

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 5, 2023

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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	84, 561, 311, 291
First Lesson	Isaiah 58:5-9a
School Children's Song	"Blest Are They" (words on last page)
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:13-20
Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Worship Theme	"God's Power!"

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 12 during the service.



New Calendar The February, 2023 calendar is available on the pedestal.

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

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.

Pioneer Winter Campout You're invited to The Pioneer Winter Campout at Camp Croix the weekend of February 10-12, 2023. We will again be renting the lodge and first aid cabin, and of course the smaller cabins will be available as well. This year we will be partnering with Pioneer Train 73 from Minnesota! There will be Crafts, Ice fishing, Hiking, Archery, Rifle range, Sledding, as well as the Klondike race and Swimming at the Voyager Village pool. This is a family activity, open to all members and friends of Zion, young and old alike. The cost is \$25 per person or \$75 per family for the weekend. Camp Croix is located near Danbury, WI. If you would like to join us, call or email Alex Enter 715-733-0899 or Youthministerzion@Gmail.com by Monday February 6th.

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 “**LORD**”.

Next Sunday we will look at “**Sabbath**”. 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 *Our Savior/St. Mark, Lena/Spruce*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Grace, Crivitz by Staff Minister, Dan Kock*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 1/29/2023	139
Live Stream Service 1/29/2023 (Households)(no sound)	
Sunday School/Bible Study 1/29/2023	18/11
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (5 weeks)	131

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday 6:30pm Zion Service

Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
 Thurs-Friday Teachers' Conference—No School
 Friday-Sunday Lutheran Pioneers Campout (February 10-12)
 Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "B" - Dave Kaus, Paul Marquardt, Darlene Nohr

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 1/15/2023	\$ 4,543.75
General Fund Income for 1/22/2023	\$ 2,788.00
General Fund Income for 1/29/2023	\$ 11,799.50
Total General Fund Income (31 weeks)	\$189,477.96
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,000.00 (31 weeks)	\$186,000.00

(Projection - \$312,000)

Total Church Offering Goal <i>Surplus</i>	\$ 3,477.96
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Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632)	\$ 32,187.50/71,391.50
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Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$3,329.50(2 weeks)

Special Gifts & Offerings:

CMO - \$5; Sunday School Missions - \$46; Organ - \$1,320; School Missions - \$44; Hot Lunch - \$88; LYG - \$43; Ladies Aid - \$100; Choir - \$50; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - 20; School Undesignated - \$2,000

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

Church Organ - In memory of Donna Swanson from MaryLou Knaak

Church Organ - In memory of Donna Swanson from Family of Donna Swanson

Choir - In memory of Leo Seefeldt from Tom & Cheryl Maxwell

General - In memory of Ron Grom from MaryLou Knaak

Ladies Aid - In memory of Donna Swanson from Michelle French

School News

⇒ 1st Semester 6th-8th Grade Honor Roll

Highest Honors (4.0)

Faith Maedke

High Honors (3.5 -3.99)

