

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John*

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10/10/24

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St John**

**RISING FROM THE ASHES**  
*150th Anniversary of the  
Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John  
1874 - 2024*

**Thankful for the past—rejoicing in the present—and preparing for the future**  
**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE - OCTOBER 13TH, 2024 - 10:30AM**

Dear members of our St. John family,

**“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.” (Psalm 107:21 NIV)**

We give thanks to the Lord for His incredible blessings here at The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John. We have witnessed God’s work mightily in the hearts of His people. We have seen Him sustain this ministry through challenging times, allowing this congregation to literally rise from the ashes of the Great Peshtigo Fire of 1871. We’ve heard the stories of the men and women who were faithful to God’s call to start, restart and nurture the Church.

This year, we are commemorating 150 years of God’s faithfulness to his church. This calls for a celebration! ***Please join us at 10:00 am on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024***, for a special church anniversary worship service. There will be video presentations on the history of the church before the service that will start at 10:30, followed by a potluck lunch in the church basement.

The celebration will include lots of special memories, photos, special music, and an inspiring message. It will also be a great opportunity to catch up with our extended church family. Come celebrate how God allowed us to rise from the ashes, by thanking him for the past, rejoicing in the present and preparing for the future.

To God be the glory,

*Pastor Daniel Sargent*

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**  
**Ev. Lutheran Church of St John**  
**October 13, 2024**  
**Theme: "Rising From the Ashes"**

The writer to the Hebrews tells us that "God is the builder of everything" (Hebrews 3:4). On the 150th Anniversary of the Ev. Lutheran Church of St John, we know that is only by God's mighty hand that the congregation was able to start again after the terrible Peshtigo fire of 1871. The Holy Spirit graciously poured out the gifts needed to rebuild our congregation. May the LORD continue to build up our congregation through his work and sacraments.

***"We are mindful of the past, thankful for the present and  
preparing for the future."***

**Ring of the Bells**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** **Now Praise the Lord** (*Printed on page 6*)

(v1 Choir and Children, v2 Children, v3 Choir, v4-5 All)

*Please stand for verse 5*

**Psalms 51 and 65** (Read Responsively)

M: Open my lips, Lord,

**C: and my mouth will declare your praise.**

M: May it please you to prosper Zion,

**C: to build up the walls of Jerusalem.**

M: Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;

**C: to you our vows will be fulfilled.**

M: You who answer prayer,

**C: to you all people will come.**

M: When we were overwhelmed by sins,

**C: you forgave our transgressions.**

M: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

**C: We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.**

M: You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Savior,

**C: the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

M: The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;

**C: where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.**

**Confession of Sins**

M: By right we should have nothing to sing about. For God created human beings in his image to live in peace forever, but Adam and Eve sinned against him and we have sinned against him no less than they.

**C: We confess our sins, O LORD and ask you to forgive us.**

M: In love that astounds us, while we were still sinners, God sent his one and only Son to live among us, to obey as we could not, and to suffer what we deserved.

**C: We confess our sins, O LORD and ask you to forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

M: In Christ there is peace on earth. In him God extends his good will to all people. Because of Jesus and by his authority, I say to you; Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and the holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen**

## **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

M: O God, you have promised to be with your church forever. We thank you for those who overcame the tragedy of the Peshtigo fire and were willing to restart this congregation. We thank you for giving them the strength needed to restart and the courage to rebuild. We are thankful for the blessing you gave in the past. We are mindful of the blessings we are receiving now, and we pray for your blessing as we prepare for the future. Increase our faith in you, hold us together in the bond of love and make our fellowship an example to all, through Jesus Christ our Lord

**C: Amen**

*Be seated*

**Hymn:**

**CW 234—Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

## **History:**

Rev. Carl Heubner from the Wisconsin Synod was sent to serve Lutheran immigrants who had organized congregations in Marinette County. One group that started in the 1860's was called the German Lutheran Congregation of Peshtigo and Surrounding Territory. On October 8, 1871, the Peshtigo Fire devoured all of Peshtigo and the surrounding area. The homes, barns, cattle, belongings, and the church building of these members were reduced to ashes. Many lost husbands, wives, and children. Those who survived took courage and wanted a new start for their church.

