

Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024

Pastor Daniel Sargent

Jim Seefeldt

Wes & Ella Aguilar

Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde

Pastor

Organist

Greeters

Counting Team

PRAYER OF THE DAY Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Order of Service **Service of the Word & Sacrament, page 26**

Hymns **54, 14, 356(Blue Hymnal),
361(Blue Hymnal), “Sing Choirs of Angels”
(words printed on back page)**

First Lesson **Zephaniah 3:14-17**

Psalm of the Day **Psalm 100, page 104**

Second Lesson **Philippians 4:4-7**

Gospel Lesson **Luke 3:7-18**

Confession of Faith **Nicene Creed**

Sermon Text **Zephaniah 3:14-17**

Worship Theme **“Fear or Joy?”**

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 Wis-

consin 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.



Prayer Requests Please remember the following in your prayers:

*Continued healing prayers for Lisa Sargent

*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.

2024 Contributions Sunday, December 22 will be the last day to submit E-giving (online contributions) in order for it to process through the systems on time for the counting team. **Sunday, December 29, 2024** will be the last day in which we will be accepting contributions, through church, for the 2024 year. Thank you!

2025 Offering Envelopes We are getting together info for our 2025 offering envelope list. If you are currently receiving offering envelopes for 2024 and wish to discontinue receiving them due to wanting to take advantage of the E-Giving Program or for other reasons, please contact Brenda Polzin by email at stjohn-grover@gmail.com or talk with her or Kevyn Lange directly by December 29, 2024.

Also, if you currently don't receive offering envelopes and wish to, please contact either of them as well.



Church Christmas Potluck TODAY, Sunday, December 15, following our worship service, all our St. John's families are invited to a Church Christmas Potluck in the church basement. Soup, crackers, and beverages will be provided. We want to make this simple, so we are asking that you bring a dessert or some kind of finger food. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!**

Mom's Bible Study Our next Bible Study will be **Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30am** in St. John church basement. Children are welcome. Activity/toys and light snack will also be provided for children. Please let Erin Pape know if you are able to attend or interested in future meetings (262) 352-8762.



Poinsettias A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate flowers for our Christmas decorations. Please make 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 24 **NOTE: There will not be a 4:00pm Christmas Eve service. Sorry for the inconvenience!**
- December 24 6:30pm St. John Sunday School & Day School Children's Service
- December 25 10:00am Christmas Day Worship Service

January 1 There will not be any New Year's Day service

Birthday Edna Zeitler, a faithful member of our congregation for many years, celebrated her 100th birthday on the 3rd of December. She is presently living in Appleton. **I'm sure she would still appreciate a card even though her birthday has passed.**

For those who may want to send a birthday greeting or even a Christmas card, here is her address:

Edna Zeitler

1415 W. Main St Apt #31

Appleton, WI 54911

(Corrected address. Sorry for the inconvenience)

Church Christmas Potluck On Sunday, December 15, following our worship service, all our St. John's families are invited to a Church Christmas Potluck in the church basement. More details are to follow.

Volunteers We are looking for 3-4 or more volunteers that would like to join our "**Counting Team**" Group. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or contact Brenda Polzin by December 15, 2024. Depending on what we get for interests, the rotation would be every 6-7 weeks.

Advent There will not be "**Advent**" services held here at St. John Church. Trinity, Coleman is holding Advent Services at 6:00pm on December 4, 11 & 18. They will also have Advent meals at 5:00pm in their Fellowship Hall.

Trinity, Coleman will also be holding their "**Advent by Candlelight**" on December 15 from 4-6pm. You may contact the church office at 920-597-3422 or go to their website(www.trinitycoleman.org). There will be a link to register for this event.

Bible Study We will be looking at the **“Book of Jonah”** in this study. It will be at 9:00am in the front of the church. All are welcome.

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!!

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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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 *St. John, Grover*. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by *Zion, Peshtigo by Pastor Luke Myslik*.

Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/8/2024	148
Live Stream Service 12/8/2024 (Households)	21
Sunday School/Bible Study 12/8/2024	21/8
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (49 weeks)	166

This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran

TODAY	Church Christmas Party-after the service
Monday	6:30pm Zion Service
Tuesday	10:00am Board of Elders
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class
	5:30pm Lutheran Pioneer-Christmas Caroling
Thursday	4:30pm Ladies Night Out @ Brown’s, Peshtigo
Friday	8:15am School Chapel Devotion

Saturday 9:00am Children's Christmas Service Practice(9-11)
Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:00am Worship Service

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "A" - Dan Maedke, Randy & Brenda Polzin, Lisa Sargent

Next Sunday's Greeters: Brenda Polzin & Lisa Sargent

Offerings for the Lord's Work

General Fund Income for 11/24/2024	\$ 4,443.07
General Fund Income for 12/1/2024	\$ 9,025.44
General Fund Income for 12/8/2024	\$ 5,322.50
Total General Fund Income (24 weeks)	\$138,785.42
Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,282.33 (24 weeks) (projection-\$326,681)	\$150,775.92
Total Church Offering Goal DEFICIT	-\$ 11,990.50
Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$279,546)	\$33,486.34/117,725.50

