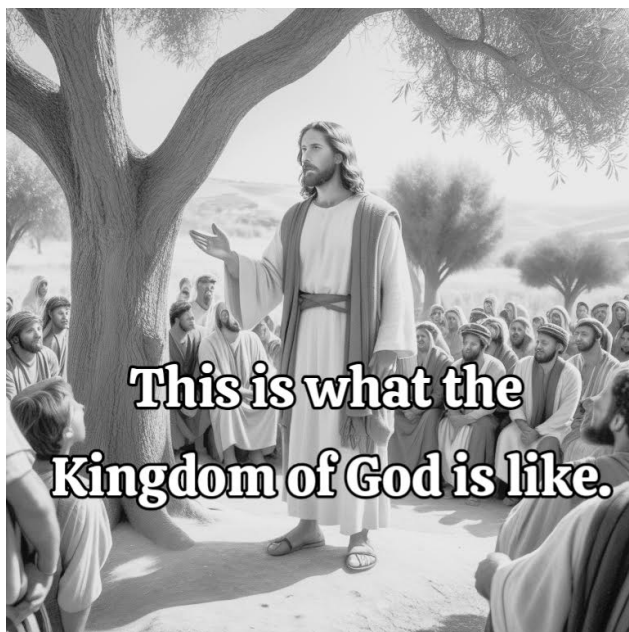


FATHER'S DAY/FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A TOP-DOWN FAITH:
FROM THE TINIEST SEED GROWS THE LARGEST KINGDOM



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Mark 4:26-29
"The Word of God
Works Like a Seed...
It is 1. Imperceptible
2. Powerful 3. Productive"

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

June 15 & 16, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

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

A TOP-DOWN FAITH

The phrase “from the top down” is often used to denote a hierarchical system of management or governance. The will and beliefs and directives of those “at the top” are imposed—sometimes aggressively, sometimes even oppressively—on those below. From the top town. We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. We will see that Christianity is very much a top-down faith. Christian teachings come “from the top down,” but not in the sense that those teachings are oppressively imposed on us. When we call Christianity a “top-down faith,” we mean that it tells us things about God that are so beautiful and good—teachings that couldn’t possibly have originated from human thinking. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. So, God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth—from the top down—to empower his children to believe that which would otherwise be totally unbelievable

THEME OF THE DAY: FROM THE TINIEST SEED GROWS THE LARGEST KINGDOM

Usually, a kingdom advances and is secured through things like military might or political force or worldly wealth. It can be tempting to believe the same holds true in the kingdom of God. Perhaps we think churches would flourish if we had the right rulers passing and enforcing the right laws. Or we believe that for a church to do good requires a robust budget. Political force. Worldly wealth. This way of thinking is breathtakingly wrong. We need God to give us the top-down faith that grasps the fact that kingdom of God advances in ways that are imperceptible. Through something that seems insignificant to most—the gospel—the King of kings establishes his reign in human hearts. Even Jesus himself taught that the gospel seems unimpressive, for he often compared the gospel to a tiny seed. Yet within a seed is hidden life. As the seed of the gospel is planted, the largest of all kingdoms grows.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Three, no communion, pp. 188-198,171

HYMNS: 644, 859, 925 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 1 "Blessed Are They" (Hymnal/Screen)

SERMON: Mark 4:26-29 "The Word of God Works Like a Seed...It is 1.

Imperceptible 2. Powerful 3. Productive"

OPENING HYMN: 644 "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"



- 1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de-scend and right-eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

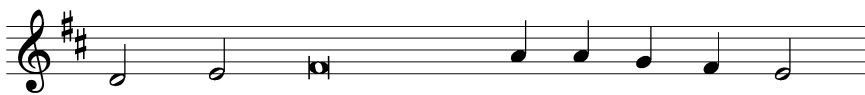
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to



God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,



and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the




Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

(Through the prophet Ezekiel, the LORD promised that the kingdom of God would grow large and strong and provide safety and shelter for God’s people.)

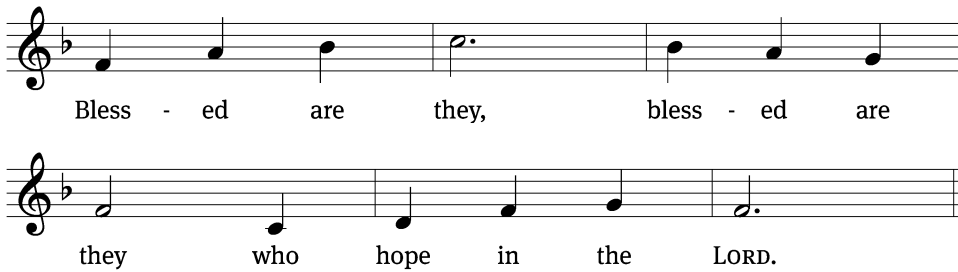
²²“ This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. ” ‘ I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 1 "Blessed Are They"

Refrain



Bless - ed are they, bless - ed are
they who hope in the LORD.

Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk
in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*
Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*
For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.
**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: Colossians 1:3-8

(We thank God that the seed of the gospel is producing fruit throughout the whole world.)

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

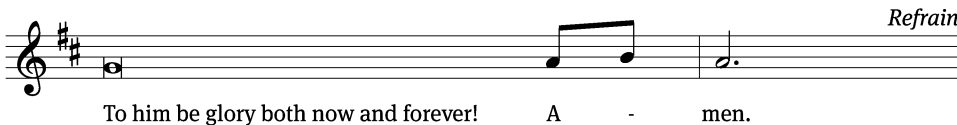
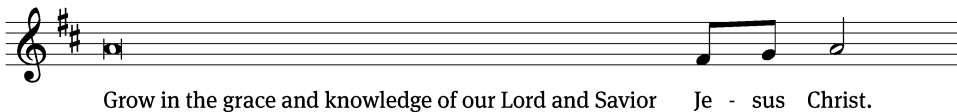
2 Peter 3:18



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34 (Sermon Text Underlined)

(The kingdom grows when the seed is sown. The Word works.)

²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." ³⁰Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." ³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 859 "Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure"



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, my
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its val - ue ex -
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like yeast, they af -
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our



ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, sur - pass - ing the
 fact the whole mea - sure of flour, — en - a - bling your
 midst is the en - e - my sow - ing the weeds that im -



wealth of the earth. Lord, give me your grace and the
 king - dom to grow. Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I
 per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your



pow'r of the Spir - it to val - ue this trea - sure a -
 live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may
 day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home - ward at



right that, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in -
 be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -
 last, to shine in the home - land that qui - ets all



her - it your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 yearn - ing, where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

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SERMON: Mark 4:26-29 "The Word of God Works Like a Seed...It is 1. Imperceptible 2. Powerful 3. Productive"

APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKS FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS & ALTAR PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting

life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 925 "On What Has Now Been Sown"



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you



stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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****TODAY AT St. JOHN'S: VOTERS MEETING 11:15AM****

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

A TOP-DOWN FAITH: OUR GRACIOUS GOD IS WITH US:

THROUGH ALL THE STORMS OF LIFE

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, 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, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Orlene Johnson, Ruth Jones, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Jim Kirschbaum, Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, Pastor Josh Stibb (Evie Blada's grandson), Billy Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: Milo Petrick, Billy Tucker)
- For Father's Day (6/16)
- For Missions

Thank you to Judy Fandrey for donating the new brass altar Bible holder in memory of her husband Harold Fandrey. It is much appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: June 16-22, 2024

Today	11:15 a.m.	St. John's Voters' Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	CALA Fundraiser with Live Music at the Ice Bowl in Princeton
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders' Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Council Meeting SJ
	7:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship with Communion

Next Sunday: June 23, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
6/8/24	-	15
6/9/24	47	76

Total May Offerings	Budget Needs	May Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$19,127.83	\$33939.58	\$20945.16	\$244415.87	\$304926.69

*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***

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, June 15 Sunday, June 16	Saturday, June 22 Sunday, June 23
Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley	James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable

Marquette County Fair Booth. The Marquette County Fair runs from Wednesday July 3rd through Sunday July 7th. Volunteers are sought to help man our fair booth. If you have an hour or two on any of the fair days to greet people please contact Gary Wegner (920) 295-3456.

OUR KIDS GIVE TO MISSIONS 2023-2024 mission projects of our school and Sunday school children are complete! St. John's-Montello Little Lambs and the Montello & Princeton campuses of Christ Alone Christian Academy (CALA) worked together. A first semester gift of \$766.99 was collected for Kids C.A.R.E. Missionary Kids Retreats (to help kids raised on foreign mission fields to be reacclimated to life in the United States). St. John's-Montello Sunday School also adopted this Kids C.A.R.E. project and gave \$235.30. **The total gift to the Kids C.A.R.E. project is \$1,002.29.** It will be pooled with offerings of WELS kids throughout the U.S. and will be presented at the 61st LWMS Convention in Sioux Falls, SD, on June 27-30. Kids C.A.R.E. is a program of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). **LL & CALA gave a second semester gift of \$879.05 to the Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA) capital campaign** (for the new campus construction). WLA is our area Lutheran high school, and Montello and Princeton are members of the WLA Association. Thank you to our kids for giving cheerfully, and thank you to parents for teaching mission giving by encouraging their children on these projects. To God be the glory!



