

*Last Sunday After Epiphany
The Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 19, 2023*

**Pastor Daniel Sargent
Jim Seefeldt**

**Pastor
Organist**

Matt & Ronda Lemke, Gup & Melissa Gannigan Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through 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
Hymns	95, 97, 309(comm.), 314(comm.), 289
First Lesson	Exodus 24:12, 15-18
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 148 (page 121)
Second Lesson	2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 17:1-9
Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	2 Peter 1:16-21
Worship Theme	“We Have Eyewitness Testimony!”

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 by Wednesday afternoon.

**HIS
FINAL
STEPS**

Ash Wednesday/Lenten Services Ash Wednesday/Lenten Services will start this week, February 22 at 6:30pm. We are exchanging pulpits with area churches

Adult Bible Study The **FIRST** Thursday of the month at 6:00pm, Zion, Peshtigo will be holding an Adult Bible Study. The next one will be **March 2, 2023**. Everyone is welcome to join!!



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.

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.

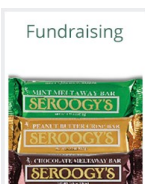


Sunday School We are still looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping let Pastor Sargent know.

Bible Study Our Bible Study is called “**Grand Themes & Key Words**”. Our lesson for this Sunday is called “**Tithes and Firstfruits**”. Next Sunday we will look at “**Zion**”. 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 *Grace, Crivitz*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce* by Pastor Ryan Landwehr.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 2/12/2023	128
Live Stream Service 2/12/2023 (Households)	15
Sunday School/Bible Study 2/12/2023	15/9
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (7 weeks)	134

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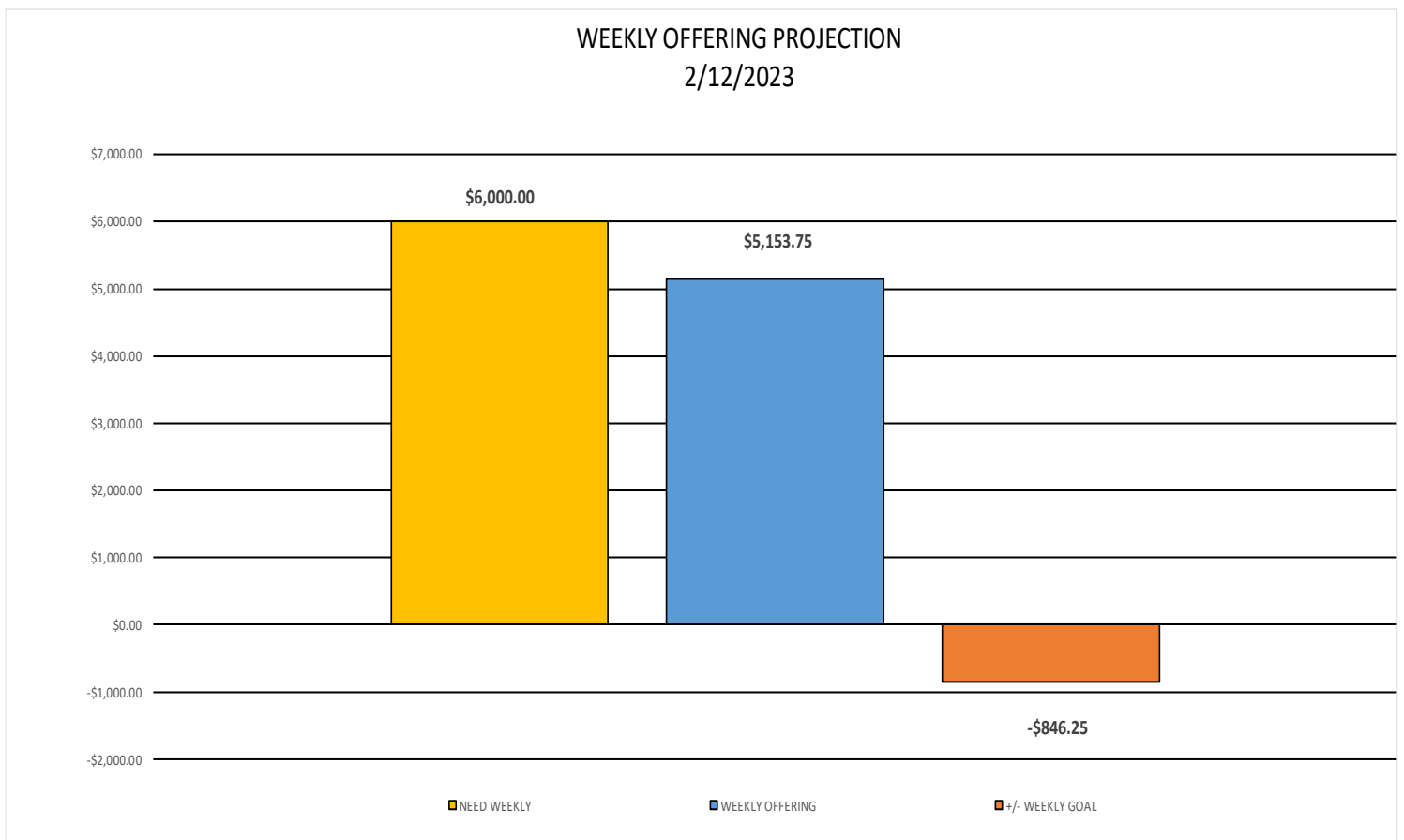
TODAY	11:00am	Marriage Bible Study
Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Tuesday	10:00am	Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sargent)
Friday	8:15am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Service w/WELS Connection

