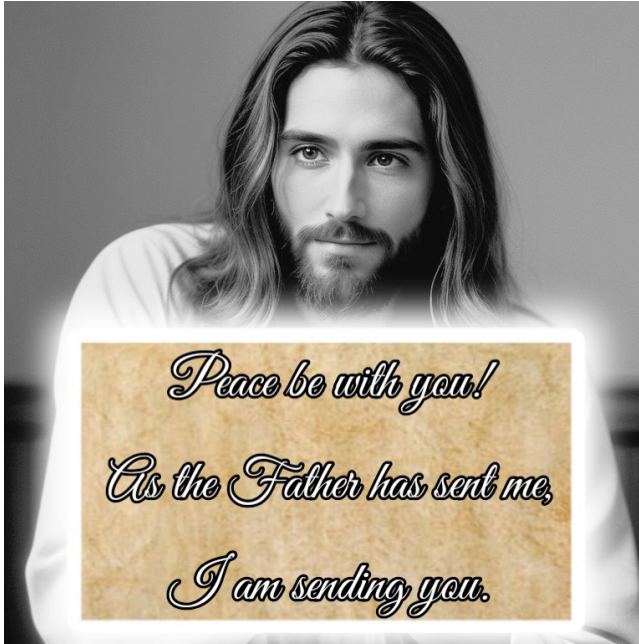


**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER –  
RESURRECTION REALITY:  
THE LIVING LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE**



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:  
John 20:19-31  
"Peace Be With You,  
Doubting Disciples!"

**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](http://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**

April 6 & 7, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

## **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: THE LIVING LORD GIVES PROOF AND PEACE**

In most world religions, the alleged foundational event was experienced by only one person. A self-proclaimed prophet would allege he alone had some special encounter with God. "No really! Just trust me. It really happened." The resurrection reality is so very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), St. Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. It is like St. Paul is telling skeptics, "You don't need to take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead." The proof of Jesus' resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting Two; Hymnal Pages 172-182, 171

**HYMNS:** 449, 417 v. 1-2, 456, 511(Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** 16 "My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad"

**SERMON:** John 20:19-31 " Peace Be With You, Doubting Disciples! 1. To ten that first Easter Sunday 2. To another a week later 3. To all of us today"

**OPENING HYMN:** 449 "This Joyful Eastertide"

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

**FIRST READING:** Acts 18:1-11

(The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.)

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." <sup>7</sup>Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." <sup>11</sup>So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

**PSALM:** 16 "My Heart, Therefore, Is Glad"

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 1:1-4

(St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead. This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.)

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29



### Refrain



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



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have be - lieved.

### **GOSPEL READING:** John 20:19-31 (Sermon Text)

(The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.)

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Hymn of the Day: 456 v.1-5 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

**SERMON:** John 20:19-31 " Peace Be With You, Doubting Disciples! 1. To ten that first Easter Sunday 2. To another a week later 3. To all of us today"

**APOSTLES CREED:** Hymnal Page 181/Screen

**HYMN:** 456 v.6-9 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

## **PRAYER FOR EASTER SEASON & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

## **OFFERING & PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 511 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Sunday at Emmanuel & St John's: Easter Season Promo Video after Announcements

**\*Sunday at St. John's: Quarterly Voters' Meeting following Worship\***

### **THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

(Teen Confirmation Sunday at St. John's) Third Sunday of Easter  
RESURRECTION REALITY: WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

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

## 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), Randy Hardell, 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: Randy Hardell)

- For Pastor Jacob Hanneman called at our 3/10 E/SJ Joint Voter's meeting to serve as lead pastor

Emmanuel: Thanks to all who volunteered to assist in counting and recording our offerings following our Sunday services.

| <b>St. John's</b>  | <b>Usher's<br/>Schedule</b>  |
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| Saturday, April 6<br>Sunday, April 7                           | Saturday, April 13<br>Sunday, April 14   |
| Matthew Kath<br>Glen Bubolz<br>Martin Schmanke<br>Mike Kempley | James Wachholz<br>Zeb Zuehls<br>Thomas Wojtalewicz<br>Kenny Wojtalewicz<br>Chock Boetcher<br>Jesse Schable |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: April 7-13, 2024

|            |                |                                      |
|------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Today      | 11:15 a.m.     | SJ Voters' Meeting                   |
| Monday     | 7:00 a.m.      | Pastors' Conference SJ               |
|            | 6:30 p.m.      | Adult Choir SJ                       |
|            | 7:30 p.m.      | Adult Bible Study SJ                 |
| Tuesday pm | To Saturday am | Pastor Zietlow in Alaska             |
| Tuesday    | 9:00 a.m.      | Joint Elders SJ                      |
|            | 5:30 p.m.      | Stewardship Meeting SJ               |
|            | 6:30 p.m.      | Worship Meeting SJ                   |
| Wednesday  | 6:30 p.m.      | LLC Teacher/Director Call Meeting SJ |
| Thursday   | 6:00 p.m.      | NO GriefShare SJ                     |
| Saturday   | 4:30 p.m.      | SJ Worship                           |

## Next Sunday: April 14, 2024

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 8:00 a.m.  | Emmanuel Worship with Communion                       |
| 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 With Communion & Teen Confirmation |

### Attendance

| Date    | EM | SJ  |
|---------|----|-----|
| 3/31/24 | 94 | 156 |

### 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 |
| 5/23/22 | CALA 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.

