

8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 2023

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Darlene Nohr & Diane Loll

Shane Seefeldt, Mark & Eunice Kamps

Pastor

Organist

Greeters

Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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

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Hymns

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First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 65 (page 89)

Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text

Isaiah 55:10-11

Worship Theme

"God Says So!"

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.



Quarterly Voters' Meeting We will be having our Quarterly Voters' Meeting next Sunday, July 30, after the service. All voting members are encouraged to attend. There will be an

Open Forum for any questions or concerns anyone from the congregation may have.

Electronics Recycling UW-Green Bay, Marinette Campus are inviting community members to drop off electronics to be recycled for **"FREE"**. It is on Friday, August 11, 2023 from 12-3:00pm at the UW-GB Marinette Campus. A detailed list with more information is on the bulletin board.



Pastor Installation Trinity Lutheran would like to invite you to the installation service of Pastor Joshua Frailing on Sunday, July 30th at 4pm. A meal in the school gym will be afterwards. A dish to pass is not required as all food will be provided. A gift table and card basket will be available if you would like to welcome our new pastor and his wife Hope.

Teacher's Aide Opening- Trinity Lutheran School in Marinette, is looking for an individual to fill the part-time position of 2nd-4th Grade Teacher's Aide (2 hours per school day), beginning at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. The hourly compensation rate is \$13/hour. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Amber McMahon by August 7 for more information (tlsecretary@tlsmarinette.com or (715) 732-2956.



Adult Bible Study There will not be Adult Bible Study at Zion, Peshtigo for the month of August.

Altar Flowers The altar flowers are given with God's Richest Blessings for Rod & Adie Robins' 47th Wedding Anniversary.



Vacation Pastor Sargent will be on vacation July 27-31. Please contact Pastor Myslik for any pastoral emergencies. (507-327-0902)

2023 WELS Synod Convention The 67th biennial synod convention July 31–August 3, 2023 Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, MI.



Pastor Sargent will be serving as a delegate to this year's synod convention. Please contact Pastor Myslik for any pastoral emergencies. (507-327-0902)



2023 Joint Congregational Picnic We are going to have our picnic with Zion again this year. It is going to be on August 20th starting with a service in the park at 10:00am, then our picnic directly after. If you don't want to come to the picnic you are going to have an opportunity to have a church service at Zion at 8:30am. The final details have not been ironed out yet.

We are going to need volunteers to help organize the picnic. If you can come to a meeting at Zion in the fellowship hall at 6:00pm **THIS Wednesday July 26th**, we really need your help. **There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board to be on the planning committee. Thank You!**

Church Softball Play some church softball this summer for fun & fellowship with brothers and sisters from WELS churches in the area! We will play at 1 p.m. on the following



Sundays: July 23 at Coleman, and August 6 at Crivitz.

Put these dates on your calendar and plan to come! It is for any male or female of all ages. You don't have to be good to come and play.



Seroogy Candy Bars St. John Lutheran Youth Group is selling Seroogy candy bars at the cost of \$1.50 each.

NOTE: AT THIS TIME THE CANDY BARS THAT ARE ON THE TABLE ARE ALL WE HAVE. IN A FEW MONTHS WE WILL ORDER AGAIN AND THEY WILL BE AT THE COST OF \$2 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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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 *Trinity, Marinette*. 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 7/16/2023

135

Live Stream Service 7/16/2023 (Households) 9
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (29 weeks) 144

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY 1:00pm Area Church Softball @ Coleman
Monday 6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday 6:00pm Joint Picnic Meeting at Zion, Peshtigo
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service w/WELS Connection
11:00am Quarterly Voters' Meeting w/Open Forum
Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "E" - Scott & Sue Schonfeld,
Dave & Patti Bornick
Next Sunday's Greeters: Randy & Brenda Polzin

Offerings for the Lord's Work

NEW FISCAL NUMBERS

General Fund Income for 7/2/2023	\$ 3,530.50
General Fund Income for 7/9/2023	\$ 7,228.75
General Fund Income for 7/16/2023	\$ 5,348.75
Total General Fund Income (3 weeks)	\$ 16,108.25
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,174.50 (3 weeks)	\$ 18,523.50
(Projection - \$321,074)	
Total Church Offering Goal <i>Deficit</i>	-\$ 2,415.20
Tuition/School Choice (Projection - \$253,424)	\$1,620.00/

Included in General Fund Income Total:

