

First Sunday of Lent
February 26, 2023

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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.

Order of Service	Service of the Word w/baptism, page 12/38
Hymns	296, 395(printed on last page), 373, 446
School Childrens' Song	"Lamb of God"(printed on last page)
First Lesson	Genesis 3:1-15
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 84(Blue Hymnal) (printed in bulletin)
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 4:1-11
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed
Sermon Text	Matthew 4:1-11
Worship Theme	"Our Champion!"

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:

* Brynlee Georgiana Bornick as she receives the blessing of Holy Baptism.

* Weston Kroy Stodola as he receives the blessing of Holy Baptism.

* 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 stjohngrover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.



Baptism Brynlee Georgiana Bornick, daughter of Ethan and Tiffany Bornick, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism during the service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.



Baptism Weston Kroy Stodola, son of Hunter and Kimberly Stodola, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism after the service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

WELS Connection We will be viewing February, 2023 WELS Connection at the end of the service today.

New Calendar The March, 2023 calendar is available on the



Lenten Services We continue with our Mid-Week Lenten Services on Wednesday at 6:30pm. We are exchanging pulpits with area churches with Pastor Matthew Stuebs preaching at St. John this week.

Adult Bible Study Zion, Peshtigo will be holding an



Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm this Thursday, **March 2, 2023**. Everyone is welcome to join!!

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 "**Zion**". Next Sunday we will look at "**Apostles**". 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 *St. John, Grover*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *St. John, Grover by Pastor Daniel Sargent*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 2/19/2023	152
Live Stream Service 2/19/2023 (Households)	10
Sunday School/Bible Study 2/19/2023	18/9
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (8 weeks)	137

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Education
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
	6:30pm	Lenten Service (Stuebs)
Friday	8:15am	School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 2/5/2023	\$ 8,626.50
General Fund Income for 2/12/2023	\$ 5,153.75
General Fund Income for 2/19/2023	\$ 5,631.50

Total General Fund Income (34 weeks) \$208,889.71
 Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,000.00 (34 weeks) \$204,000.00
 (Projection - \$312,000)

Total Church Offering Goal **Surplus** \$ 4,889.71

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632) \$ 33,635.00/71,391.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

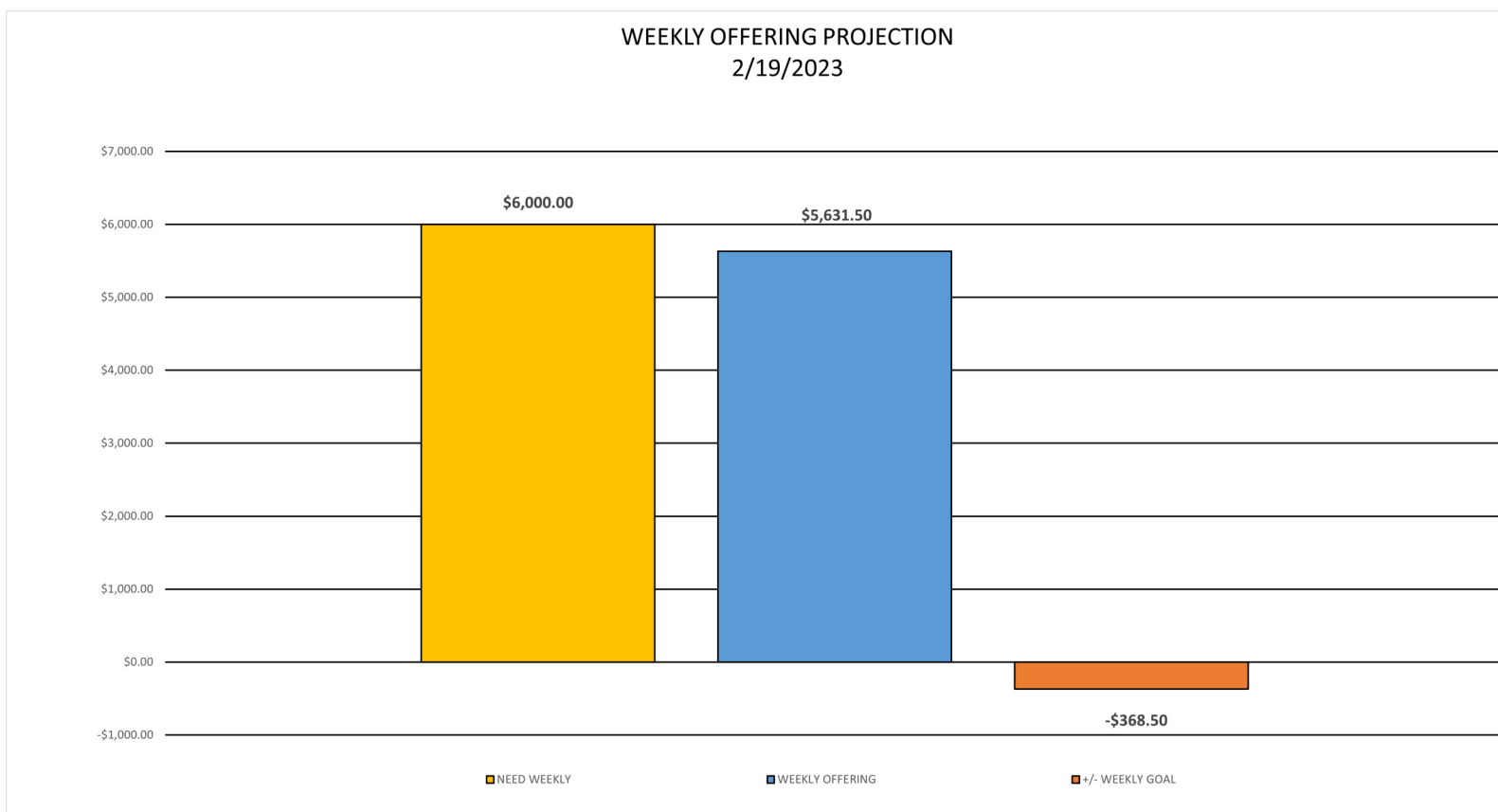
E-giving - \$1,891.75;

