

**A GOD-LIVED LIFE:
A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS**

**Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Luke 10:25-27
Jesus Makes Us
Loving Neighbors**

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-WELS

September 21 & 22, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

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

A GOD-LIVED LIFE: A LIFE LIVED FOR OTHERS

God became man and lived life in our place. Christ lived the perfect God-lived life. Living as a Christian, a little Christ, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives, in living lives that show God. In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is a life lived for others. In our Gospel, Jesus answers "Who is my neighbor?" God allows us opportunity to serve and love one another. We get to show his love by sacrificing and serving all those around us.

In this series, we focus especially on ways to strengthen our following of Jesus.

Week Two: A Life Lived for Others (September 21 & 22)

(Mission Festival—September 28 & 29)

Week Three: A Life of Hospitality (October 5 & 6)

Week Four A Life Lived Shrewdly (October 12 & 13)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in coming to hear your Word this morning, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: 889 Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

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GATHERING RITE

M: We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with gifts to serve you and our neighbor. We repent for times we have used those gifts selfishly instead of generously and selflessly. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

C: May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort the Sick and sorrowing.

M: Dear Savior Jesus, you have shown us the full extent of your love by giving your life for ours on the cross. Though that love is what ought to motivate our service, too often our service is grudgingly given, motivated by guilt and obligation, instead of generously given, motivated by your love. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

C: May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea, Him exalting, self abasing – This is victory.

M: O Holy Spirit, you want all people to be saved by the power of the Gospel. You also tell us that you use our Christian lives and service to lead them to hearing the Gospel. We are sorry when people see sin in our lives and not the good deeds you desire from us. Forgive us and live within us.

C: May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day, By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say. May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.

M: We pray:

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your son not to be served but to serve. Grant to us a rich measure of your mercy and strength and work in us a love for others that overflows in acts of service and compassion; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE: 942 "Create I Me a Clean Heart" (in place of Kyrie & Gloria)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift. Use us as your instruments to live such good lives among those who don't know you that they may see our good deeds and glorify you on the Day you visit us. Help us to use the gifts and talents you have given us in service to you and our neighbor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

(God teaches you to love each other and encourages you to live the God-lived life more and more.)

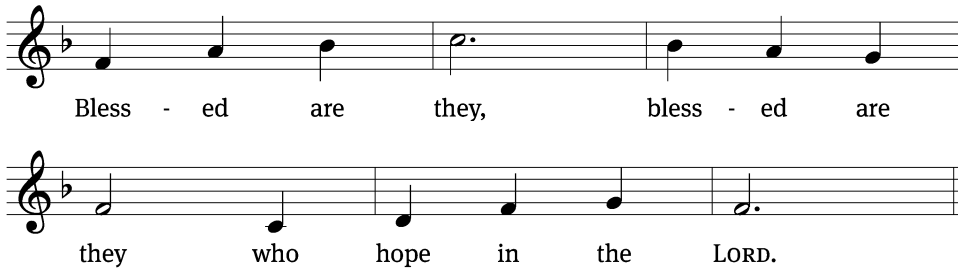
⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: 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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are my joy /And my heart's delight.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37 (Sermon Text)

(The Good Samaritan illustrates humble, loving service to those who need it most. May we show the same.)

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 749 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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SERMON: Luke 10:25-27 "Jesus Makes Us Loving Neighbors"

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things

were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord Jesus, our only Savior and Lord, we praise and thank you for humbling yourself for us. You gave your life for ours that we might be called children of God, and that is what we are. No earthly effort or riches could be given to satisfy God's just wrath over us and our sins. We were helpless and hopeless. But your holy precious blood paid the price of our forgiveness. You gave yourself freely and willingly for us. Now eternity is ours as a gift earned by you. Grant that we live in awe of this gift and thanksgiving for each day of your grace. Grant us the grace to live our lives for you by living for others. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, work in us a rich measure of wisdom that we may reflect your love for us in the lives we live here on earth. Work in us a rich measure of your peace that we can boldly spend our lives in serving others and helping them in their need. Loosen our tongues and bless us with the words to speak to encourage and help others with your love, forgiveness, and truth. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, creator of all, provider of our every need, strengthen our hands to serve you by serving others. Provide our every need and grant us a rich measure of your abundance that we may never fail to have enough as we share with others of the good gifts you have given to us. Help us use the hours of each day not just for ourselves but for you. Help us use the treasure you have given to bless others. Help

us to use the abilities you have given us to serve more than be served, as your Son did for us. Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Teach us, O Lord, to love each other more and more. Grant that as we use the gifts you give to live our lives for others, we not only glorify you, but win the respect of outsiders that they may come to listen and learn of your life lived for us, died for us, and raised for our forgiveness and eternal life. We make our requests to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