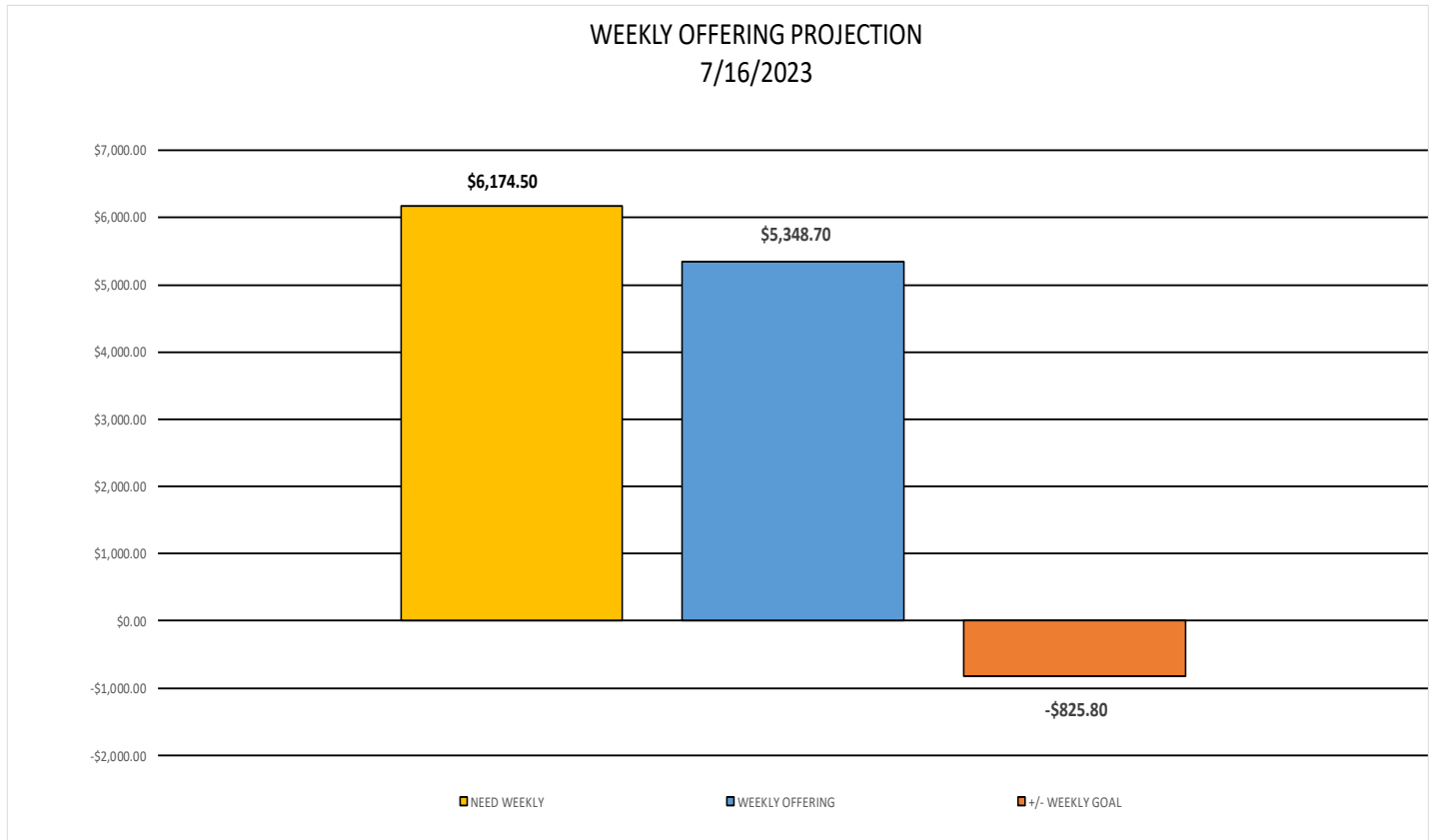
E-giving - \$1,737.75;

Special Gifts & Offerings:

CMO - \$100; Ladies Aid/Meditation Books - \$30; Future Church
Workers - \$4.79

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

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FIRST LESSON**ISAIAH 55:10-11**

10 Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 65 (PAGE 89)****SECOND LESSON****ROMANS 8:18-25**

18 For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. 19 In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope 21 that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. 22 For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. 23 And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. 24 Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? 25 But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)

GOSPEL LESSON**MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. 4 As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. 6 But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. 8 But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. 9 Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear. 18 “So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. 20 The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. 22 The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. 23 But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

Have A Blessed Week!