

*First Sunday of Lent*  
*February 18, 2024*

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***Pastor***  
***Organist***  
***Greeters***  
***Counting Team***

***PRAYER OF THE DAY*** Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Genesis 22:1-18</b>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 6 (page 66)</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Romans 8:31-39</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Mark 1:12-15</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Nicene Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Genesis 22:1-18</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>“The Lord Will Provide!”</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.

**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!!**



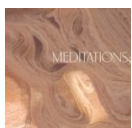
**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.

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](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.

**Special Voters' Meeting** The Church Council is requesting a Special Voters' Meeting on February 25, 2024 after the service. The discussion would be to call another teacher for the 2024-2025 school year because of the growing number of students in each grade. All voting members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



**Meditation Books** The new meditation books starting March 3, 2024 are available on the table. A free-will offer-

ing is greatly appreciated to help defray the costs of production.



**Lenten Services** We continue with our Mid-Week Lenten Services on Wednesday at 2:00pm. We are exchanging pulpits with area churches with Pastor Luke Myslik preaching at St. John this week.

**Ladies Aid** We will be having a Ladies Aid Meeting this Thursday, February 22 at 6:00pm. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**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 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 we will look at what is meant by the important symbol of, “**Fire**”. Next Sunday we will look at “**Idolatry and Adultery**”. 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](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 *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 2/11/2021	153
Live Stream Service 2/11/2024 (Households)	12
Sunday School/Bible Study 2/11/2024	17/10
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (6 weeks)	148

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

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Tuesday	10:00am	Board of Elders
Wednesday	2:00pm	Mid-week Lenten Service (Myslik)
	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Thursday	6:00pm	Ladies Aid Meeting
	6:00pm	Grief Share Group @ Grace, Crivitz (6-7:30)
Friday	8:15am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/ Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Service w/WELS Connection

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

Next Sunday's Greeters: Becky Rohde & Lissa Seefeldt

**Offerings for the Lord's Work**

General Fund Income for 1/28/2024	\$ 5,097.13
General Fund Income for 2/4/2024	\$ 5,232.50
General Fund Income for 2/11/2024	\$ 9,009.75
Total General Fund Income (33 weeks)	\$196,058.80

Church Offering Goal: Weekly@ $\$6,174.50$  (33 weeks)  $\$203,758.50$   
(Projection -  $\$321,074$ )

Total Church Offering Goal **Deficit**  $-\$ 7,699.70$

Tuition/School Choice (Projection -  $\$253,424$ )  $\$35,164.81/\$128,609.00$

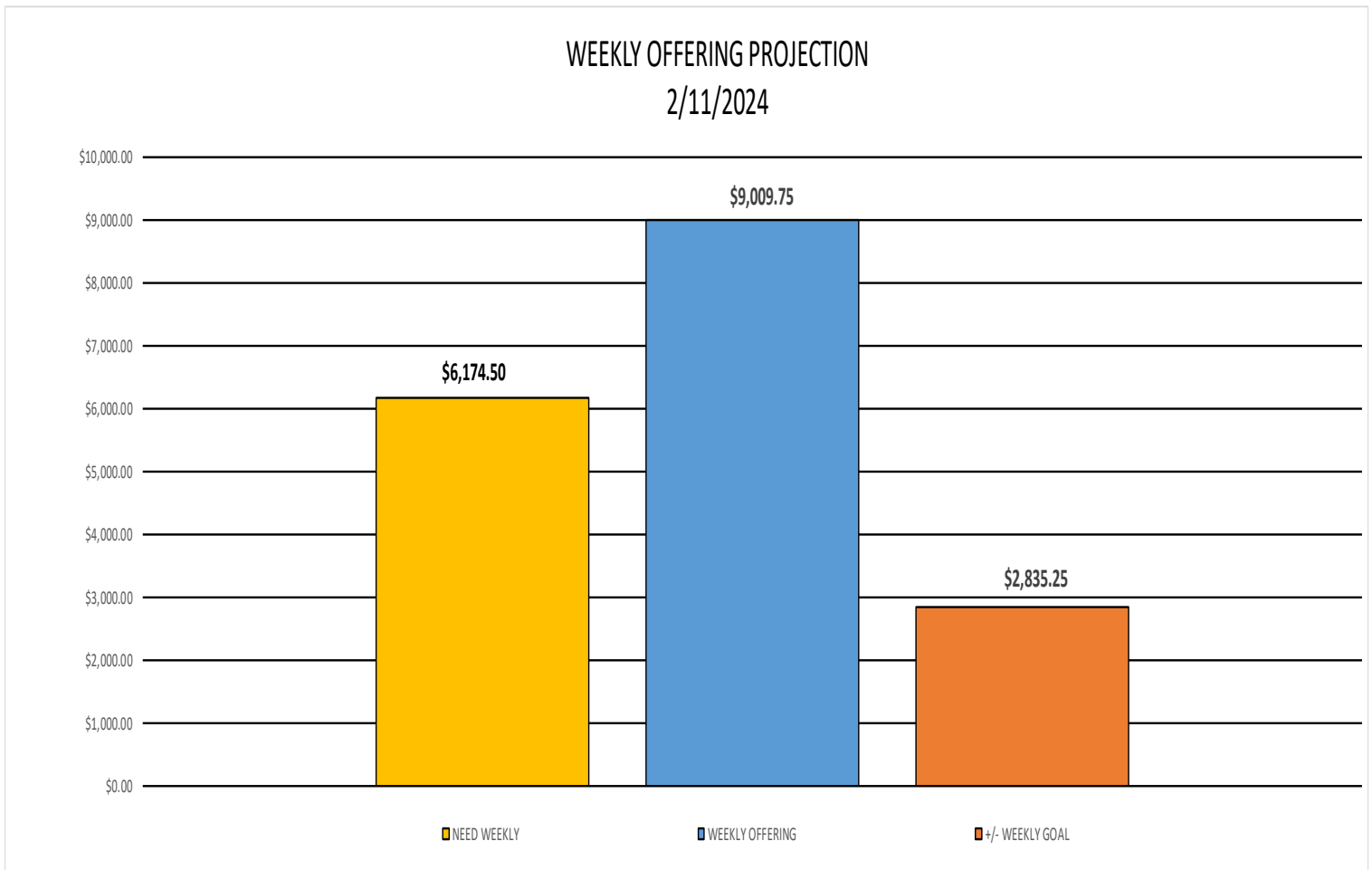
**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

