# 5th Sunday after The Epiphany February 4, 2024

Pastor Daniel Sargent	Pastor
Jim Seefeldt	Organist
Wes & Ella Aguilar	Greeters
Shane Seefeldt, Mark & Eunice Kamps	Counting Team

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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
Hymns	238, 428, 312, 465
First Lesson	Job 7:1-7
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 103 (page 105)
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:29-39
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	Job 7:1-7
Worship Theme	"Just Breathe!"

**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 stjohn-grover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.

**Church Officers Installation** We will have the installation of the Church Officers next Sunday, February 11 during the service.

**Annual Reports** There are copies of 2023 Annual Reports on the table for your taking.

**2024 MOHW Conference** The 15th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to Serve based off of Galatians 5:13) will be held at the Oshkosh Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. There are a few registration forms on the table as well.

Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

**Grief Support Group** Grace Lutheran, Crivitz is doing a Grief Share Group. Grief Share is an opportunity for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The support group will consist of a video seminar by grief recovery experts connected with truths from the Bible, small group discussion and a personal workbook with daily exercises.

Our Grief Share group will meet weekly on Thursdays beginning on Thursday, Jan 25. We will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Come or invite a friend that could use a grief support group.

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!!

**Bible Study** Our Bible Study is called **"Grand Themes & Key Words"**. This Sunday we will not have Bible Study. Next Sunday we will look at the term **"Anointing"**. Please come and join us for this study 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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**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 *St. John, Grover*. 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. LutheranThose Who Joined Us in Worship 1/28/2021172Live Stream Service 1/28/2024 (Households)14Sunday School/Bible Study 1/28/202424/9Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (4 weeks)147This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran147Monday6:30pm Zion ServiceWednesday4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)

5:30pm Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion (5:30-7pm) 6:00pm Grief Share Group @ Grace, Crivitz (6-7:30) Thursday Thurs-Fri TEACHERS' CONFERENCE—NO SCHOOL 8:15am School Chapel Devotion Friday Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:00am Worship Service Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick Next Sunday's Greeters: Steve & Briana Block Offerings for the Lord's Work \$ General Fund Income for 1/14/2024 5,083.75 \$ 5,278.00 General Fund Income for 1/21/2024 \$ General Fund Income for 1/28/2024 5,097.13 Total General Fund Income (31 weeks) \$181,816.55 Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,174.50 (31 weeks) \$191,409.50 (Projection - \$321,074) Total Church Offering Goal Deficit -\$ 9,592.95 Tuition/School Choice (Projection - \$253,424) \$35,164.81/\$128,609.00 Included in General Fund Income Total: E-giving - \$1,818.13 Special Gifts & Offerings: Sunday School Missions - \$7.00 ; CMO - \$100; School Missions -\$49.48; Hot Lunch - \$89

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received** 





### School News

- ⇒ Our school Art Fair was held this past Friday, February 2. Our budding artists did a fantastic job on their projects and came up with some unique ideas! Well done, everyone!
- ⇒ There will be no school this Thursday and Friday, February 8 and 9 as the teachers will be attending the District Teachers' Conference at Grace Lutheran School in Oshkosh.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will have a Winter Campout at Camp Croix, near Danbury, WI from February 15 - 18. This is a family activity, open to our members. The cost is \$40 per person or \$100 per family for the weekend. If you are interested, contact Youth Minister Alex Enter from Zion at 715-733-0899 or email youthministerzion@gmail.com for more information.
- ⇒ Our school will be holding our annual Preschool/ Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, February 29 from 5:30 -7:00 pm. St. John members are encouraged to sign up now if you are interested in sending your child to preschool or kindergarten this coming school year. Please contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office or email school@stjohnpeshtigo.org as soon as possible to save a spot for your child.
- ⇒ St. John is now part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). Open enrollment began Thursday, February 1 and ends Saturday, April 20. Parents who would like to apply for the 2024-2025 school year can contact our School Choice Administrator Hannah Langebartels at choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org or (414)758-8607 for more information.

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# FIRST LESSON

Isn't man's time on earth like being compelled to serve in the army? Aren't his days like those of a hired man? 2 Like a slave, he longs for shade, or like a day laborer, he waits for his pay. 3 In the same way, I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of agony have been assigned to me. 4 When I lie down, I think, "How long before I get up?" But the night drags on, and I am filled with restlessness until dawn. 5 My flesh is clothed with maggots and caked with dirt. My skin scabs over and then oozes again. 6 My days pass by more swiftly than the shuttle of a weaver's loom. They come to an end without hope. 7 Remember that my life is just a breath. My eyes will never again see good fortune.

# PSALM OF THE DAY SECOND LESSON

# *PSALM 103 (page 105) 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23*

16 You see, if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 If I do this as a volunteer, I receive compensation. But if not, I have been entrusted with a responsibility as a steward. 18 What then is my compensation? To present the gospel of Christ free of charge when I preach it, instead of making use of the right I have when I preach the gospel. 19 In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. 20 To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. 21 To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. 22 To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. 23 And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia. (John 8:12 cf. NIV)

#### GOSPEL

#### MARK 1:29-39

29 They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-inlaw was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. 31 He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demonpossessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door. 34 He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was. 35 Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. 36 Simon and his companions searched for him, 37 and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." 39 Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

# HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!

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



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 1870 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.



# Wednesday Lent Worship 2024

Christ, Menominee 6:30pm Grace, Crivitz 12:00pm Our Savior, Lena/St Mark, Spruce 6:30pm St John, Grover 2:00pm Trinity, Coleman 6:00pm Trinity, Marinette 3:30pm Zion, Peshtigo 6:30pm Calvary, Abrams <u>Thursday 6:30pm</u>





Spots are already filling up, but St. John members get first priority, so contact the school before February 29 to secure your spot!

