



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

Pastor Daniel Sargent
Jim Seefeldt
Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel Rohde

Pastor
Organist
Counting Team

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.

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 stjohn-grover@gmail.com by Thursday mornings.

Calendar September, 2020 calendar is available on the table in the hallway.

WELS Connection We will be showing the August, 2020 WELS Connection at the end of the service.

Pioneers Pioneer Kickoff will be Wednesday September 16th at 6pm in the fellowship hall at Zion. Come join us to get excited about this year's projects, camping trips, workshops and more. Pioneers is a faith centered youth experience that aims to assist our church in nurturing and training boys and girls in the Lord so that they will remain faithful to Him and faithfully serve Him throughout their lives. Please Contact Alex Enter from Zion, Peshtigo at 715.733.0899 with any questions.

Twenties and Thirties Twenties and Thirties is a group of Young Adults who get together to strengthen our faith, through bible study, food and fellowship. It does not matter if you are a lifelong Lutheran or checking out a church, we would love to have you. Our monthly gathering is typically the first Saturday of the month, from 6-9pm. Come hungry! We will eat a meal together (usually a potluck, but not right now!), then have Christ-centered content after supper. Our meeting for September will be hosted on September 12th at 6pm at the Markhardt's house 351 Quincy St. Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Please Contact Alex Enter from Zion, Peshtigo at 715.733.0899 with any questions.

Volunteers As you all know we are live-streaming the 8:30am service. We will need volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.

100th Anniversary Celebration of the Church Organ



A Committee for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of our Church Organ is being assembled. They will help plan the program for this special Celebration to be scheduled in February, 2021. Erin Pape has volunteered to chair this organizing committee. If you would like to help with the planning and implementing of this celebration, please contact Erin at erinpape@gmail.com or 262-352-8762.

2020 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 St. John Lutheran, Grover. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by First Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay, by Pastor Paul Schleis.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (8/23/20)	49/28
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (24 weeks)	135
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service (Sargent)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service & Holy Communion
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Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "A" - Dan Maedke, Dave Kaus, Lisa Sargent

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 8/9/2020	\$ 6,003.25
General Fund Income for 8/16/2020	\$ 25,234.75
General Fund Income for 8/23/2020	\$ 6,020.25
Total General Fund Income (8 weeks)	\$ 60,724.07
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (8 weeks)	\$ 55,459.68

Total **BUDGET SURPLUS** in Offerings \$ 5,264.39

Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 42,097.74

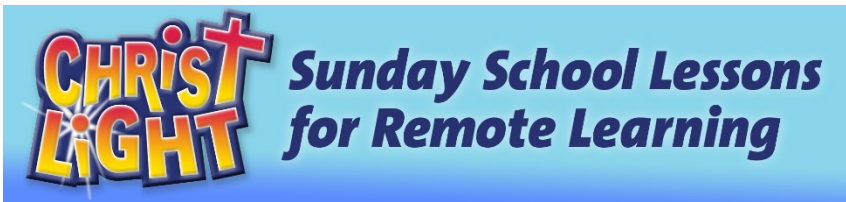
Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,746.25; Tuition - \$340;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Future Church Workers - \$16.09; LYG - \$21; Special Projects - \$105

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



We will be starting a Virtual Sunday School Program that is being provided by NPH on the 13th of September.

The Christ Light Remote Learning program is a complete curriculum that combines teacher led lessons and engages parents in reinforcing the lessons in tangible ways with their children. Here are some specifics:

- ◆ NPH is producing Christ-Light Lesson Videos for grades PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. The lessons for Sundays beginning September 13 will be recorded and taught by experienced WELS teachers and available via YouTube prior to each Sunday. The engaging and age-appropriate video-based lessons are free with no required password for access.
- ◆ Lesson Videos will include a brief introduction for parents along with the lesson's aim, the truth that is being shared, and a relevant application for the child, followed by the Bible lesson for the week.
- ◆ Printed Christ-Light Sunday School Student Lessons will be used by parents to help facilitate learning with their child.
- ◆ Following the Lesson Video, parents will be encouraged to complete an activity related to the lesson with their child and

to reinforce the Memory Treasure.

- ◆ Printed Student Lessons are available for each grade level as noted above. They are shrink-wrapped in packs of 13 lessons for each student. The current cycle is Year 2, Fall, starting with Lesson 1, the story of God's creation of Adam and Eve.

We are asking parents to sign up their children after services on Sunday the 30th of August and the 9th of September. You can also contact Pastor at dsargentzambia@gmail.com or call 920-228-1061. Materials for the students will be ordered and paid for by the church. These will be made available to the parents on Sunday the 13 th of September.

For more information see: <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote>



Confirmation Class

We will begin confirmation class on Wednesday the 9th of September at 4:30. Please be reminded that student will be required to wear masks during class.



School News

⇒ School started this past Monday, 24th August with an enrollment of 41 students. Our opening service was held in church. We wish our students and teachers a safe, healthy and productive school year.

