

First Sunday After Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2025

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Jim Seefeldt

Sally Motkowski & Sue Mylener

Scott & Sue Schonfeld, Dave & Patti Bornick

Pastor
Organist
Greeters

Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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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Second Lesson

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Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Worship Theme

"We Don't Have to Make a Deal!"



Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:

*Family and Friends of Joan Behringer who mourn her death.

*Ellianna Joy Olson as she received the blessing of Holy Baptism

yesterday, Saturday, January 11.


*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.

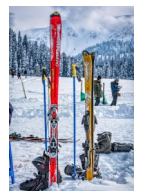
Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to stjohn-grover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.

Special Thank you I just want to send out a very special Thank you to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church for the gorgeous quilt my husband received from Unity Hospice. Your dedication, kindness, and generosity is so very appreciated. Again, on behalf of my husband, John and myself, thank you and God Bless you all. *Susan Calabrese*



 **Baptism** Ellianna Joy Olson, daughter of Derek and Noelle Olson, received God's washing of Holy Baptism yesterday, Saturday, January 11. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.

Youth Ski Trip On Saturday January 18th, our teens in 7th grade and older are invited to go downhill skiing as a group



with our area church friends. We will meet at Grace Church at 11:30am and carpool up to Pine Mountain Ski Resort in Iron Mountain. We will ski until approximately 8:00pm and then get pizza on our way home. The cost for the trip is \$39.00 for your lift ticket + \$39.00 for your equipment rental. Even if you have never skied before this is a great opportunity to come try out a neat winter activity.



Altar Flowers The altar flowers are in memory of Ardis Schwittay from Jeremy Schwittay & Family.

Mom's Bible Study Our next Bible Study will be Tuesday, January 21 9:30am in St. John church basement. Children are welcome. Activity/toys and light snack will also be provided for children. Please let Erin Pape know if you are able to attend or interested in future meetings (262) 352-8762.



Joy in the Journey “For the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10c This is the theme for the 2025 Pathways to Christ Women's Retreat held in Oshkosh, WI on February 28-March 2, 2025. We are pleased to announce that registration for 2025 Pathways to Christ Retreat is now open! Please go to our website <https://pathwaystochrist.org/> for more information about speakers, topics, accommodations, and more! On our website you have the choice to download and print a PDF registration form to mail in, or there is an additional link to our eventbrite link to register online. Please reach out via email at pathwaystochristretraet@gmail.com with any questions. Registration closes on February 1, 2025.



Save The Date In the evening on Thursday, March 6, the school will be having their Preschool and Kindergarten

“Round Up”. More details are to follow.

2025 Offering Envelopes Your 2025 envelopes are available on the table in the back of church. A few things to make note of: (1) Check your address. If it is incorrect, please fill out a change form that is located in the rack in back of church or let Brenda Polzin know. (2) If you are taking advantage of the E-giving program, statements with your number are available on the table as well. Please use that number (from the label) for any special donations. (3) If you don't have envelopes and wish to receive them, please contact Kevyn Lange.

NOTE: WE HAVE RENUMBERED THE OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY OLD OFFERING ENVELOPES YOU MAY HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION AS IT WILL MESS UP CONTRIBUTION RECORDS. THANK YOU!

2024 Offering Information On Christmas Eve, 4:00pm service at Zion, Peshtigo, there were a few of St. John members that attended the service and put their Christmas Eve offering envelope in Zion's offering plates. We are sorry to say that those envelopes didn't get to us until after last Sunday. In retrospect, those contributions were not recorded for 2024 but will be reflected in 2025 records. Sorry for the inconvenience!!!



Poinsettias If you brought in a poinsettia for Christmas, you can take them home now as we will be tossing them after today. Thank you for beautifying our church with your memorial plants.

Annual Voters' Meeting Sunday, January 26, we will be having our annual voters' meeting after the 10:00am service. It will be held in church. ALL VOTERS AND CONGREGATION



Voters Meeting

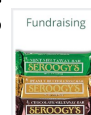
MEMBERS are encouraged to attend this meeting. An agenda will be distributed for preview by everyone and to help prepare for any questions during the OPEN FORUM of the meeting.

We will be needing any individual reports for the 2024 annual report no later than January 16, 2025. Please email to Brenda Polzin at stjohngrover@gmail.com so we can get everything compiled for the meeting.



Bible Study We will be looking at the “**Book of Jonah**” in this study. It will be at 9:00 am in the front of the church. All are welcome.

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!!