MISSIONARY KIDS RETREATS

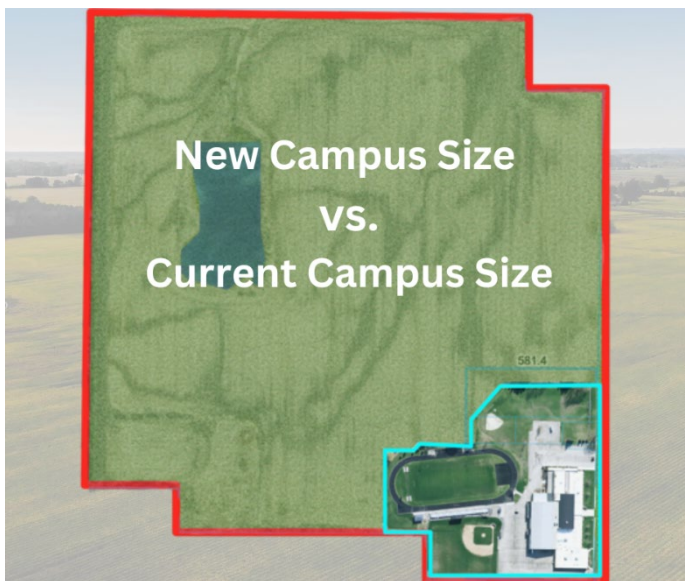
Far From Home,



Connected Through Christ

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"If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."
Psalm 137: 9-10



Little Lambs Preschool Synod Consultation – Several months ago, a formal recommendation was presented to the Board of Education to place our 3K/4K Little Lambs (LL) Preschool under the administration of Christ Alone Lutheran Academy’s (CALA) principal and school board. CALA is one school with two campuses (grades K-2, Montello; grades 3-8, Princeton) and is administered and financially supported by both St. John’s, Montello and St. John’s, Princeton. LL Preschool is supported and administered solely by St. John’s, Montello. Consideration of this recommendation by our ministry teams resulted in more questions than answers. Therefore, the Synod’s lead Early Childhood Ministry consultant, Ann Potter, was hired to assess our situation and provide recommendations for the best path forward to administer LL and accommodate future growth. Ann was here for a site visit May 9-10. She visited both campuses, spent time speaking with 18 people from our LL and CALA ministry teams, and then presented her recommendations orally to a large gathering of those with whom she had spoken. She recently followed up with a very detailed written report which will serve as a guiding document for our ministry teams to strengthen our LL program. Some key recommendations from this consultation follow.

- (1) Continue to operate LL Preschool under St. John’s, Montello. There is no reason to place LL under CALA.
- (2) Pursue state licensing of LL Preschool and Eagles Nest wraparound care under St. John’s, Montello. This would open the door to state financial assistance for low-income families who need childcare in order to maintain their jobs. Our building is deemed suitable for state licensure, but a fenced play area would be needed outside. State licensure would open the door to expanding outreach ministry opportunities.
- (3) Encourage area congregations to start their own preschool program. St. John’s, Princeton, has already expressed interest. These area preschools could then feed students into CALA.

The hope is that this consultation exercise will help bolster our LL program, grow opportunities to share the Gospel with young souls and their families, assimilate lost souls into the family of believers, and nurture young souls with God’s Word and the love of Jesus well into the future. Please keep our LL and CALA ministries in your prayers. – St. John’s Board of Education



St. John's Summer Office Hours:

CLOSED: Monday and Tuesday

OPEN:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:00am - 2:00pm



CALA Yard Signs Available!!

**You Can Help Advertise
our School!!**

**They are available
in the linkway at St. John's. Please take
one for your yard!**

**If you would like to help by covering the cost of the sign, you are
welcome to put \$11.00 in the basket by the signs in the linkway.
However, do not feel obligated to cover that cost, we just want to get
the signs out there to advertise our awesome school. Thanks for your
help!**

A janitor's cart is positioned in a brightly lit hallway. The cart is light blue and holds a yellow bucket with a red 'CAUTION' sign and a triangular warning symbol. Various cleaning tools, including mops and brushes, are attached to the cart. The background shows a clean, modern interior with white walls and a tiled floor.

**St. John's is hiring a Janitor for the Church
and Education Center!**

Part-time work with flexible hours.

**For more information contact:
Jerre Duerr: Jerre.asc@gmail.com**

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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