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

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 1/29/2023	\$ 11,799.50
General Fund Income for 2/5/2023	\$ 8,626.50
General Fund Income for 2/12/2023	\$ 5,153.75

Total General Fund Income (33 weeks) \$203,258.21
 Church Offering Goal: Weekly@ \$6,000.00 (33 weeks) \$198,000.00
 (Projection - \$312,000)
 Total Church Offering Goal **Surplus** \$ 5,258.21
 Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632) \$ 33,355.00/71,391.50
Included in General Fund Income Total:
 E-giving - \$2,182.75; Thrivent - \$148
Special Gifts & Offerings:
 CMO - \$205; Sunday School Missions - \$8.75;
Memorials & Special Gifts Received:
 Church Special Projects - In Celebration of Ralph Rohde's 90th
 Birthday from Larry Rohde Family



School News

- ⇒ The children in Grades K - 8 will be recording the song *Lamb of God* which will be played during our worship service next Sunday, February 26th. We will also share this recording with some of our other area WELS churches.
- ⇒ The CEA is sponsoring a Winter Outing of bowling and pizza for our school families next Saturday, February 25th at the Center Bowl in Peshtigo from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Pizza at Luigi's will follow.
- ⇒ Our school will be holding a **Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, March 2nd at 5:00 pm**. The theme for this evening will again be: **Pizza and Pajama Night**. Parents can bring their children dressed in pajamas as they enjoy pizza and refreshments while learning more about our school. 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. They can also contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office either by emailing school@stjohnpeshtigo.org or calling the school office at 715-582-4565 Monday through Friday from 8:00-11:00 am for more information.
- ⇒ 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 choiceadmin@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**EXODUS 24:12, 15-18**

12 The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the law and the commands that I have written, so that you can teach them."

15 Moses went up onto the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The Glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses out of the middle of the cloud. 17 The appearance of the Glory of the LORD looked like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered into the middle of the cloud and climbed up the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 148 (PAGE 121)****SECOND LESSON****2 PETER 1:16-21**

16 To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, 20 since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. 21 In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. 3 Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. 7 Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” 8 When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Have A Blessed Week!

Save the date!

Dear Friend of Missions,

Taste of Missions is back! Almost 500 people attended last year's event at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and another 200 individuals participated online. It was a wonderful day of experiencing WELS mission work through fellowship with home and world missionaries, various Q&A panels and presentations, delicious ethnic cuisine, and inspirational worship with brothers and sisters from around the world. Check out photos from the event in our [Flickr album](#).

We want to invite YOU to join us again to learn about WELS mission work at this year's Taste of Missions event that will be held on **Sat., June 10, 2023**. Bring the family to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., to enjoy some ethnic food trucks and get to know some of your synod's home and world missionaries. Can't attend in person? Virtual attendees can watch all the events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try their hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website.

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 20. In the meantime, visit tasteofmissions.com to view more event details and catch up on videos you might have missed from last year's event.

We hope to see you there!

WELS Home, World, and Joint Missions

P.S. The third annual Taste of Missions School Challenge will also open on February 20! View photos and activities from last year's challenge and keep an eye out for future announcements at tasteofmissions.com/schools.

