

4th Sunday after The Epiphany
January 28, 2024

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Paul Marquardt & Jeff Behnke

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

Pastor

Organist

Greeters

PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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 , page 38

Hymns

402, 431, 333, 300

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 1 (page 64)

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:21-28

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Sermon Text

Mark 1:21-28

Worship Theme

"Interrupting Evil!"

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:

*Charlotte Barbara Hoffman as she receives the blessing of Holy Baptism

*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.

New Calendar The February, 2024 calendar is available on the pedestal.



WELS Connection We will be viewing the January, 2024 WELS Connection at the end of the service today.

 **Annual Reports** There are copies of 2023 Annual Reports on the table for your taking.

Baptism Charlotte Barbara Hoffman, daughter of Ryan Hoffman and Katelyn Kaiser, will receive God's washing of Holy Baptism after the service today. May the Lord bless and keep this child in his baptismal grace.



Voters Meeting

Annual Voters' Meeting TODAY Sunday, January 28, we will be having our annual voters' meeting after the 10:00am service. It will be held in church. ALL VOTERS AND CONGREGATION 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.

2024 MOHW Conference The 15th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to Serve based off of Galatians 5:13) will

be held at the Oshkosh Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, February 17, 2024.

Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. There are a few registration forms on the table as well.

Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

Grief Support Group Grace Lutheran, Crivitz is doing a Grief Share Group. Grief Share is an opportunity for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The support group will consist of a video seminar by grief recovery experts connected with truths from the Bible, small group discussion and a personal workbook with daily exercises. Our Grief Share group will meet weekly on Thursdays beginning on Thursday, Jan 25. We will meet from 6-7:30 p.m. Come or invite a friend that could use a grief support group.



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!!

Bible Study Our Bible Study is called "**Grand Themes & Key Words**". This Sunday we will we will look at what is meant by the term, "**Sacrifice for Sin**". Next Sunday we will look at the term "**Anointing**". Please come and join us for this study at 9:00.



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)

BETTY NISCHKE
The Cottages
2006 Lake Park Dr Room #109
Marinette, WI 54143

MARY ANN DENOWSKI
1025 Pine Beach Rd
Apt 226
Marinette, WI 54143

BETTY SEEFELDT
N1683 County W
Peshtigo, WI 54157

LOIS SEEFELDT
1637 Redtail Dr
Hartford, WI 53027

HARRIET CRISTECK
831 Pine Beach Rd Room F2
Marinette, WI 54143

RON & LORETTA KAEMPF
W4358 County B
Peshtigo, WI 54157

CECILE SEEFELDT
Rennes West
501 N. Lake St
Peshtigo, WI 54157

KATHY VANHECKE
Rennes West
501 N. Lake St
Peshtigo, WI 54157



2024 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 *Zion, Peshtigo*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Grace, Crivitz* by Pastor *Dave Mielke*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 1/21/2021	146
Live Stream Service 1/21/2024 (Households)	12
Sunday School/Bible Study 1/21/2024	21/5
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (3 weeks)	139

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY	11:00am	Annual Voters' Meeting w/Open Forum
Monday	6:30pm	Zion Service
Tuesday	6:30pm	Board of Education
Wednesday	4:30pm	Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Thursday	6:00pm	Grief Share Group @ Grace, Crivitz (6-7:30)
Friday	8:15am	School Chapel Devotion
	2:15pm	Art Fair @ School
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: Wes & Ella Aguilar

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 1/7/2024	\$ 7,038.90
General Fund Income for 1/14/2024	\$ 5,083.75
General Fund Income for 1/21/2024	\$ 5,278.00
Total General Fund Income (30 weeks)	\$176,719.42

Church Offering Goal: Weekly@ $\$6,174.50$ (30 weeks) $\$185,235.00$
(Projection - $\$321,074$)

