



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*January 31, 2021*

**Pastor Daniel Sargent**  
**Jim Seefeldt**

**Dan Maedke, Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent**

**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](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Thursday mornings.

**Baptism** Kambri Ann Brown, daughter of Craig and Katie Brown will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism during our 8:30 service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

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

**Calendar** The February, 2021 calendar is available in the hallway.

**Annual Voters' Meeting** TODAY, 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 and annual report** will be distributed TODAY for review by everyone and to help pre-

pare for any questions during the **OPEN FORUM** of the meeting.

**Constitution/By-Law Amendment** The Church Council has recommended a By-Law amendment to Article 9 “The Board of Education.” It will be presented for a vote at the Annual Voters Meeting **TODAY**. The wording to be added to the article is as follows:

*“Up to two seats on the five-member board of education may be filled by members of area churches whom we share fellowship and have children in the St. John school. Those outside board of education members have a vote on the board of education, but do not have a vote on the full church council nor are they voting members of St. John Church. Any board of education candidate from another congregation shall be elected at a meeting of the voting members of St. John. Additionally, up to two non-voting advisory members of the board of education may be appointed by the church council. Those advisory positions may be filled by St. John members or members from our fellowship congregations.”*



The next Bible Study is called **Jesus’ Parables and the “I am Statements”**. Copies of the first lesson are available from the ushers at church and can be found on the church webpage [www.stjohnpeshtigo.org](http://www.stjohnpeshtigo.org) in the News Letter section. The first lesson will be posted on our YouTube page on Saturday February 6. Please join us for this 19 Minute study where we will visit with Jesus and look at his “I Am” Statements and Parables. The first lesson is titled. **“Jesus’ Body as the Temple”** (John 2:13-22)

**Sunday School  
Attention Parents!**



We are in the Winter Lessons Schedule. The Lesson for Sunday February 7 is The Centurian’s Faith found in Matthew 8 and Luke 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.**

**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.

**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](http://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 Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce. 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 (1/24/2021)	33/33
Live Stream Service Logged in 1/24/2021	25
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (4 weeks)	98

**This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

<b>TODAY</b>	11:00am	Annual Voters' Meeting w/Open Forum
Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	5:45pm	Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion (5:45-7:00pm)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:00am	Worship Service with Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "B" - Dave Kaus, Paul Marquardt, Burnette Marquardt, Darlene Nohr

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 1/10/2021	\$ 15,021.75
General Fund Income for 1/17/2021	\$ 4,779.75
General Fund Income for 1/24/2021	\$ 4,809.08
Total General Fund Income (30 weeks)	\$223,744.38
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (30 weeks)	\$207,973.80
Total <b>BUDGET SURPLUS</b> in Offerings	\$ 15,770.58
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

E-giving - \$1,785.75; Tuition - \$783.33

**Special Gifts & Offerings**

School Undesignated - \$600; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$20

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received:**

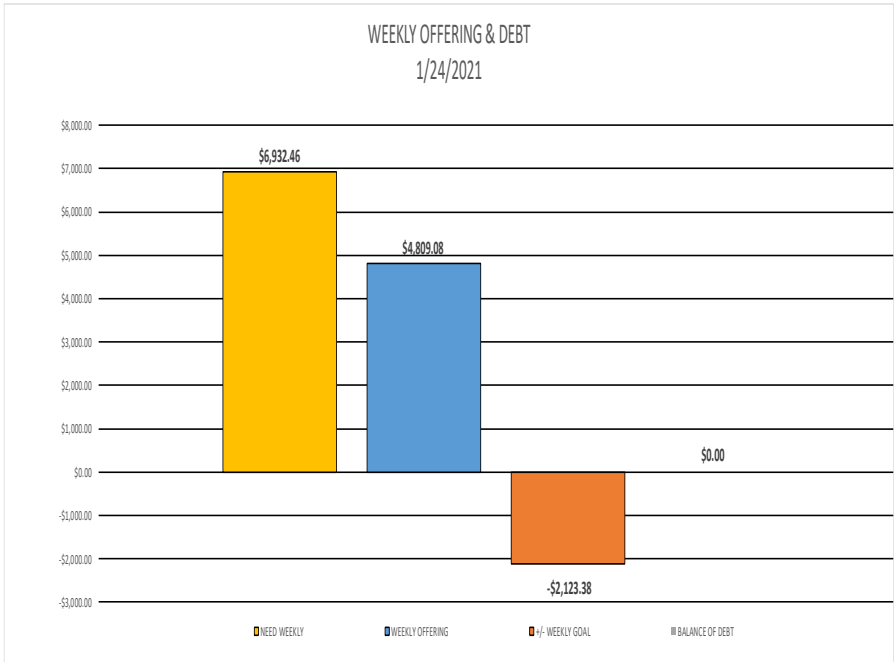
School Undesignated - In memory of Mylon and Rand Lange from Janet Lange



