

*2nd Sunday in Advent*  
*December 5, 2021*

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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.

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Sacrament, page 26</b>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>11, 16, 416, 363</b>
<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Malachi 3:1-4</b>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 24 (page 73)</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Philippians 1:3-11</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-6</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Nicene Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-6</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>“(G.P.S.) God’s Positioning System!”</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.

**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week for members and loved ones.

\*\*God's Richest Blessings for the 64th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Lois Polzin on December 7.

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.

**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.



**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 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.

***New Calendar*** The December, 2021 calendar is available on the table.



***Advent Services*** Midweek Advent Services continues this Wednesday, December 8. Service will be at 2:00 pm here at St. John. There is also a service at Trinity, Coleman at 6:00 pm There will be a meal at Trinity before the services at 5:00 pm.

***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 Wise Servant"** (Luke 12:35-48). Next week's lesson is **"The Barren Fig Tree"** (Luke 13:1-9).

***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 al-

so 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](http://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 Trinity, Marinette. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by First Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay, by Pastor Paul Schleis.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship (11/28/2021)	81
Live Stream Service 11/28/2021 (households)	25
Sunday School/Bible Study 11/28/2021	
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (48 weeks)	118

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

- Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
- Wednesday NO CONFIRMATION CLASS  
2:00pm Advent Service
- Friday 8:10am School Chapel Devotion
- Saturday 9:00am Christmas Program Practice (9-11am)
- Sunday 8:30am Sunday School/Bible Study  
9:30am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "D" - Shane Seefeldt, Mark & Eunice Kamps

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 11/14/2021	\$ 5,350.37
General Fund Income for 11/21/2021	\$ 4,716.25
General Fund Income for 11/28/2021	\$ 4,396.75

Total General Fund Income (22 weeks)	\$119,693.67
Budge Goal: Weekly @ \$5,826.92 (22 weeks) (Projection - \$303,000)	\$128,192.24

Total Budget **DEFICIT** in Offerings \$ 8,498.57

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$227,800) \$ 23,436.42 / \$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 - \$1,897.75;

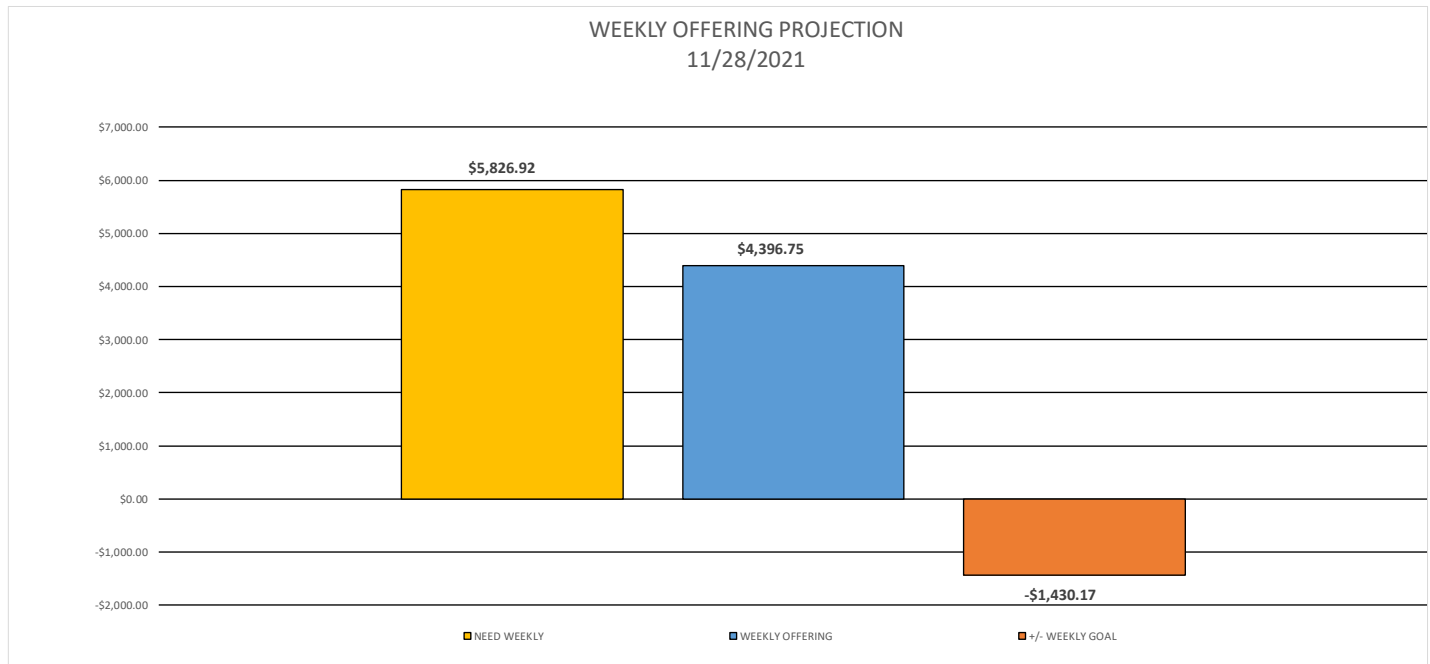
***Special Gifts & Offerings:*** Meditation Books - \$20; Gym/  
Fellowship/Bldg - \$20

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

### School News

- ⇒ We pray everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We look forward to these next few weeks of Advent as we prepare to celebrate our dear Savior's birth.
- ⇒ Christmas Eve practices began yesterday, Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 - 11:00 am. We will also practice on the following Saturdays, December 11 and 18.
- ⇒ The boys' basketball team will play their next game on Monday, December 6 at St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in Marinette starting at 5:45 pm.
- ⇒ We are thankful for the positive feedback we received from our school families in a survey that was conducted recently as part of our WELSSA accreditation process.

## LARGER VIEW OF THIS BAR GRAPH IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD



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Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

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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**

## **MALACHI 3:1-4**

Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies. 2 But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like launderers' bleach! 3 He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness. 4 Judah and Jerusalem's offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

## **PSALM OF THE DAY**

## **PSALM 24 (PAGE 73)**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11**

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, 5 because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. 8 Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. 10 This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**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**

**LUKE 3:1–6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene— 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. 3 He went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight. 5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low. The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth. 6 And everyone will see the salvation of God.”

**Have A Blessed Week!**