

NEWSLETTER

MAY
2024

Ascension: Thursday, May 9 at 6:30pm at St. John's

Regular Worship Schedule:

Emmanuel: Sunday's at 8:00am

St. John's: Saturdays at 4:30pm/Sundays at 10:00am

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Short Stories that Speak Volumes for Our Lives



Build on Solid Rock

Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock" (Matthew 7:24,25).

If you had to evacuate your home because of rising water following severe storms, imagine how difficult it would be to return and assess the damage: muddy floors, moldy walls, and worldly possessions headed for a dumpster. It would be emotionally devastating to observe the physical destruction that the waters caused.

Jesus told a story about building on a location to avoid destruction. He compared a wise builder and a foolish one. The foolish builder built his house on a nice sandy stretch by the water. It was a beautiful place to live until the storm hit. There was no defense against the rising waters—a complete loss (maybe even a loss of life!). In contrast, there was a wise builder. He built his house in the hills; he spent the extra time and money to firmly position it on solid rock. It was worth it. The building remained high above the floodwaters and stood strong against the wind.

Jesus' short story speaks volumes for our lives. He wants us to think carefully about the foundation on which we build our lives. It needs to be strong when life's storms strike. When the company is downsized, we want the strength to keep a positive outlook. When conflict loosens family ties, we want tight knots to hold it

together. When we've really messed up, the guilt must not sweep us away. When bad news comes, there needs to be rock-like endurance to get us through.

There's much advice today about successfully building our lives: build up a network of reliable family and friends, develop more of a positive attitude, get different forms of insurance for rainy days, and pursue proven avenues of achievement. But in the end, they're all "sand foundations." The storms that overwhelm human hearts and hopes are far too violent. We need something stronger to build on.

Jesus tells us to build our lives and futures on the solid rock of his word. It takes some time and effort to build that way, but Jesus says it's worth it. Hearing of his sacrifice on the cross brings us the lasting peace that we're forgiven. Hearing that Jesus rose and ascended to rule over all things gives us firm hope in the midst of life's uncertainties.

Don't build your life on shifting sand. Build on solid rock. That's Jesus. His teachings give you the strongest foundation for life. Confidently build your life on him. We'd be glad to help you do exactly that!

St. John's & Emmanuel Worship Schedule May
 Saturdays : St. John's 4:30pm
 Sundays: Emmanuel 8:00am; St. John's 10:00am
 Holy Communion Offered: 5/11, 5/12, 5/25, 5/26
 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
 LAST ADULT BIBLE STUDY/SUNDAY SCHOOL: May 19

May 4 & 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Resurrection Reality: Jesus' Business is Love; Therefore, So is Ours
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: 1 John 4:7-11, 19-21 "Just What is Christian Love?"

Communion

May 11 & 12
 (Mothers' Day)

Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Resurrection Reality: We Will Overcome This Broken World
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: John 17: 11b-19 "Children of God: Live Your Resurrection Faith"

May 18 & 19
 Day of
 Pentecost

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 Resurrection Reality: Christ Has Not Left Us Alone
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: John 15: 26,27 "The Gift That Keeps On Giving"

Communion

May 25 & 26
 Holy Trinity

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 First Sunday after Pentecost
 A Top Down Faith: Only a Triune God Can Deliver What Only a Triune God Can Offer
 Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: Romans 8:14-17 "How Can I Be Sure?"

Those who are members of Emmanuel, St. John's, another WELS church, or a church in full doctrinal agreement with the WELS, are invited to attend. Others are politely asked to refrain until communion fellowship is established. There are two Scriptural reasons we distribute the Lord's Supper this way. 1.) Receiving the Lord's Supper improperly results in harm, not blessing, to the recipient. (1 Cor. 11:27) Like a prescription it must be administered with care. 2.) Recipients of the Supper publicly proclaim their unity in the faith. (1Cor. 10:17) Members of other denominations have, by joining those church bodies, publicly declared their allegiance to the teaching of those churches. By also communing here at this altar it would send a confusing message regarding not only what the believe, but also what the Bible teaches and what this church and its members believe and confess. We'd love to speak to you about this more fully so that all are prepared and speak with one voice as we proclaim Christ to the world. For more information, and especially if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of this congregation, please speak to Pastor Zietlow.