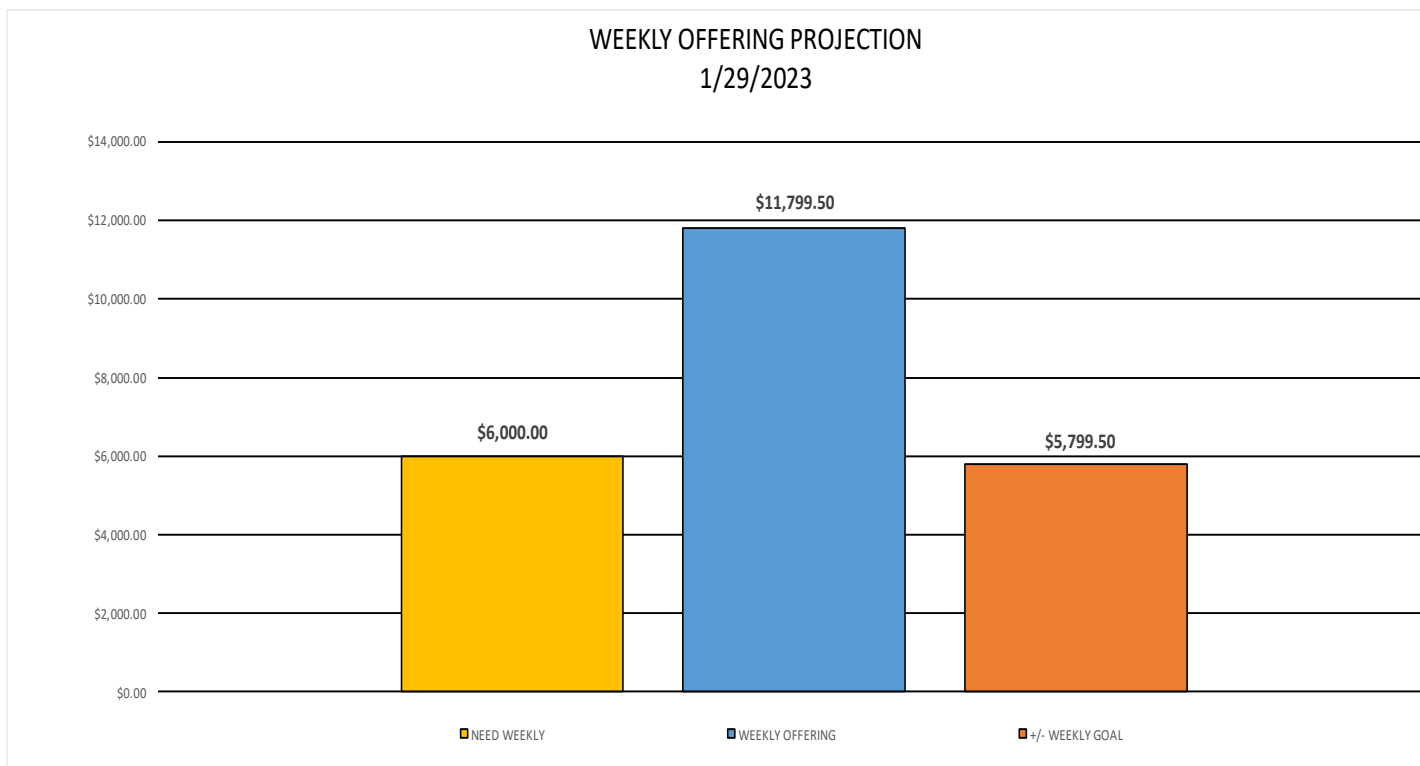
Makenzie Nowak
Addison Hartwig
Brady Charapata
Jeremiah
Maedke
Noah Hartwig

Honor Roll (3.0-3.49)

Zanian Seppel
Jack Hurley

- ⇒ Our school Social Studies Fair was held on Friday, February 3. The students put a lot of work into their projects. School will be open today, Sunday, February 5, from 11:00 - 11:30 for you to come, and see the work the children have done.
- ⇒ There will be no school this Thursday and Friday, February 9 and 10 as the teachers will be attending the District Teachers' Conference at St. John Lutheran in Two Rivers.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will have a Winter Campout at Camp Croix February 10 - 12.
- ⇒ 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 [choiceadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org](mailto:choicoadmin@stjohnpeshtigo.org) or (414) 758-8607 for more information.



FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 58:5-9A

5 Is this the kind of fast that I would choose: a day when a person afflicts himself and bows his head like a reed and makes his bed on sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, a day to gain the LORD's favor? 6 On the contrary, isn't this the kind of fast that I would choose: to loosen the chains of wickedness, to tear apart the ropes of a yoke, to release the oppressed so they go free, and to tear every yoke to pieces? 7 Isn't a true fast that you share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless and afflicted into a house? Yes, when you see a naked person, you are to cover him, and do not hide yourself from your own flesh and blood. 8 Then your light will break forth like dawn, and your healing will spring up quickly. Your righteousness will go out ahead of you, and the Glory of the LORD will follow you. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer. You will cry out, and he will say, "Here I am!"

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SONG "Blest Are They" (words on last page)

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. 2 For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

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)

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-20

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. 14 You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. 17 “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. 18 Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. 19 So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Have A Blessed Week!

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1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled. **(Refrain)**

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!

Blessèd are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **(Refrain)**

3 Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart,
they shall see God! **(Refrain)**

4 Blest are they who seek peace,
they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **(Refrain)**

5 Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
shine for all to see. **(Refrain)**

