

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
February 12, 2023

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Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; 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

Hymns

First Lesson

Psalm of the Day

Second Lesson

Gospel Lesson

Confession of Faith

Sermon Text

Worship Theme

Service of the Word, page 38

221, 287, 493, 348

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119a (page 109)

1 Corinthians 2:6-13

Matthew 5:21-37

Apostles' Creed

Matthew 5:21-37

"Sin Is Sin!"

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 TODAY, we will have the installation of the Church Officers during the service.

Meditation Books The new meditation books starting February 26, 2023 are available on the table. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of production.

Special Marriage Bible Study - February 19th With Valentine's Day approaching, are you looking to reconnect with our spouse and grow deeper in your faith together? Join us for a joint Bible study with Zion Lutheran Church. The 2 hour lesson, "Marriage Keys", is meant to be a non-threatening introduction to marriage enrichment. The material in these sessions will offer enough variety in content to intrigue the first timer as well as the marriage enrichment veteran.

All are welcome to join us at St. John on Sunday, February 19th following the 10am worship service. We'll share a potluck lunch after church. The main dish will be provided. We ask that you bring a side or dessert. The bible study will be held in the fellowship room and facilitated by Aaron Pape. Please RSVP to Aaron so we know how much food to bring for the main dish. Email him at papea270@gmail.com or text/call at 262-674-4021. You can also sign up on the sheet on the church bulletin board. Consider using this as an opportunity to invite friends or family who may not have a church home.

LWMS The 60th Annual LWMS Convention is scheduled for June

22-25, 2023 in La Crosse, Wisconsin. The convention center is near the Mississippi River, which is perfect for the theme: Peace Like A River. The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Annual convention will be offering informative workshops, keynote speakers informing us of the work happening in Latin America, Africa, East Asia, and within Wisconsin. Plus, we will hear music by Christian music artist Stephen Bautista, and there is much

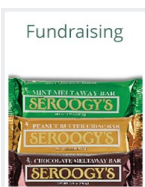


more on the schedule. For more information, please see Eunice Kamps to obtain copies of the schedule and registration form, or visit www.lwms.org to register online.

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



Bible Study Our Bible Study is called "**Grand Themes & Key Words**". Our lesson for this Sunday is called "**Sabbath**". Next Sunday we will look at "**Tithes and Firstfruits**". Please come and join us for this study 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.

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 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 *Christ, Menominee, MI* by Pastor Paul Cole.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 2/5/2023	156
Live Stream Service 2/5/2023 (Households)	10
Sunday School/Bible Study 2/5/2023	19/11
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (6 weeks)	136

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	5:30pm Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion (5:30-7pm)
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am Worship Service w/Communion
	11:00am Marriage Bible Study

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "C" - Matt & Ronda Lemke, Gup & Melissa Gannigan

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 1/22/2023	\$ 2,788.00
General Fund Income for 1/29/2023	\$ 11,799.50
General Fund Income for 2/5/2023	\$ 8,626.50
Total General Fund Income (32 weeks)	\$198,104.46

Church Offering Goal: Weekly@ $\$6,000.00$ (32 weeks)
 $\$192,000.00$

(Projection - $\$312,000$)

Total Church Offering Goal **Surplus** $\$ 6,104.46$

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - $\$188,632$) $\$ 33,355.00/71,391.50$