Sunday School, CALA & Little Lambs Singing Schedule

Sunday, May 5: Little Lambs & CALA K-8 at MONTELLO
 Sunday, May 19: Sunday School at MONTELLO
 Thursday, May 23: CALA K-8 at PRINCETON

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!

Soup & Scripture Women's Bible Study:

Wednesday, May 1

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday, May 15

ST. JOHN'S LADIES, PLEASE VOTE! All confirmed women are eligible to vote for officers on the International Board of Directors of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) and for mission projects for 2024-2025. A voting station is located in the Information Room. Voting ends on Sunday, May 19. Results of this voting will be announced at the LWMS Convention, June 27-30, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If you have questions, please contact Reporter Linda Wachholz. Your vote is very much appreciated!

Men's Breakfast & Study Club
Saturday, May 18, 8:00am at St. John's Lower Level

We Will Continue our Study on
"Light in the Dark"
How God Preserved His Word through the Ages
Presentation by Pastor Luke Thompson

Menu: Breakfast Quesadillas,
dunkers, coffee, OJ, Milk

Men of all ages Welcome!
Dads welcomed to bring kiddos!!

This will be our last Study until September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</p> <p>EMMANUEL 8:00AM</p> <p>St. JOHN'S 10:00AM</p> <p>SS/ABS SCHEDULE</p> <p>SS SJ 8:30AM</p> <p>ABS EM 9:00AM</p> <p>ABS SJ 8:45AM</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>PSC=PUBLIC SCHOOL</p> <p>CATECHISM CLASSES</p> <p>HIP=HANDS IN PRAYER</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>EM=EMMANUEL</p> <p>SJ=St. JOHN'S</p> <p>PR=PRINCETON</p> <p>LA=LADIES AID</p> <p>MTG=MEETING</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:30am ABS SJ</p> <p>5:00pm PSC SJ</p> <p>WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>SJ 5:30PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00PM LA MTG SJ</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LL & CALA NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT AT PRINCETON 6:00PM</p>	<p>WORSHIP SCHEDULE 4</p> <p>St. JOHN'S 4:30PM</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>HIP MTG SJ 2:30PM</p> <p>Choir SJ 6:30pm</p> <p>ABS SJ 7:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>JOINT ELDERS SJ</p> <p>9:00AM</p> <p>CALA MTG 6:30PM AT MONTELLO</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am MCC</p> <p>Devotion</p> <p>10:30am ABS SJ</p> <p>5:00pm PSC SJ</p> <p>WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>SJ 5:30PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>ASCENSION</p> <p>WORSHIP SJ 6:30PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>COMMUNION 11</p>
<p>COMMUNION 12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Choir SJ 6:30pm</p> <p>ABS SJ 7:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>COUNCILMEN</p> <p>CONFERENCE</p> <p>WAUPUN 6:00PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>LAST ABS/PSC UNTIL FALL</p> <p>10:30am ABS SJ</p> <p>5:00pm PSC SJ</p> <p>WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>SJ 5:30PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>ARMED FORCES DAY</p> <p>MENS' BREAKFAST & STUDY CLUB SJ 8:00AM</p>
<p>19</p> <p>LAST SS & ABS UNTIL FALL</p> <p>LITTLE LAMBS</p> <p>GRADUATION NOON</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>SJ COUNCIL MTG</p> <p>6:30PM</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am MCC</p> <p>Devotion</p>	<p>23</p> <p>CALA GRADUATION AT PRINCETON 6:00PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</p>	<p>COMMUNION 25</p>
<p>COMMUNION 26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BoE MTG SJ 4:00PM</p> <p>STEWARDSHIP MTG</p> <p>SJ 5:30PM</p> <p>WORSHIP MTG SJ 6:30PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>ABS=ADULT BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>LL=LITTLE LAMBS</p> <p>MCC=MONTELLO CARE CENTER</p> <p>CALA= CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY</p>