## School News

- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ St. John's Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up will be held on March 9 from 4:00-7:00 pm. This year we are asking parents to schedule an appointment to meet with the teachers. Please contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office by email [school@stjohnpeshtigo.org](mailto:school@stjohnpeshtigo.org) or by calling the school office at 715-582-4565 Monday through Friday from 8:00-11:00 am to schedule a time. Families with children who will turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2021 are invited to attend. Please help us advertise this opportunity by telling everyone you know with children of this age about this event.

**LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**



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Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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

**LITURGY—Service of the Word page 38**  
**January 31, 2021**

**OPENING HYMN: CW 294 -Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy**

1 Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

2 My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

3 My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

4 All that I am and love most dearly -  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.

***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: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind and bring us safely through all temptations; 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**

**Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

15The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. 16That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.” 17Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. 18I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. 19Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. 20Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.”

### **PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm: 1 (Page 64)**

♪ **Refrain: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.**

♪ Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*

or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season\*

and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

**Refrain: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,\*  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,\*  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.**

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## **SECOND LESSON**

### **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone supposes that he knows something, he does not yet know the way he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this person has been known by him. 4 So, concerning the eating of food from idol sacrifices, we know that an idol is not anything real in the world and that there is no God but one. 5 Indeed, even if there are so-called “gods,” whether in the heavens or on earth (as in fact there are many “gods” and many “lords”), 6 nevertheless for us there is one God—the Father, from whom all things exist, and we exist for him—and one Lord—Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist, and we exist through him. 7 However, that knowledge is not in everyone. Instead some, who are still affected by their former habit with the idol, eat the food as something sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 Food will not bring us closer to God. We do not lack anything if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. 9 And be careful that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if someone sees you, a person who has knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of this man, weak as he is, be emboldened to eat food from an idol sacrifice? 11 You see, the weak person is being destroyed by your knowledge—the brother for whose sake Christ died! 12 And when you sin in this way against your brothers and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I do not cause my brother to sin.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)

**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 1:21-28**

21Then they went into Capernaum. On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. 23Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, 24“What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!” 26The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. 27Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” 28News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **BE SEATED**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 283 - Speak, O Savior; I am Listening**

1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,  
As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor  
To your holy, precious Word,

That each day, my whole life through,  
I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure  
And my heart's most precious treasure.

2 Oh, what blessing to be near you  
And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you;  
Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord,  
Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden  
You give peace and words of pardon.

3 Lord, your words are waters living  
Where I quench my thirsty needs.  
Lord, your words are bread life-giving;  
On your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light  
Through death's cold and dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing  
And my cup of joy unfailing.

4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me  
That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise,  
From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given  
In the endless joy of heaven.

**SERMON TEXT: MARK 1:21-28**  
**THEME: INTERRUPTED!**

**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 431 - I Walk in Danger All the Way (v.1-4)**

1 I walk in danger all the way;  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If e'er I fail to watch and pray; 14

I walk in danger all the way.

2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.

Oft in adversity  
I know not where to flee  
When storms of woe my soul dismay;  
I pass through trials all the way.

3 Grim death pursues me all the way;  
Nowhere I rest securely.  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
And takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today.  
Grim death pursues me all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way;  
They shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense;  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharm'd by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

## **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 431 - I Walk in Danger All the Way (v.5-6)**

5 I walk with Jesus all the way;  
His guidance never fails me.  
He takes my ev'ry fear away  
When Satan's pow'r assails me,  
And, by his footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may,  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When you farewell can gladly say  
To all your sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

# Have A Blessed Week!