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Short Stories that Speak Volumes for Our Lives



Search For What Was Lost

Jesus told this parable, "Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:8-10).

My wife works with a lady who buys her lottery tickets every now and then. One day, a rumor spread that our local grocery store sold a \$100,000 ticket. We both thought, "Are we winners?" How would we spend it? Then I said, "Honey, where's the ticket?" After a brief panic and a 20-minute search of the house, we found it. The ticket was a loser.

When we lose something that we hold to be valuable, we search for it frantically. That's what Jesus described in this short story about a woman searching for a coin that she lost. Without Jesus, you and I are like that lost coin. Our lustful thoughts, hurting words, and loveless deeds—everything we think, say, or do that fails to be perfect—are sins that separate us from God. How frightening to be lost in sin!

Thankfully, though, there is good news! Jesus came "to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). God sent Jesus to find us and reconnect us to God. Jesus did that

by loving us so much that he paid for all our sins by his death on the cross. That's how much Jesus loves us!

Jesus searches for us and finds us. The angels in heaven rejoice! Jesus comes to us through his Word and takes away our fear by comforting us with the forgiveness of sins. He assures us that he has made us dearly loved children of God. Through Jesus, heaven is our inheritance.

God loves us so much that he stopped at nothing to find us and save us from eternal separation from him in hell. Through Jesus, we have the gift of eternal life, which is a whole lot more valuable than winning the lottery. How fortunate we are! We will never be lost again when we cling in faith to Jesus, our Savior.

Come and share with us the love of Jesus. Like heaven's angels, we can rejoice over all that Jesus did to find us and give us life with God.

St. John's & Emmanuel Worship Schedule October
St. John's is no longer having Worship Services on Saturdays.

Sundays: Emmanuel 8:00am; St. John's 10:00am

Holy Communion Offered: 10/13, 10/27

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

Oct. 6

A God-Lived Life: A Life Of Hospitality
Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: Matthew 9:9-13
"Eating With Sinners"

Communion

Oct. 13

A God-Lived Life: A Life Lived Shrewdly

October 20

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP:
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST MAKE SELFLESS SACRIFICES

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
"SERVE ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE!"

Communion

October 27

Reformation Day
"As Dear Children Ask Their Dear Father"

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 they 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, Oct. 13, Sunday School sings at St. John's MONTELLO
Sunday, Oct. 20, CALA 3-8 sings at St. John's PRINCETON

October 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABS=ADULT BIBLE STUDY LA=LADIES AID HIP=HANDS IN PRAYER P=PRINCETON	SJ=ST. JOHNS EM=EMMANUEL MTG=MEETING SS=SUNDAY SCHOOL PSC=PUBLIC SCHOOL CATECHISM	1	2	3	4	5 NO SJ Worship on Saturdays
6 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM SS: SJ 8:30AM ABS: EM-9AM SJ 8:45AM 11:15AM SJ Voters Mtg	7 2:30PM HIP SJ 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	8 9:00 AM Joint Elders Mtg SJ	9 9:45AM R DEVOTION 10:00AM MCC DEVOTION 10:30AM ABS SJ 5:00PM PSC SJ	10 6PM GRIEFSHARE SJ	11	12
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20 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM SS: SJ 8:30AM ABS: EM-9AM SJ 8:45AM	21 CALA Joint Campus Day at Montello 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	22 5:30PM Stewardship Mtg SJ 6:30PM Worship Mtg SJ	23 9:45AM R DEVOTION 10:00AM MCC DEVOTION 10:30AM ABS SJ 4:00PM Trunk-or-Treat SJ	24 6PM GRIEFSHARE SJ	25	26
COMMUNION 27 EM-8AM/SJ-10AM SS: SJ 8:30AM ABS: EM-9AM SJ 8:45AM	28 6:30PM CHOIR SJ 7:30PM ABS SJ	29	30	REFORMATION DAY 31 6PM GRIEFSHARE SJ	BoE=BOARD OF EDUCATION R=THE RESIDENCES MCC=MONTELLO CARE CENTER	

Gemeinde Geschichte (Congregation History)

Mr. Radichel

There are still a few folks today who can remember Mr. Radichel. He arrived in Montello in 1959 and served as the 4th principal of St. John's Lutheran School, following Misters Fuerstenau, Meyer, and Mattek in that role. His service lasted only five years until 1964 but is remembered fondly. One lower grade student said of him that "he was nice and not scary at all." Mr. Radichel was an important bridge, so to speak, between life in the old school building and the "new school" still in use today.