## **First Reading: Nehemiah 2:9-20**

Then I came to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, and I gave them the king's letters. The king had sent army officers and cavalry with me. <sup>10</sup>When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very upset that a man had come to seek the welfare of the Israelites. <sup>11</sup>So I arrived at Jerusalem and was there for three days. <sup>12</sup>At that time I got up in the middle of the night with a few men. I had not told anyone what God had placed into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me except the animal on which I was riding. <sup>13</sup>At night I went out through the Valley Gate and went toward the vicinity of the Jackal Well<sup>[b]</sup> and the Dung Gate. I began inspecting the walls of Jerusalem, which had been breached, and its gates, which had been consumed by fire. <sup>14</sup>Then I crossed over to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the animal that I was riding to get through. <sup>15</sup>So I kept going up the valley and inspecting the wall during the night. Then I turned around and

went back the same way and came in through the Valley Gate. <sup>16</sup>The officials did not know where I had gone and what I was doing. I had not yet told the Jews—the priests, the nobles, the officials, or the rest of the people who would be doing the work. <sup>17</sup>So I said to them, “You see the very bad situation we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned. Come, let’s rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be disgraced.” <sup>18</sup>Then I told them that the hand of my God had been good to me, and I also told them the words the king had said to me. They said, “Let’s get up and rebuild!” Then they encouraged each other for this good work. <sup>19</sup>When Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they ridiculed us and held us in contempt. They said, “What are you doing? Are you rebelling against the king?” <sup>20</sup>I responded to them by saying, “The God of Heaven will make us successful. We, his servants, will rise up and rebuild. But you have no portion or right or heritage in Jerusalem.”

**Psalm: 84** (Page 96)

**History:**

The Peshtigo fire was a great tragedy. Many decided to leave because the forests were gone, homes destroyed and much of the soil ruined by ash. Those who remained would rebuild, not only their homes and farms, but most importantly--the church. Their faith in God made this possible.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-22**

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared in advance so that we would walk in them. So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God’s household. <sup>20</sup>You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**History:**

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1874 a new congregation was organized. The name they chose was The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint John. It was decided to build a church on three acres donated by Fred Warnecke. In August of 1876 a wooden church building was erected on the very site of our present sanctuary.

**Gospel: Luke 6:46-49**

<sup>46</sup>“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup>Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and does them—I will show you what he is like: <sup>48</sup>He is like a man building a house who dug down deep and laid a foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river beat against that house but could not shake it, because it was founded on bedrock. <sup>49</sup>But the one who listened to my words and did not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river broke against it, it fell immediately, and that house was completely destroyed.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

Hymn:

CW 622— For Many Years, O God of Grace

Sermon: Isaiah 57:14-15

Theme: God's Enduring Love

I will say, "Build up, build up the highway. Prepare the way. Remove the stumbling block from the way of my people." <sup>15</sup> Certainly this is what the High and Lofty One says, the one who dwells with his people forever, and whose name is holy I dwell in a high and holy place, yet also with the one who is crushed and lowly in spirit, in order to revive the spirit of those who have been pushed down, and to revive the hearts of those who have been crushed.

## Offering

Choir: Halleluia Chorus

*Please Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

M: Gracious Lord God, we come before you today with overflowing praise and thanksgiving, as did the returning exiles rebuilding the temple and singing with joy:

**C: "He is good; his love endures forever." — Ezra 3:11**

M: Glory to you alone, O Lord! In the past we have witnessed your guiding hand in blessing our congregation to restart and rebuild. We have seen what the psalmist reminds us:

**C: "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain." — Psalm 127:1**

M: Continue to direct the focus of our Church and School's ministry, carried out in your name.

