



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

1st Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2020

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Pastor
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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.

Special Voters' Meeting

There will be a Call Meeting held **TODAY**, for our Principal and vacant teacher positions at St. John. All voters of the congregation are asked to attend. The meeting will be held after the 10:00 am service.

Special
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Offering envelopes We are working on condensing and renumbering the offering envelopes for 2021. If envelopes have not been used for the last two years, they may not be issued at this time. They can be reissued if requested. If you are using the E-giving program, you will not get envelopes unless requested otherwise. Special occasion donations can be made through the program app or online, or even in a plain envelope if desired. For contribution purposes, we will still assign a number to you and inform

you of that when we distribute the 2020 contribution statements. Please contact Dave Kaus or Brenda Polzin with requests by 12/27/2020.



Bible Study There will be a break in our Bible Study lessons during the Christmas/New Year Holidays. There is a plan to begin a new study on January 10, 2021.

Sunday School Attention Parents!



We are in the Winter Lessons. **There will a Christmas and New Year break for Sunday School.** The next lesson is set for **January 3, 2021.** The Lesson will be **Gideon's Victory** from **Joshua 7.** Please let your Sunday School Teacher or Pastor know if you are having any trouble getting the lessons. We know this is a difficult time because of the pandemic. As of now, we are not able to hold in-person classes. We are very concerned about Sunday School want to make sure parents and children are getting the lessons they need. If you have any questions or concerns you can also call Pastor Sargent (920) 228-1061.

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



Christmas Tree and Decorations Our blessed thanks to the families for donating & decorating the Christmas tree and for the many decorations that beautify our church inside and outside.

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.

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.

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 erinlpape@gmail.com or 262-352-8762.

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 Our Savior, Lena. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Risen Savior, Mountain by Pastor Cody Hauch.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Mid-Week Advent Service (12/16/2020)	19
Those Who Joined Us in Worship (12/20/2020)	72/59
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (41 weeks)	120
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Wednesday NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
 Friday HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR
 Sunday 8:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion
 10:00am Worship Service & Holy Communion
 Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "D" - Shane Seefeldt, John Seefeldt, Jenn Thompson

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 12/6/2020	\$ 9,463.52
General Fund Income for 12/13/2020	\$ 8,813.50
General Fund Income for 12/20/2020	\$ 10,993.10
Total General Fund Income (25 weeks)	\$188,244.86
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (25 weeks)	\$173,311.50
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 14,933.36
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,354.75; Tuition - 1,972.35; Tuition Assistance - \$600

Special Gifts & Offerings

Choir Fund - \$20; CMO - \$20

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Special Projects - In memory of Don Barker from Barker Family

Special Projects - In memory of Love Ones from Barker Family

General Fund - In memory of Wally Polzin from Jim & Lois Polzin

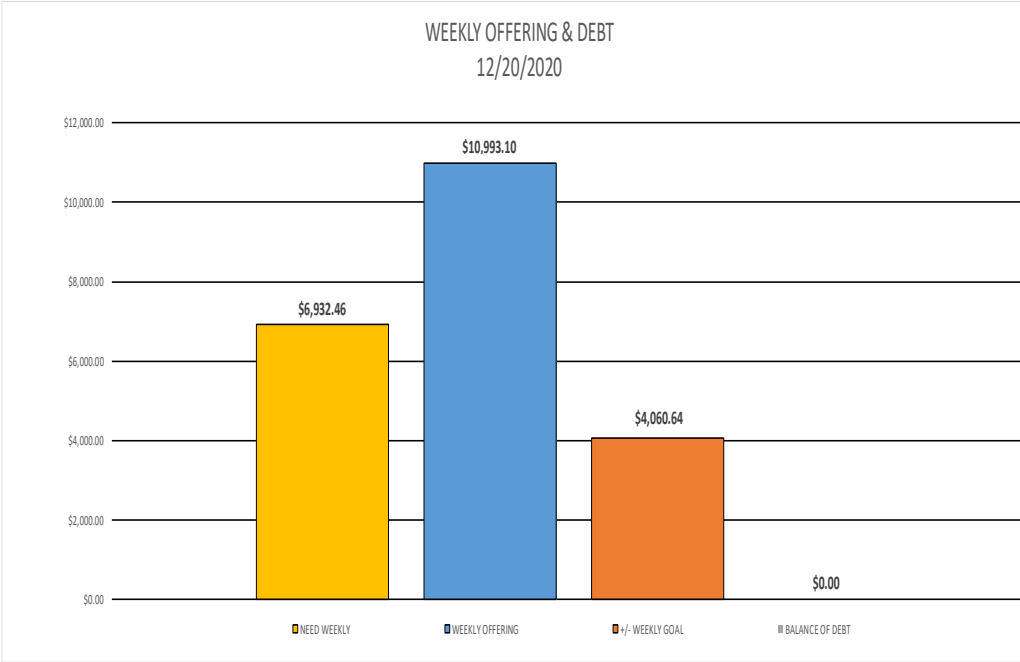
General Fund - In memory of Darrell Dumke from Jim & Lois Polzin

Sponsor a child - In memory of Wally Polzin from Mike & Debbie Thielke

Church Organ - In memory of Wally Polzin from Neal & Tammy Tuma

Choir Fund - In memory of Darrell Dumke from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

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

Poinsettias

IN LOVING MEMORY/HONOR OF...