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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.

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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*





# Tot time

**WHERE:**  
St. John's  
Lutheran  
Montello

**What:**  
Parent/Child Activities  
Age appropriate Play  
Bible Story  
Snack

Join us for  
**Bugs and  
Butterflies**  
Saturday, April 27  
New Time 11:00 am  
Ages 2-5

**WHEN:**  
Monthly  
Announced  
Saturdays  
Sessions

**Why:**  
I have no greater joy than  
when I hear that my children  
are walking in the truth.  
3 John 1:4

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# SOUP & SCRIPTURE

5 WEEKS

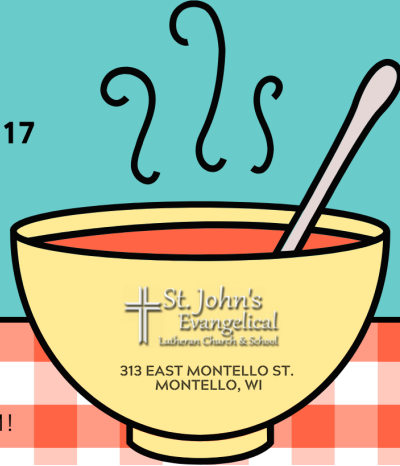
A BIBLE STUDY FOR **ALL** WOMEN!

## IT'S GOING TO BE SOUP-ER!

**WEDNESDAYS- STARTING APRIL 17**

5:30- SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

6:00- BIBLE STUDY



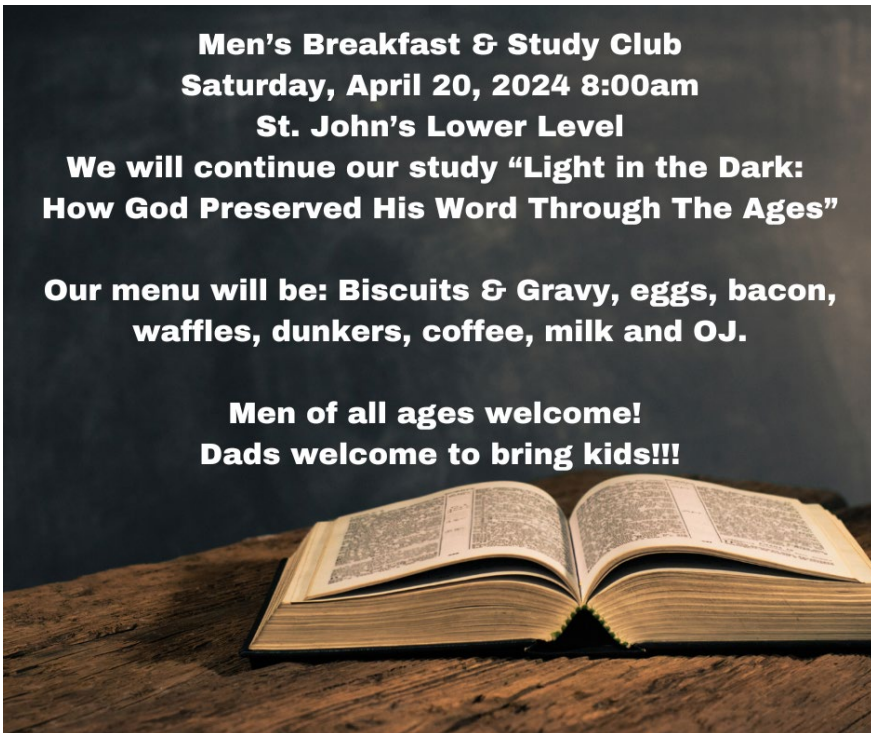
JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE BEATITUDES!  
NOT SURE WHAT THOSE ARE? NO PROBLEM!

**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!!!**



**TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR GIVING YOUR SPRING LWMS MISSION OFFERING!!** Containers are located in the entrance at both churches—please give your gift at the church where you are a member. *Gifts welcome from all you love missions!*

**PERIDOT MISSION SERVICE PROJECT** Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society LWMS asks you to consider a monetary donation for 2 current building projects of Our Savior’s Lutheran School in Peridot. Arizona—a new school and teacher housing—in our Native American mission. **You can give your gift directly to your church’s reporter—Helen Stelter-Emmanuel or Linda Wachholz-St. John’s—or a collection container will be available on the next two Sundays, April 14 & April 21.**

**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.

## ***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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