

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost
August 17, 2025

Pastor Daniel Sargent
Jim Seefeldt
Becky Rohde & Lissa Seefeldt
Ventimiglia Family

Pastor
Organist
Greeters
Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Order of Service	Service of the Word & Sacrament, page 26
Hymns	580, 372, 313, 467
First Lesson	Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 6, Page 66
Second Lesson	Hebrews 12:1-13
Gospel Lesson	Luke 12:49-53
Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	Hebrews 12:1-13
Worship Theme	"No Pain, No Gain!"

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.

Communion Announcements Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.



Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:

*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week for members and loved ones.

Please 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 stjohn-grover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.

Altar Flowers The altar flowers are given in memory of Belinda Seefeldt from Bill Seefeldt.





Bible Study We resume Bible Study on Sunday September 7 at 9:00 am. We are continuing our study of the Letter to the Galatians.

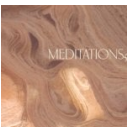
Sunday School We resume Sunday School on Sunday September 7 at 9:00 am.




Confirmation Wednesday Class will start again on Sep-

tember 10. The lessons will be held in the church basement. The time is 4:30 to 6:00 pm.

 **New Teacher Installation/Door Offering/Welcome** Emily Bublitz will be Installed as our Kindergarten teacher on August 24. There will be a door offering set up to welcome Emily. A refreshment fellowship will be held in the church basement after the service. 

 **Meditation Books** The new meditation books starting August 31, 2025 are available on the table. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of production.

School Janitor Position Open The school is in need of a janitor for the upcoming school year. The janitor is responsible for cleaning the school twice a week, which is about 8-10 hours per week. Pay is \$17.50 per hour. Please contact Principal Wes Aguilar if you are interested.

Mom's Bible Study Our next Bible Study will be Wednesday, August 20 at 9:30am in St. John church basement.  Children are welcome. Activity/toys and light snack will also be provided for children. Please let Erin Pape know if you are able to attend or interested in future meetings (262) 352-8762.

MISSION FESTIVAL A joint mission festival sponsored by our circuit congregations is scheduled for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, at 2:00 PM at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 716 Henriette Avenue, Crivitz, WI. The guest preacher will be Rev. Mark Wagner, Executive Director of 316 NOW. 316 NOW is a WELS-affiliated ministry that seeks to spread the gospel in China by equipping Chinese Christians to share the faith with others and shepherd small groups of Christians. Following the worship service, re-

freshments will be served and a presentation will be given by Rev. Wagner about the specifics of the work being done by 316 NOW.

THE9525 Geriatric and Care Facility Ministry, The course below is being offered in a few weeks as part of the WELS chaplain certification program(Aug 25 – Dec 12 Online). A team-oriented approach to ministry for people who are aging or residents in care facilities. Provides both knowledge and skills for congregation members to provide spiritual care for the homebound and institutionalized. A field site experience or topic-related project required.

One of the unique things about this course is that there are 20 scholarships offered each time the course is offered which completely cover the cost of the course.

The reason for this notification is that right now we do not have enough enrollees to offer the course and we would like to have it be offered and are hoping that there are more people who would be interested. If you are interested in taking the course, please go here <https://mlc-wels.edu/continuing-education/wels-chaplain-certificate/> to learn more or enroll.


Reformation/Germany Tour You are invited to join a 12 day (April 20-May 1, 2026) tour of Germany emphasizing sites of the Reformation. Places like Wittenberg, Worms, Wartburg, Eisleben, Erfurt are included. Non religious sites include Berlin, Mainz, Rothenburg, Rhine River cruise etc.. There is an optional 3 day extension to Munich, Oberammergau, Neuschwanstein Castle etc. The tour, will be hosted by retired pastor Eugene Kock who has been to Germany many times. For more information contact: pastorkock@yahoo.com.



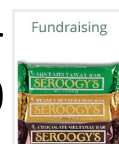
Travel with WELS Groups Interested in traveling with mem-

bers of your faith family? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer several upcoming tours that incorporate daily devotion and connections with local WELS ministries. **The Ozarks and Minnesota trips are sold out**, but spots remain for Autumn in New England (9/22-10/4), and California Cruisin' (12/31-1/13). Don't delay. New England registration closes this Monday at midnight (8/18) and the CA cruise is filling fast. Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact us (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

Job Opening Trinity Lutheran Church in Coleman is looking for a secretary three days per week from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Schedule can be flexible. Responsibilities would be bulletin preparation, record keeping, and administrative tasks for the church and the pre-school. Please reach out to Dave Frievalt (920-883-2084), Paula Dembroski (920-591-0609), or Pastor Langebartels (928-200-1827) if interested.

 **Summer Softball** Men, women, and teens are invited to play church softball this summer to enjoy some fun and fellowship with our area churches. You don't have to be good, but just an opportunity to get together to enjoy some time outside this summer with fellow Christians. The last date is **TODAY** August 17 (Crivitz) and will be played at 1:00pm. Talk to Minister Dan if interested.

Seroogy Candy Bars St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars once again at the cost of \$2.00 each.



Thank you for your support!!

Homebound/Shut-ins Please take note of our members who are not able to be with us at our Sunday services. Remember them in

your prayers and if you are able, reach out to them with a card or a letter.

