

*3rd Sunday in Advent*  
*December 12, 2021*

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***Jim Seefeldt***

***Shane Seefeldt, Mark & Eunice Kamps***

***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**

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**Affirmation of Baptism**

**Hymns**

**301, 443, 14, 28**

**First Lesson**

**Zephaniah 3:14-17**

**Choir Song**

**“On This Still Silent Night”**

**Second Lesson**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Luke 3:7-18**

**Confession of Faith**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Sermon Text**

**Zephaniah 3:14-17**

**Worship Theme**

**“Joy!”**

***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.

**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following in your prayers:  
\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week for members and loved ones.

\*\*Affirmation Baptism of Nora Lynne Pape

Please 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 by Thursday mornings.



**Affirmation Baptism** Nora Lynne Pape, daughter of Aaron and Erin Pape, will receive affirmation of Holy Baptism today during the worship service. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

**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 Worship Service

December 24 7:00pm St. John Children's Service

December 25 9:30am Christmas Day Worship Service

December 31/January 1 There will NOT be any New Year's Eve/  
New Year's day services.



**Advent Services** Last of the Midweek Advent Services continues this Wednesday, December 15. Service will be at 2:00 pm here at St. John. There is also a service at Trinity, Coleman at 6:00 pm There will be a meal at Trinity before the services at 5:00 pm.

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

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



**Bible Study** We are looking at a series called **19 Minutes with the Messiah**. This week's lesson is **"The Barren Fig Tree"** (Luke 13:1-9).. Next week's lesson is **"The Great Banquet"**

**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.

**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 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/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by Trinity, Marinette, by Pastor Jim Sonnemann.

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

Mid-Week Advent Service (12/1/2021)	13
Those Who Joined Us in Worship (12/5/2021)	57
Live Stream Service 12/5/2021 (households)	26
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/5/2021	6/10
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (49 weeks)	116

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

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	2:00pm Advent Service
	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	8:10am School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	9:00am Christmas Program Practice (9-11am)
	2:00pm Pioneers Caroling (2-5pm)
Sunday	8:30am Sunday School/Bible Study
	9:30am Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 11/21/2021	\$ 4,716.25
General Fund Income for 11/28/2021	\$ 4,396.75
General Fund Income for 12/5/2021	\$ 3,669.50
Total General Fund Income (23 weeks)	\$123,363.17
Budge Goal: Weekly @ \$5,826.92 (23 weeks)	\$134,019.16

(Projection - \$303,000)

Total Budget **DEFICIT** in Offerings \$ 10,655.99

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$227,800) \$ 26,686.42 / \$100,032

**\*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 - \$1,674.50;

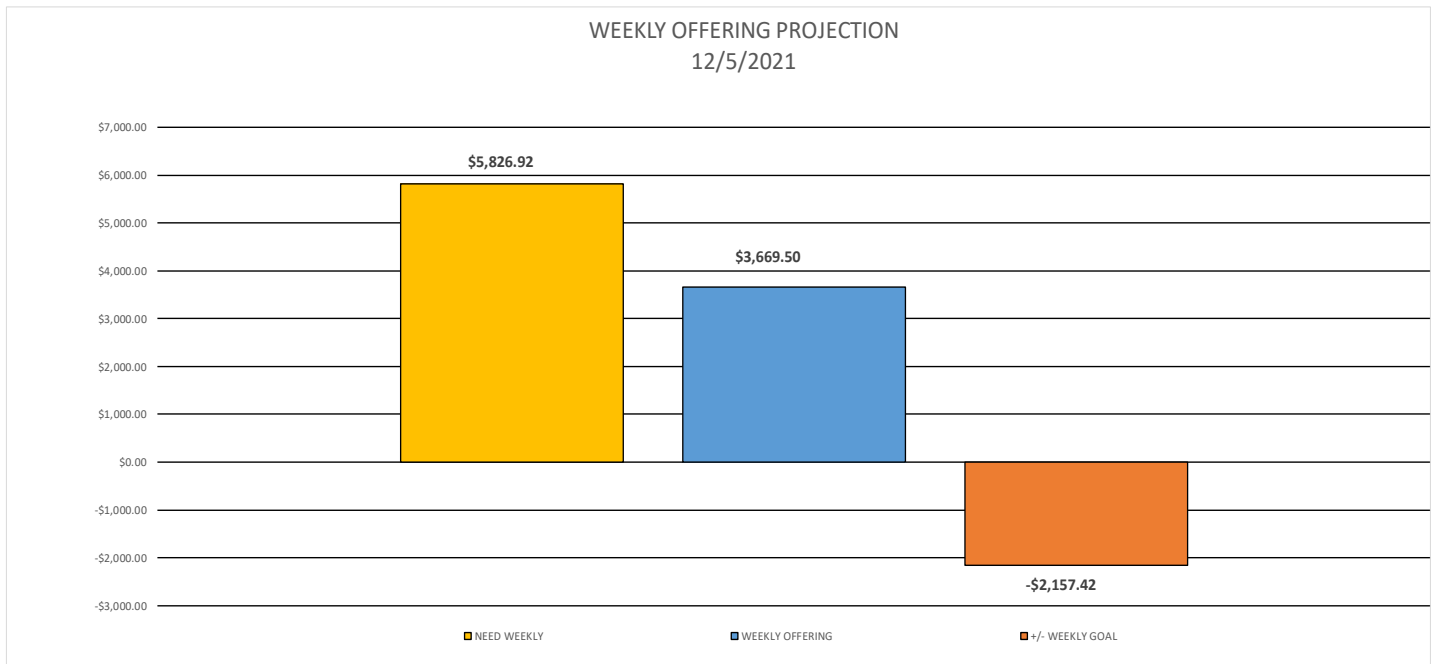
***Special Gifts & Offerings:*** Gym/Fellowship/Bldg - \$20; CMO - \$25; Sunday School Missions - \$8; LYG - \$22; School Missions - \$37.50; Hot Lunch - \$72; Debt Reduction - \$110; Church Organ - \$5; Choir - \$5; Piano Mtc - \$5; Sunday School - \$5

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

### **School News**

- ⇒ The boys' basketball team will play a game on Thursday, December 16 at Bay City starting at 5:00 pm.
- ⇒ There will be one more Christmas Eve practice on December 18, from 9:00 - 11:00 am.

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



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(subject to change)

## **E-GIVING**

***E-giving(Online Giving)*** There are some changes from before. 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:  
**\*Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement (NEW 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 typing Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John, Grover WI(need to type that exactly). If you used the previous app(GivePlus), you should be able to use your same username/password to access your information/history.**

**\*\*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/ACH.**

**\*\*\*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!  
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.



**FIRST LESSON****ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17**

14 Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The LORD has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster. 16 In that day Jerusalem will be told, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up. 17 The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

**CHOIR SONG****"ON THIS STILL SILENT NIGHT"****SECOND LESSON****PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**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****LUKE 3:7-18**

7 So John kept saying to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore produce fruits in keeping with repentance! Do not even think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' because I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. 9 Even now the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not

produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire.” 10 The crowds began to ask him, “What should we do then?” 11 He answered them, “Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.” 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized. They said, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 To them he said, “Collect no more than what you were authorized to.” 14 Soldiers were also asking him, “And what should we do?”

**Have A Blessed Week!**