Dennis Jerome Radichel was a Wisconsin boy through and through. He was born in New London in December of 1939, attended Bethlehem Lutheran School in Hortonville, and was a 1956 graduate of Winnebago Lutheran Academy. He earned a teaching degree at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN. This school of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, was a two-year college in those days. Upon completion of his studies, it didn't take very long before he was called to be our principal in Montello.

Not only was Mr. Radichel a busy principal at St. John's, but he also found time to find a wife and life-long companion.

Marion Bobholz was a Randolph gal and the two were married in 1971 at Trinity in Friesland. They raised two girls, Kay and Kim. The friendly and affable Marion became an active and visible presence in congregational and school life. It was said that early in their marriage Dennis and Marion enjoyed bike, snowmobile, and motorcycle rides together. The Radichels also shared an avid interest in following the Packers, Brewers, and Badgers.

In 1964 Mr. Radichel took a call to Grace Lutheran school in Oshkosh. Throughout his teaching ministry he enjoyed coaching basketball and leading choral groups. After nearly a decade in Oshkosh, came a move to Onalaska where Dennis took up ownership of his father's business, Ed's Upholstery Shop, which he ran for 40 years until his retirement in 2017. Christian education remained close to his heart, however. He was the chairman of the Board of Education for many years at St. Paul's, Onalaska was actively involved in the ministry of Luther High School. Marion became the administrative assistant there as well and was a friendly greeter to all who entered the school doors.

At the age of 81, the earthly pilgrimage of Dennis Radichel came to an end. He died at home May 21, 2020. It was said the "He fell asleep confident that eternal life in heaven awaited him because of his gracious Lord's salvation. Above all, Dennis was a man of

faith who put his trust in the Lord for forgiveness and eternal life. His faith has now become sight. Truly, it is well with his soul." His beloved wife of 58 years soon followed him in November of 2021. The Onalaska City Cemetery holds their earthly remains as they await the coming of their Savior on the last day.



BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH – LWMS encourages YOU: 1) to pray more often for WELS missions/missionaries; 2) to write encouraging notes to WELS missionaries; 3) to give a little more in monetary gifts to WELS missions.



Displays included: Befriended missions/missionaries: Elsa Ponath-East Fork Lutheran School, Fort Apache, AZ; Pastor Matt Rothe-The Way Lutheran-Fredericksburg, VA; Pastor Ben Berger-Ascension Lutheran-Harrisburg, PA. Beaver Dam Circuit Current Home & World Mission Projects: WELS Campus Ministry, Native American Missions. Kids C.A.R.E. Project: Antigua St. John's Church & School.



SEPTEMBER



Ella W. and Abraham F. work on GO-TELL artwork that decorated the tables for the Mission Festival meal on Sunday, September 29.

The children also sang at the end of the St. John's service. The song summarized the theme of the service: »Be.A.Missionary.every day*



NEW TEACHER & STUDENT HELPERS

Fun with the Lesson of Daniel in the Lion's Den



SSers threw velcro balls to block the mouths of the lions. Later they made an edible lion and the SSers became the eaters! Anna W. says it was lickin' good!



A U-shaped table, the white board screen, and a couple of table cloths became a den for two life-sized cardboard lions. It was fun to pretend being Daniel!



We welcome Mrs. Amanda Finger, who is teaching the PreK & Kindergarten class! Two of our students have returned as 7th grade helpers: Molly U. & Wally W.

"Let the little children come . . ."



COME TO THE FALL RALLY of the BEAVER DAM CIRCUIT OF LWMS

!!NEW DATE!!

Saturday, October 12, 2024

St John's Lutheran Church-Fox Lake

110 Edgelawn Drive

Cohosts: Trinity-Friesland and Grace-Dalton

Theme: Reflecting the Lord's Compassion through Word and Action

Mark 6:34 *"When Jesus stepped out of the boat, He saw a large crowd.*

His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

He began to teach them many things."



Speaker: Sara Zondag, former
Health & Finance Trainer for Thai
Village, Inc., Chiang Mai, Thailand

Service Project: Monetary
Collection and Craft Sale proceeds
to Thai Village

Rally Offering: Asia Project



Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Registration

9:45 a.m. Reporter Meeting

10:15 a.m. Rally Opens

10:25 a.m. Bible Study

11:10 a.m. Business Meeting

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:40 p.m. Devotion & Offering

1:00 p.m. Speaker

2:00 p.m. Rally Summation

2:10 p.m. Closing

**The women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society are "cheerleaders" for WELS Missions,
supporting missions/missionaries with prayer, encouragement, and gifts!**

See you in Fox Lake!

Sign the carpool list in the Information Room at St. John's

or call your LWMS Reporter: Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 or Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635

YOU'RE INVITED!

