

Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 22, 2024

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Pastor

Organist

Greeters

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.

Order of Service

Service of the Word, page 38

Hymns

17, 65, 36, 194

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85, page 97

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39-55

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text

Micah 5:2-5a

Worship Theme

"Little, Yet Not So Little!"



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 by Wednesday afternoon.



Meeting *Meeting* A meeting will be held on January 5, 2025 after the church service for the ushers, first responders, nurses or anyone that would like to assist in medical issues. We will be going over equipment that we have available.

2024 Contributions TODAY, Sunday, December 22 will be the last day to submit E-giving (online contributions) in order for it to process through the systems on time for the counting team. **Sunday, December 29, 2024** will be the last day in which we will be accepting contributions, through church, for the 2024 year. Thank you!

2025 Offering Envelopes We are getting together info for our 2025 offering envelope list. If you are currently receiving offering envelopes for 2024 and wish to discontinue receiving them 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 Kevyn Lange directly by December 29, 2024.


Also, if you currently don't receive offering envelopes and wish to, please contact either of them as well.


Thank you Thank you to all who attended our Church Christmas Party last Sunday and brought something to eat. All the food was delicious! A joyous time was had by all!!



Mom's Bible Study Our next Bible Study will be **Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30am** in St. John church basement. Children are welcome. Activity/toys and light snack will also be pro-



vided for children. Please let Erin Pape know if you are able to attend or interested in future meetings (262) 352-8762.

 **Poinsettias** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for our Christmas decorations. Please make note if the flowers are in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP!!!**

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 **NOTE: There will not be a 4:00pm Christmas Eve service. Sorry for the inconvenience!**

December 24 6:30pm St. John Sunday School & Day School Children's Service

December 25 10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

January 1 There will not be any New Year's Day service

 **Birthday** Edna Zeitler, a faithful member of our congregation for many years, celebrated her 100th birthday on the 3rd of December. She is presently living in Appleton. **I'm sure she would still appreciate a card even though her birthday has passed.**

For those who may want to send a birthday greeting or even a Christmas card, here is her address:

Edna Zeitler

1415 W. Main St Apt #31

Appleton, WI 54911

(Corrected address. Sorry for the inconvenience)



Sunday School Today, December 22, Sunday School will be practicing in church for the Christmas Eve Service. We will resume Sunday School classes on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

Bible Study Bible Study will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2025.



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). 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 Josh Frailing*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Children’s Christmas Service/Livestream (12/14/2024)	323/15
Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/15/2024	143
Live Stream Service 12/15/2024 (Households)	15
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/15/2024	23/
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (50 weeks)	166

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
 Tuesday 6:30pm Children's Christmas Service
 Wednesday 10:00am Christmas Day Service
 Sunday NO Confirmation Class—resumes January 8, 2025
 NO Sunday School/Bible Study-resumes January 5, 2025
 10:00am Worship Service w/WELS Connection

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "B" - Dave Kaus, Paul Marquardt, Darlene Nohr

Next Sunday's Greeters: Bob & Kim Pelky

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 12/1/2024	\$ 9,025.44
General Fund Income for 12/8/2024	\$ 5,322.50
General Fund Income for 12/15/2024	\$ 6,541.06
Total General Fund Income (25 weeks)	\$145,326.48
Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,282.33	\$157,058.25
(25 weeks) (projection-\$326,681)	
Total Church Offering Goal DEFICIT	-\$ 11,731.77

Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$279,546) \$33,766.34/117,725.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$3,462.06; Thrivent Choice - \$32

Special Gifts & Offerings:

Sunday School Missions - \$1; CMO - \$100; LYG - \$35; Special Projects from St. Matthews - \$13,398.54; School Undesignated - \$13,398.54; School Missions - \$86.28

Memorials & Special Gifts Received

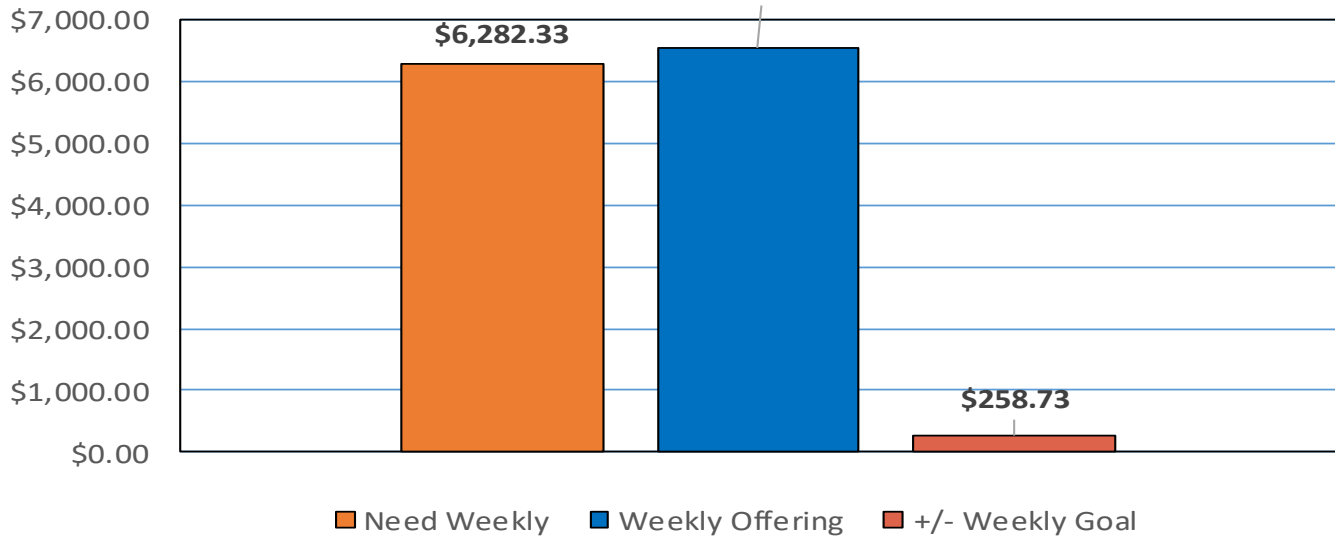
General - In memory of Larry & Claryce Rohde from Joel & Laura Rohde & Family

General - In memory of Don & Marilyn Polzin, Ray & Shirley

WEEKLY OFFERING PROJECTION

12/15/2024

\$6,541.06



WELS Night at a Green Bay Hockey Game

Friday, January 3, 2025

Opponent: Madison Capitals

Game Time: 7:05pm

Resch Center

Cost: \$17 per person

For more information, please contact:

Gary Zahn of Calvary Lutheran Church

920-373-1998

Deadline for advance tickets: January 2, 2025

School News

- ⇒ Our St. John faculty, staff and students would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of St. John, a most joy-filled Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May the birth of our precious Savior fill you all with peace and joy.
- ⇒ Our last day of school for the Christmas break was this past Friday, December 20. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.
- ⇒ We were truly blessed with a wonderful attendance for the Children's Christmas service on December 14. Thank you to all who attended this service. The money that was collected for the offering totaled \$875 and was given to the Peshtigo Food Pantry to help families in our community during this holiday season.
- ⇒ Christian Family Solutions will be presenting "Fighting Fear with Love," a presentation on Bullying and Teasing at Trinity Lutheran Church in Coleman on January 8 from 6:00PM-7:00PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from a Christian mental health professional regarding a very important topic.
- ⇒ The St. John's PTO (formerly CEA) held a Kwik Trip Gift Card fundraiser recently and were able to raise \$2,395.25 to help with upgrades to our school's playground. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser.

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

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.

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!!!