

*2nd Sunday in Advent*  
*December 10, 2023*

***Pastor Daniel Sargent***

***Jim Seefeldt***

***Wes & Ella Aguilar***

***Matt & Ronda Lemke, Gup & Melissa Gannigan*** ***Counting Team***

***Pastor***

***Organist***

***Greeters***

***PRAYER OF THE DAY*** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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**

**16, 11, 27, Medley of Carols  
(printed on last pages)**

**First Lesson**

**Isaiah 40:1-4**

**Choir Song**

**“On This Still, Silent Night”**

**Second Lesson**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

**Gospel Lesson**

**Mark 1:1-8**

**Confession of Faith**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Sermon Text**

**Mark 1:1-8**

**Worship Theme**

**“Real Peace!”**

***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.

\*God's Richest Blessings for the 66th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Lois Polzin on December 7.

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](mailto:stjohngrover@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon.



**Church Christmas Potluck TODAY**, Sunday, December 10, following our worship service, all our St. John's families are invited to a Church Christmas Potluck in the church basement. A roaster of chicken, along with beverages will be provided. Please bring your favorite holiday dish to share. Following the meal, stay to play Christmas Bingo (with prizes) and sing songs. **(There will be NO 9:00 am Bible Study that morning.)**

**2023 Contributions** Christmas Day will be the last day in which we will be accepting contributions of any kind for the 2023 year. Thank you!

**2024 Offering Envelopes** We are getting together info for our 2024 offering envelope list. If you are currently receiving offering envelopes for 2023 and wish to discontinue receiving them for 2024 due to wanting to take advantage of the E-Giving Program or for other reasons, please contact Brenda Polzin by email at [stjohngrover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohngrover@gmail.com) or talk with her or Kevyn Lange directly. Also, if you currently don't receive offering envelopes and wish to, please contact either of them as well.



**Poinsettias** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for our Christmas decorations. Please note if the flowers are in memory of a loved one or for another special occasion.

**Advent Wreath** Our Blessed thanks for donating the Advent wreath and candles in loving memory of Carl & Elfrieda Carlson from their family.



**Christmas Tree and Decorations** Our blessed thanks to the families for donating and decorating the Christmas tree and for the many decorations that beautify our church inside and outside.



**Christmas/New Year's Worship Services**

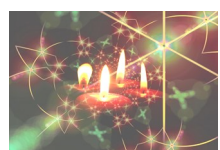
December 16 3:00pm St. John School Children's Program

December 24 10:00am St. John Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 24 6:30pm St. John Church & School Children's Program

December 25 10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

December 31/January 1 There will be the regular 10:00am worship service on **New Year's Eve**. There will not be any **New Year's Day** service.



**Advent** There will not be "**Advent**" services held here at St. John Church. **Trinity, Coleman** is holding Advent Services at 6:00pm on December 13. They will also have Advent meals at 5:00pm. **Grace, Crivitz** is holding their Advent Services on December 13, 20 at 12 noon and 7 PM....supper served prior to evening service 6:15 to 6:45 PM.

**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!!



**Sunday School** We are looking for Sunday School Teachers. If you are interested in helping, let Pastor Sargent know.

**Bible Study** This Sunday we will not have Bible Study because the Sunday School will be practicing in church.



**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 *Calvary, Abrams* by *Pastor Matthew Stuebs*.

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

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/3/2023	161
Live Stream Service 12/3/2023 (Households)	18
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/3/2023	20/12
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (48 weeks)	141

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

**TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE—CHURCH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**  
Monday 6:00pm Church Council

6:30pm Zion Service  
 Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)  
 Thursday 4:30pm Ladies Night Out @ Brown's, Peshtigo  
 Friday 8:15am School Chapel Devotion  
 Saturday 3:00pm School Children Christmas Program  
 Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/ Bible Study  
 10:00am Worship Service w/Communion

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "D" - Shane Seefeldt, Mark & Eunice Kamps

Next Sunday's Greeters: Becky Rohde, Steve & Briana Block

***Offerings for the Lord's Work***

General Fund Income for 11/19/2023	\$ 3,899.75
General Fund Income for 11/26/2023	\$ 6,301.75
General Fund Income for 12/3/2023	\$ 6,592.88
Total General Fund Income (23 weeks)	\$118,371.11
Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,174.50 (23 weeks)	\$142,013.50
(Projection - \$321,074)	
Total Church Offering Goal <b><i>Deficit</i></b>	-\$ 23,642.39
Tuition/School Choice (Projection - \$253,424)	\$30,158.21/\$128,609.00