**C: "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." — 1 Corinthians 3:11**

M: On this sure foundation, may we continue to carry out this work in all the facilities you have blessed us with. May they be used to increase your kingdom.

**C: "Prepare the way for the people; Build up the highway; Remove the stones; Raise a banner for the nations." — Isaiah 62:10**

M: Lord, our work is not yet complete, for the end of days is near. Strengthen us as we move in to the future. Help us to plan and build for what you still need us to do.

**C: From you the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." — Ephesians 4:16**

M: Lord, we pray for your blessing on our fellowship. Help us, in love, to build each other up through the power of your word and sacraments.

**C: "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of [our] mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs." — Ephesians 4:2**

M: Heavenly Father, today we marvel at your rich blessings. We thank you for so generously giving us your son and forgiving our sins and the promise of eternal life and the privilege of being your servants here on earth.

**C: "He is good; his love endures forever." Amen.**

*Be seated*

Hymn:

CW 382— My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Stand*

### Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for building up your people in worship today. You have strengthened and encouraged us through your word. You have enriched us through praise and song. You have bonded us together through prayer and confession. Continue to bless our faith and daily living in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray;

### Lord's Prayer

#### Blessing

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. Amen.

*Be Seated*

Closing Hymn:

CW 293—God's word is our Great Heritage

### Hymn CW 618

1 Praise the Lord with strings and pipes;  
sing his praises now with fullest voice!  
Celebrate this festive day;  
come rejoice and loudly say, **(Refrain)**

**Refrain:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluias without end!  
Let ev'rything with breath now praise the Lord!

2 Praise the Lord with cymbals' crash;  
sound his awesome might and majesty.  
Mighty God, who reigns on high,  
you who created earth and sky. **(Refrain)**

3 Praise the Lord with trumpets' blast;  
shout the resurrection's victory!  
Living Christ, triumphant King,  
Savior and friend, to you we sing. **(Refrain)**

4 Praise the Lord with bells' bright sound;  
let them peal and ring majestic'ly.  
Spirit blest, who sanctifies,  
giver of faith, we now reply, **(Refrain)**

5 Praise the Father and the Son,  
praise the Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Instruments resound to thee,  
power and life and mystery! **(Refrain)**



*150th Anniversary Service*  
*October 13, 2024*

Pastor Daniel Sargent  
Jim Seefeldt  
Wes & Ella Aguilar  
Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick

Pastor  
Organist  
Greeters  
Counting Team



**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 [stjohngrover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrover@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.

**St John Quilting Group** The Quilters' group meets every Tuesday. If you would like to join the group, come at 9:00am and bring a lunch because they meet until 2:00pm. Pastor joins the group at times for a question-and-answer Bible Study while the ladies work on the quilts. You don't have to know how to sew to join. There are other things you can help with that would be appreciated.



The quilts they make are donated to our St. John shut ins, Bellin Health Marinette for cancer patients, Veterans at the home in Iron Mountain, Rainbow House for mothers and children from trouble homes, the homeless shelter in Menomonie and area nursing homes.



**Mom's Bible Study** Our next Bible Study will be **Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30am** in St. John church basement. Children are welcome. Activity/toys and light snack will also be provided for children. Please let Erin Pape know if you are able to attend or interested in future meetings (262) 352-8762.

**Bible Study** We will be looking at the "**Book of Jonah**" in this study. It will be at 9:00am in the front of the church. All are welcome.



**Seroogy Candy Bars** St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars once again at the cost of \$2.00 each.

Thank you for your support!!

