



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Becky Rohde Family

Shane Seefeldt, John Seefeldt, Jennifer Thompson

Pastor

Organist

Sunday Greeters

Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Order of Service	Christian Worship, page 15
Hymns	354, 343, 397, 327
First Lesson	Isaiah 42:14-21
Psalms of the Day	Psalm 143 page 118
Second Lesson	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Lesson	John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	Ephesians 5:8-14
Worship Theme	“God Changed Us”

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**Isaiah 42:14-21**

I have been silent for a long time. I have kept still. I have restrained myself. But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream. I will gasp and pant. I will dry up mountains and hills. I will make all their grass wither. I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up pools. I will lead the blind on a way they do not know. Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the things I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them. They will be turned back and completely disgraced—those who trust in an idol, those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.” You deaf ones, listen! You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see! Who is as blind as my servant? Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent? Who is as blind as my associate, as blind as the servant of the LORD? You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe. Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear. Because of his own righteousness, the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

PSALM OF THE DAY**Psalm 143 page 118****SECOND LESSON****Ephesians 5:8-14**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

VERSE OF THE DAY Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

GOSPEL**John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disci-

ples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God's works might be revealed in connection with him. I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World." After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man's eyes. 7 "Go," Jesus told him, "wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means "Sent"). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man told them. "I washed, and now I see." Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others were saying, "How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?" There was division among them, so they said to the blind man again, "What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?" The man replied, "He is a prophet."

They answered him, "You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" "Who is he, sir," the man replied, "that I may believe in him?" Jesus answered, "You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" and he knelt down and worshipped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind."

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.

Special Voters' Meeting Today, all voters are asked to attend the Call meeting after the service. At that meeting the voters will also have the opportunity to decide on the steps the congregation will take for the Organ Celebration and the needed repairs and/or upgrades that can be done for the Organ.

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.

There will not be Confirmation Class this Wednesday.

LWMS Collection LWMS will be collecting **SMALL** pharmacy pill bottles(with caps) until the end of April for the Rally. Please

make sure you take your labels off. A box is in back of church for you to put them in.

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

LYG Candy Bars The Youth Group are selling Seroogy candy bars 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 St. John, Grover. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by St. John, Grover, by Pastor Daniel Sargent.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (3/8/20) 152

Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (10 weeks) 169

Mid-week Lenten Service (3/11/20)	26
Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance	16/9
Sunday School Mission Offering	\$ 10.75

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

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

Monday	6:00pm	Preschool/Kindergarten Experience
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	NO CONFIRMATION CLASS	
	10:15am	Rennes West Worship
	1:45pm	Rennes East Worship
	7:00pm	Lenten Service (Pastor Cole)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	9:30am	Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave Bornick

Next Sunday's Greeters: Ventimiglia Family

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 2/23/2020	\$ 6,673.44
General Fund Income for 3/1/2020	\$ 5,995.99
General Fund Income for 3/8/2020	\$ 6,499.02
Total General Fund Income (37 weeks)	\$227,257.27
Budget Needs Weekly at \$7,616.11 (37 weeks)	\$281,796.07
Total Budget Deficit in Offerings	\$ 54,538.80
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 44,310.04

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,437.02; Tuition - \$1,350;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Debt Reduction - \$625; Sunday School Missions - \$10.75; LYG - \$60; Church Organ - \$1,010; CMO - \$10; Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$5

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

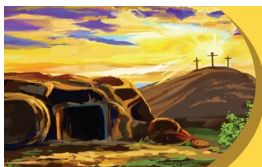
General Fund - In memory of Joe Cherney from Ronald & Jeanne

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Organ Fund - In memory of Kathy DeCoursin, Jeri Schroeder, Dalton-Joe Schroeder, Nicholas DeCoursin from Family & Friends

Organ Fund - In memory of Jane M. Nohr from Jim & Connie Seefeldt.

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!



Alleluia!

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.

