



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
July 26 2020

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Dave Kaus, Paul Marquardt, Burnette Marquardt *Counting Team*

Pastor

Organist

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.

*Cooper Milton Corwin, son of Michael and Robin Corwin, who received God's washing of Holy Baptism yesterday. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

*Tessa Rae Maedke, daughter of Michael and Jolene Maedke who will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism today after the 8:30 service. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

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.

Door Offering Our new teacher, Wesley Aguilar, has been installed and is settling down in his apartment and getting to work at school. There will be an opportunity for members to welcome him by assisting him with the things he may need for his apartment and pantry. We are recommending gift cards or a gift of money to help him get settled. A door offering will be taken for Wesley on the 2nd of August, 2020.

Calendar August, 2020 calendar is available on the table in the hallway.

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 262-352-8762.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting The 2nd quarter voters' meeting will be held **TODAY**, after the 10:00am service.

2020 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 Risen Savior, Mountain, by Pastor Cody Hauch.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (7/19/20)	45/49
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (19 weeks)	149
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY 11:00am Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Monday 6:30pm Zion Service

Sunday 8:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion

10:00am Worship Service & Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "C" - Matt & Ronda Lemke, Kyle Seefeldt

Offerings for the Lord's Work

NEW FISCAL YEAR

General Fund Income for 7/5/2020	\$ 4,435.52
General Fund Income for 7/12/2020	\$ 6,938.40
General Fund Income for 7/19/2020	\$ 3,700.69
Total General Fund Income (3 weeks)	\$ 15,074.61
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (3 weeks)	\$ 20,797.38
Total Budget Deficit in Offerings	\$ 5,722.77
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 42,252.20

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$972.69

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$100; LYG - \$52; CMO - \$50; Future Church Workers - \$8.69; School Undesignated - \$25

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Organ Fund - In memory of Anita Kaus from Leo & Cecile Seefeldt

Organ Fund - In memory of Anita Kaus from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

General Fund - In memory of Anita Kaus from Janet Lange

School Undesignated - In memory of Anita Kaus from Delores 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.

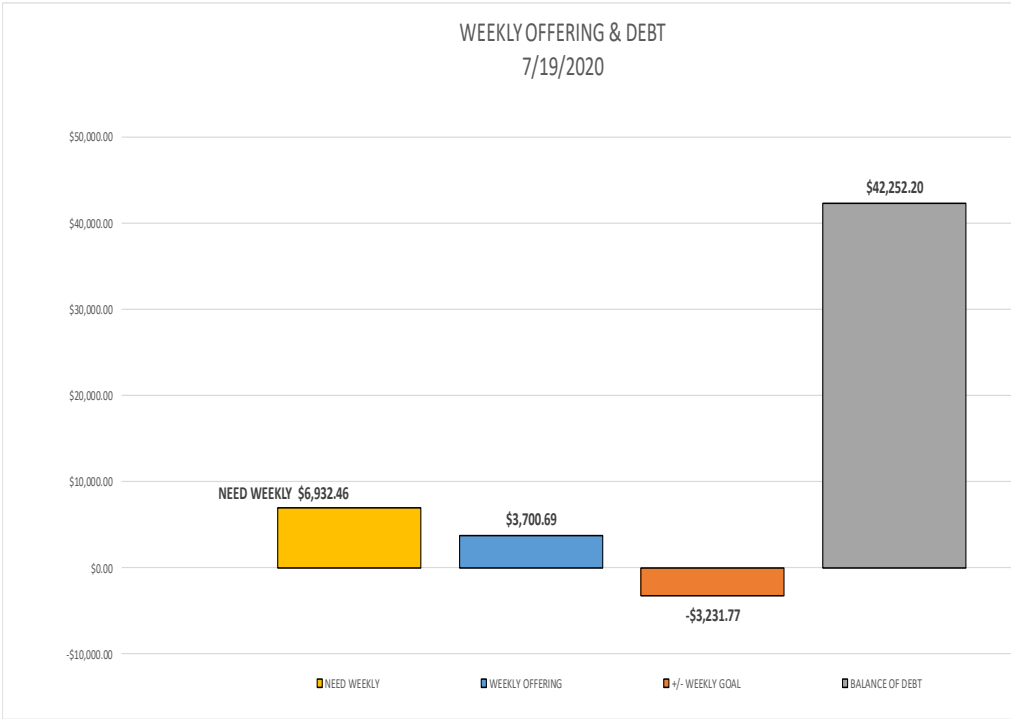
**GivePlus Church (smartphone app) - Download the app through "apple store (i-phone)" or "play store (android)". Create your online profile and follow the steps for adding a transaction. Search for our church by either typing the zip code (54157), typing "Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John, Grover, WI", 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.

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)

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July 26, 2020

HYMN: CW 255 - OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou;
Let it be thy temple now!

3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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, we thank you for planning in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy to bring forth fruits of faith and hope and love; 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 55:10-11

10 Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 65 (page 89)

 **Refrain: The earth is full of the goodness of God. The goodness of our God.**

Praise awaits 'you, O God,*
you call forth 'songs of joy.

You care for the land and 'water it; *
you soften it with showers and 'bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with 'water *
to provide the peo'ple with grain,

Refrain: The earth is full of the goodness of God. The goodness of our God.

You crown the year with your 'bounty, *
and your carts overflow with 'abundance.

The grasslands of the wilderness 'overflow; *

the hills are clothed with 'gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mant'led with grain;*
they shout for 'joy and sing.

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: The earth is full of the goodness of God. The goodness of our God.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:18–25

18 For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. 19 In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope 21 that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. 23 And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. 24 Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The word is near you in; it is in your mouth and your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)

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**MATTHEW 13:1–9, 18–23**

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. 4 As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. 6 But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. 8 But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. 9 Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear. 18 “So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. 20 The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. 22 The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. 23 But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED**HYMN: CW 606 CW FOR ME TO LIVE IS JESUS**

1 For me to live is Jesus;

To die is gain for me.

So, when my Savior pleases, 11

I meet death willingly.

2 For Christ, my Lord and brother,
I leave this world so dim
And gladly seek another,
Where I shall be with him.

3 My woes are nearly over
Though long and dark the road;
My sin his merits cover,
And I have peace with God.

4 In my last hour, oh, grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in your will.

5 Amen! For Christ my Savior
Will grant this unto me.
Your Spirit lead me ever
That I fare happily.

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 7:18-15

THEME: WILL IT GET BETTER?

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 324 - ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST

1 Almighty God, your Word is cast

Like seed into the ground;

Now let the dew of heav'n descend

And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the foe of Christ and man

This holy seed remove,

But give it root in ev'ry heart

To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares

The rising plant destroy,

But let it yield a hundredfold

The fruits of peace and joy.

4 Whene'er the precious seed is sown,

Life-giving grace bestow

That all whose souls the truth receive

Its saving pow'r may know.

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

HYMN: CW 609 - WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.

Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,

And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer;

To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.

Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.

To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Have A Blessed Week!