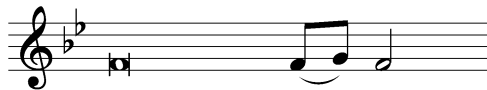
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Preface

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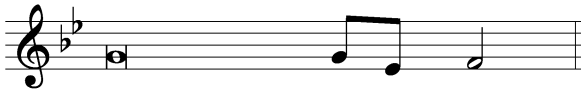
The Lord be with you.



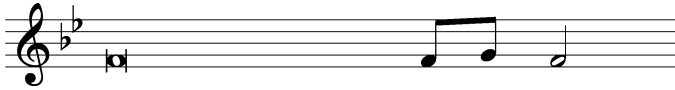
And al - so with you.



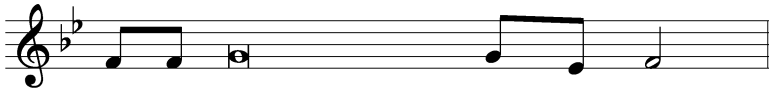
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 833 "I Run to Christ"



1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -



sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and
freshed. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion



wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and



find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he
find a might - y arm. "The dev - il flees," the
find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he



gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.
pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

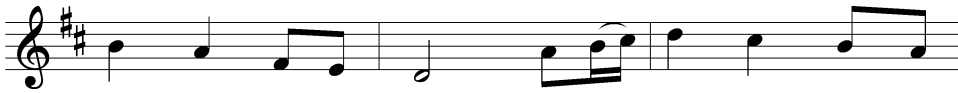
CLOSING HYMN: 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly



1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Mission Festival with Pastor Doug Tomhave, chairman of the WELS Commission on Evangelism "A Heart for the Harvest" John 4

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Allie Andres (Bonnie Chapman's relative), Janice Arvidson, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Lucy Laun, Darren Marceau, Ken McKenzie (Mark Emond's friend), Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: __)
- For Tom and JoAnn Brumm who are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today (9/22)
- For Befriend a Missionary Month including Pastor Ben & Becca Berger at Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church--Harrisburg, PA

COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today our congregation will be receiving the Lord's Supper. 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 we 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: September 22-28, 2024

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting SJ
Wednesday	9:45 a.m.	The Residences Devotion
	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
	6:00 p.m.	Little Lambs & CALA K-2 Reading Night at Montello Gym
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: September 29, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School St. John's
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

LL, CALA and Sunday School Singing Schedule

Date	
9/29/24	LL, CALA K-8, Sunday School at MONTELLO
10/13/24	Sunday School at MONTELLO
10/20/24	CALA 3-8 at PRINCETON

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
9/14/24	-	9
9/15/24	-	83

August Offerings	Monthly Budget	August Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Expenses
\$31,014.97	\$40,014.98	\$46,772.44	\$51,747.95	\$80,029.96	\$72,222.79

*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***

WHAT IS BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH? The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society supports WELS missions by prayer, encouragement, & giving. During our September BAM month at St. John's, we make a special effort to *shower our support* on our assigned missionaries by increasing our prayers, sending a few more notes & emails, & giving a little extra for missions. These joy-filled means of support have no age limitations! We can *ALL be a friend!* As LWMS shares awareness of WELS missions, we hope *YOU will join us by sending a note, signing a card, saying a prayer, or giving a little something extra to missions.* ***Our home mission assignment is Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.*** *These home missionaries would appreciate hearing from you! Share God's love and encouragement!*