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. Please help us advertise by telling everyone you know with children of this age about this event.
- ⇒ Congratulations to our St. John co-ed basketball team that took 2nd place in the LPS Basketball Tournament last weekend. This is the highest finish for one of our basketball teams in 15 years!
- ⇒ The St. John Social Studies Fair will be held on Friday, March 20 at school from 2:00-3:00pm and 5:00-6:00pm. Everyone is invited to come and see the great work done by our school children.
- ⇒ Spring Break is the week of March 23 - March 27.
- ⇒ Family Entertainment Night is Friday, April 17th at 6:00pm. We will again be having a bucket raffle. Many people have donated items for the bucket raffle in the past for which we are very grateful. If you would be kind enough to donate again, or for the first time, it will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the raffle will be going toward playground improvements. More information to come.
- ⇒ On Friday we had an event called Donuts with Dudes. This was a chance for Dads, Grandpas, friends, or any other male figure in a child's life to come to school and spend a little time with them. We thank all the moms that made this event possible.

Extra Ordinary Voters Meeting

Congregation members are invited to remain in the Church Sanctuary after the service to hear the Council Proposal for a vote by the voting members on the following:

Organ Repair and Improvements

The Church Council has proposed to the voters two options:

Option # One Repair, maintenance and painting the Organ

- ☑ After many years of service, every instrument could use some extra time to administer correct of voicing and troubleshoot the instrument.
- ☑ This would require two men to check every pipe for proper speech, development, dynamics and tonal regulation.
- ☑ This takes several days to complete. All parts, travel expenses, and labor completed: **\$3,986.00**
- ☑ This ALSO includes repairing the toe stud and crescendo pedal.
- ☑ Replacing the air tremolo with an electric tremolo: **\$1,668.00** complete.
- ☑ Proposal: To paint the 31 pipe exposed facade
- ☑ 3 men to remove all pipes and crate
- ☑ Return all pipes to our shop in Antioch, IL.
- ☑ 4 days shop work to sand down and repaint 31 pipes (Satin Gold)
- ☑ 3 men to re-install all pipes
- ☑ All parts, travel expenses, and labor completed: **\$7,486.00**

Total \$13,140

Option # Two Repair, maintenance, painting the Organ & add a Trompette (Trumpet) Rank

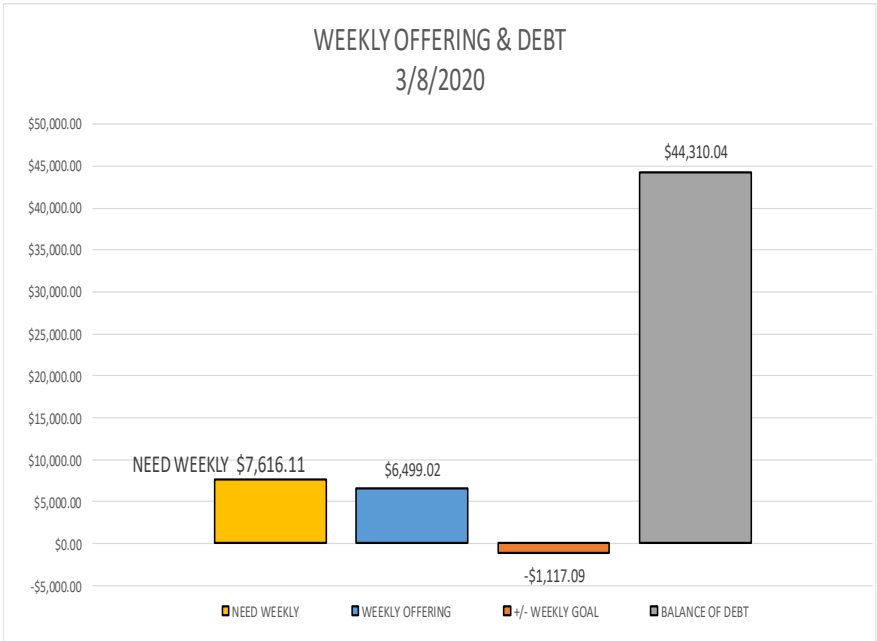
- ☑ Adding an independent 8'Trompette rank to great manual. (This is used from their inventory).
- ☑ Used Trompette and related parts: \$14,371.00.
- ☑ Deposit to order all Materials required: \$5000.
- ☑ Upon parts arriving at our shop: \$2000.
- ☑ Upon start of the project: \$10,000.
- ☑ Upon project have completed \$2000.
- ☑ Upon completion: \$1025.

Trompette Cost \$20,025

Total cost \$ 33,390

Presently the Organ Fund has \$12,248.46 balance.

LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



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.

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)