



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Mission Festival
November 22, 2020

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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.
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.



A Mission Video with a sermon and moments with missionaries was developed by our Synod this year. The idea was that churches would use this in November as a way to make up for not having a LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) fall rally. **Today is our Mission Sunday service.** There will be an opportunity for members to give a door offering that will be contributed to the LWMS circuit by St. John. The door offering will be held **TODAY, Thanksgiving Eve service and next Sunday, November 29,** for those who are not prepared for the offering today.

Bible Study: The Christian in Today's World

The eighth recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Sunday November 22.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q>



We will be part 1 of Lesson 5 called The **Christian in Today's EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT**. Copies of the Bible Study are on the Website and copies for each week's lesson will be available at the Sunday Worship service on the table in the entrance. Please join Pastor for that Bible Study.



Sunday School Attention Parents!

We are on Lesson number 11 called The twelve Spies from Exodus 13,14. Please let your Sunday School Teacher or Pastor know if you are having any trouble getting the lessons. We know this is a difficult time because of the pandemic. As of now, we are not able to hold in-person classes. We are very concerned about Sunday School want to make sure parents and children are getting the lessons they need. If you have any questions or concerns you can also call Pastor Sargent (920) 228-1061.

Northwestern Publishing has announced the Program for Remote Learning has been extended for Winter & Spring. We plan to order the lessons for this program and reach out to parents next week.

Click on <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote> to view the videos.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Thanksgiving Service will be held this Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm.



Advent Services St. John in Grover and Trinity in Coleman are working together to hold Advent Services this year. Services at St. John will be held at 2:00pm. The service at Trinity is at 6:00pm. We are inviting members from both congregations to come to the service they would like to attend. Pastor Langebartels and Pastor Sargent will be working together to lead these worship services. The dates are December 2nd , 9th and 16th .

Meditations The new meditation books starting November 29, 2020, are available on the table. A free-will offering is greatly

appreciated to help defray the costs of production.

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.

Volunteers As you all know we are live-streaming the 8:30am service. We will need volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.

Altar Guild We are looking for additional ladies to help with the duties of Altar Guild. If you are interested, please contact Charlene Hurley at 715-789-2333 for more information.

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 Pastor Jim Sonnemann.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (11/15/2020) 83/49
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (36 weeks) 123
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
Tuesday 6:30pm Board of Education
Wednesday NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
11:30am School Early Release
7:00pm Thanksgiving Service
Thursday HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Friday NO SCHOOL
Sunday 8:30am Worship Service (WELS Connection)
10:00am Worship Service (WELS Connection)

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "F" - Kevyn Lange, Brent Richlen, Michelle Sobek

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 11/1/2020	\$ 5,357.25
General Fund Income for 11/8/2020	\$ 4,158.58
General Fund Income for 11/15/2020	\$ 15,365.25
Total General Fund Income (20 weeks)	\$147,626.61
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (20 weeks)	\$138,649.20
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 8,977.41
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,838.25; Tuition - \$9,300; Thrivent - \$103

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$365; LYG - \$35; School Undesignated - \$50

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Brian Schwittay from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Barb Hoffman from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Barb Hoffman from Archie & Charlene Hurley

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Barb Hoffman from Bill & Belinda Seefeldt

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Rueben Seefeldt from Doris Seefeldt

School Undesignated - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Mr. Kiich & Mrs. Sachiko

General Fund - In memory of Barb Hoffman from Karen Bintz

General Fund - In memory of Barb Hoffman from Jim & Kathy VanHecke

General Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Jeremiah & Miki Rohde