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FALL MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by LWMS during September at **both churches.** *Please use the collection container at the church where you are a member—in the church entrance both at Emmanuel and at St. John's.* WELS mission projects that will benefit from your gift are these Beaver Dam Circuit projects: Home Mission—Campus Ministry (helps campus pastors/congregations reach out & serve college students away from home on college campuses) and World Mission—Native American Missions (aids work on Fort Apache & San Carlos Apache Reservations in Arizona; outreach into new tribes, support groups & counseling, addiction programs & more). **Your offerings are important to our supported missions and are welcome from everyone with a heart for missions!** **DEADLINE: Sunday, September 29.**

MISSION FESTIVAL & EVANGELISM SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 29. Guest preacher is Pastor Doug Tomhave from St. Paul-Lake Mills, who currently serves as chairman for the WELS Commission on Evangelism. *“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”* John 4:35 Lord, give us *“A Heart for the Harvest!”* Join us for a celebration lunch at St. John's following the second service. Your freewill offering will support the WELS Home Mission project: Campus Ministry and the World Mission project: Native American Missions.

LWMS FALL RALLY at St. John's-FOX LAKE, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12. *All are welcome! Come share a day "CHEERING" for WELS missions! Speaker Sara Zondag, former health & finance trainer for Thai Village, Inc. Register at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy morning refreshments, mission displays, and making a homemade card for a missionary! Service Project: Bring monetary gifts to the rally for Thai Village, Inc. and also shop a Thai Village sale—all will aid their current building fund. Bible study "Reflecting the Lord's Compassion through Words and Actions." 10:25 a.m. Business Meeting 11:10 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon. Devotion/Speaker 12:55 p.m. Come for the whole day or just part of it! Anyone with a heart for missions—women, men, even kids—all are invited! Car pool signup in the Information Room or contact your LWMS reporter: Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 or Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635.*

PLEASE VISIT THE BEFRIEND A MISSION LINKWAY DISPLAY AT ST. JOHN'S. Please stop by and sign greetings for the missionaries.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR COLLECTING FALL MISSION OFFERINGS. Have you given your gift yet? **Our supported projects count on us. Collection container in the church entrance. Be a friend to missions!**

NEW INFO ON ITEMS ST. JOHN'S HAS BEEN COLLECTING Meditations & Forward in Christ magazines: Too expensive to ship to any ministry that would use them. Suggestion: Leave copies at your Dr.'s waiting room or recycle. Plastic Bottle Caps: No longer being collected! Card Fronts for Prison Ministry & Clean Pill Bottles for Central Africa Medical Mission: The few people who bring these in may leave them in the church/school office. Thank you!

Haiden Van Treeck is in his junior year at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown. Our congregation has a scholarship program for students attending a Lutheran high school, MLC and the Seminary. Monetary gifts from St. John's members during the month of September will be used to supplement the Scholarship Fund amount. There will be a card basket for donations and encouragement.

WLA “100” COLLECTION FOR SECOND IMPRESSIONS THRIFT STORE. In recognition of Winnebago Lutheran Academy’s 100th anniversary, Sunday School is currently collecting 100 new or gently used items (no clothing or furniture please!) to be donated to their Thrift Store—household, toys, games, books, etc. Church members are invited to participate! A collection box is located near the church/school office.

WINTER COATS & ACCESSORIES DRIVE FOR MARQUETTE COUNTY CARE & SHARE FOOD BANK Church members are invited to help Sunday School collect new or gently used winter coats and accessories (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, snow pants, etc.) to donate for needy families in the county. Please bring donations to the coat rack near the church/school office by Sunday, October 27, so all items can be delivered to the Food Bank by the end of October.



Stewardship is about more than money. *It’s our whole lives.* Jesus lived his life and gave his life for us. Our loving response is to imitate that. For the next four weeks, God’s Word will be challenging us, and we’ll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. And that encompasses everything. We will be talking about a life of *being a disciple*, a life *lived for others*, a life of *hospitality*, and a life *lived shrewdly*. Each week, we will be introduced to a challenge that we then prayerfully commit to carrying out. How will we commit to the challenges? As individual members, we are going to fill out a different challenge card each week. This will help to involve our entire family of faith in the challenges and help us encourage each other in the challenges. May God bless us as we grow in his Word and in our lives of living it!

**St. John’s is looking for volunteers to
mow the Church and School grounds!**

**Are you able to help the Church and School
and serve the Lord by mowing?**

**For 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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