Special Gifts & Offerings:

CMO - \$20; Future Church Workers(WELS Extension fund) - \$8.28; Special Projects - \$60; Ladies Aid/Meditation Books - \$71; School Missions - \$47; Hot Lunch - \$46.50

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Special Projects - In Celebration of Ralph Rohde's 90th Birthday from Larry Rohde Family



School News

- ⇒ Thank you to our students in Grades K - 8 for their recording of the song, Lamb of God that was played this morning. The recording will be shared with some of our other area WELS churches.
- ⇒ This coming week will be School Spirit Week, in readiness to send off our basketball team to the Luther Prep Co-ed basketball tournament in Watertown, on March 3rd and 4th.
- ⇒ Our school will be holding a **Preschool/Kindergarten Round Up** this coming **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.
- ⇒ There will be a joint parent/Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 pm. All St. John school parents are encouraged to attend.

FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:1-15

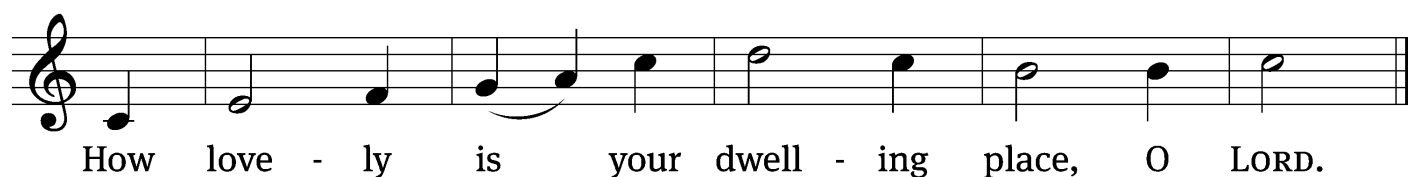
Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden,³ but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”⁴ The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die.⁵ In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.⁷ The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.⁸ They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”¹¹ God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this,

you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 84(BLUE HYMNAL-PRINTED HERE)

PSALM 84A How Lovely

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your/dwelling place,

LORD Al-/mighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts / of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out for the / living God.

Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;

they are ever / praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day / in your courts

than a thousand / elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God

than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

LORD Al- / mighty,

blessed is the one who / trusts in you.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ²For he says: At a favorable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation! ³We are giving no one a reason to stumble in any way, so that our ministry will not be blamed. ⁴Rather, in every way we show ourselves to be God's ministers: in great endurance, in troubles, in hardships, in difficulties, ⁵in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in hard work, in sleepless nights, in times of hunger; ⁶in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, ⁷in the word of truth, in the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness on the right and on the left; ⁸through glory and dishonor, through bad report and good report; treated as deceivers yet being honest, ⁹treated as unknown and yet being well known; as dying, and yet look—we live; as punished yet not put to death; ¹⁰as grieving yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing yet possessing everything.

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

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights,

he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.” ⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.” ⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” ⁷Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God.” ⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

Have A Blessed Week!

School Children's Song

550 Lamb of God

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

Ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 Your gift of love they crucified,
they laughed and scorned him as he died:
the humble King they named a fraud
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

3 I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

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395 What Grace Is This Choir v.1-2 Congregation & Choir v.3-6



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
and gently laid in manger-trough,
he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
and wrapped again for me.

6 What grace is this? How can it be?
He wears this raw humility
to lift me to eternity.
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.