

*1st Sunday after The Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2024*

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Darlene Nohr & Diane Loll

Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin,

Lisa Sargent

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.

Order of Service	Service of the Word & Sacrament, page 26
Hymns	78, 89, 840(Blue Hymnal), 369
First Lesson	Isaiah 49:1-6
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 2 (page 65)
Second Lesson	Acts 16:25-34
Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:4-11
Confession of Faith	Nicene Creed
Sermon Text	Mark 1:4-11
Worship Theme	“Ripped Open!”

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.

Communion Announcements Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.

NOTE: VISITORS, PLEASE FILL OUT A CARD IF RECEIVING COMMUNION SO WE CAN LET YOUR HOME CHURCH KNOW OF YOUR ATTENDANCE. THANK YOU!!

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.



Poinsettias If you brought in a poinsettia for Christmas, you can take them home anytime now. Thank you for beautifying our church with your memorial plants.

Annual Voters' Meeting 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.

We will be needing any individual reports for the 2023 annual report no later than January 18, 2024. Please email to Brenda Polzin at stjohngrover@gmail.com so we can get everything compiled for the meeting.

Thank You

Lisa and I would like to thank all those who gave us gifts and cards this Christmas. We are blessed beyond measure by the generosity.

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Envelopes Your 2024 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.



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 Our Bible Study is called **"Grand Themes & Key**

Words” Our Bible Study is called **“Grand Themes & Key Words”**. This Sunday we will we will look at what is meant by the term, **“Redemption”**. Next Sunday we will look at the term **“Resurrection”**. 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)

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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.

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 *Grace, Crivitz*. 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 12/31/2023	152
Live Stream Service 12/31/2023 (Households)	17
Sunday School/Bible Study	
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (52 weeks)	142

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Monday	6:00pm Church Council
	6:30pm Zion Service
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6pm)
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	9:00am Sunday School/ Bible Study
	10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

Next Sunday's Greeters: Randy & Brenda Polzin

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 12/17/2023 \$ 6,662.75

General Fund Income for 12/24-25/2023 \$ 21,661.75

General Fund Income for 12/31/2023 \$ 7,088.41

Total General Fund Income (27 weeks) \$159,318.77

Church Offering Goal: Weekly@\$6,174.50 (27 weeks) \$166,711.50

(Projection - \$321,074)

Total Church Offering Goal ***Deficit*** -\$ 7,392.73

Tuition/School Choice (Projection - \$253,424) \$31,986.71/\$128,609.00

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,018.13

Special Gifts & Offerings:

CMO - \$210; Church Organ - \$200

Memorials & Special Gifts Received:

General - In memory of Leo Seefeldt from Cecile Seefeldt

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



School News

- ⇒ Classes resumed at St. John's on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Our faculty, staff and students would like to wish the members of St. John a happy, healthy and blessed New Year. May the Lord lead us all to "Let Our Light Shine" throughout the coming year!
- ⇒ The boys basketball team will play Twin City at Trinity, Mari-
nette on Monday, January 15 at 5:30 pm.
- ⇒ Our second quarter will end on January 19, with report cards going home the following week.
- ⇒ On Friday, January 19, 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.
- ⇒ 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.

Ladies Night Out Winter Schedule 2024

Thursday, January 18th

Luigi's in Peshtigo

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**

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Church/School Website www.stjohnpeshtigo.org

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

FIRST LESSON**ISAIAH 49:1-6**

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. 2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. 3 He said to me, “You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory.” 4 But I said to myself, “I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God.” 5 But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength—6 the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 2 (page 65)****SECOND LESSON****ACTS 16:25-34**

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Instantly all the doors were opened, and everyone’s chains came loose. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw that the prison doors were opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, because he thought that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted with a

loud voice, “Don’t harm yourself, because we are all here!” 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling in front of Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to everyone in his home. 33 At the same hour of the night, he took them and washed their wounds. Without delay, he and all his family were baptized. 34 Then he brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them. He rejoiced, because he and his whole household had come to believe in God.

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

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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.” 9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

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 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.



Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of:

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Alex & Michelle Sobeck

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Janet Lange & Family(2)

In loving memory of Gerald Sargent, Elroy & Carole Siebert from Pastor & Lisa Sargent

In loving memory of Roy & Burnette Marquardt from Paul Marquardt & Family

In loving memory of Adie Robins' Mom from Rod & Adie Robins

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Archie & Charlene Hurley

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Russell Schonfeld Family

In loving memory of Anita Kaus from David Kaus & Family

In loving memory of Tom Lemke from Lemke Family

In loving memory of Bud & Ann Lemke from Lemke Family

In loving memory of Leonard & Ruth Lemke from Lemke Family

In loving memory of James Borchert from Borchert Family

In loving memory of Larry & Claryce Rohde from Rob Rohde Family

In loving memory of Gottlieb & Alice Gannigan from Rob Rohde Family

In loving memory of Terry Gannigan & Jack Gannigan from Rob Rohde Family

In loving memory of Ron Carlson from His Family

In loving memory of Leo Seefeldt from Tom & Rita Seefeldt

In loving memory of Donna Swanson from Tom & Rita Seefeldt

In loving memory of Ken Nischke from Betty Nischke & Family

In loving memory of Loved Ones from Barb Johnston & Family