



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John

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Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 24, 2019

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Pastor
Sunday Greeters

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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First Lesson	Genesis 45:3-8a, 15
Psalms of the Day	Psalms 103 (pg 105)
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:35-38a, 42-49
Gospel Lesson	Luke 6:27-38
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed
Sermon Text	Luke 6:27-38
Worship Theme	<i>"Run With Jesus"</i>

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.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 45:3–8a, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me, please.” They came closer. He said, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life. For two years now the famine has been in the land, and there are still five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me ahead of you to preserve you as survivors on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great act of deliverance. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He kissed all his brothers and wept over them. After that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 103 (pg 105)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:35–38a, 42–49

But someone will object, “How can it be that the dead are raised? With what kind of body are they going to come?” You are being foolish. What you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that will be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body of the kind he wanted it to have. That is the way the resurrection of the dead will be. What is sown is perishable; it is raised imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown as a natural body; it is raised as a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living natural being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. However, that which is spiritual is not first; rather, first comes the natural, then the spiritual. The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man made of dust, so are the people who are made of dust, and as is the heavenly man, so the heavenly people will be. And just as we have borne the image of the man made of dust, let us also bear the image of the heavenly man.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27–38

“But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, offer the other too. If someone takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes away your things, do not demand them back. “Treat others just as you would want them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? To be sure, even the sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners do the same thing. If you lend to those from whom you expect to be repaid, what credit is that to you? Even the sinners lend to sinners in order to be paid back in full. Instead, love your enemies, do good and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the unthankful and the evil. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.”

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 stjohngrover@gmail.com by Thursday mornings.

WELS Connection We will be viewing the February *WELS CONNECTION* at the end of the service TODAY.

Meditations The new meditation books starting March 3, 2019, are available in the rack in back of church. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of production.

CEA Winter Outing The Winter Outing will be held on Saturday, March 2 at 2:00 pm. We will be going bowling and having pizza at The Gutter in Suamico. The cost is \$5.00 per person for 2 hours of bowling including shoes. The CEA will be paying for the pizza. There is a sign up on the church bulletin board. All families with children are welcome to join us!

Historical Note: On the 10th of February, 1921, a pipe organ for the church was purchased from M. P. Moeller of Hagerstown, Maryland at the cost of \$3,000. It was reported that a dedication service for the new organ was held, but records do not show the exact date. The 125 year Anniversary of the church reported; “How edifying that must have been when the beautiful deep tones of the pipe organ replaced those of the small reed organ used before”. As your new Pastor, having been away from a church organ in Africa for 30 years, I know exactly how they must have felt. When I heard the organ here at St. John’s for the first time, I was moved almost to tears. It is almost 100 years now and a good time to reflect on and praise God for this wonderful gift. It continues to edify and beautify our worship.

~Pastor Sargent~

LYG Candy Bars The Youth Group is again selling Seroogy candy bars at the cost of \$1.50 each. Proceeds will be going towards the 2020 International Youth Group Rally. Thank you for your support!!

Join us for Bible Study!

In our weekly Bible Study, we are taking a more in-depth look at some commonly known Bible stories. Next week's lesson will be *"The Parable of the Weeds Among the Wheat"*. Bible Study starts at 8:30am on Sundays.



TODAY



**Area Youth Group
Bowling at the Gutter
Sunday, February 24**

Meet at Church to leave at 12:30pm

We will meet up with other teens at Calvary in Abrams and then make our way to the Gutter in Green Bay for Bowling. The cost for bowling is \$7.00, but bring some extra if you plan on snacks.

2019 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 St. John, Grover, by Pastor Daniel Sargent.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (2/17/19)

184

Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (7 weeks)	165
Sunday School	21
Sunday School Mission Offering	\$ 9.75

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Today's Ushers: Shane Seefeldt, Connie Seefeldt, Mitch Bushmaker, Seth Seefeldt (Head Usher – Tom Rohde; Assistant – Shane Seefeldt)

Monday	6:00pm Finance Committee
	6:30pm Choir Practice
Tuesday	6:30pm Board of Education
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
Friday	8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School & Bible Study
	9:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion (School Children Sing)

Next Sunday's Greeters: Ventimiglia Family

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 12/30/18 & 01/06/19	\$ 7,954.40
General Fund Income for 01/13, 01/20, 01/27/19	\$ 16,348.29
General Fund Income for 02/03/19 & 02/10/19	\$ 9,136.00
<i>Total General Fund Income (33 weeks)</i>	\$195,503.96
<i>Budget Needs Weekly at \$7,841.86 (33 weeks)</i>	\$258,781.38
<i>Total Budget Deficit in Offerings</i>	\$ 63,277.43
<i>Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense</i>	\$ 8,920.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

Tuition - \$1,000;

Special Gifts & Offerings:

*Sunday School Missions - \$28.55; Debt Reduction - \$40; CMO - \$80;
Sunday School Fund - \$25; School Undesignated - \$472*

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Sunday School Fund - In memory of Ardis Schwittay from Joe & Ellen Liptak

CMO Missions - In memory of Ardis Schwittay from Steve & Shannon Bahde

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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

Upcoming Events.



Make the choice to join us!

Sunday, Feb. 24, - The Gutter Bowling Alley in Suamico.

Friday, March 29, 10 p.m.-6 a.m., - Zion, Peshtigo
Lock-In

Saturday, May 4, - Get Air Trampoline Park in Green Bay