

*Third Sunday of Lent*  
*March 12, 2023*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>Service of the Word, page 38</b>
<b>Hymns</b>	<b>125, 343, 460, 562</b>
<b>First Lesson</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:14-21</b>
<b>Choir Song</b>	<b>Brighter Than Snow!</b>
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39</b>
<b>Confession of Faith</b>	<b>Apostles' Creed</b>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	<b>Ephesians 5:8-14</b>
<b>Worship Theme</b>	<b>"Let Your Light Shine"</b>

**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 stjohngrover@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon.



**Youth Pizza Fundraiser** Order pizzas and support Our Teen ministry! Pre-sale of pizza will go from now until March 19.

The teens will build the pizzas on Saturday, March 25 and pizzas will be available to be picked up from Zion or Grace from 4-6 pm that evening and after church on the 26th. You can fill out an order form in the fellowship hall. We are asking for donations of brown grocery bags to help fill orders. They can be brought to Mr. Alex's office. All money raised will go to support the teen mission trip this summer!

**Teen Mission Trip-Deadline Extended** This summer during the last week of June, teens from Zion in Peshtigo, St John in Grover and Grace in Crivitz are invited on a mission trip to serve God's people abroad. We are working with WELS Christian Aid and Relief to be available wherever disaster strikes, and we can show God's love to his people. This mission trip will be open to any of our confirmed teens and their friends who are actively participating in our teen programs. There is a commitment of \$200.00 per teen that is due on March 15th, along with committing to 4 out of 7 fundraisers. If you have any questions or would like to come on the trip, see Mr. Alex for the commitment form.



**Save The Date- Easter for Kids!!** On Saturday, April 1st from 9:30-11:30, Zion will be hosting a one-day Bible

School event called Easter for Kids! We are inviting children ages 3 to 10 to join us. There will be stories, crafts, games, snacks and songs. Most importantly, we will learn about the true meaning of Easter: Jesus Rises from the Dead! If you are planning to send your child, please pre-register so that we can plan accordingly. Please register for free online at <https://vbsmate.com/events/zionpeshtigo/26883> If you are interested in helping, please talk to Mr. Alex.

**LWMS Spring Rally** The LWMS Spring Rally for our Lake Superior circuit will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church, 716 Henriette Ave., Crivitz, WI. All women of our congregation are invited and welcomed to attend. Along with an agenda, there is a sign up sheet on the church's bulletin board for people who are interested in attending, and this sign up sheet will be used to RSVP to Grace Lutheran Church to help them prepare for this event.

A **DOOR OFFERING** will be collected on the **Sundays of March 19 and March 26** to help support the mission projects. There is information about these mission projects on the bulletin board.

At this Spring Rally there will be a collection of coats and winter gear. If you have gently used, or new, winter items to donate, you may place them in the box near the coat rack for delivery to the rally.

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

**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](http://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 “Body of Christ”. Next Sunday we will look at “Children of God”. 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.

**\*\*\*SEROOGY'S HAS INCREASED THEIR PRICES OF FUNDRAISER CANDY BARS. AT THIS TIME WE STILL HAVE SOME LEFT AT THE OLD PRICE. BUT WHEN THOSE ARE GONE, WE WILL ORDER MORE AND HAVE TO CHARGE \$2.00 PER CANDY BAR. THESE WILL MAKE A PERFECT TREAT IN THE KIDS EASTER BASKETS\*\*\***

*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 *First Ev. Lutheran, Green Bay* by Pastor Paul Schleis.

**Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Joined for Lenten Service 3/1/2023 & Livestream	27/7
Those Who Joined Us in Worship 3/5/2023	128
Live Stream Service 3/5/2023 (Households)	13
Sunday School/Bible Study 3/5/2023	20/14
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (10 weeks)	137

**This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran**

Monday-Friday	SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL
Monday	6:00pm Church Council 6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm) 6:30pm Lenten Service (Langebartels)
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday’s Counting Team: Team “G” - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

**Offerings for the Lord’s Work**

General Fund Income for 2/19/2023	\$ 5,631.50
General Fund Income for 2/26/2023	\$ 4,173.75
General Fund Income for 3/5/2023	\$ 6,464.50
Total General Fund Income (36 weeks)	\$219,517.96
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,000.00 (36 weeks)	\$216,000.00
(Projection - \$312,000)	
Total Church Offering Goal <b>Surplus</b>	\$ 3,527.96