**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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**2024 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](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 *St. John, Grover*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *St. John, Grover* by *Pastor Daniel Sargent*.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 10/6/2024	161
Live Stream Service 10/6/2024 (Households)	19
Sunday School/Bible Study 10/6/2024	21/14
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (40 weeks)	166

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

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Tuesday	9:30am Mom's Bible Study
	10:00am Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	5:30pm Lutheran Pioneers Meeting @ Zion
Thursday	4:30pm Ladies Night out @ Railhouse, Marinette
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School Bible Study
	10:00am Worship Service w/Communion

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

Next Sunday's Greeters: Brenda Polzin & Lisa Sargent

***Offerings for the Lord's Work***

General Fund Income for 9/22/2024	\$ 5,757.06
General Fund Income for 9/29/2024	\$ 4,748.44
General Fund Income for 10/6/2024	\$ 6,472.74
Total General Fund Income (15 weeks)	\$ 84,623.03
Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,282.33	\$ 94,234.95
(15 weeks) (projection-\$326,681)	
Total Church Offering Goal <b>DEFICIT</b>	-\$ 9,611.92
Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$279,546)	\$31,308.44/\$58,862.75



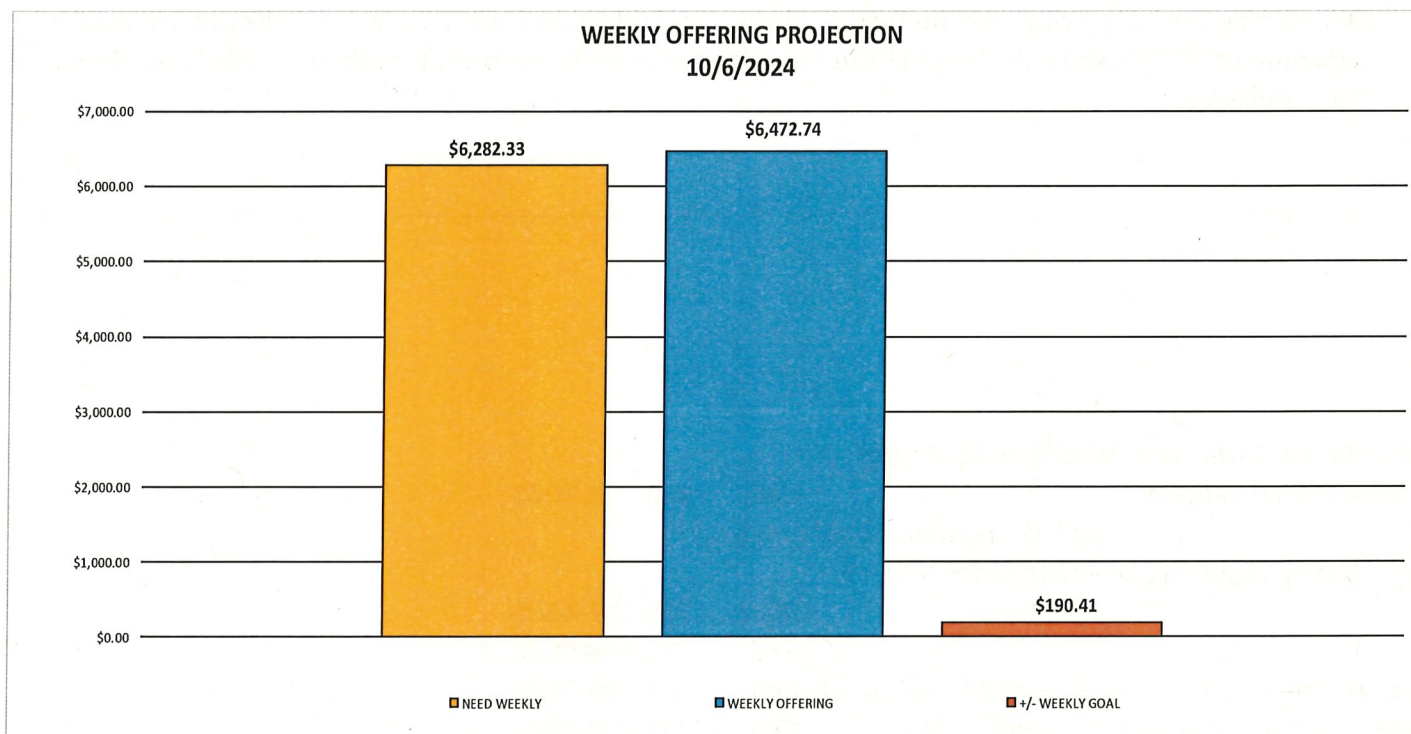
**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