Sowing
the Seeds of
Faith

I CORINTHIANS 3:6-9

**62ND ANNUAL
LWMS CONVENTION**

Tulsa, Oklahoma • June 26–29, 2025



**Four Days Filled with Exciting Opportunities to
Learn About and Support WELS Home & World Missions!**

- Listen to inspirational speakers
- Learn about home and world mission fields
- Meet missionaries and their families
- Explore how you can get involved with mission work
- Enjoy worship and fellowship with sisters and brothers in Christ around the world

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Tulsa, Oklahoma

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SOS

Send One Sister

“Hooked forever!” That’s a common comment from women who have the opportunity to attend an LWMS Convention. Here’s another: ***“Once you’ve experienced the Convention, you don’t want to miss it!”*** There’s no better place than an LWMS Convention to hear and learn how our WELS missionaries and their families are working to spread God’s Word around the world!

The 2025 annual Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Convention will be held June 26-29 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Send One Sister program challenges LWMS Circuits to encourage first-time attendees by assisting them with expenses for their first Convention.

Each member church in the Beaver Dam Circuit raises or donates money to help sisters from our circuit who would like to attend the 2025 Convention. All qualifying applicants receive funds according to guidelines established by the Circuit Board.

Any BD Circuit woman who wishes to be considered must complete and submit this application so it is received no later than January 15, 2025.

This application may be duplicated as needed.

Send One Sister Application

Name: _____

Congregation: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Your Contact Info:

Address: _____

Primary phone number: _____

Email: _____

☐ This would be my first convention.

☐ I've attended convention in the past.

What would attending convention mean to you?

Would you be willing to share your convention experience in some way at the fall circuit rally?

Return application to a circuit officer or mailed to:

Barbara Zondag
W144 County Road A
Randolph, WI 53956

920-344-6170

bjzondag@yahoo.com

**Dear Women & Confirmed Teens
of St. John's & Emmanuel:**

The Lord has called the Beaver Dam Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) to an enormous task—that of **co-hosting the international LWMS Convention in June, 2026**. We are in the beginning stages of a 2-year journey of planning and cooperation with the Capitol and the Dodge-Washington Circuits of LWMS. It requires many, many hands to plan a convention for about 1,500 attendees. None of our three circuits is able to provide enough woman-power to fill chairperson, committee posts, and volunteer needs for the necessary committees. **WE NEED HELP!**



This help will need to come not just from the women who are currently active in LWMS at St. John's & Emmanuel. **Every woman and confirmed teen is a member of LWMS because both churches hold congregational memberships. We need new people to join us in this effort! I'm certain that you will discover that working for missions is a very satisfying way to serve our Lord!**

Please find and read in this Newsletter: **Update #2 on Co-Hosting 2026 Convention, a report prepared for the Beaver Dam Circuit Fall Rally, October 12.** It describes the work of the committees we are currently trying to form. If you have questions, please contact me. I've placed volunteer sheets in the Information Room and in the linkway at St. John's and one in the parish hall at Emmanuel.

A few good women—that's what we need!

United to Serve Jesus,

Linda Wachholz
President, Beaver Dam Circuit LWMS
Co-Chair, 2026 LWMS Convention
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UPDATE #2 on Co-Hosting 2026 Convention

Beaver Dam Circuit Fall Rally, October 12, 2024

Circuits & Convention Co-Chairs:

Beaver Dam: Linda Wachholz
Dodge-Washington: Debbie Ninmann
Capitol: Amanda Taticek

Kick-off Meeting for Convention Planning was held Saturday, June 1, 2024. Those attending from the 3 Circuits reviewed deadlines, a responsibility overview, and the makeup and duties of the 7 convention committees. 7 attended from Beaver Dam Circuit (Joanne Gregor-Ripon, Barb Zondag-Randolph, Linda Wachholz-Montello, Sandy Beimbom-Portage, Rachel Wolff-Princeton, Linda Pollesch-Markesan, Sue Pagel-Beaver Dam).

Invitational Letter was drafted, and the International Board accepted.

Venue: (Still unofficial—no contract signed, but \$\$ paid down) Monona Terrace-Madison

Theme: International Board chose “**Cast Out Your Nets**” **Matthew 4:18-19** (NIV).

Responsibilities Overview: Chain of command: 1) Board of Directors 2) Convention Planner 3) Central Office 4) Hosting Circuits -- a) Convention Co-Chairs b) Committee Chairs c) Convention Treasurer d) Convention Volunteers.

