

*Third Sunday in Advent*  
*December 11, 2022*

**Pastor Daniel Sargent**

**Jim Seefeldt**

**Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde**

**Pastor**

**Organist**

**Counting Team**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Order of Service**

**Service of the Word, page 38**

**Hymns**

**12, 405, 414, 23**

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

**Psalm of the Day**

**Psalm 146 (page 120)**

**Second Lesson**

**James 5:7-11**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 11:2-11**

**Confession of Faith**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Sermon Text**

**James 5:7-11**

**Worship Theme**

**"Be Patient!"**

**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.



**Offering** If you wish to give an offering, it can be placed in the plates on the usher table in the narthex.

**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.

\*Family & Friends of Leo Seefeldt who mourn his death.

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.

**2022 Contributions** Christmas Day will be the last Sunday in which we will be accepting contributions of any kind for the 2022 year. Thank you!

**2023 Offering Envelopes** We are getting together info for our 2023 offering envelope list. If you are currently receiving offering envelopes for 2022 and wish to discontinue receiving them for 2023 due to wanting to take advantage of the E-Giving Program or for other reasons, please contact Brenda Polzin by email at [stjohngrover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrover@gmail.com) or talk with her or Albert Kamps directly.



**Poinsettias** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for our Christmas decorations. Please note if the flowers are in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

**Advent Wreath** Our Blessed thanks for donating the Advent wreath and candles in loving memory of Carl & Elfrieda Carlson from their family.



**Christmas Tree and Decorations** Our blessed thanks to the families for donating and decorating the Christmas tree and for the many decorations that beautify



our church inside and outside.

### ***Christmas/New Year's Worship Services***

December 24 4:00pm St. John Christmas Eve Song Service

December 24 6:30pm St. John Children's Program

December 25 10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

December 31/January 1 There will NOT be any **New Year's Eve** service. **New Year's day** services will be the normal Sunday Worship Service.

***Ladies Aid and Men's Club*** **SAVE THE DATE:** The congregation is invited to a potluck meal and Christmas party on Sunday, Jan. 8 after the church service in the church basement. Bring your family, a dish to pass, and beverages will be provided.



***Advent*** Unfortunately, there will not be the "Advent" services held here at St. John Church. Trinity, Coleman is holding Advent Services at 6:00pm. They will also have Advent meals at 5:00pm.

***Job Posting*** Trinity Lutheran School, Marinette, is looking for a part-time janitor. The current position will be vacant starting January 1, 2023. The janitor works an average of 15 hours per week cleaning the school and will have up to 5 hours per week cleaning the church. The pay rate is \$14 per hour. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please contact Josh Danell at 715-732-2956 or [principal@tlsmarinette.com](mailto:principal@tlsmarinette.com).

***Cards*** There are Christmas cards available in the church entry way.



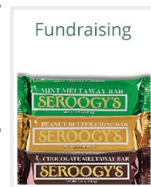
***Sunday School*** We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping let Pastor Sargent know.



**Bible Study** There will not be Bible Study until after the holidays because the Sunday School Children will be practicing for the Christmas Eve Program here in church.

**Seroogy Candy Bars** St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars at the cost of \$1.50 each.

*At the request of congregation members, we will continue to sell candy bars for future events of the Youth Group!*



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

**2022 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 *Grace, Crivitz*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Grace, Crivitz by Staff Minister, Dan Kock*.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/4/2022	164
Live Stream Service 12/4/2022 (Households)	10
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/4/2022	24/11
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (49 weeks)	137

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

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	3:00pm School Children's Christmas Program
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "A" - Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

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

General Fund Income for 11/20/2022	\$ 4,476.75
General Fund Income for 11/27/2022	\$ 6,548.75
General Fund Income for 12/4/2022	\$ 5,818.25
Total General Fund Income (23 weeks)	\$131,250.79
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,000.00 (23 weeks)	\$138,000.00
(Projection - \$312,000)	

Total Church Offering Goal **DEFICIT** -\$ 6,749.21

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632)\$ 30,947.50/71,391.50

### ***Included in General Fund Income Total:***

E-giving - \$1,590.50;

### ***Special Gifts & Offerings:***

Sunday School Missions - \$13; Church Organ - \$10; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - \$20; CMO - \$215; LYG - \$298; Ladies Aid - \$200; School Missions - \$35.50; Hot Lunch - \$82; Choir - \$10; Piano Fund - \$5; Sunday School - \$5

### ***Memorials & Special Gifts Received:***

General Fund - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Tom & Rita Seefeldt

General Fund - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Jim & Lois Polzin

General Fund - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Janet Lange

General Fund - In memory of Ron Grom from Janet Lange

Ladies Aid - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Shane & Lissa Seefeldt & Family

Ladies Aid - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Patrick & Jodi Mosupye

## School News

- ⇒ The joint boys' basketball team with Trinity, Marinette will have its first game at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Marinette on Monday, December 12 at 4:30 pm.
- ⇒ There will be a Christmas Eve practice on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 - 11:00 am for the children from both St. John School and Sunday School.
- ⇒ **We will be collecting items for our school Hygiene Drive that we are doing for the Peshtigo Food Pantry until the morning of Monday, December 19. Collection boxes will be available at both St. John's School and the church narthex. Please consider donating the following items: Soap and body wash, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, body lotion and hand cream, New (not used) winter hats, gloves, mittens and socks. If you would like to make a cash donation, this can also be used to buy perishable items for Christmas. Thank you to all who have donated so far. It is greatly appreciated.**
- ⇒ If you are interested in reading more about our school happenings, you can find a few copies of our weekly school newsletter on the Usher's Table as you enter the church sanctuary.