Tuition / School Choice (Projection - \$188,632) \$ 33,845.63/\$111,286.75

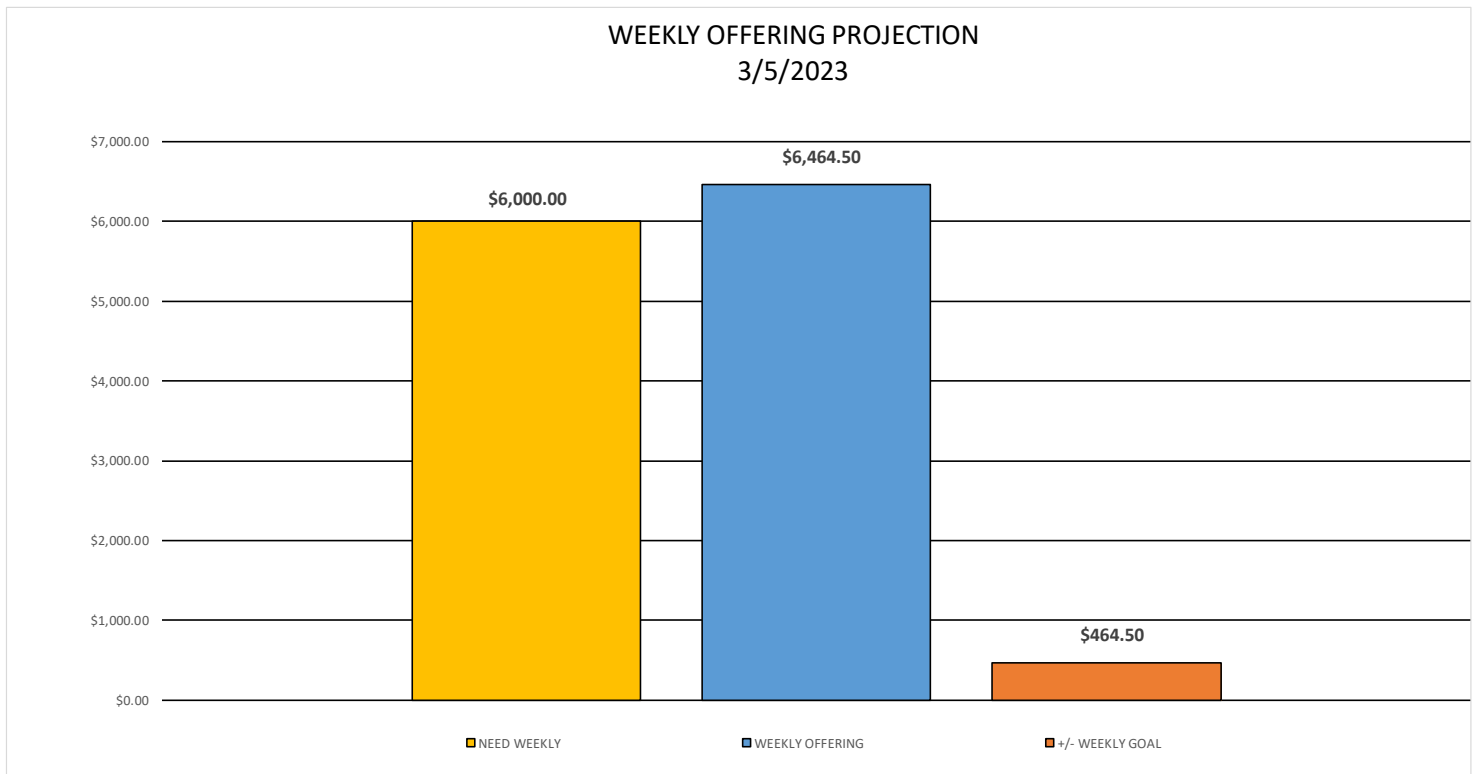
**Included in General Fund Income Total:**

E-giving - \$2,369.50;

**Special Gifts & Offerings:**

CMO - \$115; Sunday School Missions - \$28; School Missions - \$35.01; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - \$20; School Undesignated - \$429; Church Organ - \$110; Choir - \$10; Piano - \$5; Sunday School - \$5

**Memorials & Special Gifts Received:**



## School News

- ⇒ We had an amazing turnout for our Preschool/Kindergarten Roundup last Thursday, March 2nd. Both our 3K and 4K classes are at full capacity as of right now, but if anyone is still interested, please contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office either by emailing [school@stjohnpeshtigo.org](mailto:school@stjohnpeshtigo.org) or calling the school office at 715-582-4565 Monday through Friday from 8:00-11:00 am and we can put you on a waiting list in case there are any changes. We thank our Lord for this wonderful blessing!
- ⇒ There will be no school this week, March 13th - 17th, for our Spring Break.
- ⇒ Friday, March 24th marks the end of our Third Quarter. The school year is quickly drawing to a close!
- ⇒ 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.

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm



**FIRST LESSON****ISAIAH 42:14-21**

14 I have been silent for a long time. I have kept still. I have restrained myself. But now, like a woman giving birth, I will scream. I will gasp and pant. 15 I will dry up mountains and hills. I will make all their grass wither. I will turn rivers into islands. I will dry up pools. 16 I will lead the blind on a way they do not know. Along paths they do not know I will direct them. Ahead of them I will turn darkness into light and rough places into level ground. These are the things I will accomplish for them. I will not abandon them. 17 They will be turned back and completely disgraced—those who trust in an idol, those who say to molten images, “You are our gods.” 18 You deaf ones, listen! You blind ones, watch carefully so that you can see! 19 Who is as blind as my servant? Who is as deaf as my messenger whom I sent? Who is as blind as my associate, as blind as the servant of the LORD? 20 You, Israel, see many things, but you do not observe. Israel opens his ears, but he does not hear. 21 Because of his own righteousness, the LORD was pleased to make his law great and glorious.

**CHOIR SONG****“BRIGHTER THAN SNOW”****SECOND LESSON****EPHESIANS 5:8-14**

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. 10 Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord, 11 and do not participate in fruitless deeds of darkness. Instead, expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention the things that are done by people in secret. 13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes things visible. 14 Therefore it is said, “Awake, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

**GOSPEL****JOHN 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39**

As Jesus was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born

blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that God’s works might be revealed in connection with him. 4 I must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the World.” 6 After saying this, Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and spread the mud on the man’s eyes. 7 “Go,” Jesus told him, “wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means “Sent”). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. 13 They brought this man who had been blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man told them. “I washed, and now I see.”

16 Then some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath.” Others were saying, “How can a sinful man work such miraculous signs?” There was division among them, 17 so they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes?” The man replied, “He is a prophet.” 34 They answered him, “You were entirely born in sinfulness! Yet you presume to teach us?” And they threw him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out. When he found him, he asked, “Do you believe in the Son of God?” 36 “Who is he, sir,” the man replied, “that I may believe in him?” 37 Jesus answered, “You have seen him, and he is the very one who is speaking with you.” 38 Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” and he knelt down and worshipped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, in order that those who do not see will see, and those who do see will become blind.”

**Have A Blessed Week!**