



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*October 11, 2020*

*Pastor Daniel Sargent*  
*Jim Seefeldt*

*Kevyn Lange, Brent Richlen, Michelle Sobeck*

*Pastor*  
*Organist*  
*Counting Team*

**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 [stjohn-grover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Thursday mornings.

**St. John Food Drive for the Peshtigo Food Pantry**

Nathan Sargent will speak to the Congregation this Sunday about the Food Drive. The food drive collection will be for non-perishable food items as well as Thanksgiving cards to donate before Thanksgiving. Nathan will be asking members of St. John, as well as families of St. John's school to, consider donating whatever items they are able to. A bin for collecting donations will be available Sunday in the narthex and at School. Any questions or suggestions about the food drive can be directed to Nathan via cell 920-562-7123, or email [sargent-nr17@gmail.com](mailto:sargent-nr17@gmail.com).



**Bible Study** The third recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Sunday morning 12 October, 2020. We will



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complete lesson 2 called The Christian in Today's Political Environment. Copies of the Bible Study are on the Website in the newsletter section 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.

### ***Organ Repair and Upgrade***

Fabry Pipe Organs began on Tuesday 29 September. The following work is to be done. Furnish and install an 8 Trompette rank.



1. Administer corrective voicing and trouble shoot any problems.
2. Furnish and install a new Tremulant unit.
3. Paint all 33 façade pipes in satin gold. Note: There has been a delay in getting the paint for the pipes. The work is scheduled to be complete next week.

***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.

***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](http://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 Risen Savior, Mountain, by Pastor Cody Hauch.

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Church Organ



A Committee for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 [erinlpape@gmail.com](mailto:erinlpape@gmail.com) or 262-352-8762.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (10/4/2020)	45/22
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (30 weeks)	127
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

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

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion
	10:00am Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel Rohde	

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 9/20/2020	\$ 6,921.47
General Fund Income for 9/27/2020	\$ 6,934.50
General Fund Income for 10/4/2020	\$ 4,649.08
Total General Fund Income (14 weeks)	\$101,204.45
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (14 weeks)	\$ 97,054.44
Total <b>BUDGET SURPLUS</b> in Offerings	\$ 4,150.01
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

E-giving - \$1,674.08; Tuition - \$600

**Special Gifts & Offerings**

Church Organ - \$3,575; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$125; Debt Reduction - \$5; School Undesignated - \$120; LYG - \$5

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received:**

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from family of Claryce Rohde

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Doris Seefeldt

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Raymond Marquardt from family of Raymond Marquardt

School Undesignated - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Janice Holder

School Undesignated - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Janet Lange

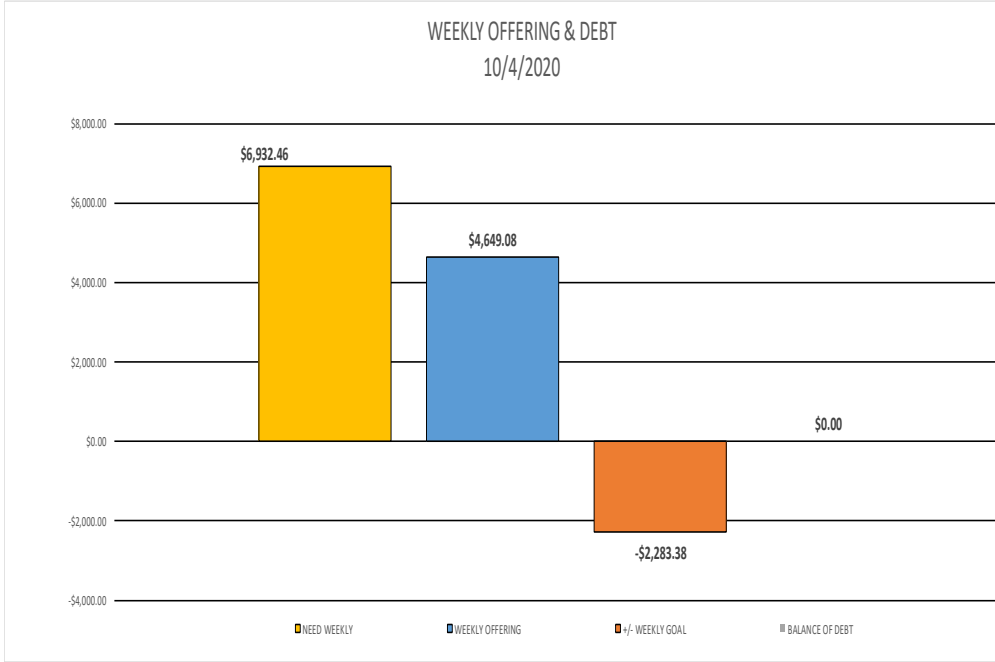
Gym/Fellowship/Bldg Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Bill & Belinda Seefeldt



## School News

- ⇒ Thank you to our CEA for the Caramel Apple Day on Friday, October 9. We appreciate all you do to help our school.
- ⇒ On Wednesday, October 14th, Mr. Michael Fisher from Johnston Controls will be distributing fire extinguishers to each child at our school. This donation is on behalf of the DeCoursin/Schroeder family who suffered the loss of their beloved family members Katherine, Jeri, Dalton-Joe, and Nicholas, Jr. in a house fire this past January. This distribution is being done to help create greater awareness of the need for fire prevention. We thank them all for this valuable gift.
- ⇒ If you have any Box Tops at home that have a valid expiration date, please drop them off at school by October 15. Otherwise you can now make use of the Box Top Mobile App which allows you to scan your receipts, with no more clipping! Thank you for supporting our school.
- ⇒ Chapel services are held in church on Fridays at 8:20. You can watch the recorded chapel services on our church YouTube page. There is a link on the school and church Facebook pages as well.

**LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**



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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.



**LITURGY—Service of the Word and Sacrament page 38**  
**October 11, 2020**

**OPENING HYMN: CW 306 - Before You, God, the Judge of All**

1 Before you, God, the Judge of all,  
With grief and shame I humbly fall.  
I see my sins against you, Lord,  
My sins of thought and deed and word.  
They press me sore; to you I flee:  
O God, be merciful to me!

2 O Lord, my God, to you I pray:  
Oh, cast me not in wrath away!  
Let your good Spirit ne'er depart,  
But let him draw to you my heart  
That truly penitent I be:  
O God, be merciful to me!

3 O Jesus, let your precious blood  
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.  
Turn not, O Lord, your guest away,  
But grant that justified I may  
Go to my house at peace to be:  
O God, be merciful to 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: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:  Amen.**

### **BE SEATED**

## FIRST LESSON


## EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the LORD came to me. 2 What do you mean, you who keep repeating this proverb concerning the soil of Israel, "Fathers eat sour grapes, and their sons' teeth are set on edge"? 3 As surely as I live, declares the LORD God, you will never again use this proverb in Israel. 4 Indeed, all souls are mine. The soul of the father is mine just like the soul of the son. The soul who sins is the one who will die. 25 But you say, "The LORD's way is not fair." Listen now, house of Israel. Is it my way that is not fair? Is it not your ways that are not fair? 26 If a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and practices unrighteousness, he will die because of it. Because of the unrighteousness that he has practiced, he will die. 27 But if a wicked man turns from his wickedness that he has done and practices justice and righteousness, he will preserve his life. 28 Because he has seen and turned away from all the rebellious acts that he had committed, he will surely live, and he will not die. 29 But the house of Israel says, "The LORD's way is not fair." Is it really my ways that are not fair, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not fair? 30 Therefore, I will judge each one of you according to his ways, O house of Israel, declares the LORD God. Repent and turn away from all your rebellious acts, so that you will not set out a stumbling block that makes you guilty. 31 Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled, and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. Why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the LORD God. So repent and live!

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm: 25 (page 74)

 **Refrain: To you, O Lord I lift my soul; In you I trust my God!**

 To you, O Lord, I lift 'up my soul;\*  
in you I trust, 'O my God.

Remember, O Lord, your great mercy' and love,\*  
for they are 'from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my 'rebellious ways;\*  
according to your love remember me, for you are 'good, O Lord

**Refrain: To you, O Lord I lift my soul; In you I trust my God!**

Turn to me and be gracious' to me,\*  
for I am lonely and 'afflicted.

Look on my affliction and 'my distress\*  
take away 'all my sins.

Guard my life and 'rescue me;\*  
for I take 'refuge in you.

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: To you, O Lord I lift my soul; In you I trust my God!**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **PHILIPPIANS 2:1–11**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. 6 Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, 7 but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11)

**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 21:28–32**

28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in my vineyard.’ 29 He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. 30 He came to the second and said the same thing. The second son answered, ‘I will go, sir,’ but he did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen 1 I tell you: The tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, but you did not believe him. However, the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him. Even when you saw this, you did not change your mind and believe him.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** 🎵 **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **BE SEATED**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 401 - Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ**

1 Your works, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to this heart.  
They tell me all is done;  
They bid my fear depart.

#### **Refrain:**

**To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my sinful soul;  
Your wounds, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole.

**Refrain:**

**To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the dreadful load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God.

**Refrain:**

**To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

4 Your death, not mine, O Christ,  
Has paid the ransom due;  
Ten thousand deaths like mine  
Would have been all too few.

**Refrain:**

**To whom but you, who can alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

**SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 21:28-32**

**THEME: WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

**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 304 - JESUS SINNERS DOES RECEIVE (V.1-4)**

1 Jesus sinners does receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here their ills have perfect healing  
Who with humble hearts believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray  
Are not by the Lord forsaken;  
Weary souls who lost their way  
Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken  
In his arms that they may live--

Jesus sinners does receive.

4 Come, O sinners, one and all,  
Come, accept his invitation.  
Come, obey his gracious call;  
Come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

### **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 304 - Jesus Sinners Does Receive (v.5-7)**

5 I, a sinner, come to you  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

6 Oh, how blest is it to know,



Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By your blood and bitter passion,  
For these words I do believe--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.  
Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave--  
Jesus sinners does receive.

## Have A Blessed Week!