E-giving -  $\$2,466.75$ : Thrivent Choice -  $\$118$

**Special Gifts & Offerings:**

Sunday School Missions -  $\$8.75$ ;

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received**



## School News

- ⇒ The basketball team will play on February 26, at 5:30 pm against Twin City at Trinity, Marinette. This will be their last regular season game before they travel to Luther Prep in Watertown for the annual grade school basketball tournament on March 8 and 9.
- ⇒ Our school will be holding our annual Preschool/Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, February 29 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The theme for this evening will be: Leaping Into St. John Lutheran School. Parents and their children can enjoy pizza and refreshments while learning more about our school. 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](mailto: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 Thursday, April 18, not the 20th as in the previous bulletin. Parents who would like to apply for the 2024-2025 school year can contact our School Choice Administrator Hannah Langebartels at [choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org](mailto:choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org) or (414) 758-8607 for more information.

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm



## **FIRST LESSON**

## **GENESIS 22:1–18**

Some time later God tested Abraham. He called to him, “Abraham!” Abraham answered, “I am here.” 2 God said, “Now take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains there, the one to which I direct you.” 3 Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, along with Isaac his son. Abraham split the wood for the burnt offering. Then he set out to go to the place that God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go on over there. We will worship, and then we will come back to you.” 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and loaded it on Isaac his son. He took the firepot and the knife in his hand. The two of them went on together. 7 Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father?” He said, “I am here, my son.” He said, “Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” 8 Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them went on together. 9 They came to the place that God had told him about. Abraham built the altar there. He arranged the wood, tied up Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. 11 The Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham, Abraham!” Abraham said, “I am here.” 12 He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, because you have not with-

held your son, your only son, from me.” 13 Abraham looked around and saw that behind him there was a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 Abraham called the name of that place “The LORD Will Provide.” So it is said to this day, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.” 15 The Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, “I have sworn by myself, declares the LORD, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will bless you greatly, and I will multiply your descendants greatly, like the stars of the sky and like the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the city gates of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

***PSALM OF THE DAY***

***PSALM 6 (page 66)***

***SECOND LESSON***

***ROMANS 8:31–39***

31 What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him? 33 Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! 34 Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! 35 What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that

neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” (Matthew 4:10b)


**GOSPEL**

**MARK 1:12–15**

12 The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. 15 “The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**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 Thursday 6:30pm





# Leaping Into

## St. John Lutheran School





- Tour our preschool and kindergarten classrooms
- Meet our compassionate teachers
- Children are welcome to join and explore
- Meet other school families while enjoying pizza and snacks

**3K, 4K, 5K**  
Round-up for the  
2024-2025 School year

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Thursday, February 29  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

(715) 582-4565  
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N1926 Church Road, Peshtigo



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



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