Total Church Offering Goal **Deficit** $-\$ 8,515.58$

Tuition/School Choice (Projection - $\$253,424$) $\$32,250.71/\$128,609.00$

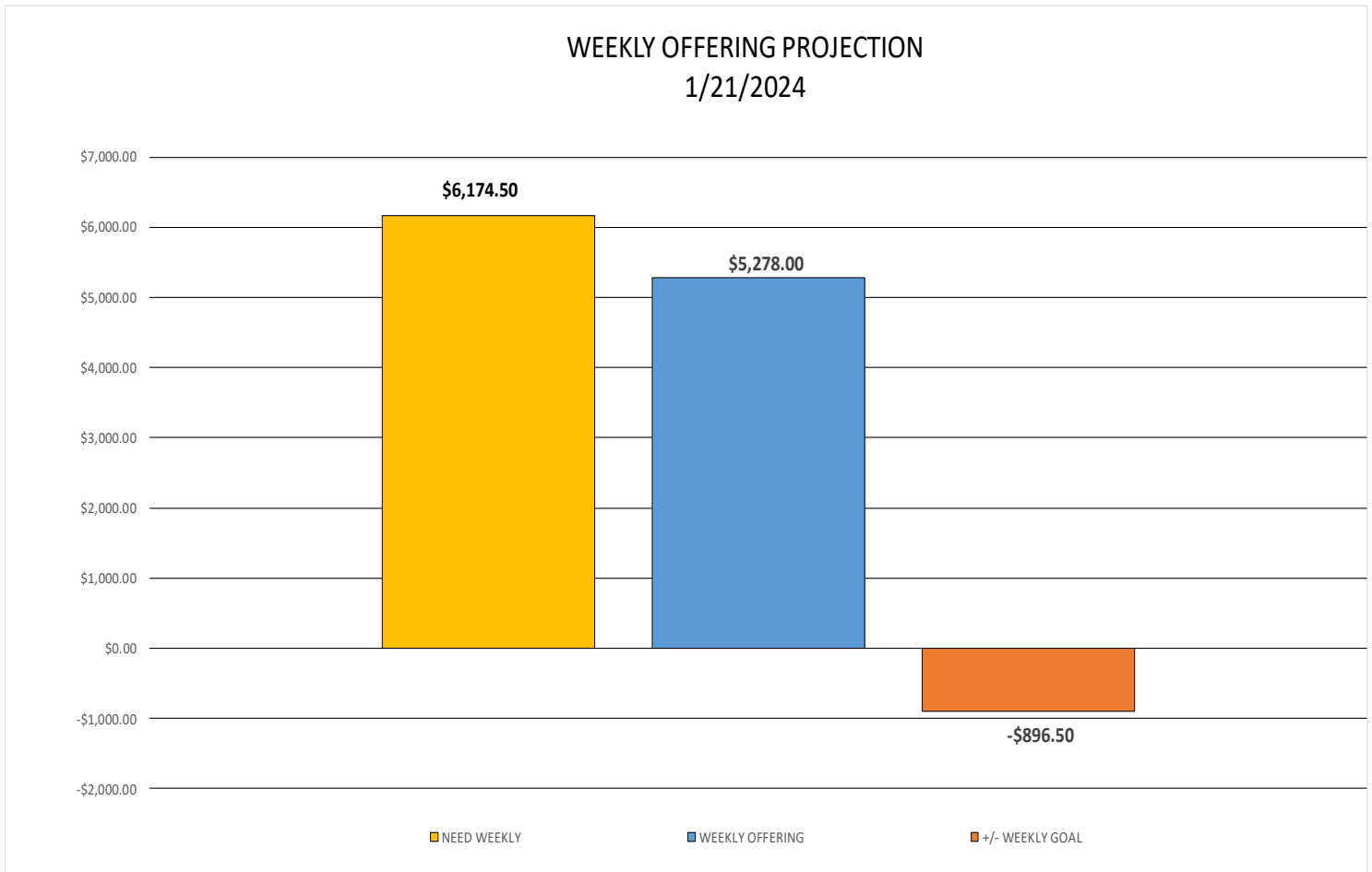
Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - $\$2,070.00$; Thrivent Choice - $\$82$

Special Gifts & Offerings:

Sunday School Missions - $\$10.75$; CMO - $\$120$; LYG - $\$140$; School Missions - $\$177.15$; Hot Lunch - $\$180$

Memorials & Special Gifts Received



School News

- ⇒ The boys basketball team will play tomorrow, Monday, January 29 against Twin City at Trinity, Marinette at 5:30 pm.
- ⇒ We were truly blessed by so many parents and family members who joined us for our Grownups, Goodies and God event last Friday. We are especially thankful they were able to stay for chapel and hear the presentation from Pastor Dennis Kleist who talked about Costa Maya Ministries. This ministry will be our second semester mission offering.
- ⇒ Our school will hold an Art Fair for children in Kindergarten through Grade 8, this year on February 2 from 2:15 - 2:45 pm. Friends and family are invited to come to school and view the students' work.
- ⇒ Our school will be holding our annual Preschool/ Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, February 29 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. St. John members are encouraged to sign up now if you are interested in sending your child to preschool or kindergarten this coming school year. Please contact Mrs. Sargent in the school office or email school@stjohnpeshtigo.org as soon as possible to save a spot for your child.