“We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3)

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2025 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 *Zion, Peshtigo*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Calvary, Abrams* by *Pastor Matthew Stuebs*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 8/10/2025(Joint Worship)
Live Stream Service 8/10/2025 (Households)
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (31 weeks)

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY 1:00pm Area Church Softball at Crivitz
Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
Tuesday 10:00am Board of Elders
Thursday 4:30pm Ladies Night Out @ Irish Greens
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “A” - Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent
Next Sunday’s Greeters: Sally Motkowski & Sue Mylener

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

NEW FISCAL (7/1/25-6/30/26)

General Fund Income for 7/27/2025	\$ 6,335.44
General Fund Income for 8/3/2025	\$ 5,677.81
General Fund Income for 8/10/2025	\$ 4,326.75
Total General Fund Income (6 weeks)	\$ 34,718.76
Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,270	

(6 weeks) (Projection-\$326,040)

\$ 37,620.00

Total Church Offering Goal **DEFICIT**

-\$ 2,901.24

Tuition/School Choice (Projection-\$367,125)

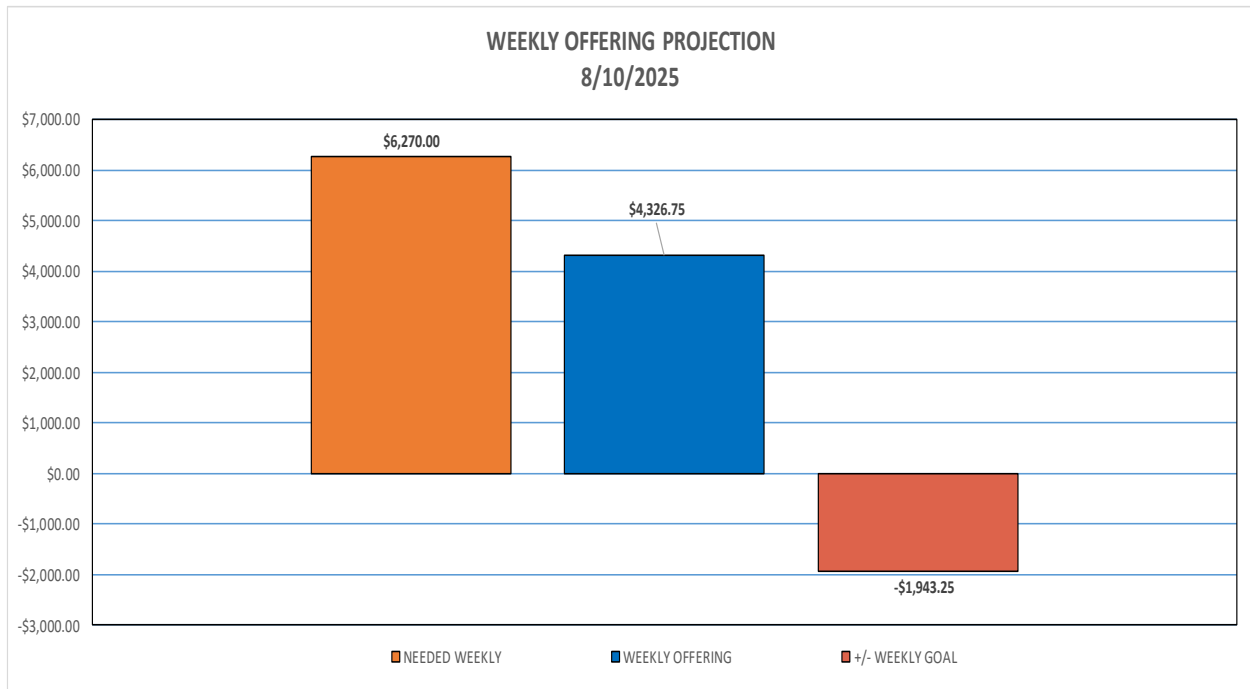
Included in General Fund Income Total

E-giving - \$2,572.75; Thrivent Choice - \$64

Special Gifts & Offerings:

Memorials & Special Gifts Received

General - In memory of Dave Rohde from Laurie & Andrew St. Louis, Patti & Dave Bornick, Rob & Joy Rohde, Joel & Laura Rohde, Tom & Becky Rohde



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR AUGUST'S LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out Spring Schedule 2025

SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Irish Greens near Oconto(4:30pm)

Any questions, please call Marquita at 715-582-3304

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7/7:30am-2/2:30pm

Thursday 7/7:30am-2/2:30pm

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 23:23-29

23 Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? 24 Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" 26 How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. 27 They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has chaff to do with grain? declares the Lord. 29 Is not my word like a fire? Declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 12:1-13

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. 2 Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. 3 Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart. 4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. 5 Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons? My son,

do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts. [a] 7 Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? 8 If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 In addition, we have earthly fathers [b] who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits [c] and live? 10 They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Alleluia. 1 Corinthians 15:58

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:49-53

49 "I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! 51 Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. 52 Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: three against two, and two against three. 53 They will be divided: father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother; mother-in-law

against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK



OUR MISSION:
St. John Lutheran Church exists to nurture our congregation with God’s Word and Sacraments, share the Gospel in our surrounding communities and the world, and serve others in Christian love.

**Link to Electronic giving page.
Just scan with your phone.**