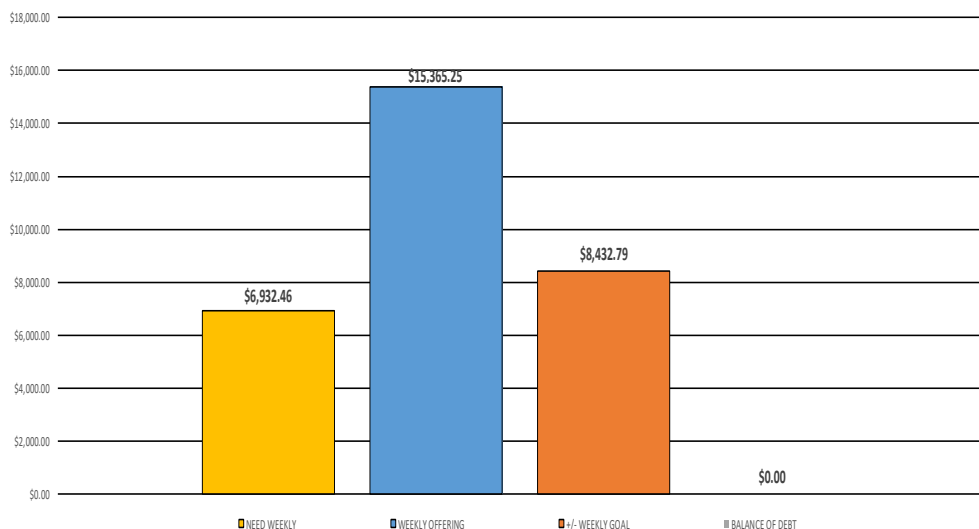
School News

- ⇒ The Target Ball Toss became a Putting to the Target event last week Friday. The winners were Sam Langebartels in the K-4 age group and David Keske in Grades 5-8. They enjoyed a catered lunch with a friend and a member of staff this past Wednesday. Thank you to Jody Sobeck and Katie Brown for organizing this event.
- ⇒ There will be no school on November 26 and 27 for our Thanksgiving break. The children will be dismissed from school at 11:30 am on the 25th.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo at 6:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.

LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

WEEKLY OFFERING & DEBT

11/15/2020



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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

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.

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OPENING HYMN: CW 573 - Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

1 Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I— send me, send me?”

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the Judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your off’rings
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying,
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calleth,
“Here am I— send me, send me!”

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: Lord Jesus, you have given peace to our troubled hearts with your words of forgiveness. We thank you. We now ask you for your continued comfort as well as guidance. Open our eyes to see your great mission fields. Inspire us with your love that as your ambassadors we might share that love with others so that they can come to know you as their Savior. We pray this in your name Jesus, you who live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 43:8–13

8 Bring out the people who are blind, though they have eyes, and the people who are deaf, though they have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let peoples be assembled. Who among them has declared this? Who has made known to us the former things? Let them produce their witnesses to show that they were right, so that people can hear and say, "This is truth." 10 You are my witnesses, declares the LORD. You are my servant, whom I have chosen, so that you may know me and believe in me, so that you will understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, and after me there will not be another. 11 I, yes I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. 12 I myself declared it. I brought salvation, and I announced it. It was not some strange god among you. You are my witnesses, declares the LORD, and I am God. 13 Indeed, from the first day, I am he. There is no one who can deliver anyone from my hand. I act, and who can reverse it?

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 85 (page 97)

♪ **Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.**

♪ You showed favor to your 'land, O LORD;*
you restored the fortunes of 'Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your 'people*
and covered 'all their sins.

Show us your unfailing 'love, O LORD,*
and grant us your 'salvation.

Refrain: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

I will listen to what God the 'LORD will say;*
he promises peace to his people, 'his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who 'fear him,*
that his glory may dwell 'in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet 'together;*
righteousness and peace kiss each 'other.

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: I will hear what the Lord proclaims: peace to his people.

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SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-15

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to

come. 6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 11 Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. 12 We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. 13 If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.
Alleluia. (Luke 11:28)

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 28:16-20

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 572 - Send Forth, O Lord, to Every Place

1 Send forth, O Lord, to ev'ry place
Swift messengers before your face,
The heralds of your wondrous grace,
Where you yourself will come.

2 Send men whose eyes have seen the King,
Men in whose ears his sweet words ring;
Send them your lost ones home to bring;
Send them where you will come –

3 To bring good news to souls in sin,
The bruised and broken hearts to win,
In ev'ry place to bring them in
Where you yourself will come.

4 Since you have died, your vict'ry claim;
Assert, O Christ, your glory's name;
And far to lands of pagan shame
Send men where you will come.

5 Arm each one with the Spirit's sword,
The sword of your own deathless Word,
And make them conqu'rors, conqu'ring Lord,
Where you yourself will come.

SERMON TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

THEME: WE LIVE BY FAITH!

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 576 - Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word (v1-4)

1 Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word;
Spread the kingdom of the Lord
Ev'rywhere his breath has giv'n

Life to beings meant for heav'n.

2 Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still,
How his only Son he gave
All from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever does remove
By his holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.

4 Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

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

**CLOSING HYMN: CW 576 - Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word
(v5-6)**

5 Up! The rip'ning fields you see.
Mighty shall the harvest be,
But the reapers still are few;
Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, grant anew,
Joy and strength to work for you,
Till the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.

Have A Blessed Week!

