



**The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of St. John**

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
April 25, 2021*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Order of Service	Christian Worship, page 38
Hymns	263, 426, 360, 434
First Lesson	Acts 4:23-33
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 23 page 72
Second Lesson	1 John 3:1-2
Gospel Lesson	John 10:11-18
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed
Sermon Text	1 John 3:1-2
Worship Theme	"Cherish your identity!"

Welcome to All Thank you for joining us in worship today, and a special welcome to our guests who are with us. May the Word and promise of our Lord's love for us in Jesus fill your heart and soul with his peace. If you are a guest with us today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

Large Print Bulletins Large print editions of today's bulletin and Scripture lessons are available from one of the ushers. Please request one if it is needed.

Important Information - Special Announcement:

The Church Council has voted to start making some changes to our worship times to allow us to begin returning to normal operations at the church. Starting Sunday, April 25, we will have a change in our service times to allow for in person Sunday School and Bible Study to start again in the church. We will continue having two services with the first starting at 8:00am and the second being held at 10:00am. There will be Bible Study in the church at 9:00am and Sunday School in the basement of the church at the same time.

We will be placing the hymnals back in the pews for the April 25 service and the tape separating the pews will be removed. Those wishing to not use the hymnal will be able to see the liturgy and the hymns on the television. We will still have the recommended every other pew signs and mask wearing will be encouraged but not required. We will continue to distribute communion in the pews and take the offering as we come into church. The plan is to have this new system in place until the end of May.

I encourage all our members to take note of the change in the time of services. The Live Stream service will also be broadcasted at 8:00am starting April 25.



Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:
*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.
contact Pastor Sargent for any prayer requests and to inform him of any family members entering the hospital.
Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to stjohngrover@gmail.com by Thursday mornings.

Voters' Meeting Today, April 25, we will be having our quarterly voters' meeting with Open Forum after the 10:00am service. It will be held in the church. ALL voters are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Council Members Saturday, May 8, we will be having our preliminary budget meeting. Council members are asked to attend if they are available. It will be held at 9:00 am in the school.

Baptism Charles Emerson Land, son of Jonathon and Kimberly Land, received God's washing of Holy Baptism yesterday . May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

Baptism Lyla Lesley North, daughter of Peter and Rachel North, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism between our services today . May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

Easter Lilies The Easter lilies have been a beautiful addition to our church and we would like to thank everyone that brought them in memory of loved ones.
You may take them with you today as after this weekend they will be tossed.

WELS Connection We will be viewing the April, 2021 WELS Connection at the end of the service today.



Bible Study Special Note: In person Bible Study will begin again on Sunday April 25. It will be held between services at 9:00. The study will be recorded

and posted on our YouTube page for those who are not able to attend.

Our Bible Study is called **Jesus' Parables and the "I am Statements"**. Copies of the lessons are available from the ushers at church and can be found on the church webpage www.stjohnpeshtigo.org in the News Letter section. The lesson will be posted on our YouTube page on **Sunday April 25**. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with the Messiah. The lesson is titled; **"The Weeds"** (Mark 4:26-29)



Sunday School

Attention Parents! In person Bible Study will begin again on Sunday April 25. It will be held between services at 9:00. Please have your child bring their study sheet packet to Sunday School for the lessons.

The Lesson for **Sunday April 25** is **"The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus"** found in **Luke 16:19-31**. The online course will continue through the Spring Lessons for those who are not able to attend.

Click on <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote> to view the videos.

2021 Altar Flowers Sign Up A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for special dates in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

Weekly Bulletins You can now find the weekly bulletins on our website(stjohnpeshtigo.org). Go to the website, click on "weekly bulletins", then click on the link for the bulletin.

Changes To better help us keep our records up to date (address changes, landline disconnection, cell phone numbers, family members move, etc), it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out a form which is located in the rack in back of church. You may return to any usher, Brenda Polzin, or Pastor.

Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO The worship broadcast

on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by Grace, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Trinity, Marinette, by Pastor Jim Sonnemann.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (4/18/2021)	73/56
Live Stream Service 4/18/2021 (Households Logged in)	20
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (16 weeks)	118

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY	11:00am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting w/open forum
Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service (Myslik)
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Education
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:00am	Worship Service w/Communion
	9:00am	Sunday School/Confirmation Questioning
	10:00am	Confirmation Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 4/1, 4/2, 4/4/2021	\$ 12,271.68
General Fund Income for 4/11/2021	\$ 5,151.75
General Fund Income for 4/18/2021	\$ 5,805.76
Total General Fund Income (42 weeks)	\$302,706.47
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (42 weeks)	\$291,163.32
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 11,543.15
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,212.75; Tuition - \$525.01

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$120; School Undesignated - \$100; Future Church Workers - \$8.63; Ladies' Aid - \$100

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Missions - God's richest blessings of Leo & Cecile Seefeldt's 71st
Wedding Anniversary from Leo & Cecile Seefeldt
Ladies' Aid - In memory of Darrel Dumke from Barb Dumke



School News

- ⇒ The ACT Aspire testing will take place this week, April 26 - 30 for our students in Grades 3 - 8.
- ⇒ The children in Grades K - 8 will be recording a song this Friday, April 30 to be shown in church on Confirmation Sunday, May 2.
- ⇒ Confirmation Sunday is May 2, with Examination beginning at 9:00 AM followed by the Confirmation service at 10:00 AM.
- ⇒ This year's Track Day will be held May 7 for our St. John students only. We look forward to a fun filled day of activities and events.

E-giving(Online Giving) This is an optional program and you can opt in or out at any time. There will be three methods to donate to our church. Here's how:

*Go to our website-stjohnpeshtigo.org. Click on the "Online Giving" tab (right side of screen). That'll take you directly to our E-giving webpage. Click on "create profile" and follow steps for adding transaction. The church incurs fees for debit/credit cards. You can help offset those fees by clicking on the button "help offset"(first time setup transaction only). These amounts will be added to your annual contribution statement.

**GivePlus Church (smartphone app) - Download the app through "apple store (i-phone)" or "play store (android)". Create your online profile and follow the steps for adding a transaction. Search for our church by either typing the zip code (54157), typing "Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John, Grover, WI", or turn your locations on and "search for churches near me". With this method you can also help offset fees the church incurs for ACH transactions ONLY(bank routing) by clicking on the button "help offset"(first time setup transaction only).

***Smartphone thru a QR scan code. You must download any "QR code reader" app. Open the app and scan the QR code(to the right). It'll take you directly to our e-giving webpage. Create your online profile and follow steps for adding transaction.



If you are a participant in this program already, THANK YOU!

Information is in the back of church to help guide you. Please don't hesitate to contact Brenda Polzin(920-660-5801) or Dave Kaus(715-923-9494) if you have any questions or need help setting it up.

FIRST LESSON**ACTS 4:23–33**

23 After Peter and John were released, they went to their own friends and reported everything the high priests and the elders had said. 24 When they heard this, with one mind they raised their voices to God and said, “Master, you are the God who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and everything in them. 25 By the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David, your servant, you said: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers are gathered together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. 27 “For certainly, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and people of Israel, were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did whatever your hand and your plan had decided beforehand should happen. 29 “Now Lord, look at their threats and give to your servants the ability to keep on speaking your word with all boldness 30 as you stretch out your hand to heal and as signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 After they prayed, the place where they were gathered was shaken. Also, everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the word of God with boldness. 32 The whole group of believers was one in heart and soul. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they held everything in common. 33 The apostles continued to testify about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power, and abundant grace was on all of them.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 23 (PAGE 72)****SECOND LESSON****1 JOHN 3:1–2**

See the kind of love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen

indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

GOSPEL

JOHN 10:11–18

11 “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. 13 Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep. 14 “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me 15 (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. 17 This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”