

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 18, 2022

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Becky Marotz

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***Pastor
Organist***

Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Baptism

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Order of Service

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Hymns

300, 8, 377, 17

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 24 (page73)

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

Sermon Text

Matthew 1:18-25

Worship Theme

“It’s Messy!”

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.

Communion Announcements Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.

NOTE: VISITORS, PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD IF RECEIVING COMMUNION SO WE CAN LET YOUR HOME CHURCH KNOW OF YOUR ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!!

Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:

- * Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.
 - * Family & Friends of Ron Carlson who mourn his death.
 - * Stetson James Yoap as he receives the blessing of Holy Baptism.
- 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 Wednesday afternoon.

Baptism Stetson James Yoap, son of Alex & Ciara Yoap will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism during the service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.



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 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.

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@tismarinette.com.

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

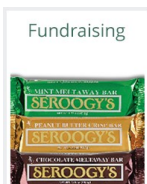


Sunday School We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping let Pastor Sargent know.

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 Fa-

ther 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). 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 *Christ, Menominee, MI* by Pastor Paul Cole.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

St. John School Children's Program 12/10/2022	212
Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/11/202	120
Live Stream Service 12/11/2022 (Households)	11
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/11/2022	18/
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (50 weeks)	137

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm Zion Service
Tuesday	10:00am Board of Elders
	6:30pm Board of Education
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	YOUTH CAROLING
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
	1:00pm School Early Release
	CHRISTMAS BREAK - HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Saturday	4:00pm Christmas Eve Song Service
	6:30pm Children's Christmas Eve Program
Sunday	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY
	10:00am Worship Service w/WELS Connection

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "B" - Dave Kaus, Paul Mar-

quardt, Darlene Nohr

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 11/27/2022	\$ 6,548.75
General Fund Income for 12/4/2022	\$ 5,818.25
General Fund Income for 12/11/2022	\$ 5,062.00
Total General Fund Income (24 weeks)	\$136,312.79
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,000.00 (24 weeks)	\$144,000.00
(Projection - \$312,000)	
Total Church Offering Goal DEFICIT	-\$ 7,687.21
Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632)	\$ 30,947.50/71,391.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,541.75;

Special Gifts & Offerings:

Sunday School Missions - \$13.50; Church Organ - \$210; Ladies Aid - \$150; School Missions - \$38.25; Hot Lunch - \$74; Choir - \$50; School Undesignated/School Christmas Program Door Offering - \$457.56

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

General Fund - In memory of Leo Seefeldt from Karen & Cody Bintz

General Fund - In memory of Ron Grom from Karen & Cody Bintz

General Fund - In memory of Ron Grom from Tom & Rita Seefeldt

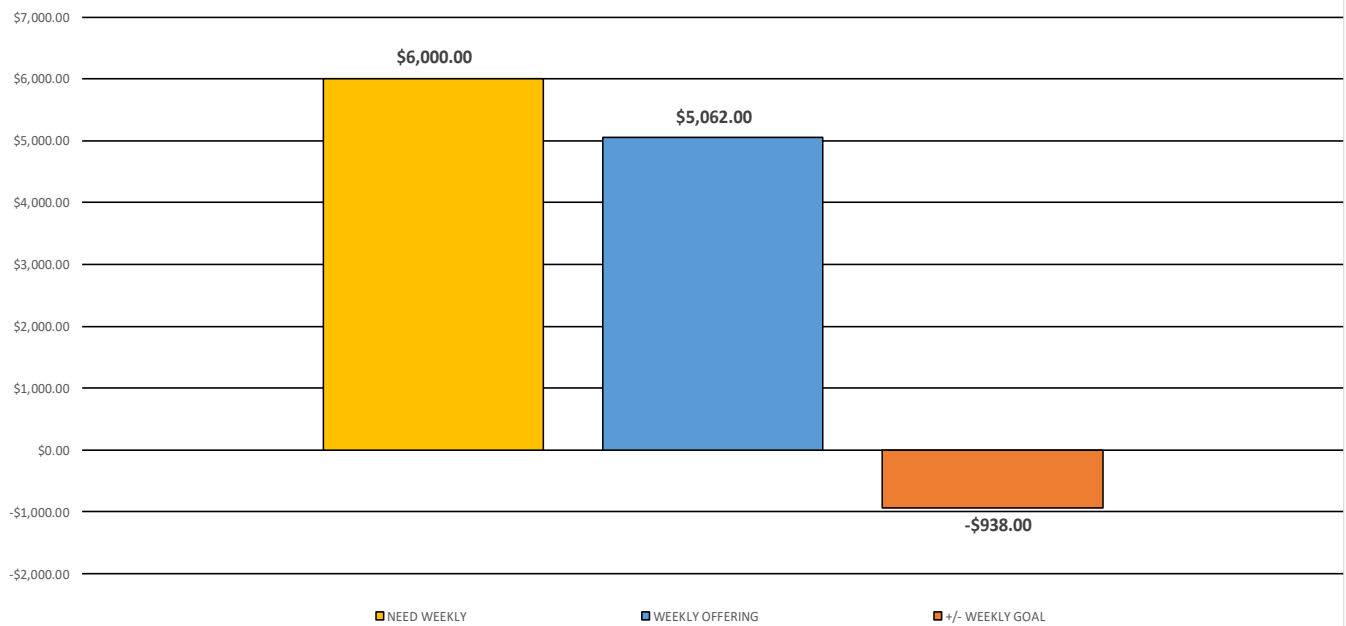
Choir Fund - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

Church Organ - In memory of Ron Grom from Jim & Connie Seefeldt

Church Organ - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Bill & Belinda Seefeldt

Church Organ - In memory of Doris Seefeldt from Rhonda & Da-

WEEKLY OFFERING PROJECTION
12/11/2022



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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 7:10-14**

10 The LORD spoke to Ahaz again. He said, 11 “Ask for a sign from the LORD your God. Ask for it either in the depths below or in the heights above.” 12 But Ahaz responded, “I will not ask. I will not test the LORD.” 13 So Isaiah said: Listen now, you house of David. Is it not enough for you to test the patience of men? Will you test the patience of my God as well? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give a sign for all of you. Look! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and name him Immanuel.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 24 (PAGE 73)****SECOND LESSON****ROMANS 1:1-7**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised in advance through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. 3 This gospel is about his Son—who in the flesh was born a descendant of David, 4 who in the spirit of holiness was declared to be God’s powerful Son by his resurrection from the dead—Jesus Christ, our Lord. 5 Through him we received grace and the call to be an apostle on behalf of his name, to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, 6 including you, who were called by Jesus Christ. 7 To all those loved by God who are in Rome, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. (Matthew 1:23)

GOSPEL**MATTHEW 1:18-25**

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. His mother, Mary, was pledged in marriage to Joseph. Before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph, her husband, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her. So he decided to divorce her privately. 20 But as he was considering these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this happened to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "Look, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son. And they will name him Immanuel," which means, "God with us." 24 When Joseph woke up from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him. He took Mary home as his wife, 25 but he was not intimate with her until she gave birth to her firstborn son. And he named him Jesus.

Have A Blessed Week!