



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

First Sunday in Lent
March 1 2020

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and when we fall, rise us up again and restore us 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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Psalm of the Day	Psalm 130 page 114
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Gospel Lesson	Matthew 4:1-11
Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	Romans 5:12-19
Worship Theme	“The Verdict”

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 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made every kind of tree grow—trees that are pleasant to look at and good for food, including the Tree of Life in the middle of the garden and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. The LORD God took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to work it and to take care of it. The LORD God gave a command to the man. He said, “You may freely eat from every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, for on the day that you eat from it, you will certainly die.” Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’” The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.

PSALM OF THE DAY**Psalm 130 page 114****SECOND LESSON****Romans 5:12-19**

So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one’s account if there is no law, and

yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come. But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many! And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification. Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ! So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

VERSE OF THE DAY "It is written, worship the Lord your God and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10b)

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." But Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God." Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God." Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to him,

“I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

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 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.

Alleluia: Historically, Christians do not sing Alleluia starting the first Sunday in Lent. On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent. It is a time for repentance and reflection. We don't sing or say the Alleluia during Lent because the joyfulness of the Alleluia doesn't fit it. During Lent we are waiting for the kingdom to come, not the kingdom having come. That is reserved for the Easter "Alleluia", which actually means "Praise God". Don't worry though, the Alleluia makes a triumphant return at Easter, and it's better than ever!



Every Member Visit

In October, 1988 Pastor Sargent graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS). For 30 years he served as a Missionary in Zambia Africa. His ministry was very different from what he is doing now as the Pastor for the members of St. John. The Elders recommend that he makes an every member visit.

Pastor Sargent wants to take this opportunity to personally get to know each member. He will share a message from God's word and spend time listening to each member - listening to what God is doing in your lives, getting feedback, answering any questions you may have, and talking about how we can all serve God's greater purpose with our lives.

Pastor will work with our Church secretary Brenda Polzin who will call to set up an appointment time. These visits will begin in March. It is Pastor's prayer that these visits will be a blessing to each family. He looks forward to visiting with everyone.

Ladies' Aid/Men's Club We will have Ladies' Aid/Men's club this Thursday, March 5 at 6:00pm. All ladies and men of our congregation are welcome to join.

Calendar The new March calendar is available from the ushers.

Confirmation Class Parents of the Wednesday afternoon confirmation class, please take note of some time changes on the calendar due to Pastor exchanging pulpits with area churches for the Lenten services.

Principal/Teacher Call The voters extended a call to Mr. Michael Henning Jr for Principal/teacher and his wife Carrie as half-time teacher. Keep the Henning family in your prayers as they deliberate the call by our congregation to serve the Lord here at St. John Lutheran School.

Lent Our midweek Lenten worship services continue this Wednesday at 7pm. Area WELS pastors will be exchanging pulpits for the services with Pastor Myslik leading the service this

week. You are more than welcome to join Zion, Peshtigo at 6:30pm, Christ, Menominee, MI at 6:30pm, or Trinity, Marinette at 3:15pm and 6:00pm.

Seroogy Candy Bars A new batch of Seroogy candy bars are available at the cost of \$1.50 each. Proceeds will be going towards this year's International Youth Group Rally.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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 Zion, Peshtigo. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by St. Matthew, Pound, by Pastor Chris Johns.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (2/23/20)	211
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (8 weeks)	170
Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance	20/16
Sunday School Mission Offering	\$ 9.75

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Today's Ushers: Tom Rohde, Seth Seefeldt, Mitch Bushmaker,

Ron Bushmaker (Head Usher – Shane Seefeldt; Assistant – Mitch Bushmaker)

Today 11:00am Board of Education(February)
Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-5:30pm)
7:00pm Lenten Service (Pastor Myslik)
Thursday 6:00pm Ladies' Aid/Men's Club
Friday NO SCHOOL
LPS basketball tournament in Watertown
Sunday 8:30am Sunday School & Bible Study
9:30am Worship Service (Children's Sermon)

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

Next Sunday's Greeters: Sally Motkowski& Sue Mylener

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 2/9/20	\$ 4,692.02
General Fund Income for 2/16/20	\$ 4,748.01
General Fund Income for 2/23/20	\$ 6,673.44
Total General Fund Income (35 weeks)	\$214,762.26
Budget Needs Weekly at \$7,616.11 (35 weeks)	\$266,563.85
Total Budget Deficit in Offerings	\$ 51,801.59
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 44,966.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

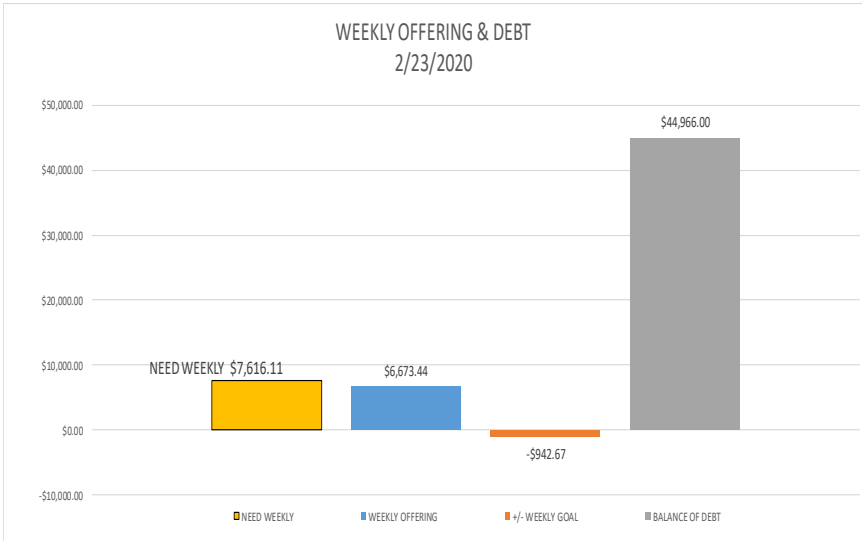
E-giving - \$970.19; Tuition - \$1,000

Special Gifts & Offerings

Debt Reduction - \$140; Sunday School Missions - \$9.75; LYG - \$31; Church Organ - \$300; CMO - \$50; Future Church Workers - \$16.11

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

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School News

- ⇒ St. John's Preschool/Kindergarten Experience will be on Monday, March 16th at 6:00pm. This event is for families with children who will turn 3, 4, or 5 by September 1, 2020. The children will experience a lesson in either the preschool or kindergarten classroom and their parents will have an opportunity to talk to the teachers and ask any questions they may have. Parents will also be able to register for the 2020-2021 school year. There is a nonrefundable \$100 registration fee that will be applied as a tuition payment at the start of school.
- ⇒ Good luck to our 4th - 8th grade boys and girls who will be participating in the Luther Prep Co-ed Basketball Tournament next weekend. St. John's first game against St. Paul's, Mauston, WI on Friday morning.
- ⇒ The St. John Social Studies Fair will be held on Friday, March 20 at school from 2:00 - 3:00 and 5:00 - 6:00. Everyone is invited to come and see the great work done by our school children.

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.

**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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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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