



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

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Town of Grover – Peshtigo, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 13, 2020

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Brenda Polzin, Paul Marquardt, Burnette Marquardt Counting Team

Pastor

Organist

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.

Snow Plowing The Board of Education is looking to hire someone to do the snow plowing of the school parking lot this winter. It would require someone to be able to do the plowing before 7:00 am each time it snows. If you are interested please contact the School at email school@stjohnpeshtigo.org or call Pastor Sargent (920-228-1061)

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.

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.

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.

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 Zion, Peshtigo. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Calvary, Abrams, by Pastor Matthew Stuebs.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (9/6/20)	57/52
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (26 weeks)	132
(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 (Myslik)
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	6:00pm	Pioneers at Zion, Peshtigo
Sunday	8:30am	Worship Service & Holy Communion
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Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "C" - Matt & Ronda Lemke, Kyle Seefeldt

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 8/23/2020	\$ 6,020.25
General Fund Income for 8/30/2020	\$ 10,327.50
General Fund Income for 9/6/2020	\$ 6,913.08
Total General Fund Income (10 weeks)	\$ 77,964.65
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (10 weeks)	\$ 69,324.60
Total BUDGET SURPLUS in Offerings	\$ 8,640.05
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 41,938.28

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,147.08; Tuition - \$50;

Special Gifts & Offerings

Sunday School Missions - \$2; CMO - \$360, Debt Reduction - \$150; Church Organ - \$5; Gym/Fellowship/Building - \$25.55; LYG - \$5

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



Sunday School Lessons for Remote Learning

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.

Attention Parents!

In light of current challenges related to classroom gatherings because of the pandemic, our church is introducing a new approach to Sunday school. Beginning Sunday, September 13, lessons taught by experienced WELS teachers will be available free via YouTube. The engaging and age appropriate Lesson Videos will tie to printed Student Lessons that our church will provide to you at no cost. This new approach presents an easy yet meaningful way for you to encourage your child's faith in Christ.

To see the lesson for Sunday, September 13 Lesson Video and Student Lesson, visit nph.net/ss-at-home.

Printed Student Lessons for your child will be available for pick-up at church on Sunday, September 13th.

If you have not registered your child for Sunday School lessons, it is not to late. Please see the sign up sheets in the back of the Church or you can contact Pastor at dsargentzambia@gmail.com or call 920-228-1061. Materials for the students will be ordered and paid for by the church.

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

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.



School News

- ⇒ On Friday, our school children had an opportunity to learn more about where their mission offering is going this semester. Missionary Guy Marquardt, who serves our India Mission, spoke to the children after chapel. We are very grateful for Pastor and Mrs. Marquardt's faithful service to our fellow Christians, and the children in India. Missionary Marquardt's parents are members of Zion, in Peshtigo. We thank him for his presentation.

- ⇒ Just a reminder that our weekly chapel services are held in church on Fridays at 8:20. Parents and visitors are welcome to attend. We are recording these chapel services and uploading them to the church YouTube page. There will be a link on the school and church Facebook pages as well.

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OPENING HYMN: CW 125 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON**JEREMIAH 15:15-21**

15 O LORD, you understand. Remember me and care for me. Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. You are slow to anger. Do not take me away. Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace. 16 Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name, O LORD God of Armies. 17 I did not sit with the band of partygoers, nor did I celebrate with them. I sat alone, because your hand was upon me. You filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me, like a source of water that a person can't depend on? 19 Therefore this is what the LORD says. If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. 20 I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the LORD. 21 I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM OF THE DAY**Psalm: 121 (page 112)**

 **Refrain: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

 I lift up my eyes 'to the hills.*

Where does my help 'come from?

My help comes 'from the Lord,*
the maker of heaven' and earth.

He will not let your 'foot slip.*
he who watches over you will not' slumber;

indeed, he who watches over 'Israel*
will neither slumber' nor sleep.

Refrain: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

The Lord watches 'over you*

the Lord is your shade at' your right hand;
The Lord will keep you 'from all harm*
he will watch 'over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and 'going*
both now and 'forevermore.

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: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me,
hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 12:1–8

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. 2 Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. 3 So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. 4 For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. 5 In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. 7 If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. 8 If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:16 cf. RSV)

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 16:21–26

21 From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again. 22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.” 23 But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.” 24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. 25 In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 484 - Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best --
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.

2 By his mercy, by his bounty,

By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us,
What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us,
That his wisdom all controls.

3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only
In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us;
Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
Praising you forevermore.

SERMON TEXT: ROMANS 12:1-8
THEME: PUT YOUR WHOLE SELF IN!

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 488 - Savior, Thy Dying Love

1 Savior, thy dying love
Thou gavest me;
Nor should I aught withhold,
Dear Lord, from thee.
In love my soul would bow,
My heart fulfill its vow,
Some off'ring bring thee now,
Something for thee.

2 O'er the blest mercy seat,
Pleading for me,
My feeble faith looks up,
Jesus, to thee.
Help me the cross to bear,
Thy wondrous love declare,
Some song to raise or prayer,
Something for thee.

3 Give me a faithful heart,
Likeness to thee,
That each departing day

Henceforth may see
Some work of love begun,
Some deed of kindness done,
Some wand'rer sought and won,
Something for thee.

4 All that I am and have,
Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, through life,
Dear Lord, for thee!
And when thy face I see,
My ransomed soul shall be
Through all eternity
Something for thee.

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 354 - Lamb of God, We Fall before You

1 Lamb of God, we fall before you,
Humbly trusting in your cross.
Our great joy is to adore you;
All things else are only dross.

2 Jesus is the perfect Savior,
Only source of all that's good;
Ev'ry grace and ev'ry favor
Come to us through Jesus'; blood.

3 Jesus gives us true repentance
By his Spirit sent from heav'n,
Whispers this assuring sentence,
"All your sins are now forgiv'n."

4 Faith he grants us to believe it,
Grateful hearts his love to prize;
Want we wisdom? He must give it,
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.

5 Jesus gives us pure affections,
Wills to do what he requires,
Makes us follow his directions,
And what he commands, inspires.

6 All our prayers and all our praises,
Rightly offered in his name --
He that asks for them is Jesus;
He that answers is the same.

Have A Blessed Week!

