

*Epiphany*  
*January 6, 2019*

*Pastor Luke Myslik*  
*Becky Rohde Family*

*Pastor*  
*Sunday Greeters*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**

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<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-6</b>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 72 (pg 93)</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:2-12</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Nicene Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>

**The Light of Christ Shines for All**

**Worship Theme** Jesus is revealed as the Christ, the Anointed One of God.

**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.

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you. Nations will walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Look up. Look all around and see! All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you. Your sons will come from far away, and people will carry your daughters on their side. Then you will look and be radiant. Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy. For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you. Caravans of camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. All those from Sheba will come. They will carry gold and incense, and they will announce the good news of the praise of the LORD.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalms 72 Pg. 93**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**Ephesians 3:2-12**

Surely you have heard of the administration of God's grace given to me for you, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the

promise through the gospel. I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. To me—even though I am the very least of all the saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God in the heavenly places might now be made known to the rulers and authorities. This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2)

## **GOSPEL**

## **Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. He gathered together all the people's chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet: You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah: because out of you will come a ruler, who will shepherd my people, Israel." Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I

may also go and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

***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 for members and loved ones.

\*Special prayers for Ardis Schwittay who underwent surgery and remains in ICU at St. Vincent, Green Bay.

Please contact Pastor Myslik 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](mailto:stjohngrover@gmail.com) by Thursday mornings.

***Communion Announcements*** Those who desire to attend the Lord’s Supper are asked to announce by signing the sheet in the entrance area. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the

Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service. If there is any member who is physically unable to come to the altar, please inform one of the ushers before the time of service, and the pastor will serve you in the pew where you are sitting. It is our custom to kneel when we come to the Lord's Table, but please do not feel obligated to do so if you are physically challenged to do so. We will use the individual cups and the common cup in the Sunday service, and the individual cups at the Wednesday evening service.

***Sincere Thanks*** Sincere thank you to everyone that donated food and household furnishings/appliances for Pastor Sargent and his family. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

***Video*** The second half of the video "To the Ends of the Earth" will be shown next week in place of the Sermon Text.

***Pastor Sargent Installation*** The installation of Pastor Sargent will be on January 20, 2019 at 4:00pm. There will be a pot luck supper to follow. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in bringing food or helping out with serving/etc.

***2019 Offering Envelopes*** The new 2019 offering envelopes and your 2018 offering statement are now available in the back of church. If there are any discrepancies on your 2018 statement, please contact Dave Kaus at 715-923-9494.

***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.

***FPU Class*** A new Financial Peace University class will be starting in January. Classes will be on Mondays at 6:00 PM starting on January 21st. Go to <https://fpu.com/1081209> to register. The cost

of tuition for this 9-week course is \$109 and includes all the necessary materials. Please contact Lance List at 715-927-5478 if you have any questions.

**Annual Report** We will be needing any individual reports for the 2018 annual report by January 13, 2019. Please hand deliver or email to Brenda Polzin at [stjohngrover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrover@gmail.com) so we can get everything compiled for the meeting on January 27, 2019.

### ***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 "*Jesus and the Women of Samaria*". Bible Study starts at 9:30am on Sundays.



**Church Time** The Church Council is proposing that our new church time to be 9:30am with the Sunday School and Bible Study to begin at 8:30am. Please convey your points of views to any council member before they have their voter's meeting on January 27, 2019. We would like to implement the new time starting February 17, 2019 pending voter approval.

**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 Grace Lutheran, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this

week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Calvary, Abrams by Pastor Matthew Stuebs.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (12/30/18)	116
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (52 weeks)	160
Sunday School	
Sunday School Mission Offering	

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

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

Tuesday	6:00pm Church Council
	7:00pm Finance Committee
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
Friday	8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:30am Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Greeters: Randy & Brenda Polzin

***Offerings for the Lord's Work***

General Fund Income for 11/18/18-11/25/18	\$ 9,060.00
General Fund Income for 12/02/18-12/09/18	\$ 10,599.01
General Fund Income for 12/16/18-12/25/18	\$ 21,418.16
<i>Total General Fund Income (26 weeks)</i>	\$161,597.27
<i>Budget Needs Weekly at \$7,841.86 (26 week)</i>	\$203,888.36
<i>Total Budget Deficit in Offerings</i>	\$ 42,291.09
<i>Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense</i>	\$ 0.00

***Included in General Fund Income Total:***

*Tuition - \$1,550*

***Special Gifts & Offerings:***

*Sunday School Missions - \$30.03; Debt Reduction - \$40; CMO - \$2,155; Door Offering - \$70;*

***Memorials & Special Gifts Received:***

*General Fund - In memory of Harvey Zeitler from Edna Zeitler*

*General Fund - In memory of Raymond Seefeldt from Glenn & Jacqueline Seefeldt*

***St. John Ev. Lutheran Church & School Staff***

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*Office hours @ St. John School*

*Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm*

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