

*4th Sunday in Advent*  
*December 19, 2021*

***Pastor Daniel Sargent***

***Becky Marotz***

***Scotty & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick***

***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.

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament, page 26</b>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>21, 23, 399, 28</b>
<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Micah 5:2-5a</b>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 85 (page 97)</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Hebrews 10:5-10</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 1:39-55</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Nicene Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Micah 5:2-5a</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>“Peace!”</b>

***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.

***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.

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

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.


**Sunday School/Bible Study** We will be taking a break from Sunday School and Bible Study on December 26 and January 2. We will resume on January 9.

 **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.

**PLANTS CAN BE BROUGHT INTO CHURCH ANYTIME!!**

**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.

***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 Great Banquet"** (Luke 14:1, 15-24). The next lesson is **"The Lost Sheep"** (Luke 15:1-7).

***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 Zion, Peshtigo. 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 Jon Tesch.

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

Mid-Week Advent Service (12/8/2021)	14
Those Who Joined Us in Worship (12/12/2021)	107
Live Stream Service 12/12/2021 (households)	21
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/12/2021	23/4
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (50 weeks)	116

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

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Tuesday	10:00am	Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	4:00pm	Christmas Eve Song Service
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Children's Program
Saturday	9:30am	Christmas Day Service
Sunday		NO Sunday School/Bible Study (resume January 9)
	9:30am	Worship Service w/WELS Connection

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

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 11/28/2021	\$ 4,396.75
General Fund Income for 12/5/2021	\$ 3,669.50
General Fund Income for 12/12/2021	\$ 5,962.75
Total General Fund Income (24 weeks)	\$129,325.92
Church Offering Goal: Weekly @ \$5,826.92 (24 weeks)	\$139,846.08
(Projection - \$303,000)	

Total Church Offering **DEFICIT** \$ 10,520.16

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$227,800) \$ 27,636.42 / \$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 - \$1,857.75;

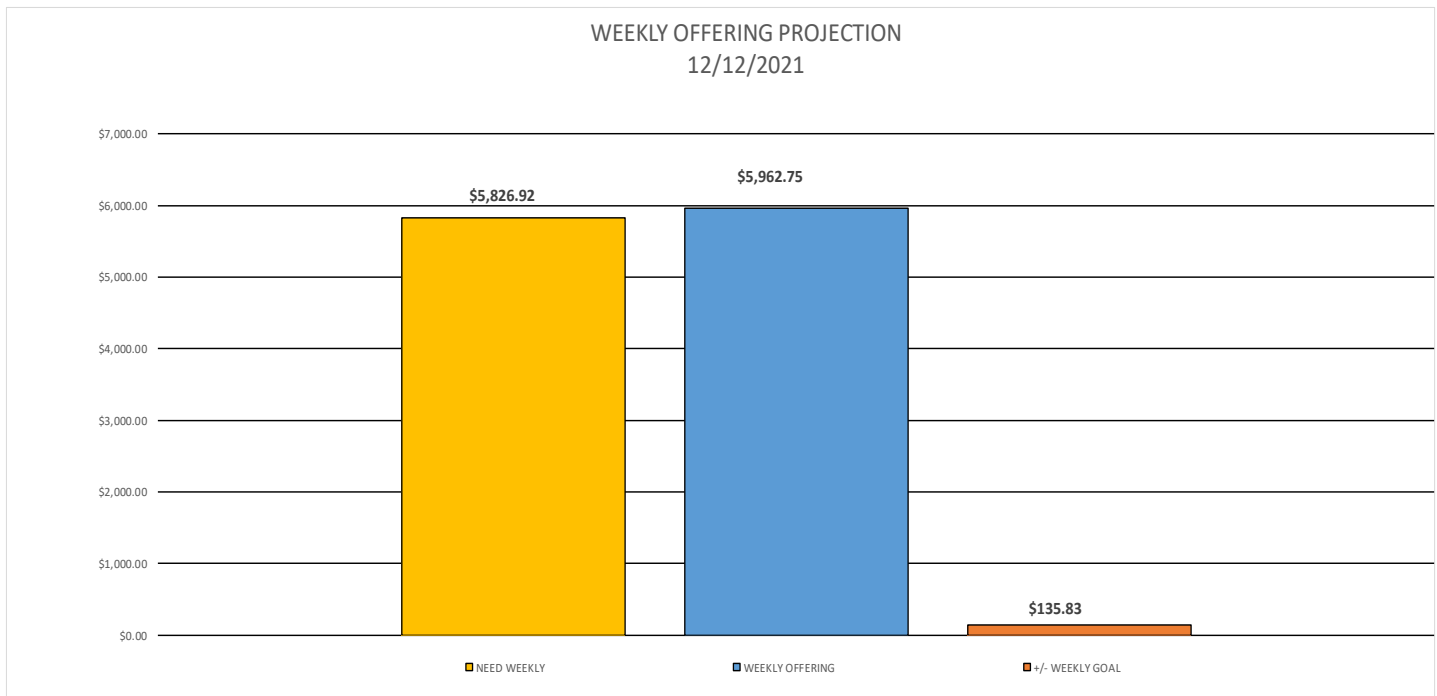
***Special Gifts & Offerings:*** CMO - \$55; Sunday School Missions - \$7.75; School Missions - \$35.50; Hot Lunch - \$68; Ladies Aid - \$70

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

### **School News**

- ⇒ Our last day of school before the Christmas break is Wednesday, December 22, with dismissal at 2:55 pm. Classes resume Monday, January 3, 2022.
- ⇒ The CEA plans to hold its next meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2022 following the church service.
- ⇒ Our St. John School faculty, staff and students would like to wish all the members of St. John, a most blessed Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. May the birth of our precious Savior fill you all with peace and joy.

## 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****MICAH 5:2-5A**

2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, from you, will go out the one who will be the ruler for me in Israel. His goings forth are from the beginning, from the days of eternity. 3 Therefore the LORD will give them up, until the time when the woman who is in labor bears a child. Then the remaining survivors from his brothers will return to the people of Israel. 4 He will stand and shepherd with the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. They will dwell securely, for at that time he will be great to the ends of the earth. 5 This one will be their peace.

**PSALM OF THE DAY****Psalm 85 (page 97)****SECOND LESSON****HEBREWS 10:5–10**

5 Therefore when he entered the world, Christ said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but you prepared a body for me. 6 You were not pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. 7 Then I said, “Here I am. I have come to do your will, God. In the scroll of the book it is written about me.” 8 First he said: Sacrifices and offerings that were offered according to the law, both burnt offerings and sin offerings, you did not desire, and you were not pleased with them. 9 Then he said: Here I am. I have come to do your will. He does away with the first in order to establish the second. 10 By this will, we have been sanctified once and for all, through the sacrifice of the body of 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****LUKE 1:39–55**

39 In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. 40 She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! 45 Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!" 46 Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, 47 and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, 48 because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

**Have A Blessed Week!**