



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

First Sunday after Epiphany
January 10, 2021

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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.

Poinsettias If you are wanting your poinsettia plants, you are more than welcome to start taking them at any time. We'll leave for another Sunday after today but then they will be tossed. Thank You!!



Teacher Calls Our congregation voted on December 27, to ask our district President to request a permanent call for Mr. Wesley Aguilar and to assign an MLC graduate to fill the teacher vacancy. The Lord has truly blessed us. On December 28, District President Joel Zank communicated to our congregation that Mr. Wesley Aguilar was permanently assigned to us and that Ella Loersch was assigned as our 3-5 Grade teacher. Ella is Wesley Aguilar's fiancé. Their wedding is set for June of 2021.

Teacher Accommodation Now that the Lord has given us teachers for our school, as a congregation we need to see if we can help with some arrangements during the six month period when Ella will be here, living on her own. We are looking to see if there is someone within the congregation that is willing to have Ella stay with them. We know that the present pandemic situation makes this request a bit more difficult, but if someone is able to help, please contact Pastor Sargent. (920-228-1061)

2021 Envelopes Your 2021 envelopes are available on the table in the back of church. A few things to make note of: (1) Check your address. If it is incorrect, please fill out a change form that is located in the rack in back of church or let Brenda Polzin know. (2) Since we renumbered **ALL** envelopes, it is especially important to please discard any remaining 2020 envelopes. (3) If you are taking advantage of the E-giving program, statements with your new number are available. Please use that number for any special donations. (4) If you don't have envelopes and wish to have them, please let Dave Kaus know.

Annual Voters' Meeting On Sunday, January 31, we will be having our annual voters' meeting after the 10am service. It will be held in church. **ALL VOTERS AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS** are encouraged to attend this meeting. An agenda will be distributed within the next couple weeks for review by everyone and to help prepare for any questions during the **OPEN FORUM** of the meeting.

We will be needing any individual reports for the 2020 annual report by Sunday, January 17. Please hand deliver or email to Brenda Polzin at stjohngrover@gmail.com so we can get everything compiled for the meeting on January 31, 2021.



Bible Study The plans for the next Bible Study are still being arranged. I hope to be able to begin another taped Bible Study series beginning on Sunday January 17.

**Sunday School
Attention Parents!**



We are in the **Winter Lessons Schedule**. The Lesson for Sunday January 10 is **Samson’s Strength** found in the book of **Judges chapter 13-14**. 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.

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 Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce, by Ryan Landwehr.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (1/3/2021) 63/50

Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (1 week) 113

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday 6:00pm Church Council

6:30pm Zion Service
 Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
 Friday 8:20am School Chapel Devotion
 Saturday 12:00pm Luther Pioneers Pine Car Derby @ Zion
 Sunday 8:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion
 10:00am Worship Service & Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "F" - Kevyn Lange, Brent & Wanda Richlen

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 12/20/2020	\$ 10,993.10
General Fund Income for 12/27/2020	\$ 4,516.25

Note: \$7,000 transferred to special projects per donators requests.

General Fund Income for 1/3/2021	\$ 6,372.69
Total General Fund Income (27 weeks)	\$199,133.80
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (27 weeks)	\$187,176.42
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 11,957.38
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,679.08; Tuition - \$685

Special Gifts & Offerings

Sunday School - \$50; LYG - \$5; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$5;
 Debt Reduction - \$5; Church Organ - \$5

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

General Fund - In memory of Samantha Schaut from Leonard Jr & Bonita Schaut

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 352-8762.



School News

- ⇒ Our St. John students and faculty returned to school this past Monday, January 4, ready to begin the second half of the school year. We would like to wish everyone the Lord's richest blessings for a Happy, healthy New Year!
- ⇒ With the New Year, we also see a new face at our school. We would like to warmly welcome Miss Ella Loersch as our new Grade 3-5 teacher. May the Lord richly bless you as you begin your teaching ministry here at St. John.
- ⇒ We would also like to thank Mrs. Beth Arnold for her faithful service of teaching at St. John for many years. Mrs. Arnold and her husband Pastor Matt Arnold are moving to Vassar, MI where he will be serving as pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church. The Lord's blessings as you begin this new ministry in Vassar.
- ⇒ January 8 was the end of our second quarter. Report cards will be sent home this coming week.
- ⇒ The CEA will hold a meeting on January 17, at 11:00 am following our second service. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary.

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

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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January 10, 2021

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: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, 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 49:1-6

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory." 4 But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God." 5 But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength— 6 the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 2 (page 65)

♪ **Refrain: Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Great are the works of the Lord.**

♪ Why do the nations conspire*
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD*
and against his Anointed One.

Refrain: Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Great are the works of the Lord.

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;*
the Lord scorns at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,*
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Fa-
ther.”

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: Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great are the works of the Lord.**

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SECOND LESSON

ACTS 16:25-34

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains came loose. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw that the prison doors were opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted with a loud voice, “Don’t harm yourself, because we are all here!” 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling in front of Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his home. 33 At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds. Without delay, he and all his family were baptized. 34 Then he brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced, because he and his whole household had come to believe in God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)

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

MARK 1:4-11

4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 6 John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! 8 I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 89 - To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

1. To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

2. The Savior came to be baptized-
The Son of God in flesh disguised-
To stand beneath the Father's will
And all his promises fulfill.

3. As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on him from above.

4. Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree,
"The one I love, who pleases me."

5. The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6. Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

SERMON TEXT: MARK 1:4-11

THEME: TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE!

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 377 - Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (v1-4)

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell;
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
My will against God's judgment fought,
No hope for me remaining.

My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share
And hell to be my sentence.

4 But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.

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 91 - The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

1 The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For he who came from heaven's throne
Does not desire an earthly crown.

2 The wiser Magi saw from far
And followed on his guiding star,
And, led by light, to Light they pressed
And by their gifts their God confessed.

3 Within the Jordan River stood
The pure and holy Lamb of God;
The Father's voice, the Spirit-dove,
Confirmed the Savior from above.

4 At Cana -- miracle divine --
When water reddened into wine,
The faithful saw his glory shown
And put their trust in him alone.

5 All glory unto Jesus be
And praise for his epiphany,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Have A Blessed Week!