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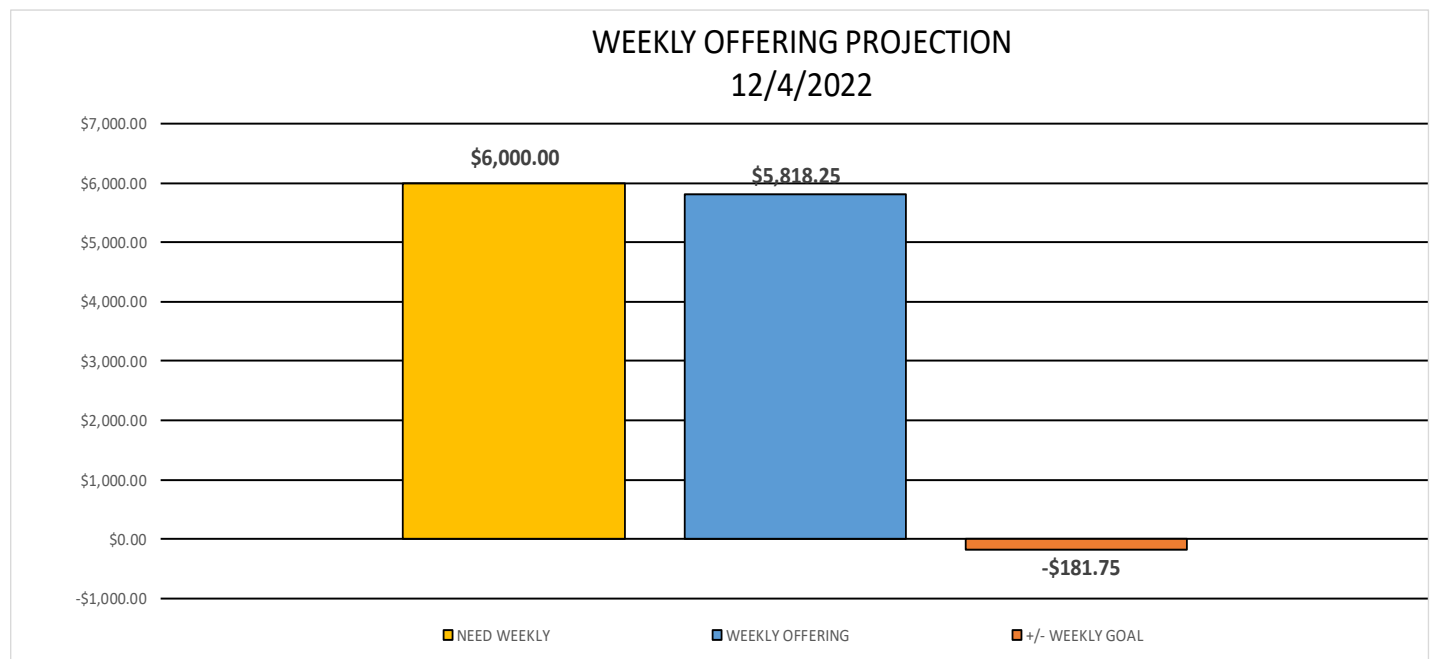
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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm



*Join us!*

DID YOU  
KNOW?

*Christmas Eve*

Saturday,

December 24

6:30 PM



## *Children's Christmas Service*

On Christmas Eve, St. John students and St. John Sunday School will lead our worship service. **Invite family and friends!** Christmas is a wonderful time to share our faith and the peace we have in Christ.



## **FIRST LESSON**

## **ISAIAH 35:1-10**

The wilderness and the desert will be glad. The wasteland of the Arabah will rejoice and blossom like a crocus. 2 It will bloom lavishly, and there will be great joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it. It will be excellent like Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make the shaky knees steady. 4 Tell 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. 5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. 6 The 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. 7 The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water. There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts of jackals once lay. 8 A highway will be there, a road that will be called the holy way. The impure will not walk there. It will be reserved for those who walk in that holy way. Wicked fools will not wander onto it. 9 No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious animal go up on it. They will not be found there, but only the redeemed will walk there. 10 Then those ransomed by the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with a joyful shout, and everlasting joy will crown their heads. Happiness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

## **PSALM 146 (PAGE 120)**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **JAMES 5:7-11**

7 Therefore, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the valuable harvest from the ground, patiently waiting for it, until it receives the early and late rain. 8 You be patient too. Strengthen your hearts because the coming of the Lord

is near. 9Do not complain about one another, brothers, so that you will not be judged. Look! The Judge is standing at the doors! 10Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering with patient endurance. 11See, we consider those who endured to be blessed. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and have seen what the Lord did in the end, because the Lord is especially compassionate and merciful.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10 cf. NIV)

### **GOSPEL**

### **MATTHEW 11:2-11**

2While John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ was doing. He sent two of his disciples 3 to ask him, “Are you the Coming One or should we wait for someone else?” 4Jesus answered them, “Go, report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. 6Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me.” 7As these two were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the crowds about John. “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8What did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? No, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. 9So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you! And he is much more than a prophet. 10This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ 11Amen1 I tell you: Among those born of women there has not appeared anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

**Have A Blessed Week!**