



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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September 6, 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 stjohn-grover@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.

Pioneers Pioneer Kickoff will be Wednesday September 16th at 6pm in the fellowship hall at Zion. Come join us to get excited about this year's projects, camping trips, workshops and more. Pioneers is a faith centered youth experience that aims to assist our church in nurturing and training boys and girls in the Lord so that they will remain faithful to Him and faithfully serve Him

throughout their lives. Please Contact Alex Enter from Zion, Peshtigo at 715.733.0899 with any questions.

Twenties and Thirties Twenties and Thirties is a group of Young Adults who get together to strengthen our faith, through bible study, food and fellowship. It does not matter if you are a life-long Lutheran or checking out a church, we would love to have you. Our monthly gathering is typically the first Saturday of the month, from 6-9pm. Come hungry! We will eat a meal together (usually a potluck, but not right now!), then have Christ-centered content after supper. Our meeting for September will be hosted on September 12th at 6pm at the Markhardt’s house 351 Quincy St. Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Please Contact Alex Enter from Zion, Peshtigo at 715.733.0899 with any questions.

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.

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). 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 Pastor Jim Sonnemann.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (8/30/2020)	45/49
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (25 weeks)	133
(does not include the 10 weeks of no service)	

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LABOR DAY

Monday	NO SCHOOL NO ZION SERVICE
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	6:00pm Twenties & Thirties @ Markhardt’s house in Oconto Falls
Sunday	8:30am Worship Service

10:00am Worship Service

VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "B" - Brenda Polzin, Paul Marquardt, Burnette Marquardt

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 8/16/2020	\$ 25,234.75
General Fund Income for 8/23/2020	\$ 6,020.25
General Fund Income for 8/30/2020	\$ 10,327.50
Total General Fund Income (9 weeks)	\$ 71,051.57
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (9 weeks)	\$ 62,392.14
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 8,659.43
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 42,088.08

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,004.50; Tuition - \$3,750;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Sunday School Missions - \$1; CMO - \$10, Debt Reduction - \$10; Church Organ - \$10; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$10

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

General Fund - In memory of Dick Ihde from Jodi Mosupye, Sherri Haynes, Holli Ihde & families



School News

- ⇒ Our weekly chapel services will be held in church on Fridays at 8:20. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. We plan to record our chapel services as well and upload them to the church YouTube page. There will be a link on the school and church Facebook page as well.

- ⇒ There will be no school on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

- ⇒ Next Friday, September 11th, Missionary Guy Marquardt, who serves our India Mission, will be speaking to our children after chapel. Our chapel offerings this semester are going to the WELS India Children's Homes and Schools.



Sunday School Lessons for Remote Learning

We will be starting a Virtual Sunday School Program that is being provided by NPH on the 13th of September.

The Christ Light Remote Learning program is a complete curriculum that combines teacher led lessons and engages parents in reinforcing the lessons in tangible ways with their children. Here are some specifics:

- ◆ NPH is producing Christ-Light Lesson Videos for grades PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. The lessons for Sundays beginning September 13 will be recorded and taught by experienced WELS teachers and available via YouTube prior to each Sunday. The engaging and age-appropriate video-based lessons are free with no required password for access.
- ◆ Lesson Videos will include a brief introduction for parents along with the lesson's aim, the truth that is being shared, and a relevant application for the child, followed by the Bible lesson for the week.
- ◆ Printed Christ-Light Sunday School Student Lessons will be used by parents to help facilitate learning with their child.
- ◆ Following the Lesson Video, parents will be encouraged to complete an activity related to the lesson with their child and to reinforce the Memory Treasure.
- ◆ Printed Student Lessons are available for each grade level as noted above. They are shrink-wrapped in packs of 13 lessons for each student. The current cycle is Year 2, Fall, starting with Lesson 1, the story of God's creation of Adam and Eve.

We are asking parents to sign up their children after services on Sunday the 30th of August and the 9th of September. You can also contact Pastor at dsargentzambia@gmail.com or call 920-228-1061. Materials for the students will be ordered and paid for by the church. These will be made available to the parents on Sunday the 13th of September.

For more information see: <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote>



Confirmation Class

We will begin confirmation class on Wednesday the 9th of September at 4:30. Please be reminded that student will be required to wear masks during class.

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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September 6, 2020

OPENING HYMN: CW 399 - To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!

[Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!

[Refrain]

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: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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


Exodus 6:2–8

2 Then God spoke to Moses, telling him, “I am the LORD. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name, the LORD, I was not known to them. 4 I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land where they were residing as aliens. 5 I certainly have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. 6 “Therefore tell the Israelites, ‘I am the LORD. I will bring you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. I will deliver you from being their slaves. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, the one who brought you out from under the forced labor of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you to the land which I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34 (page 80)

 **Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

 Taste and see that the ‘Lord is good;’*
blessed are they who takes ‘refuge in him.

The eyes of the Lord are on the ‘righteous;’*
and his ears are attentive ‘to their cry;

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who ‘fear him;’*
and he delivers them from all their ‘troubles.

Refrain: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord ‘hears them;’*
he delivers them from all their ‘troubles.

The Lord is close to the broken ‘hearted’*
and saves those who are crushed in ‘spirit.

The Lord will redeem his 'servants;*'
no one who takes refuge in him will 'be condemned.

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: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 11:33–36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how untraceable his ways! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his adviser?" 35 "Or who has first given to God that he will be repaid?" 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b)

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 16:13–20

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But you, who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will

be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he commanded the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 420 - God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1 God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He has a smiling face.

3 Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

4 You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and will break
In blessing on your head.

SERMON TEXT: Romans 11:33-36

Theme: A spectacular view!

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 538 - The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,

And for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her
And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.

4 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

5 Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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 he 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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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.

Have A Blessed Week!