



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

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**Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*September 12, 2021*

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*Pastor*  
*Organist*  
*Counting Team*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>Service of the Word, page 38</b>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>283, 282, 242, 284</b>
<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Isaiah 35:4-7a</b>
<b>Psalms of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 116 (page 107)</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>James 1:17-27</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Mark 7:31-37</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Apostles' Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Mark 7:31-37</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>"Be Opened!"</b>

**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.

**\*\*Lord's Blessings on the marriage of Hunter Stodola and Kimberly Carlson this coming Saturday.**

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 Wednesday afternoon.



**Bible Study** We will return to Bible Study on September 12. It begins at 8:30 in the church. We are looking at a series called 19 Minutes with the Messiah. This week's lesson is **"The Net"** (Matthew 13:47-50). Next week's lesson is **"I AM the Bread of Life"** (John 6:25-51)

**E-giving(Online Giving)** There will be some changes coming by the end of September for the E-giving Mobile App. Please watch for the upcoming changes.

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 have questions, please feel free to call Brenda(920-660-5801) or Dave Kaus(715-923-9494).

**Homebound/Shut-ins** Please take note of our members who are not able to be with us at our Sunday services. Remember them in your prayers and if you are able, reach out to them with a card or a letter.

"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

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**Church Softball** Play some church softball this summer for fun & fellowship with brothers and sisters from WELS churches in the area! We will play at 1 p.m. **TODAY**, September 12 at St. John. It is for any male or female of all ages. You don't have to be good to come and play.

**Livestream Volunteers** We are still in need of volunteers to help with the live-streaming. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Sargent.



**2021 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 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 Grace, Crivitz. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by

Zion, Peshtigo by Pastor Luke Myslik.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (9/5/2021)	102
Live Stream Service 9/5/2021 (Households)	9
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (36 weeks)	116

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

TODAY	10:45am CEA Meeting
	1:00pm Area Church Softball game at St. John
Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	6:30pm Lutheran Pioneers Meeting (6-7:30pm)
Friday	8:10am School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	Hunter Stodola/Kimberly Carlson Wedding
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School/Bible Study
	9:30am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "F" - Kevyn Lange, Brent & Wanda Richlen

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 8/22/2021	\$ 5,347.30
General Fund Income for 8/29/2021	\$ 4,660.75
General Fund Income for 9/5/2021	\$ 5,730.68
Total General Fund Income (10 weeks)	\$ 54,548.34
Budget Goal: weekly @ \$5,826.92 (10 weeks)	\$ 58,269.20
(projection-\$303,000)	
Total Budget <b>DEFICIT</b> in Offerings	\$ 3,720.86
Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$227,800)	\$ 20,850/\$0

**\*Note: In the past, tuition was included as part of the general fund figures. Now with the School Choice program, it is a separate figure with its own projection.**

**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

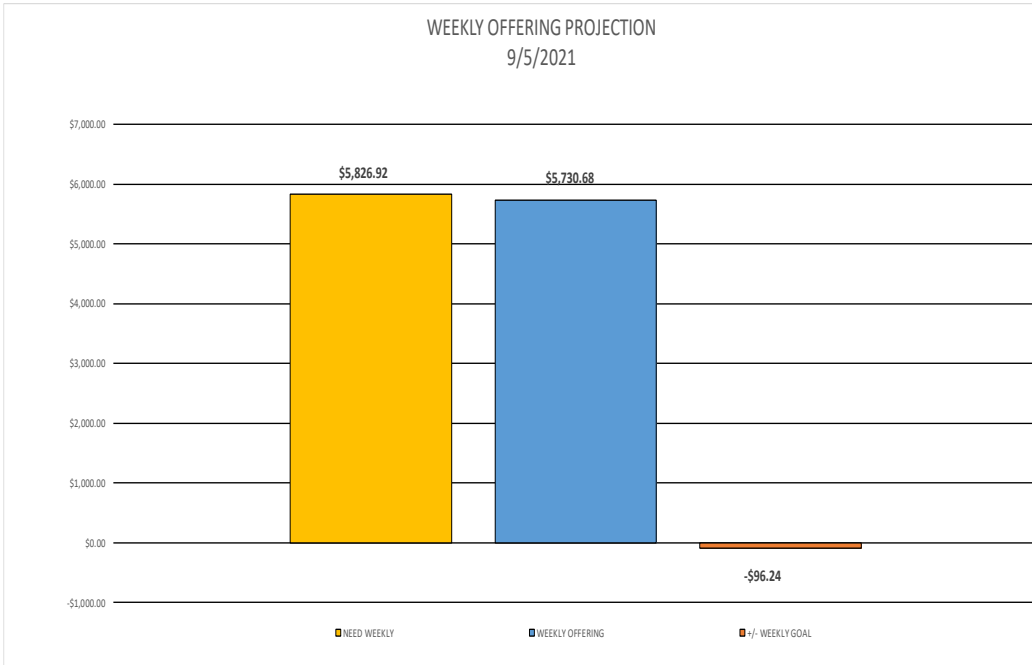
E-giving - \$2,363.68; Milk Money - \$20

**Special Gifts & Offerings**

CMO - \$110; Ladies' Aid/Meditation Books - \$5; Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$15; Sunday School - \$5; LYG - \$10; Debt Reduction - \$110; School Undesignated/t-shirts—\$30

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received:**

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



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Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-12pm

(subject to change)



## School News

- ⇒ The CEA (Christian Education Association) will meet today, Sunday, September 12 at 10:45 following our worship service. This will be our first meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. We will hold the meeting at school.
  
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, September 15, at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo at 6:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
  
- ⇒ Our weekly chapel services will be held in church on Fridays at 8:10. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. We will also upload the services to our school and church Facebook pages.
  
- ⇒ Our first girls' volleyball game will take place on September 23, at Trinity Marinette. We will play Faith Christian starting at 4:30 pm.

**FIRST LESSON****ISAIAH 35:4-7A**

4Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you. 5Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. 6The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. 7The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

**PSALM OF THE DAY****PSALM 116 (page 107)****SECOND LESSON****JAMES 1:17-27**

17Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. 18Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. 19Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. 20Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. 21So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls. 22Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. 23In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. 24Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. 25But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. 26If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. 27Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.



**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4 RSV)

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 7:31–37**

31 Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. 33 Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. 34 After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") 35 Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. 36 Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. 37 They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

**Have A Blessed Week!**