***Included in General Fund Income Total:***

E-giving - \$2,185.88

***Special Gifts & Offerings:***

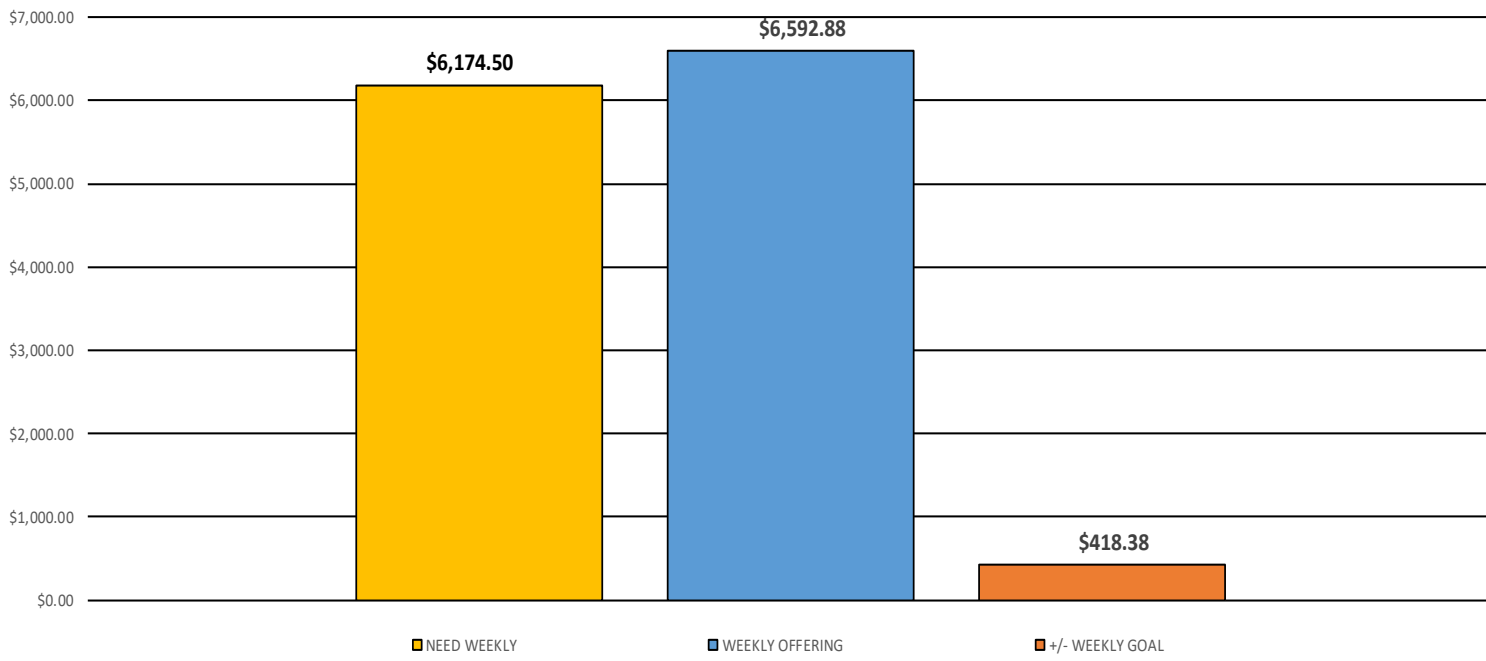
CMO - \$15; Sunday School Missions - \$1.75; School Missions - \$48.53; Hot Lunch - \$100; LYG - \$10; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - \$20; School Undesignated - \$289.91; Church Organ - \$10; Choir - \$10; Piano - \$5; Sunday School - \$5

***Memorials & Special Gifts Received:***

## School News

- ⇒ There will be one more Christmas Eve practice on Saturday, December 23 from 9:00 - 11:00 am for the children from both St. John School and Sunday School.
- ⇒ Next Saturday, December 16 at 3:00pm, the school children will present the beautiful Christmas message of our Savior's birth in word and song. The children who can attend will also be doing the same service on Christmas Eve at 6:30 pm, along with our Sunday School children. If you are unable to be at the Christmas Eve service, please join us on December 16. A fellowship with Cookies and Cocoa will be served in the church basement following this service. All are welcome!
- ⇒ Our weekly chapel services will be held in church on Fridays at 8:15 am (unless there is no school that Friday). Parents and visitors are always welcome to attend. We will also post the recording of these devotions on both our school and church Facebook pages.
- ⇒ If you are interested in reading more about our school happenings, you can find a few copies of our weekly school newsletter on the Usher's Table as you enter the church sanctuary.

