

*Second Sunday in Advent
December 4, 2022*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, 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 & Sacrament, page 26**

Choir Song **“On This Still, Silent Night”**

Hymns **11, 16, 32, Sing, Choirs of Angels(on page 7)**

First Lesson **Isaiah 11:1-10**

Psalm of the Day **Psalm 130 (page 114)**

Second Lesson **Romans 15:4-13**

Gospel Lesson **Matthew 3:1-12**

Confession of Faith **Nicene Creed**

Sermon Text **Matthew 3:1-12**

Worship Theme **“Who Cares?”**

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.

*God's Richest blessings for the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Lois Polzin.

*Family & Friends of Ron Grom who mourn his death. The funeral will be held this Wednesday, December 7, here at St. John.

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.

 **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.

Advent Unfortunately, there will not be the "Advent" services held here at St. John Church. Trinity, Coleman is holding Advent Services at 6:00pm. They will also have Advent meals at 5:00pm.

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 Thanksgiving & Christmas cards available in the church entry way.



Advent by Candlelight As many of you know, the Zion Fellowship Hall (specifically the kitchen) is under construction. While we are very excited to upgrade our kitchen facilities, it is not going to work to use the Zion Fellowship Hall for Advent by Candlelight this year. The Ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church in Coleman have kindly invited us to join them in their Advent by Candlelight on December 11 from 4:00-6:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway of the church. If you would like to host a table or bring a dessert or snack, there are sign-up sheets for that as well. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to join with our sisters in Christ and celebrate Christ's birth together!



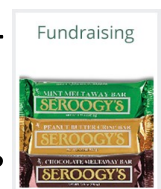
Sunday School We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping let Pastor Sargent know.



Bible Study We are looking at a series called 19 Minutes with the Messiah. This week's lesson is "**I AM the Alpha and the Omega**" (Revelation 1:4-8) If you come in during

the study, copies are available at the usher table. Come and join us in the church at 9:00.

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 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.

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 *Zion, Peshtigo*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Calvary, Abrams* by *Pastor Matthew Stuebs*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Thanksgiving Service 11/23/2022	94
Those Who Joined Us in Worship 11/27/2022	134
Live Stream Service 11/27/2022 (Households)	14
Sunday School/Bible Study 11/27/2022	18/10
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (48 weeks)	137

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-7pm) 5:30pm Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Saturday	3:00pm School Children’s Christmas Program
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “G” - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 11/13/2022	\$ 9,481.10
General Fund Income for 11/20/2022	\$ 4,476.75
General Fund Income for 11/27/222	\$ 6,548.75
Total General Fund Income (22 weeks)	\$125,432.54
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,000.00 (22 weeks)	\$132,000.00
(Projection - \$312,000)	

Total Church Offering Goal **DEFICIT** -\$ 6,567.46

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632)\$ 30,697.50/71,391.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$1,622.75;

Special Gifts & Offerings:

Sunday School Missions - \$37.75; Church Organ - \$800; Gym/
Fellowship Bldg - \$20; CMO - \$200

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ - In memory of Verona Mueller from her Family &
Friends

Sunday School Missions - In memory of Lucille Schonfeld from
Pastor & Kris Learman

SING, CHOIRS OF ANGELS (Closing Hymn)

1. Hark! The herald angels sing. Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join triumph of the skies.
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing, Christ is born in Bethlehem

Verse 2 & 3 sung by the Choir

4. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above. Glory to God, all glory
in the highest.
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord

School News

- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet this Wednesday, December 7 at Zion Peshtigo from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades K-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ The School Children's Christmas Service will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 pm. A fellowship with Cookies and Cocoa will be served in the church basement following this service. The children who can attend will also be doing the same service on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm, along with our Sunday School children. If you are unable to be at the Christmas Eve service, please join us on December 10.
- ⇒ A huge thank you to everyone who helped support the Thai Village, Inc through your purchases from the display that was set up in the narthex. We raised over \$1,000 in sales which will be sent to continue the work being done in our mission field in Thailand.
- ⇒ There will be a Christmas Eve practice on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00 - 11:00 am for the children from both St. John School and Sunday School.
- ⇒ **St. John's School is partnering with the Peshtigo Food Pantry and holding a Hygiene Drive until Sunday, December 18. Collection boxes will be available at both St. John's School and the church narthex. Please consider donating the following items: Soap and body wash, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, body lotion and hand cream, New (not used) winter hats, gloves, mittens and socks. If you would like to make a cash donation, this can also be used to buy perishable items for Christmas.**

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Church/School Website www.stjohnpeshtigo.org