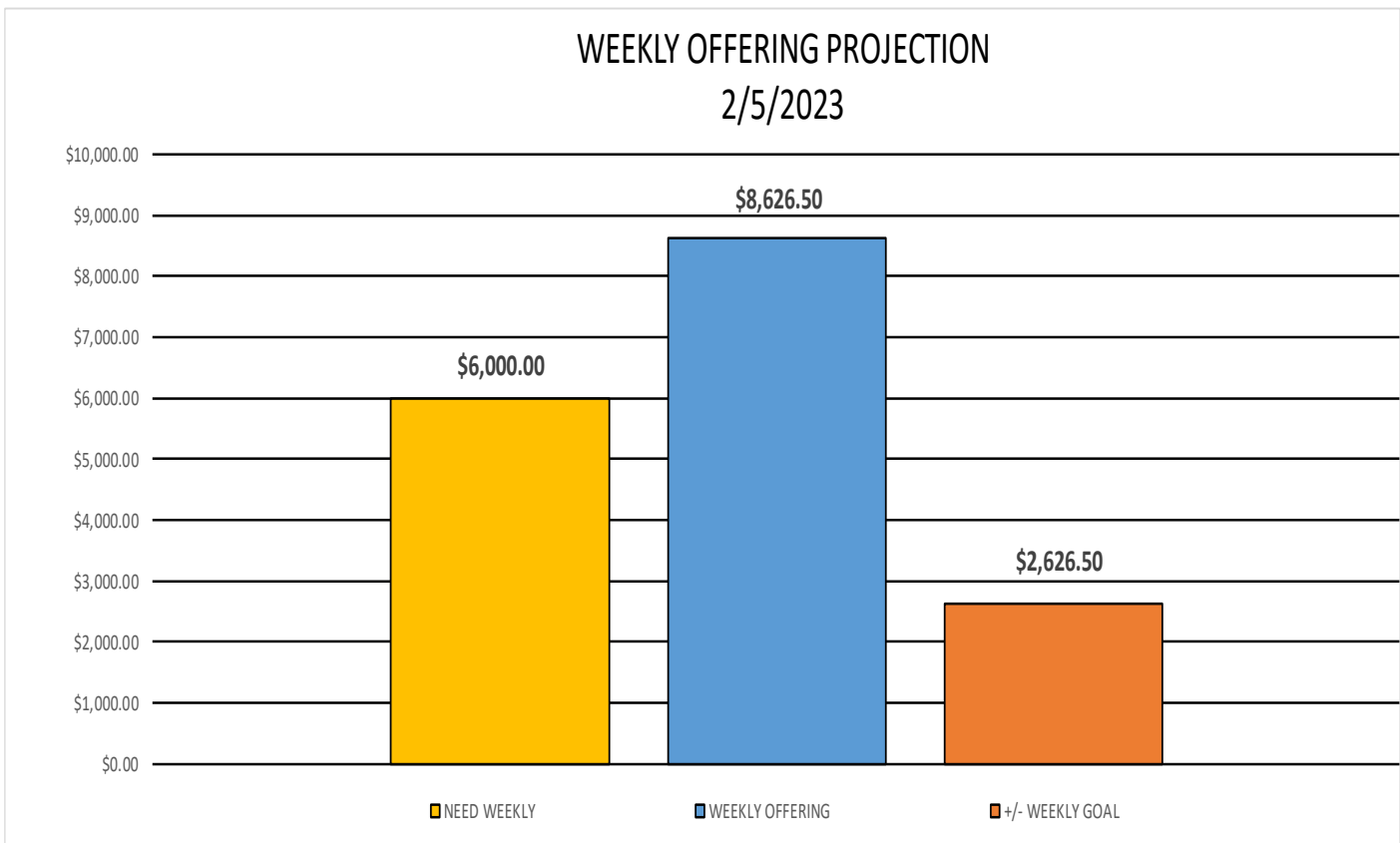
Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - $\$2,414.50$

Special Gifts & Offerings:

CMO - $\$85$; Sunday School Missions - $\$9.75$; Organ - $\$10$; School Missions - $\$37$; Hot Lunch - $\$72$; LYG - $\$50$; Ladies Aid/Meditation Books - $\$20$; Choir - $\$10$; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - 20; Piano - $\$5$; Sunday School - $\$5$

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:



School News

- ⇒ Thank you to all who came to our Social Studies Fair last week. The children did a wonderful job on their projects, Grades K - 2 on Oceans and Continents, Grades 3 - 5 on States and Grades 6 - 8 on Countries.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet this Wednesday, February 15 at Zion Peshtigo from 5:30—7:00 pm.
- ⇒ Our CEA will once again be holding a Seroogy Candy Bar Sale to help raise money to go towards redoing the flooring in Mrs. Aguilar's Grade 3 - 5 classroom this summer.
- ⇒ Our school will be holding a Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. If you know any family or friends that have children turning 3, 4 or 5 by September 1, 2023 and are looking for a preschool or kindergarten, please let them know about this event.
- ⇒ St. John is now part of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). Open enrollment began Wednesday, February 1 and ends Thursday, April 20. Parents who would like to apply for the 2023-2024 school year can contact our School Choice Administrator Hannah Langebartels at choiced-admin@stjohnpeshtigo.org or (414) 758-8607 for more information.
- ⇒ A piano was recently donated to replace the piano in the 3rd - 5th grade classroom. The piano that is currently in the classroom needs a new home to whomever would like it! It is a good piano with nice sound, though a few keys occasionally stick depending on the weather/humidity. If your family (or someone you know) would appreciate a free piano, call or email the school or contact Mrs. Ella Aguilar at 920-277-3367.

FIRST LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

15 See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. 16 This is what I am commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan. 19 I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live 20 by loving the LORD your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 119A (PAGE 109)

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-13

6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. 7 Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) 9 But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived—that is what God has prepared for those who love him. 10 But

God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit. 12 What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. 13 We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:21-37

21 "You have heard that it was said to people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will have to answer to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of hell fire. 23 "So if you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift. 25 "If someone accuses you, reach an agreement with him quickly, while you are with him on the way. Otherwise your accuser may bring you to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. 26 Amen 1 I tell you: You will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 28 but I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with

her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 If your right hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 31 “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, causes her to be regarded as an adulteress. And whoever marries the divorced woman is regarded as an adulterer. 33 “Again you have heard that it was said to people long ago, ‘Do not break your oaths, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ 34 But I tell you, do not swear at all: not by heaven, because it is God’s throne; 35 and not by earth, because it is his footstool; and not by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not swear by your own head, since you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Instead, let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes,’ or ‘No, no.’ Whatever goes beyond these is from the Evil One.

Have A Blessed Week!