Second Sunday in Advent December 8, 2024

Pastor Daniel Sargent	Pastor
Jim Seefeldt	Organist
Paul Marquardt & Jeff Behnke	Greeters
Kevyn Lange, Brent & Wanda Richlen	Counting Team

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	Service of the Word, page 38
Hymns	20, 14, 11, 27
Choir Song	"Christmastime"
First Lesson	Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 24, page 73
Second Lesson	Philippians 1:3-11
Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:1-6
Confession of Faith	Apostles' Creed
Sermon Text	Malachi 3:1-4
Worship Theme	"Clean as a Whistle!"

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.

Mom's Bible Study Our next Bible Study will be Thursday, December 12 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 male 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 Max

tree and for the many decorations that beautify our church inside and outside especially the stable and nativity set. *Christmas/New Year's Worship Services*

December 14 3:00pm St. John School Children's Service December 24 4:00pm St. John Christmas Eve Worship Service

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, will be celebrating her 100th birthday on the

3rd of December. She is presently living in Little Chute. For

those who may want to send a birthday greeting, here is her address:

Edna Zeitler 825 E. Greenfield Dr. #103

Little Chute WI 54140(Correct zip code. 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.

Live Nativity The Living Nativity will be on Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Trinity on the corner of Carney and Colfax in Marinette. Please join us as we celebrate the greatest gift God

has ever given: His one and only Son, Jesus our Savior. The presentation will begin every 30 minutes (about 20 minutes running time) and there will be hot coco to enjoy while watching!



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)

BETTY NISCHKE The Cottages 2006 Lake Park Dr Room #109 Marinette, WI 54143 **BETTY SEEFELDT** N1683 County W Peshtigo, WI 54157 **CECILE SEEFELDT Rennes West**

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MARY ANN DENOWSKI 1025 Pine Beach Rd Apt 226 Marinette, WI 54143 LOIS SEEFELDT 1637 Redtail Dr Hartford, WI 53027 **RON & LORETTA KAEMPF** W4358 County B Peshtigo, WI 54157

Shirlee Grom The Cottages 2006 Lake Park Dr Room #214 Marinette, WI 54143 DEAN ZEMPEL(NEW) Luther Home 925 Pine Beach Rd Rm C6 Marinette, WI 54143

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 *St. John, Grover by Pastor Daniel Sargent*.

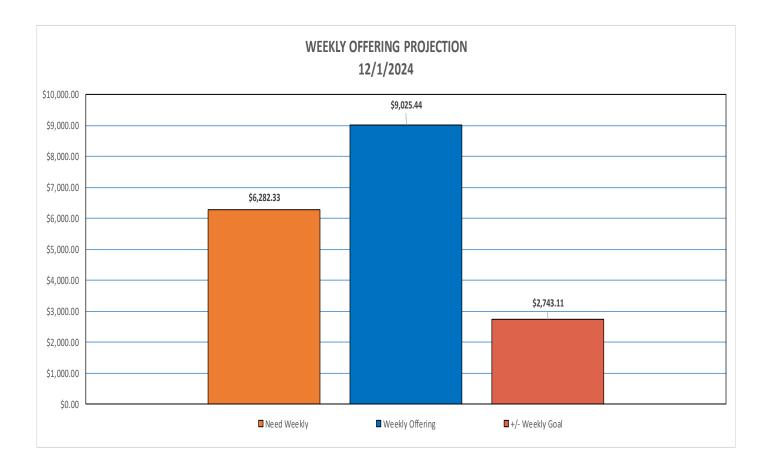
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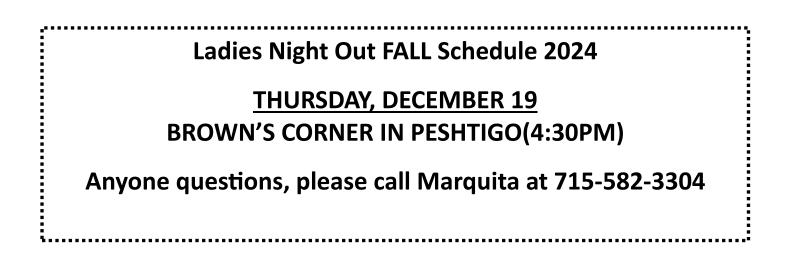
Those Who Joined Us for Thanksgiving Joint Service/Livestream103/10Those Who Joined Us in Worship 12/1/2024175Live Stream Service 12/1/2024 (Households)13Sunday School/Bible Study 12/1/202420/12Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (48 weeks)166This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran166Monday6:00pm Church Council
6:30pm Zion Service

Wednesday 4:30pm Confirmation Class Thursday 9:30am Mom's Bible Study 8:15am School Chapel Devotion Friday 3:00pm School Children's Christmas Service Saturday Sunday 9:00am Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00am Worship Service w/Communion After the Service—Church Christmas Party Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "G" - Aaron & Erin Pape, Joel & Laura Rohde Next Sunday's Greeters: Wes & Ella Aguilar Offerings for the Lord's Work \$ General Fund Income for 11/17/2024 4,421.07 \$ 4,443.07 General Fund Income for 11/24/2024 \$ 9,025.44 General Fund Income for 12/1/2024 \$133,462.92 Total General Fund Income (23 weeks) Church offering Goal: weekly @ \$6,282.33 \$144,495.59 (23 weeks) (projection-\$326,681) Total Church Offering Goal DEFICIT -\$ 11,030.67 Tuition/School Choice (projection-\$279,546) \$33,486.34/\$117,725.50 Included in General Fund Income Total: E-giving - \$1,812.44

Special Gifts & Offerings:







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Office hours @ St. John School				
Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm				
Thursday 7:30am-2:30pm				



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.

FIRST LESSON

Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies. 2 But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like launderers bleach! 3 He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness. 4 Judah and Jerusalem's offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

PSALM OF THE DAY SECOND LESSON

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, 5 because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. 8 Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. 10 This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of right-

PSALM 24, PAGE 73 PHILIPPIANS 1:3–11

MALACHI 3:1-4

eousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

LUKE 3:1–6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene— 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. 3 He went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight. 5 Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low. The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth. 6 And everyone will see the salvation of God."

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!!!