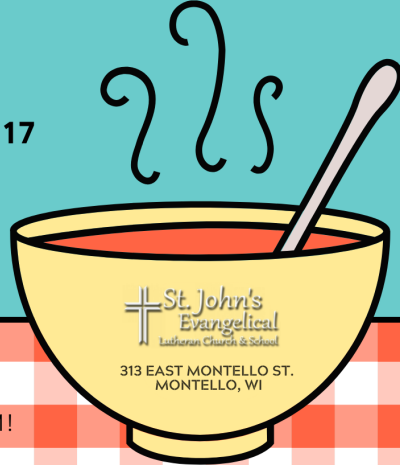
A BIBLE STUDY FOR **ALL** WOMEN!

ITS GOING TO BE SOUP-ER!

WEDNESDAYS- STARTING APRIL 17

5:30- SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

6:00- BIBLE STUDY



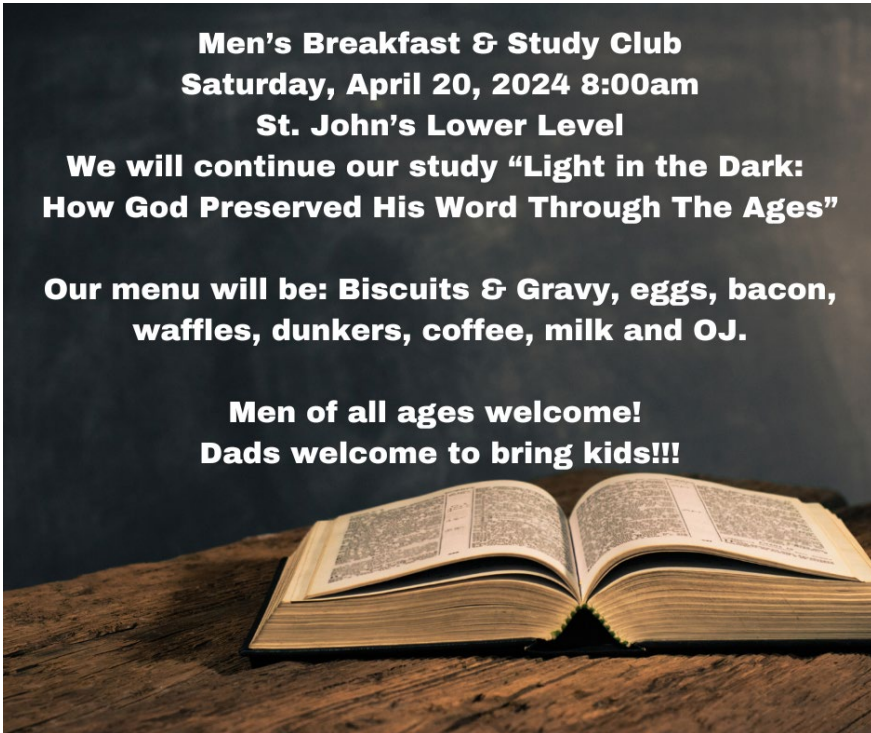
JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE BEATITUDES!
NOT SURE WHAT THOSE ARE? NO PROBLEM!

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

**We will continue our study "Light in the Dark:
How God Preserved His Word Through The Ages"**

**Our menu will be: Biscuits & Gravy, eggs, bacon,
waffles, dunkers, coffee, milk and OJ.**

Men of all ages welcome!
Dads welcome to bring kids!!!



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