Committee Chairs, Members, & Volunteers Many, many committee workers and volunteers will be needed before and during the 2026 Convention. Many, but not all, of the committee members and convention volunteers must register and attend the 2026 Convention. Remember that Beaver Dam Circuit offers financial help under the Send One Sister program to those attending their first convention. Perhaps 2026 will present them this opportunity and also the privilege of helping with the convention!

Convention Committees

1) Courtesy Committee prepares helpful info about convention site/area and serves as hostesses.

Requires: Chair
Plus 6-10 committee members
Plus 30-50 volunteers

Duties: business meeting tellers, courtesy table women, introducers, greeters, meal door monitors, general session room seaters & monitors, meal guides, nurses, seating assistants, workshop monitors, banquet table ticket coordinator.

2) Decorations is responsible for bringing the convention theme to life through decorations.

Requires: Chair
Plus 2 committee members
Plus volunteers (number varies)

Sub Committee: Theme Banner

Areas for decorations: foyer, general session stage, meal tables, photo opportunity sites

3) Displays Committee is responsible for the display room at convention, ensuring all displays relate to and agree with our LWMS mission statement; signs up each congregation to prepare a display topic. **Requires:** Chair

Plus 1 committee member
Plus 2-3 volunteers

Display room consists of 2 types of displays: mission displays prepared by local congregations and those from other organization that make application through Central Office. If mission groups are permitted to sell items from their mission field, a separate mission sales room will be established.

4) **Publicity Committee** publicizes the convention within the WELS and to local community, submits invitational bulletin insert and poster. **Required:** Chair

Plus 1 committee member

5) **Registration** receives and assembles all registration materials and distributes tote bags at the convention. **Requires:** Chair

Plus 2 committee members

Plus 20-40 volunteers

6) **Worship** works with the LWMS board pastors to select and coordinate readings and hymns for the devotions and opening/closing worship services. **Requires:** Chair

Plus 3 committee members

Plus 20 volunteers

Convention Attendance

- ✓ 'All **committee chairs & committee members** must register for the convention.
- ✓ All **convention volunteers** are strongly encouraged to register for the convention.
- ✓ Any **convention volunteer working in the general session or workshop rooms on Friday and Saturday** must be registered for the Convention.

What First? What Next?

First, **PRAY** for this convention and the volunteers working on it. **THINK** about and **PRAY** for people to fill these positions. These are available to ALL WOMEN of our circuit congregations – not just those present today or who are part of your ladies' groups. **Get Linda Wachholz names of people from BD to contact but it would be best for you talk to them first.** Older middle schoolers and teenagers would be great for helping with some of the volunteer positions. Team them up with someone with a willing heart but maybe not as able a body!

DEADLINES!!

24 to 30 months before the convention (June 2024) Convention committee chairs are selected.

18 months before the convention (January 2024) Submit a script for the skit inviting attendees to the next convention to the board of directors for approval. Receive, review, and rank logo suggestions provided by Board of Directors.

14 months before the convention (April 2025) Plan a display to set up at the current convention to interest people in attending next year's convention and discuss logistical needs with the convention planner. Prepare an invitation to be presented at the current convention. The convention co-chairs should make the presentation or assign people to do it.

12 months before the convention (June 2025) Submit to the president and president-elect the publicity items (bulletin insert and poster) to be sent to all circuit presidents before the fall rallies. Convention co-chairs and committee chairs begin meeting on a regular basis.

August 1, 2025 Send to the president, president-elect, and convention planner: Names, addresses, and phone numbers of committee chairs. At least two quotes on arrangements and costs for the rental of an organ. The board of directors will make the final decision and sign the written contract. Maps of the area with complete directions to the convention facility. Information about the area where the convention will be held. Send to CO approved bulletin insert and poster for posting.

October/November 2025 The convention co-chairs, convention committee chairs, and committee members will meet with the board of directors and the convention planner for a tour of the convention facilities and review each part of the convention. Submit any needed materials to the board for the convention newsletter.

GriefShare

Green Lake: Mondays at 6pm;

Princeton: Tuesdays at 6pm;

Montello: Thursdays at 6pm.

Please contact Mark Emond at 608-697-1600
for information and if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Attention Gentlemen of ALL AGES...

Men's Breakfast & Study Club

Saturday, October 19 at 8AM in the

St. John's Lower Level.

Men of all ages welcome!!

Dads can bring kids!!!

**We will be picking up our study on
Light in the Dark, how God preserved His Word
throughout the ages, a study
by Pastor Luke Thompson.**

Breakfast Menu:

**Biscuits & Gravy, Corned Beef Hash, Eggs
Dunkers, OJ, Coffee, Milk**

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