

*1st Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2023*

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***Pastor
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PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Order of Service	Service of the Word, page 38
Hymns	64, 77, 76, 70
First Lesson	Isaiah 45:20-25
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 111 (page 106)
Second Lesson	Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel Lesson	Luke 2:25-40
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed
Sermon Text	Luke 2:25-40
Worship Theme	"It Doesn't Have to be That Way!"

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.

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.

*Thank
You*

Lisa and I would like to thank all those who gave us gifts and cards this Christmas. We are blessed beyond measure by the generosity.

Pastor Daniel Sargent

New Calendar The January, 2024 calendar is available on the pedestal.



WELS Connection We will be viewing the December, 2023 WELS Connection at the end of the service today.

Correction There was an error with dates in the Counting Teams Schedule. The revised 2024 schedules are available on the table with your name highlighted on it. Sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you for helping out in 2024.

Greeters The new 2024 Greeting schedule is available on the table with your name highlighted on it. Thank you for helping out in 2024.

2024 Offering Envelopes Your 2024 envelopes are available on the table in the back of church. A few things to make note of: **(1)** Check your address. If it is incorrect, please fill out a change form that is located in the rack in back of church or let Brenda

Polzin know. **(2)**If you are taking advantage of the E-giving program, statements with your number are available on the table as well. Please use that number (from the label) for any special donations. **(3)**If you don't have envelopes and wish to receive them, please contact Kevyn Lange.

December 31/January 1 Worship There will be the regular 10:00am worship service on New Year's Eve. There will not be any New Year's Day service.



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!!

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



Bible Study Our Bible Study is called **“Grand Themes & Key Words”** There will be no Bible this Sunday. Next Sunday we will look at what is meant by the term, **“Redemption”**. Come and join us at 9:00.

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.

2023 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 daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05

am) are hosted by *Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce* by Pastor Ryan Landwehr.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/24/2023	152/365
Live Stream Service 12/24/2023 (Households)	8
Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/25/2023	80
Live Stream Service 12/25/2023 (Households)	8
Sunday School/Bible Study	
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (51 weeks)	142

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

HAVE A SAFE & BLESSED NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday NO ZION SERVICE

Wednesday 8:00am School Resumes

4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)

5:30pm Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion, Peshtigo

Friday 8:15am School Chapel Devotion

Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/ Bible Study

10:00am Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

Next Sunday's Greeters: Darlene Nohr & Diane Loll

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 12/10/2023	\$ 5,534.75
General Fund Income for 12/17/2023	\$ 6,662.75
General Fund Income for 12/24-25/2023	\$ 21,661.75
Total General Fund Income (26 weeks)	\$152,230.36
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,174.50 (26 weeks)	\$160,537.00
(Projection - \$321,074)	
Total Church Offering Goal Deficit	-\$ 8,306.64

Tuition/School Choice (Projection - \$253,424) \$31,986.71/\$128,609.00

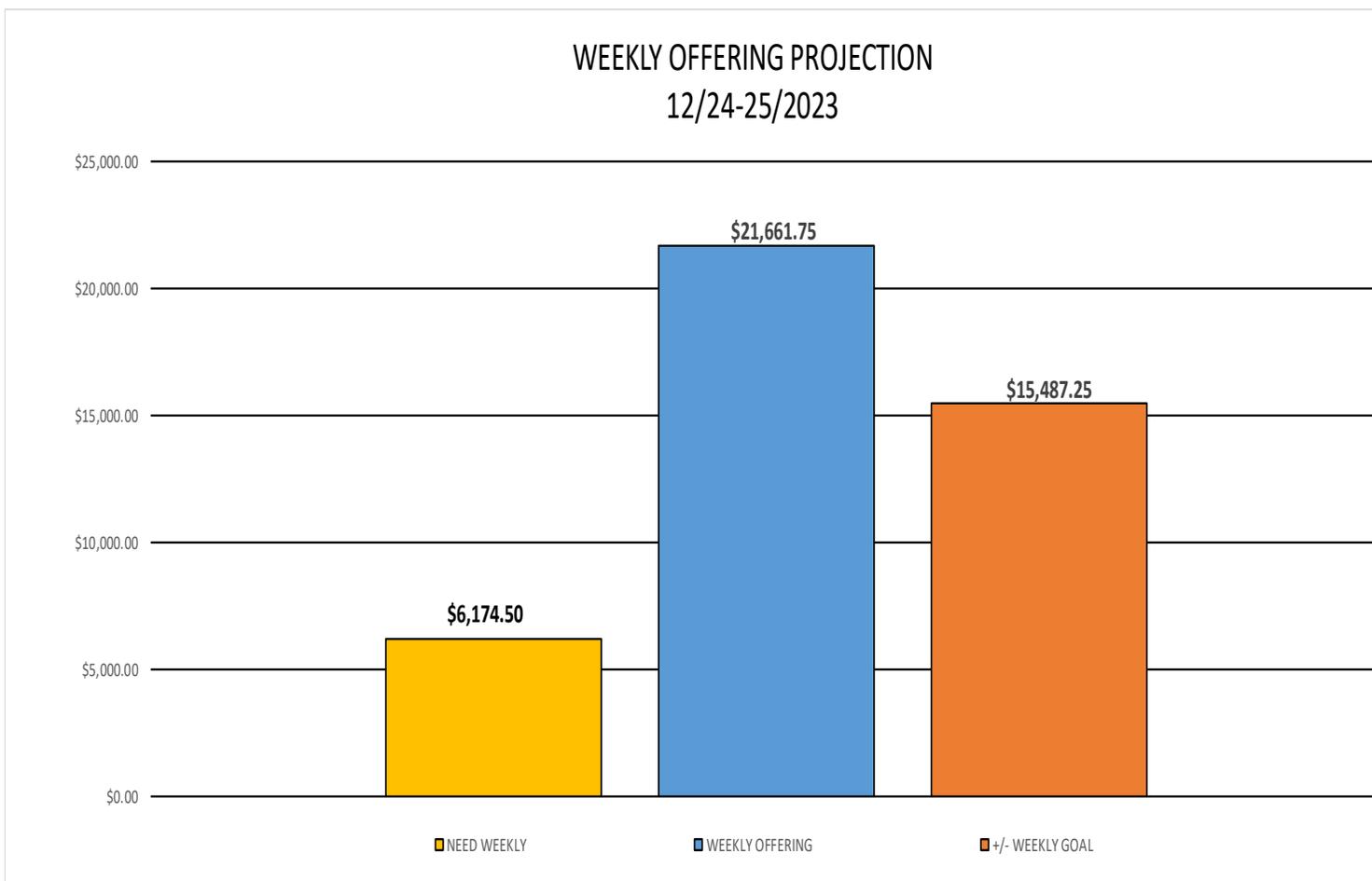
Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,370.75