Gemeinde Geschichte (Congregation History)

Christoph Tagatz – Lay Leader

Johannes Strieter was one of the pioneer pastors who led the Lutheran immigrants of Marquette and Green Lake counties. He arrived in December of 1859 and served until spring of 1865. Pastor Strieter described his family's arrival here in his autobiography. Traveling from Milwaukee via train they arrived in Ripon. From there they endured a less comfortable wagon ride to Princeton. Due to a hitch in communication, they arrived unexpected and unannounced. It just so happened that one of the members of the congregation was in town. He invited the pastor and his family to settle in at their farm for the night, which was about 15 miles further to the northwest. That congregation member was Christoph Tagatz.

Christoph Tagatz was a 23-year-old, newly married, farmer from Crystal Lake Township near Budsin. He worked a farm on a narrow trail known today as Eagle Road, just a short distance east of today's Hwy 22. Across the path was the farm of his parents who immediately came over to help serve as the welcoming committee. Christoph and his new bride provided a meal and beds of straw for the Strieter family for their first night in their new parish. Christoph Tagatz would continue to be one of the lay leaders of the developing congregation, and the worship that was held in a nearby community building was even referred to as the Tagatz church, (near the present day Matz-Tagatz Cemetery on Eagle Road). On occasion he would lead worship in the absence of a pastor. He would be one of the founding members of St John's Lutheran Church of Budsin.

Jump ahead about twenty years to 1878. Ten miles south of the Tagatz farm, the daughter congregation of Emmanuel, Big Mecan, was being organized in Montello and would later be incorporated as St. John's Lutheran Church. By this time Tagatz had been elected treasurer of Marquette County and moved to Montello. It is not at all surprising that one of the first elected trustees of the new congregation was – you guessed it - Christoph Tagatz. The Budsin church records show that his name had been crossed out on the roster of voting members. Instead, his signature was recorded in the organization documents of the new Montello church. What remained the same, however, was the strong and respected leadership for building up and furthering God's Church. In his obituary it was said that Christoph Tagatz "enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens, and they regarded him as an able and capable man." He remained faithful until death and received the crown of life in April of 1916.



One characteristic of a healthy and vibrant congregation has always been to have solid, sanctified, and evangelical leaders. By anyone's measure, Christoph Tagatz qualified, and he showed it throughout his adult life. God used him and his gifts to help lay the foundation of two congregations, both called St. John's.

May God always bless us with such godly men and willing, able leaders.

CALA + EAGLES IN-SCHOOL 4-H

STEM NIGHT

(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)

TUESDAY, MAY 14TH: 6PM @ MONTELLO CAMPUS

STUDENTS IN 3RD-8TH GRADES HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK DURING THEIR 4-H FRIDAY CLASS TIME PREPARING INTERACTIVE SCIENCE PROJECTS TO SHARE WITH THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS. THIS EVENT WILL HAVE STUDENT-LED HANDS ON LEARNING AND LOTS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



ALL STUDENTS IN 3K AND UP AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. MORE DETAILS TO COME!



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When should I order by? Physical gift card orders get submitted on Tuesday mornings by 7am and typically get delivered Fridays.

Timeline? The year for RaiseRight runs from July 1 through June 30. So, you have only 2 more months to earn tuition dollars for the 2024-2025 school year.

Contact: If you have any questions, please reach out to our CALA Scrip coordinator, Melanie Zuehls at 608-617-4652 or oatzmom5@gmail.com

CHRIST ALONE
LUTHERAN ACADEMY
&
ST. JOHN'S LITTLE LAMBS

PRESENTS A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT:

WIDE MOUTH FROG

By Little Lambs

Wackadoo Zoo

By Grades K-2

**THE TRIAL OF
THE BIG BAD WOLF**

By Grades 3-8

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024
PRINCETON CAMPUS GYM @ 6:00PM
ALL ARE INVITED!

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Montello, WI

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