



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2020

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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.
**Family and friends of Claryce Rohde who mourn her death. Private funeral service was held here at St. John last Thursday. 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 having the ushers sign up for you. 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.

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 pro-



ject 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 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. We hope to start collecting donations starting next Sunday when Nathan comes back from school for the weekend. 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 6 Session Bible Study
Click the image to download the FREE Bible Study Course

Bible Study The second recording of the Bible Study will be posted on our YouTube page Saturday 3 October, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ8tkCadzLHuxGWLhovgl8Q> We will

start lesson 2 called The Christian in Today's Political 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 29 September. The following work is being done.

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 have been removed and are being painted and will be installed again on Monday 5 October.



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
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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 erinlpape@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 Our Savior, Lena. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Christ, Menomi-

nee, MI, by Pastor Paul Cole .

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (9/27/2020)	63/33
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (29 weeks)	129

(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	8:20am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service
	10:00am	Worship Service

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

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 9/13/2020	\$ 4,734.75
General Fund Income for 9/20/2020	\$ 6,921.47
General Fund Income for 9/27/2020	\$ 6,934.50
Total General Fund Income (13 weeks)	\$ 96,555.37
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (13 weeks)	\$ 90,121.98
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 6,433.39
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1094.50; Tuition - \$2,700

Special Gifts & Offerings

CMO - \$10; Church Organ - \$10; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$30; Sunday School - \$2; Debt Reduction - \$10; School Undesignated - \$2,500

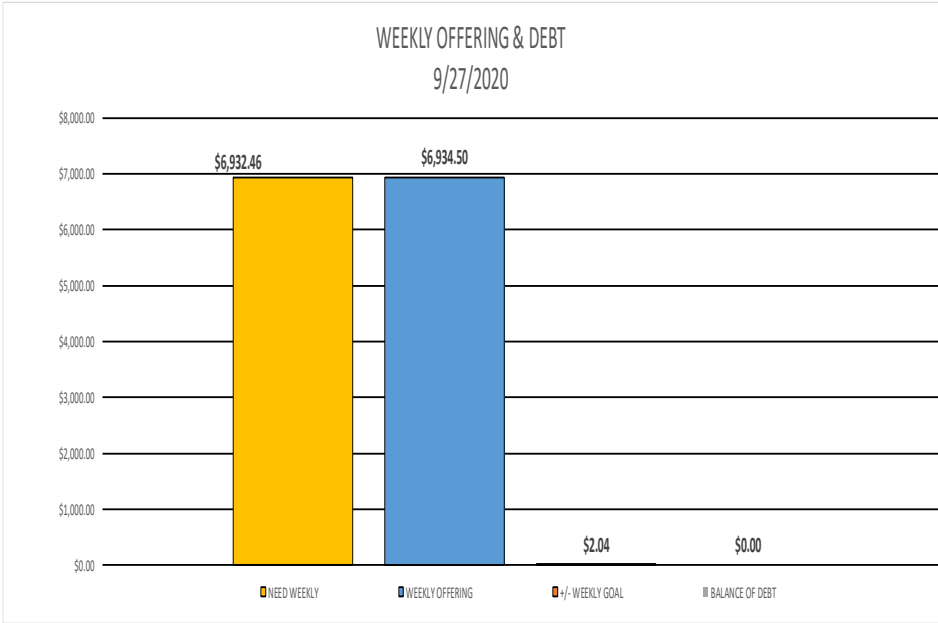
Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



School News

- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, October 7 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo at 6:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ October 23 will be the end of the 1st Quarter.
- ⇒ The CEA will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 27th, at 6:00 pm. Terry Brown, Vice President of Wisconsin School Choice will be there to give more information regarding this program. The CEA will also hold elections for officers at this meeting.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Our weekly chapel services are held in church on Fridays at 8:20. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. 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.

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October 4, 2020

OPENING HYMN: CW 384 - By Grace I'm Saved

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;

My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why waver at this word of promise?

Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

So then this word must true remain:

By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

2 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,

Came down to earth to bear our sin.

Was it because of your own merit

That Jesus died, your soul to win?

No, it was grace, and grace alone,

That brought him from his heav'nly throne.

3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of promise

When you are by your sins oppressed,

When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,

And when your heart is seeking rest.

What reason cannot comprehend

God by his grace to you did send.

4 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,

In tribulation's furnace tried --

By grace, despite all fear and trouble,

The Father's heart is open wide.

Where could I help and strength secure

If grace were not my anchor sure?

5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice.

For though I know my heart's condition,

I also know my Savior's voice.

My heart is glad; all grief has flown

Since I am saved by grace alone.

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: ♪ Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: ♪ Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

C: ♪ O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,
you crown our life with your love.**

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

**You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for
us all.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the
earth.**

**O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to
live with us; you made your Father known; you
washed us from our sins in your own blood.**

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

**O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the
earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no

one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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 55:6-9

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near! 7 Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon. 8 Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. 9 Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm: 27 (page 75)

 **Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation—of whom shall I be afraid, of whom shall I be afraid.**

 Hear my voice when I' call, O Lord; *
be merciful to me and 'answer me.

Do not hide your 'face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my ' helper.

Do not reject me or forsake' me,*
O God my 'Savior.

Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation—of whom shall I be afraid, of whom shall I be afraid.

Though my father and mother 'forsake me,*
the Lord will 'receive me.

I am still 'confident of this:*

I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the' living.

Wait 'for the Lord;*

be strong and take heart and wait 'for the Lord.

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 light and my salvation—of whom shall I be afraid, of whom shall I be afraid.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:18–27

18What does it matter? Only this, that in every way, whether for outward appearance or for the truth, Christ is being proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, 19because I know that this will turn out for my deliverance, through your prayer and the support of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 20This matches my earnest expectation and hope that I will in no way be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, so even now, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21Yes, for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22But if I am to go on living in the flesh, that will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet which should I prefer? I do not know. 23I am pulled in two directions, because I have the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. 24But, it is more necessary for your sake that I remain in the flesh. 25And since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with all of you, for your progress and joy in the faith. 26And so by my coming to you again, my goal is to give you even more reason to boast in Christ Jesus. 27Just conduct yourselves in a way that is worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come to see you or am absent, I may hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending together with one soul for the faith of the gospel.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 12:9a)

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 20:1–16

“Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. 4To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. 5Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. 6When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’ 7“They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ “He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ 8When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’ 9“When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. 10When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. 11After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: 12‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’ 13“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? 14Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. 15Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ 16In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 390 - Salvation unto Us Has Come

1 Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom;
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.

2 What God does in his law demand
And none to him can render
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.

3 It is a false, misleading dream
That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

4 Yet as the law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 20:1-16

Theme: It is not fair!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 305 - From Depths of Woe I Cry to You! (v1-2)

1 From depths of woe I cry to you;

Lord, hear me, I implore you.

Bend down your gracious ear to me;

My prayer let come before you.
If you kept record of my sin
And held against me what I've been,
How could I stand before you?

2 Your love and grace alone avail
To blot out my transgression.
The best and holiest deeds must fail
To break sin's dread oppression.
Before you none can boasting stand,
But all must fear your strict demand
And live alone by mercy.

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.

Those who are not receiving the Lord's Supper can be dismissed.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins, Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **♪ Amen.**

C: **♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Be Seated

Distribution of Communion

Stand

THANK THE LORD

**C: ♪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

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C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

Have A Blessed Week!