⇒ Our school theme for this year is: JOY - Jesus, Others, You. It is based on John 15:11,12 - "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

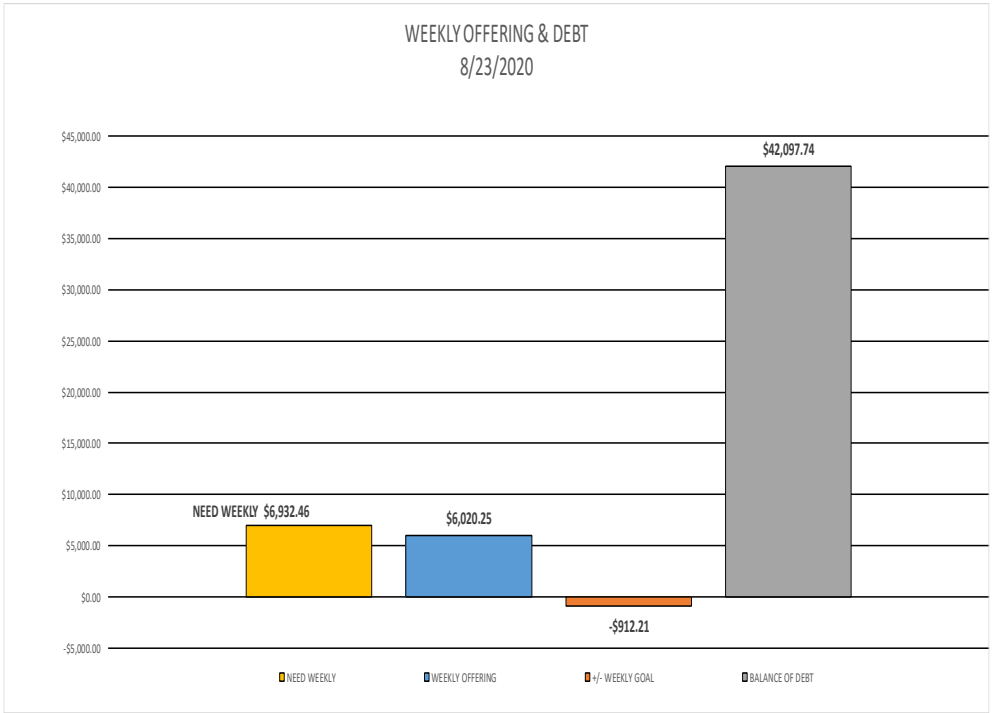
⇒ Our weekly chapel services will be held in church on Fridays at 8:20. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend.

⇒ Our mission offering for the 1st semester will be going to the WELS India Children's Ministry which runs 5 children's homes and a school, providing care for both the physical and spiritual needs of more than 125 poor and orphaned children.

⇒ Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 situation, there will be no Fall sports activities.

⇒ There will be no school on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-12pm(subject to change)

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.

NEW FEATURE!! On donation page, under optional - select from dropdown menu and put in name/message you wish to have applied to the donation.

**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.

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August 30, 2020

OPENING HYMN: CW 405 - Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,

2 That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God,

3 A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt,

4 That bears unmoved the world's dread frown
Nor heeds its scornful smile,
That sin's wild ocean cannot drown
Nor Satan's arts beguile,

5 A faith that keeps the narrow way
Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heav'nly ray
Lights up the dying bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.

Stand

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

♪ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: 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 pleas-

ing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  **Amen.**


BE SEATED


FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 56:1,6-8

This is what the LORD says. Protect justice, and carry out righteousness, because my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed. 6 Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD and to become his servants, every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant—7 I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world. 8 This is the declaration of God the LORD, who gathers Israel's dispersed people: "I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered."

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 133-134 (Page 115)

 **Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

 How good and plea'sant it is*
when God's people live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his' blessing.*
Even life for'evermore.

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Praise the Lord, all you servants 'of the Lord*
who minister by night in the house 'of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the sanc'tuary*
and 'praise the Lord.

May the Lord, the Maker of heaven' and earth.*
Bless you from 'Zion.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
And to the Holy 'Spirit
As it was in the 'beginning*
Is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11:13–15, 28-32

13 I am speaking to you Gentiles. For as long as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I am going to speak highly of my ministry. 14 Perhaps I may make my own people jealous, and so save some of them. 15 For if their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, what does their acceptance mean other than the dead coming to life? 28 In regard to the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But, in regard to election, they are especially dear for the sake of the patriarchs, 29 because God's gracious gifts and call are not regretted. 30 For just as you were once disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy due to their disobedience, 31 so also now they have become disobedient, so that by the mercy shown to you they may be shown mercy too. 32 For God imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may show mercy to all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

C: ♪Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 15:21–28

21 Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 There a Canaanite woman from that territory came

and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!" 23 But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs." 27 "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 413 - When in the Hour of Utmost Need

1 When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before your throne;
To you, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.

3 For you have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.

4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before you lay.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill,

5 So that with all our heart we may
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 11:13–15, 28-32

THEME: God's Grace is for all people.

STAND

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 on 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.

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN: CW 402 - MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

1 My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

Stand

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎶 Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: 🎶 Amen. Amen. Amen.

BE SEATED

WE WILL BE SHOWING THE WELS CONNECTION AT THIS TIME!!

Have A Blessed Week!