WEEKLY OFFERING PROJECTION  
12/3/2023



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

**LADIES NIGHT OUT - FALL SCHEDULE 2023**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

***BROWN'S CORNER IN PESHTIGO (4:30PM)***

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

**Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board!!**

**Link to Electronic giving page.  
Just scan with your phone.**





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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

## **FIRST LESSON**

## **ISAIAH 40:1-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her. Her warfare really is over. Her guilt is fully paid for. Yes, she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice is calling out: In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord. In the wasteland make a level highway for our God. 4 Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be made low. The rugged ground will become level, and the rough places will become a plain. 5 Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh together will see it. Yes, the mouth of the Lord has spoken. 6 A voice was saying, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry out?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like a wild-flower in the countryside. 7 Grass withers, flowers fade, when the breath of the Lord blows on them. Yes, the people are grass. 8 Grass withers, flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever. 9 Get up on a high mountain, O Zion, you herald of good news. Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, you herald of good news. Lift it up! Do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" 10 Look, God the Lord will come with strength, and his arm is ruling for him. Look, his reward is with him. The result of his work is in front of him. 11 Like a shepherd he will care for his flock. With his arm he will gather the lambs. He will lift them up on his lap. He will gently lead the nursing mothers.

## **CHOIR SONG**

## **"ON THIS STILL, SILENT NIGHT"**

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **2 PETER 3:8-14**

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: For the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to do what he promised, as some consider slowness. Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass

away with a roar, the elements will be dissolved as they burn with great heat, and the earth and what was done on it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed, what kind of people ought you to be, living in holiness and godliness, 12 as you look forward to and hasten the coming of the day of God? That day will cause the heavens to be set on fire and destroyed, and the elements to melt as they burn with great heat. 13 But according to his promise we look forward to new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, dear friends, as you look forward to these things, make every effort to be found in peace, spotless and blameless in his sight.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6 cf. NIV)

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 1:1-8**

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 This is how it is written in the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare the way for you. 3 A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight." 4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. 6 John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! 8 I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!**

## ***150th Anniversary of the Ev. Lutheran Church of St John***

Rev. Carl Heubner from the Wisconsin Synod was sent to serve Lutheran immigrants who had organized congregations in Marinette County. One group was started in 1780 called the German Lutheran Congregation of Peshtigo and Surrounding Territory. On October 8, 1871 the Peshtigo Fire devoured all of Peshtigo and the surrounding territory. The homes, barns, cattle, belongings, and the church building of these members were reduced to ashes. Many lost husbands, wives, and children. Those who survived took courage and wanted a new start for their church. On January 1, 1874 a new congregation was organized. The name they chose was the Ev. Lutheran Saint Johannes Gemeinde. (Ev. Lutheran Church of St. John) It was decided to build a church on three acres donated by Fred Warnecke. In August of 1876 a wooden church building was erected on the very site of our present sanctuary.

We will be remembering this **150th Anniversary** with special prayers on Sunday, December 31, 2023. The Church Elders have set aside the date of **October 13th, 2024** for a special Anniversary Service to be held at 4:00pm with a potluck meal after the service.

The Elders are asking for volunteers to help form an Anniversary Committee for this special service.



## ***MEDLEY OF CAROLS***

### **Congregation & Choir: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”***

Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem;  
Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Son of Righteousness.  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth;  
Hark the herald Angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

### **Choir only: *“Joy to the World”***

### **Congregation & Choir: *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”***

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie.

Above they deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years,  
are met in thee tonight.

**Choir only: *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”***

**Congregation & Choir: *“The First Noel”***

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who hath made heav’n  
And earth of naught  
And with his blood  
Man-kind hath bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel.

**Choir only: Postlude**