Special Gifts & Offerings:

School Missions - \$45; CMO - \$550; Ladies Aid/Meditation Books - \$12

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



Ladies Night Out Winter Schedule 2024

Thursday, January 18th

Luigi's in Peshtigo

Thursday, February 15th

Embers in Peshtigo

Thursday, March 21st

Schooner's in Menominee

Thursday, April 18th

Crivello's in Oconto

**Anyone questions, please call Marquita at 715-582-3304
4:30pm Social - Dinner 5:00pm**

**Link to Electronic giving page.
Just scan with your phone.**



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

FIRST LESSON**ISAIAH 45:20-25**

20 Gather! Come! Draw near together, you survivors from the nations. They have no knowledge—those who are lifting up their idols of wood and praying to a god that cannot save. 21 Make an announcement and come close. Let them consult together. Who made this known ahead of time? From time past who announced it? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no god except me, a righteous God and Savior. There is no one except me. 22 Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth, because I am God, and there is no other. 23 I have sworn by myself. From my mouth a righteous word has gone out, and it will not return unfulfilled. Indeed, to me every knee will bow, and every tongue will swear allegiance. 24 “Only in the LORD,” they will say of me, “Only in the LORD is there true righteousness and strength.” To him they will come and be ashamed— all those who are angry at him. 25 In the LORD, all the descendants of Israel will be justified. They will be praised by him.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 111 (page 106)****SECOND LESSON****COLOSSIANS 3:12-17**

12 Therefore, as God’s elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ forgave you. 14 And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

GOSPEL

LUKE 2:25–40

25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, 28 Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, 29 Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word, 30 because my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared before the face of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. 33 Joseph and the child's mother were amazed at the things that were spoken about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Listen carefully, this child is appointed for the falling and rising of many in Israel and for a sign that is spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." 36 Anna, a prophetess, was there. She was a daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. She had lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, 37 and then she was a widow of eighty-four years. She did not leave the temple complex, since she was worshipping with fasting and prayers night and day. 38 Standing nearby at that very hour, she gave thanks to the Lord. She kept speaking about the child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When they had accomplished everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town, Nazareth. 40 The child grew and became strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!

150th Anniversary of the Ev. Lutheran Church of St John

Rev. Carl Heubner from the Wisconsin Synod was sent to serve Lutheran immigrants who had organized congregations in Marinette County. One group was started in 1780 called the German Lutheran Congregation of Peshtigo and Surrounding Territory. On October 8, 1871 the Peshtigo Fire devoured all of Peshtigo and the surrounding territory. The homes, barns, cattle, belongings, and the church building of these members were reduced to ashes. Many lost husbands, wives, and children. Those who survived took courage and wanted a new start for their church. On January 1, 1874 a new congregation was organized. The name they chose was the Ev. Lutheran Saint Johannes Gemeinde. (Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John) It was decided to build a church on three acres donated by Fred Warnecke. In August of 1876 a wooden church building was erected on the very site of our present sanctuary.

We will be remembering this **150th Anniversary** with special prayers on Sunday, December 31, 2023. The Church Elders have set aside the date of **October 13th, 2024** for a special Anniversary Service to be held at 4:00pm with a potluck meal after the service.

The Elders are asking for volunteers to help form an Anniversary Committee for this special service.



Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Alex & Michelle Sobeck

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Janet Lange & Family(2)

In loving memory of Gerald Sargent, Elroy & Carole Siebert from Pastor & Lisa Sargent

In loving memory of Roy & Burnette Marquardt from Paul Marquardt & Family

In loving memory of Adie Robins' Mom from Rod & Adie Robins

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Archie & Charlene Hurley

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Russell Schonfeld Family

In loving memory of Anita Kaus from David Kaus & Family

In loving memory of Tom Lemke from Lemke Family

In loving memory of Bud & Ann Lemke from Lemke Family

In loving memory of Leonard & Ruth Lemke from Lemke Family

In loving memory of James Borchert from Borchert Family

In loving memory of Larry & Claryce Rohde from Rob Rohde Family

In loving memory of Gottlieb & Alice Gannigan from Rob Rohde Family

In loving memory of Terry Gannigan & Jack Gannigan from Rob Rohde Family

In loving memory of Ron Carlson from His Family

In loving memory of Leo Seefeldt from Tom & Rita Seefeldt

In loving memory of Donna Swanson from Tom & Rita Seefeldt

In loving memory of Ken Nischke from Betty Nischke & Family

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Barb Johnston & Family