In memory of Darrell Dumke by Kurt Dumke, Karma Hardy, Karrie (Dumke) McGuire

In memory of Loved Ones by Lange Families

In loving memory of Granddaughter, Tymber, by Scott & Susan Schonfeld Family

In memory of Darrell Dumke by Barbara Dumke

In memory of Gerald Sargent, Elroy & Carole Siebert by Pastor, Lisa & Nathan Sargent

In memory of Anita Kaus by David Kaus & Family

In memory of Russell Schonfeld by Lucille Schonfeld

In memory of Christopher Mylener by Lucille Schonfeld

In memory of Donald Barker by Lucille Schonfeld

In memory of Tymber VanSleet by Lucille Schonfeld

In memory of Carl & Eileen Polzin by Mark Polzin Family

In memory of Gail Giesfeldt by Mark Polzin Family

In memory of Anita Kaus by Tom Seefeldt Family

In Honor of Leo & Cecile Seefeldt by Tom Seefeldt Family

In memory of Claryce Rohde by Tom Seefeldt Family

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OPENING HYMN: CW 78 - O Light of Gentile Nations

1 O Light of Gentile nations, O Savior from above,
Drawn by your Spirit's leading, We come with joy and love
Into your holy temple And wait with rev'rent mind
As Simeon once had waited His God and Lord to find.

2 Dear Lord, your servants meet you In ev'ry holy place
Where your true Word has promised That we should see your face.

Today you still allow us Who gather round you here
In arms of faith to hold you As did that aged seer.

3 Lord, when life's troubles touch us, You seem to hide your face,
And through our tears we often Can scarcely sense your grace.
Then be our joy and brightness, Our cheer in pain and loss,
Our sun in darkest terror, The glory round our cross.

4 Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end
So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend:
"O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, I pray,
Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld his day."

Text: Johann Franck, 1618-77, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

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 God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:20-25

20Gather! Come! Draw near together, you survivors from the nations. They have no knowledge —those who are lifting up their idols of wood and praying to a god that cannot save. 21Make an announcement and come close. Let them consult together. Who made this known ahead of time? From time past who announced it? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no god except me, a righteous God and Savior. There is no one except me. 22Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth, because I am God, and there is no other. 23I have sworn by myself. From my mouth a righteous word has gone out, and it will not return unfulfilled. Indeed, to me every knee will bow, and every tongue will swear allegiance. 24“Only in the LORD,” they will say of me, “Only in the LORD is there true righteousness and strength.” To him they will come and be ashamed— all those who are angry at him. 25In the LORD, all the descendants of Israel will be justified. They will be praised by him.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 111 (page 106) (Read Responsively)
Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Great are the works of the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

Refrain: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;*
all his precepts are trustworthy.

He provided redemption for his people;*
he ordained his covenant forever.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

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: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

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SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12-17

12Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. 14And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. 15Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

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

Luke 2:25–40 25

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26It had been revealed to

him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, 28Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, 29Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word, 30because my eyes have seen your salvation, 31which you have prepared before the face of all people, 32a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. 33Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. 34Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, 35so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping with fasting and prayers night and day. 38Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. 40The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: 🎵 Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW-41 Let All Together Praise Our God

1 Let all together praise our God Before his highest throne;
Today he opens heav'n again And gives us his own Son,
And gives us his own Son.

2 He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.

3 He veils in flesh his pow'r divine A servant's form to take;
In want and lowliness must die Who heav'n and earth did make,
Who heav'n and earth did make.

4 A wondrous change which he does make: He takes our flesh
and blood,
And he conceals for sinners' sake His majesty as God,
His majesty as God.

5 He serves that I a lord may be-A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me To help me in my need,
To help me in my need?

6 For us he opens wide the door Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more; To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

Text: Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

SERMON TEXT: Luke 2:25-40

Theme: Bucket list!

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 6 - Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, O long-expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free;
From our sins and fears release us
By your death on Calvary.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope to all the earth impart,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born your people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt

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

CLOSING HYMN: CW 329 - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound!
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To your truth may we be found.

3 So whene'er the signal's given
Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels' wings to heaven,

Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Christ in endless day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Have A Blessed Week!