Included in General Fund Income Total:

E-giving - \$2,458.50

Special Gifts & Offerings:

Sunday School Missions - \$4; CMO - \$15; LYG - \$10; Church Organ - \$10; Choir - \$10; Piano - \$5; Sunday School - \$5; Gym/Fellowship Bldg - \$20

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



School News

- ⇒ On Wednesday, December 18, there will be a combined Lutheran Pioneers/Youth Caroling event for Zion homebound members in Peshtigo starting at 5:30 pm.
- ⇒ There will be one more Christmas Eve practice on Saturday, December 21 from 9:00—11:00 am for the children from both St. John School and Sunday School as they make their final preparations for the Christmas Eve service, December 24 at 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ Our last day of school before our Christmas break will be next Friday, December 20. This will be a special day of classroom parties with an early dismissal at 1:00 pm.
- ⇒ 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.

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

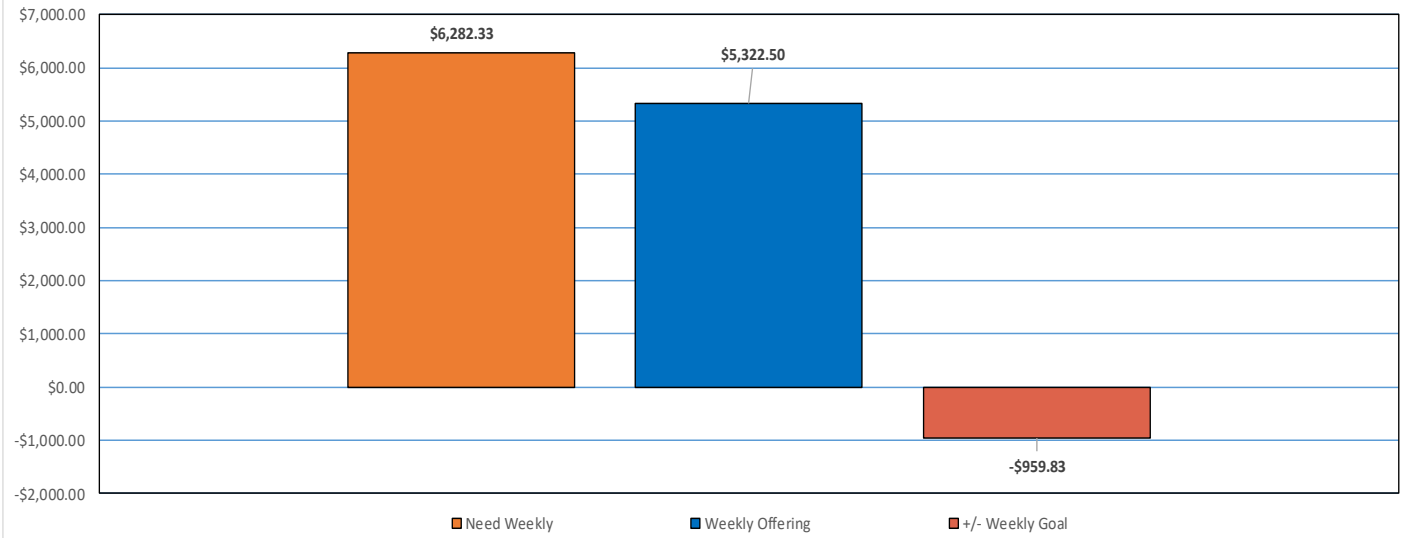
Ladies Night Out FALL Schedule 2024

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

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

**WEEKLY OFFERING PROJECTION
12/8/2024**



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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm

FIRST LESSON**ZEPHANIAH 3:14-17**

14 Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem. 15 The LORD has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the LORD, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster. 16 In that day Jerusalem will be told, "Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up. 17 The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing."

PSALM OF THE DAY**PSALM 100, PAGE 104****SECOND LESSON****PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

4 Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.


VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matthew 11:10 cf. NIV)

GOSPEL**LUKE 3:7-18**

7 So John kept saying to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore produce fruits in keeping with repentance! Do not even think of saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' because I tell you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones. 9 Even now the ax is ready to strike the root of the trees. So eve-

ry tree that does not produce good fruit is going to be cut down and thrown into the fire.” 10 The crowds began to ask him, “What should we do then?” 11 He answered them, “Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who has none, and whoever has food should do the same.” 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized. They said, “Teacher, what should we do?” 13 To them he said, “Collect no more than what you were authorized to.” 14 Soldiers were also asking him, “And what should we do?” He told them, “Do not extort money from anyone by force or false accusation. Be satisfied with your wages.” 15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John could be the Christ. 16 John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 18 Then with many other words, he appealed to them and was preaching good news to the people.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!



OUR MISSION:
St. John Lutheran Church exists to nurture our congregation with God's Word and Sacraments, share the Gospel in our surrounding communities and the world, and serve others in Christian love.