E-giving - \$2,089.50;

**Special Gifts & Offerings:**

School Missions - \$71.50; Sunday School Missions - \$6; Anniversary - \$290; CMO - \$115; LYG - \$10; School Undesignated/t-shirts - \$45; Church Organ - \$10; Choir - \$10; Piano - \$5; Sunday School - \$5; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - \$20

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received**



Link to Electronic giving page.  
Just scan with your phone.



## SCHOOL NEWS

- ⇒ Thank you to all the children from our grade school and Sunday school who joined the choir in offering their praise to God for the blessings of 150 years of our Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. John.
- ⇒ A sincere thank you to Tim and his son, Casey Kamm and Scott Tebo from the Grover Porterfield Fire Department for once again taking time from their busy schedules to speak to our students about fire safety and prevention this past Wednesday, October 9th. Our students also presented their donations of snacks and beverages to be used by the volunteer firefighters when needed. Also, an added reminder to all our families, please take a few moments to practice fire safety measures at home, especially checking to see smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.
- ⇒ Our school parents are invited to attend the first PTO meeting of the 2024-2025 school year this Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 pm at the school. We will be discussing fundraising goals and opportunities.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet this Wednesday, October 16th at Zion, Peshtigo from 5:30 - 7:00 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 8:15. Parents and visitors are always welcome to attend. We will also post the recording of these devotions on both our school and church Facebook pages.

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

## Ladies Night Out Fall Schedule 2024

*SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

RAILHOUSE IN MARINETTE(4:30PM)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

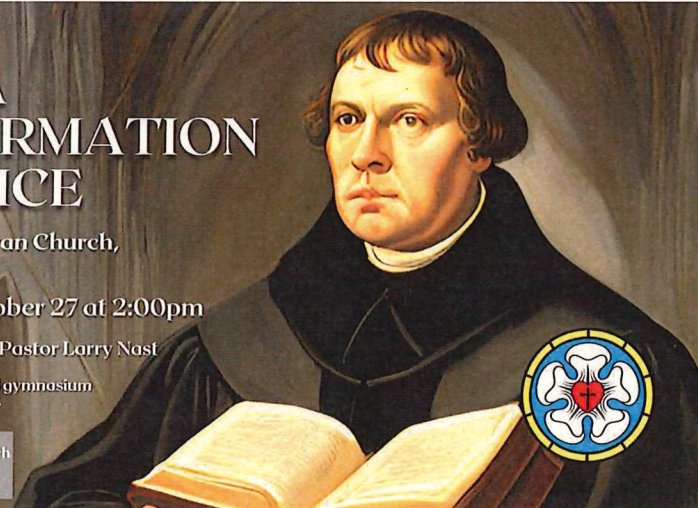
THE WINDJAMMER NEAR MARINETTE (4:30PM)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

BROWN'S CORNER IN PESHTIGO(4:30PM)

Anyone questions, please call Marquita at 715-582-3304

4:30pm Social - Dinner 5:00pm



**AREA  
REFORMATION  
SERVICE**


Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Marinette

Sunday, October 27 at 2:00pm

Guest Preacher: Pastor Larry Nast

Fellowship in school gymnasium  
to follow the service.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1501 Thomas St.  
Marinette, WI



### OUR MISSION:

St. John Lutheran Church exists to nurture our congregation with God's Word and Sacraments, share the Gospel in our surrounding communities and the world, and serve others in Christian love.