



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

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

*21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2020*

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Jim Seefeldt**

Dan Maedke, Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

**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 by Thursday mornings.

Thank You The Quilting Group would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" for the donation in memory of Anita Kaus from the Kaus Family.

WELS Connection We will be showing the October, 2020 WELS Connection at the end of the service.

Calendar November, 2020 calendar is available on the table in the hallway.

St. John Food Drive for the Peshtigo Food Pantry Nathan Sargent is currently attending Wisconsin Lutheran College where he has been tasked with creating a leadership initiative project for his leadership class. He has asked the



Church Council for permission to start a food drive collection in order to collect non-perishable food items as well as Thanksgiving cards to donate before Thanksgiving. Nathan is asking members of St. John, as well as families of St. John's school to, consider donating whatever items they are able to. Donations will be received up till the 8th of November. Any questions or suggestions about the food drive can be directed to Nathan via cell 920-562-7123, or email sargentnr17@gmail.com.



The Christian in Today's World FREE 8 Session Bible Study
Click the Image to Download this FREE Bible Study Course

Bible Study The fourth recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Sunday October 25, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovi18Q>.

We will finish 3 called The Christian in Today's Hostile 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.

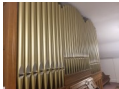
Organ Repair and Upgrade

Fabry Pipe Organs began on Tuesday, September 29.

- 1. Furnish and install an 8 Trompette rank.
- 2. Administer corrective voicing and trouble shoot any problems.
- 3. Furnish and install a new Tremulant unit.
- 4. Paint all 33 façade pipes in satin gold.



The pipes are painted and installed.



The Trompette is installed. The new unit has been left open waiting final tuning on November 2.



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.

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.

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 Our Savior/ St. Mark. Lena/Spruce, by Pastor Ryan Landwehr.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (10/18/2020) 55/40
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (32 weeks) 125
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY WELS Connection
Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Thursday WI State Teacher’s Conference—No School
Friday WI State Teacher’s Conference—No School
Sunday 8:30am Worship Service & Holy Communion
10:00am Worship Service & Holy Communion

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “B” - Dave Kaus, Paul Marquardt, Burnette Marquardt, Darlene Nohr

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 10/4/2020 \$ 4,649.08
General Fund Income for 10/11/2020 \$ 4,146.75
General Fund Income for 10/18/2020 \$ 11,088.25
Total General Fund Income (16 weeks) \$116,439.45
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (16 weeks) \$110,919.36
Total **BUDGET SURPLUS** in Offerings \$ 5,520.09
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense \$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,538.25; Tuition - \$1,050

Special Gifts & Offerings

Church Organ - \$350; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$20; CMO - \$1,050; Sunday School Missions - \$2; Future Church Workers - \$8.79

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Claryce Maedke
Church Organ Fund - In memory of Claryce Rohde from Paper Converting Machine Co
Church Organ Fund - In memory of Rueben Seefeldt from Shane & Lissa Seefeldt
Church Organ Fund - In memory of Rueben Seefeldt from Karen Bintz
CMO - In honor of Pastor Daniel, Lisa & Nathan Sargent from Jim & Connie Seefeldt



School News

- ⇒ October 23 is the end of the first quarter.
- ⇒ The CEA will meet on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 PM at church. Terry Brown will talk to parents regarding the School Choice program. Election of officers will also be held.
- ⇒ There will be no school on October 29 and 30.
- ⇒ Our school is continuing with the Box Tops for Education program. All you need to do is download the Box Top Mobile App and scan your receipts.
- ⇒ 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.

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 223 - As We Begin Another Week

1. As we begin another week, In Jesus' name your grace we seek.
God, grant that through these seven days No evil may befall our ways.

2. Your gentle blessings, Lord, outpour On all our labors ever-
more.

Our hearts with your good Spirit fill That we may gladly do your will.

3. In ev'ry season, ev'ry place, May we recall your Word of grace
Until, when life's brief day is past, We reach eternal joy at last

4. And keep with angels in your rest The endless Sabbath of the blest.

Grant this to us through Christ, your Son, Who reigns with you upon your throne.

Text: Martin Wandersleben, 1608-68, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.

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: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

ISAIAH 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines, with the

best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations. He has swallowed up death forever! The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face. He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth. For the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM: 23 (page 72)

♪ **Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

♪ The LORD is my 'shepherd,*
I shall not 'be in want.

He makes me lie down in green 'pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet 'waters.

He 'restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his 'name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no 'evil,*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they 'comfort me.

Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my 'enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil; my cup 'overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days 'of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 'forever.

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: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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SECOND LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you. I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. On that day it will be said, "Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us! This is the LORD! We waited for him. Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!" Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9)

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 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent out his servants to summon those who were

invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come. "Then he sent out other servants and said, 'Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!' "But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. The rest seized the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them. As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town. "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. So, go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.' Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: 🎵 Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 475 - CW The Man Is Ever Blest

1 The man is ever blest
Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorners' place,
2 But makes the law of God
His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day
And watches of the night.
3 He like a tree shall thrive

With waters near the root.
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live;
His works are heav'nly fruit.

4 Not so the wicked man!
He no such blessing finds.
His hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving winds.

5 How will he bear to stand
Before that judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
In full assembly meet?

6 God knows and he approves
The way the righteous go,
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overthrow.

SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 22:1-15

THEME: ARE YOU PROPERLY DRESSED?

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 462 - OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

2 Order my footsteps by your Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in your commands -
'Tis a delightful road -
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

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 242 - Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.

2 O forest leaves, so green and tender,
That dance for joy in summer air,
O meadow grasses, bright and slender,
O flow'rs, so wondrous sweet and fair,
You live to show his praise alone;
With me now make his glory known.

WE WILL VIEW THE WELS CONNECTION AT THIS TIME

Have A Blessed Week!