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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2025 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 1/5/2025	180
Live Stream Service 1/5/2025 (Households)	22
Sunday School/Bible Study 1/5/2025	18/10
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (1 week)	180

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 Meeting

Thursday 4:30pm Ladies Night Out @ Embers, Peshtigo

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” - Kevyn Lange, Brent & Wanda Richlen

Next Sunday’s Greeters: Darlene Nohr & Diane Loll

Offerings for the Lord’s Work

General Fund Income for 12/22/2024	\$ 9,670.06
General Fund Income for 12/29/2024	\$16,510.91
General Fund Income for 1/5/2025	\$ 7,665.50
Total General Fund Income (28 weeks)	\$179,172.95
Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,282.33	\$175,905.24
(28 weeks) (projection-\$326,681)	
Total Church Offering Goal SURPLUS	\$ 3,267.71
Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$279,546)	\$37,260.29/117,725.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,693.50;

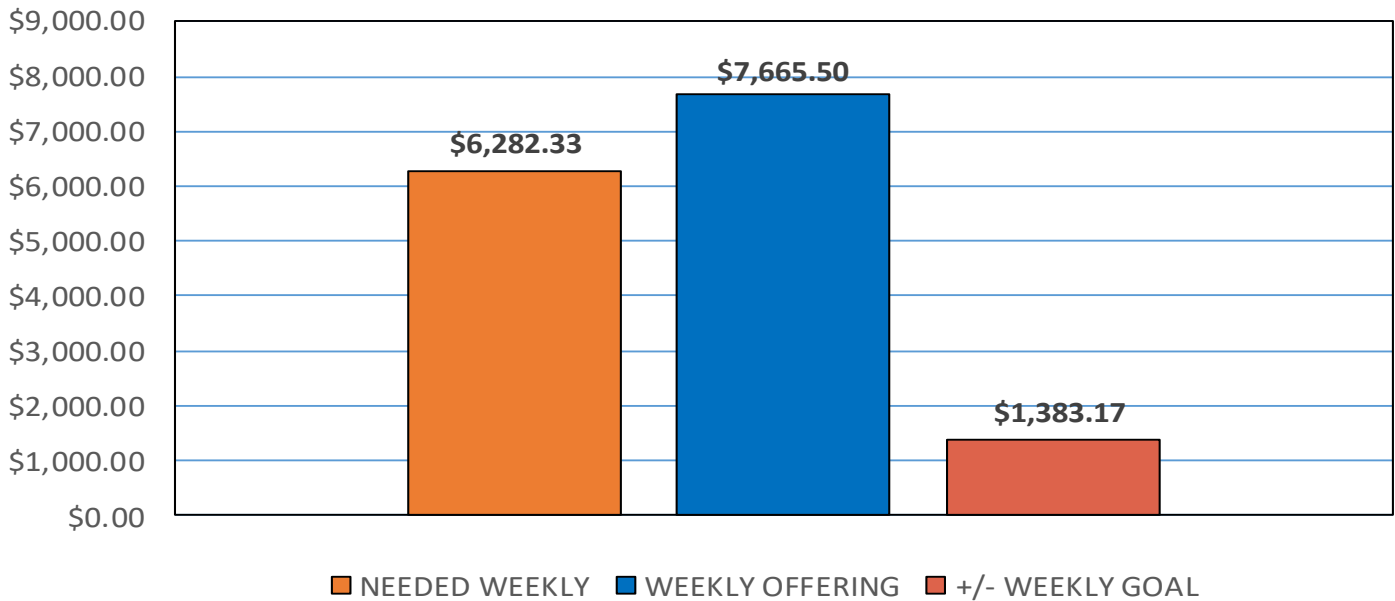
Special Gifts & Offerings:

CMO - \$115; LYG - \$10; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - \$20; Sunday School Missions - \$8; School Missions - \$45.50; Church Organ - \$10; Choir - \$10; Piano - \$5; Sunday School - \$5; School Technology - \$4,000

Memorials & Special Gifts Received

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR JANUARY'S LADIES NIGHT OUT

WEEKLY OFFERING PROJECTION 1/5/2025



School News

- ⇒ Classes resumed at St. John's on Thursday, January 2, 2025. We would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and blessed New Year.
- ⇒ The boys basketball team will play Twin City at Trinity, Marinette on Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30 pm.
- ⇒ Our second quarter is quickly coming to an end on January 14, with report cards going home the following week.
- ⇒ On Friday, January 24, we will once again be hosting an event entitled Grownups, Goodies and God. Each student can invite an important grownup, or two, or three to enjoy some breakfast goodies with them at school before joining us for chapel at 8:15am.
- ⇒ Here's a Save the Date reminder, that our Preschool and Kindergarten "Round Up" will be held on the evening of Thursday, March 6, 2025. More information will be coming, but if you know of anyone who might be interested, please give them the date now. Thank you!

Ladies Night Out WINTER Schedule 2025
SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday, January 16

Embers, Peshtigo(4:30pm)

Thursday, February 20

1922 Tap House in Marinette(4:30pm)

Thursday, March 20

Applejacks, Marinette(4:30pm)

Thursday, April 17

Coppertown(formerly Crivello's)in Oconto(4:30pm)

Anyone questions, please call Marquita at 715-582-3304

4:30pm Social - Dinner 5:00pm

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.” 2 Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.” 4 So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?” 5 He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the LORD’s anointed.” 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” 9 Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” 11 Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?” Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.” 12 He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint

him, because this is the one.” 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND LESSON

TITUS 3:4–7

4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, 5 he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)

GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15–17, 21–22

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John could be the Christ. 16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!