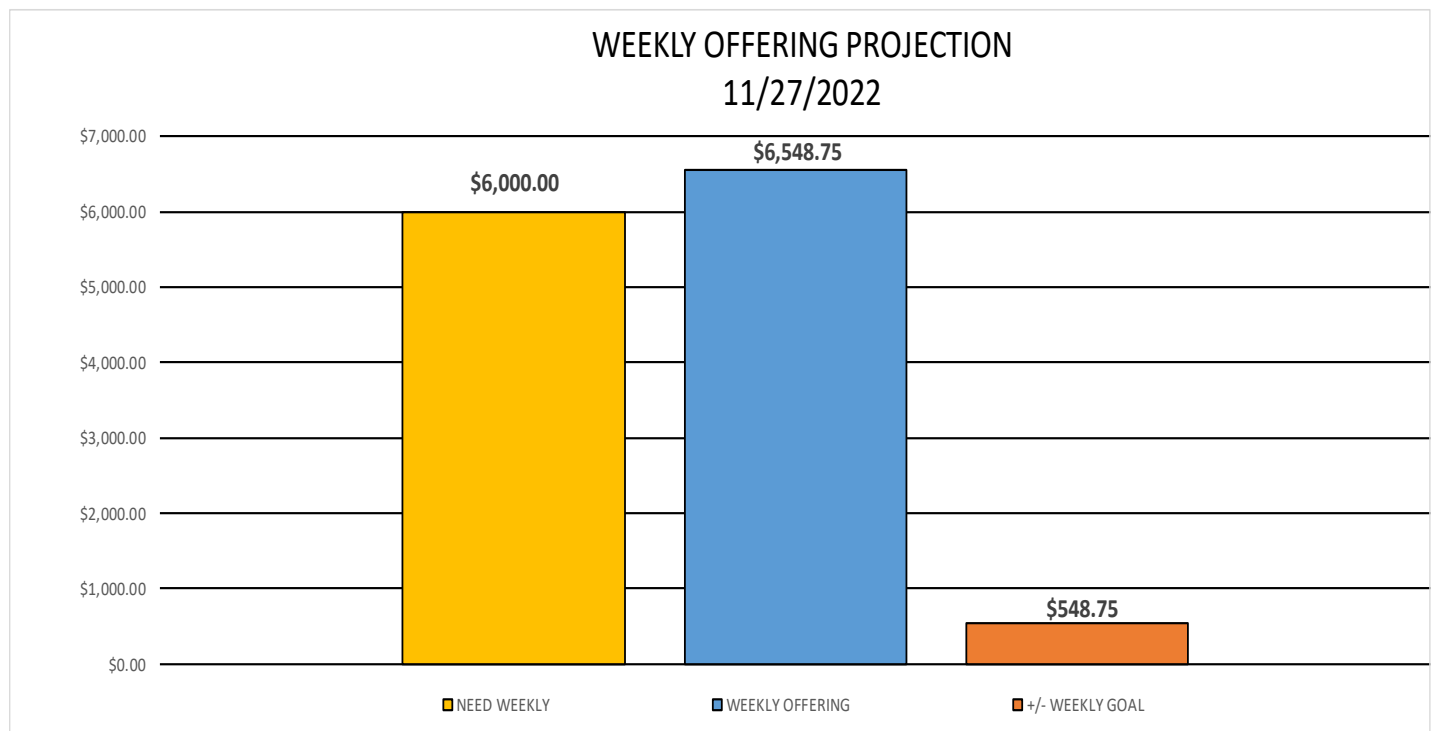
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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm



*You are
invited!*

Saturday,
December 10
3:00 PM

&

Christmas Eve
Saturday,
December 24
6:30 PM

DID YOU
KNOW?



Children's Christmas Service

St. John School is blessed to serve students from many congregations. Since many students are also part of their own Christmas Eve services at their home congregations, St. John School and Church wanted to provide them the opportunity to participate with their school family as well as their church family.

This year, St. John will be hosting two Children's Christmas Services. On Saturday, December 10, St. John School students will be leading the Christmas service. All St. John members, friends, and family are joyfully invited!

On Christmas Eve, St. John students and St. John Sunday School will lead the service. Again, please invite family and friends! Christmas is a wonderful time to share our faith and the peace we have in Christ.

FIRST LESSON**ISAIAH 11:1-10**

A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 He will be delighted with the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, nor will he render decisions based on what he hears with his ears, 4 but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and he will render fair decisions in favor of the oppressed on the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath from his lips he will put the wicked to death. 5 Righteousness will be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his hips. 6 The wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, the calf, the young lion, and the fattened calf together, and a little child will lead them. 7 The cow and the bear will graze together, and their young ones will lie down together. The lion will eat straw like the cattle. 8 The nursing child will play near a cobra's hole, and the weaned child will put his hand into a viper's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 10 This is what will take place on that day. The peoples will seek the Root of Jesse, who will be standing like a banner for the peoples, and his resting place will be glorious.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 130 (PAGE 114)****SECOND LESSON****ROMANS 15:4-13**

4 Indeed, whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that, through patient endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we would have hope. 5 And may God, the

source of patient endurance and encouragement, grant that you agree with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that with one mind, in one voice, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 For this reason, accept one another as Christ also accepted you to the glory of God. 8 For I am saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs. 9 He also did this so that the Gentiles would glorify God for his mercy, as it is written: For this reason I will praise you among the Gentiles, and I will sing to your name. 10 And again it says: Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people. 11 And again: Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples give him praise. 12 And again Isaiah says: There will be a Root of Jesse, and he is the one who will rise up to rule the Gentiles; on him the Gentiles will place their hope. 13 Now may the God of hope fill you with complete joy and peace as you continue to believe, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4,6 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

In those days, John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 2 "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near!" 3 Yes, this is he of whom this was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight." 4 John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem, all of Judea, and all the region around the Jordan were

going out to him. 6 They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore produce fruit in keeping with repentance! 9 Do not think of saying to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. 10 Already the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I baptize you with water for repentance. But the one who comes after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather his wheat into the barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Have A Blessed Week!