



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

Pastor Sargent—920-228-1061

**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
*March 8, 2020*

*Pastor Daniel Sargent*  
*Jim Seefeldt*  
*Sally Motkowski & Sue Mylener*  
*Matt & Ronda Lemke, Kyle Seefeldt*

*Pastor*  
*Organist*  
*Sunday Greeters*  
*Counting Team*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever.

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<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>John 4:5-26</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Apostles' Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>John 4:5-26</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>"Thirsty?"</b>

**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 12:1-8**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.” So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventyfive years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

**PSALM OF THE DAY****Psalm 121 page 112****SECOND LESSON****Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. For what does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness. Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is

no transgression.) For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations."

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b)

**GOSPEL**

**John 4:5-26**

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals." Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life." "Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here." "I have no husband," the woman answered. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must


worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ). “When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.

**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.

**Children’s Sermon** A children’s sermon will be included in today’s worship service. The children should come up to the front during the **last verse of the Sermon Hymn**.

**Special Voters’ Meeting** All voters are asked to attend the Call meeting next Sunday, March 15 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.

**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!



**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.

### 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.

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

**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.

**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 Grace, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce, by Pastor Ryan Landwehr.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (3/1/20)	177
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (8 weeks)	171
Mid-week Lenten Service (3/4/20)	42
Sunday School/Bible Study Attendance	22/16
Sunday School Mission Offering	\$ 11.75

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

Today’s Ushers: Shane Seefeldt, Seth Seefeldt, Austin Seefeldt, Connie Seefeldt (Head Usher – Shane Seefeldt; Assistant – Mitch Bushmaker)

Monday 6:00pm Church Council

Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-5:30pm)

7:00pm Lenten Service (Pastor Tesch)

Friday 8:20am School Chapel Devotion

Sunday 8:30am Sunday School & Bible Study

9:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “D” - Shane Seefeldt, John Seefeldt, Jennifer Thompson

Next Sunday’s Greeters: Becky Rohde Family



**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 2/16/20	\$ 4,748.01
General Fund Income for 2/23/20	\$ 6,673.44
General Fund Income for 3/1/20	\$ 5,995.99
Total General Fund Income (36 weeks)	\$220,758.25
Budget Needs Weekly at \$7,616.11 (36 weeks)	\$274,179.96
Total Budget Deficit in Offerings	\$ 53,421.71
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 44,934.84

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

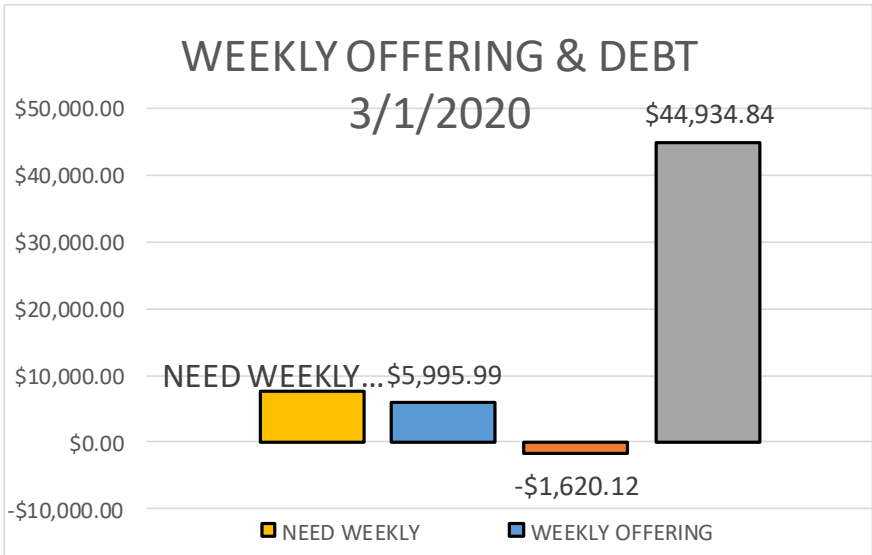
E-giving - \$685.69; Tuition - \$300; Thrivent - \$104

***Special Gifts & Offerings***

Debt Reduction - \$32; Sunday School Missions - \$11.75; LYG - \$60; Church Organ - \$1,200; CMO - \$82;

***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 pre-school 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.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.

**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)