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church & School Staff

Pastor Daniel Sargent Cell 920-228-1061

E-mail dsargentzambia@gmail.com

Mr. Wesley Aguilar (Principal/Grades 5-8)

Office 715-582-4565

Cell 715-508-0630

Mrs. Hannah Langebartels (Grades 5-8) Cell 414-758-8607

Mrs. Cassie Rawlings (Grades 2-4) Cell 920-636-8577

Mrs. Susan Myslik (Grades K-1) Cell 507-327-4421

Mrs. Becky Rohde (Preschool) Cell 715-923-5826

Church/School Website www.stjohnpeshtigo.org

School Secretary-Lisa Sargent Cell 920-228-1563

E-mail school@stjohnpeshtigo.org

Church Secretary-Brenda Polzin Cell 920-660-5801

Email stjohngrover@gmail.com

Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

Ladies Night Out Winter Schedule 2024

Thursday, February 15th

Embers in Peshtigo

Thursday, March 21st

Schooner's in Menominee

Thursday, April 18th

Crivello's in Oconto

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

4:30pm Social - Dinner 5:00pm

FIRST LESSON**DEUTERONOMY 18:15–20**

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brother Israelites. Listen to him. 16 That is exactly what you asked from the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly. You said, “Do not let me hear the voice of the LORD my God anymore, and do not let me see this great fire again, or I will die.” 17 Then the LORD said to me, “They have done well by saying what they said. 18 I will raise up a prophet for them from among their brothers, like you, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he will speak to them everything that I command him. 19 Anyone who will not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. 20 Any prophet who presumes to speak something in my name that I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks something in the name of other gods—that prophet shall die.”

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 1 (page 64)****SECOND LESSON****1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13**

Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone supposes that he knows something, he does not yet know the way he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this person has been known by him. 4 So, concerning the eating of food from idol sacrifices, we know that an idol is not anything real in the

world and that there is no God but one. 5 Indeed, even if there are so-called “gods,” whether in the heavens or on earth (as in fact there are many “gods” and many “lords”), 6 nevertheless for us there is one God—the Father, from whom all things exist, and we exist for him—and one Lord—Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist, and we exist through him. 7 However, that knowledge is not in everyone. Instead some, who are still affected by their former habit with the idol, eat the food as something sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 Food will not bring us closer to God. We do not lack anything if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. 9 And be careful that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if someone sees you, a person who has knowledge, dining in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of this man, weak as he is, be emboldened to eat food from an idol sacrifice? 11 You see, the weak person is being destroyed by your knowledge—the brother for whose sake Christ died! 12 And when you sin in this way against your brothers and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I do not cause my brother to sin.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)

GOSPEL**MARK 1:21-28**

21 Then they went into Capernaum. On the next Sabbath day, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 They were amazed at his teaching, because he was teaching them as one who has authority and not as the experts in the law. 23 Just then there was a man with an unclean spirit in their synagogue. It cried out, 24 “What do we have to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25 Jesus rebuked the spirit, saying, “Be quiet! Come out of him!” 26 The unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions, and after crying out with a loud voice, it came out of him. 27 Everyone was so amazed that they began to discuss this with each other. They said, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands the unclean spirits, and they obey him!” 28 News about him spread quickly through all the region of Galilee.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!

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



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 1870 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.



Wednesday Lent Worship

2024

Christ, Menominee 6:30pm

Grace, Crivitz 12:00pm

Our Savior, Lena/St Mark, Spruce 6:30pm

St John, Grover 2:00pm

Trinity, Coleman 6:00pm

Trinity, Marinette 3:30pm

Zion, Peshtigo 6:30pm

Calvary, Abrams Thursday 6:30pm



Leaping Into

St. John Lutheran School





- Tour our preschool and kindergarten classrooms
- Meet our compassionate teachers
- Children are welcome to join and explore
- Meet other school families while enjoying pizza and snacks

3K, 4K, 5K
Round-up for the
2024-2025 School year

CONTACT INFORMATION

Thursday, February 29
5:30pm - 7:00pm

☎ (715) 582-4565
 🌐 www.stjohnpeshtigo.org
 📍 N1926 Church Road, Peshtigo



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

Spots are already filling up, but St. John members get first priority, so contact the school before February 29 to secure your spot!



WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

FROM THE MOUNTAINTOPS

— 2024 —
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

HERE IS YOUR GOD!
ISAIAH 40:9

JUNE 25-28, 2024
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

 **WELS**
Twenty Years of Faith

WELSYOUTHRALLY.NET