



Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.



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*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts
be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”*

John 14:27

For the last few months this space has been a place for the church to relay information to you. That Information has been important and a way to keep us connected. This month, I am turning that around. This month I’m looking for information from you. How are you, or more precisely, “how is it with your heart?”

We are 6 months into this crazy new way of life and the stress continues. Some have managed to adjust more than others, but the stress has not lessened for any of us. We have adjusted and adjusted again. Many of us are tired, anxious, overwhelmed, with an end nowhere in sight. And Into this time God reminds us, “Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

So, “how is your heart?” What has fed your spirit and/or brought peace to your heart in this time? I have found my spirit fed by our gathering for worship in the parking lot. Your smiles, waves out the window, distant quick chats and horn honks have filled my heart. I have also found a sense of peace in being able to visit a few shut ins outdoors. A connection that has encouraged my heart.

Our staff and the dedicated volunteers who make worship happen each week as well as those who are working on adjustments to our education program to assure that all ages continue to grow in faith during this time have been another source of peace for me. Your continued commitment to the financial health of the ministry of St. John has been amazing, enabling us to support ministries within the church as well as outside our doors. We have continued to support to DPCO Food Pantry, Crossways Camps, NEW Shelter and the ELCA as a larger church body to name just a few. All these things have fed my spirit, filled my heart and brought me a sense of hope and peace during this time.

So how about you? How is your heart? How are you staying strong in faith in these unique times? What might we the church do during this time to help meet your faith needs?

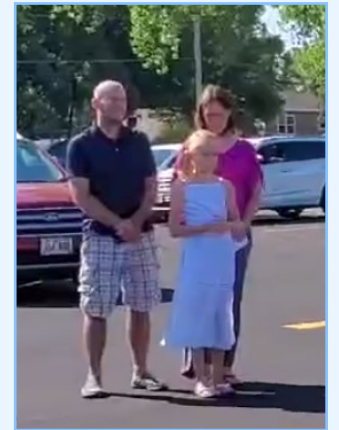
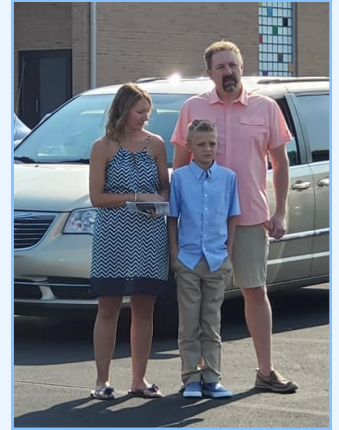
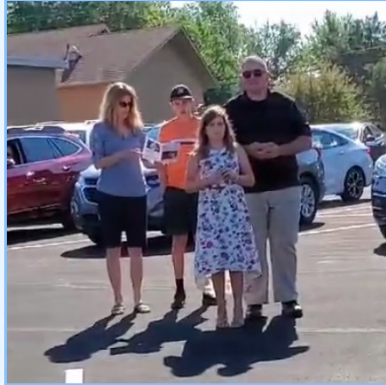
I would love to hear. Please send me a note or email and let me know.

Peace,
Pastor Cindy

Hospitality & Celebration



FIRST COMMUNION IN THE PARKING LOT



Welcome
Brelynn Lucille Stewart
who was
baptized on August 2nd.
Parents: Matthew & Kari
Stewart
Sisters: Everly & Lillian



Online Giving

In these times of virtual worship and worship in the parking lot, electronic giving is incredibly important for sustaining our ministry. You can set up and manage recurring donations, make one-time contributions, and view your online giving history. Visit the church website to get started today www.stjohndepere.org.

Thankful A decorative graphic with the word "Thankful" in a cursive font, flanked by a red maple leaf on the left and two yellow autumn leaves on the right.

Hospitality & Celebration

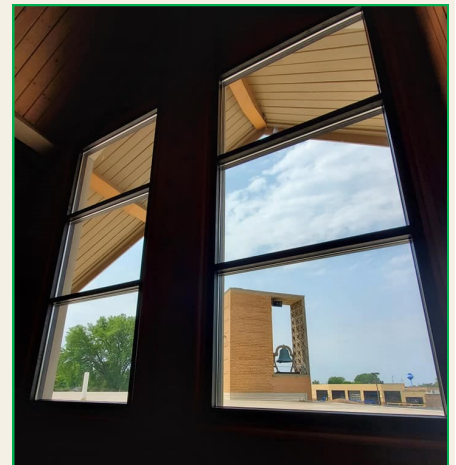


THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

The Thrivent Choice Program allows Thrivent Financial members to choose where Thrivent distributes its charitable outreach grant dollars. Thank you to all who have listed St. John as a recipient! Remember to contact Thrivent to indicate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. For questions, more information, or to start designating Choice Dollars, please contact Thrivent directly 1-800-THRIVENT.

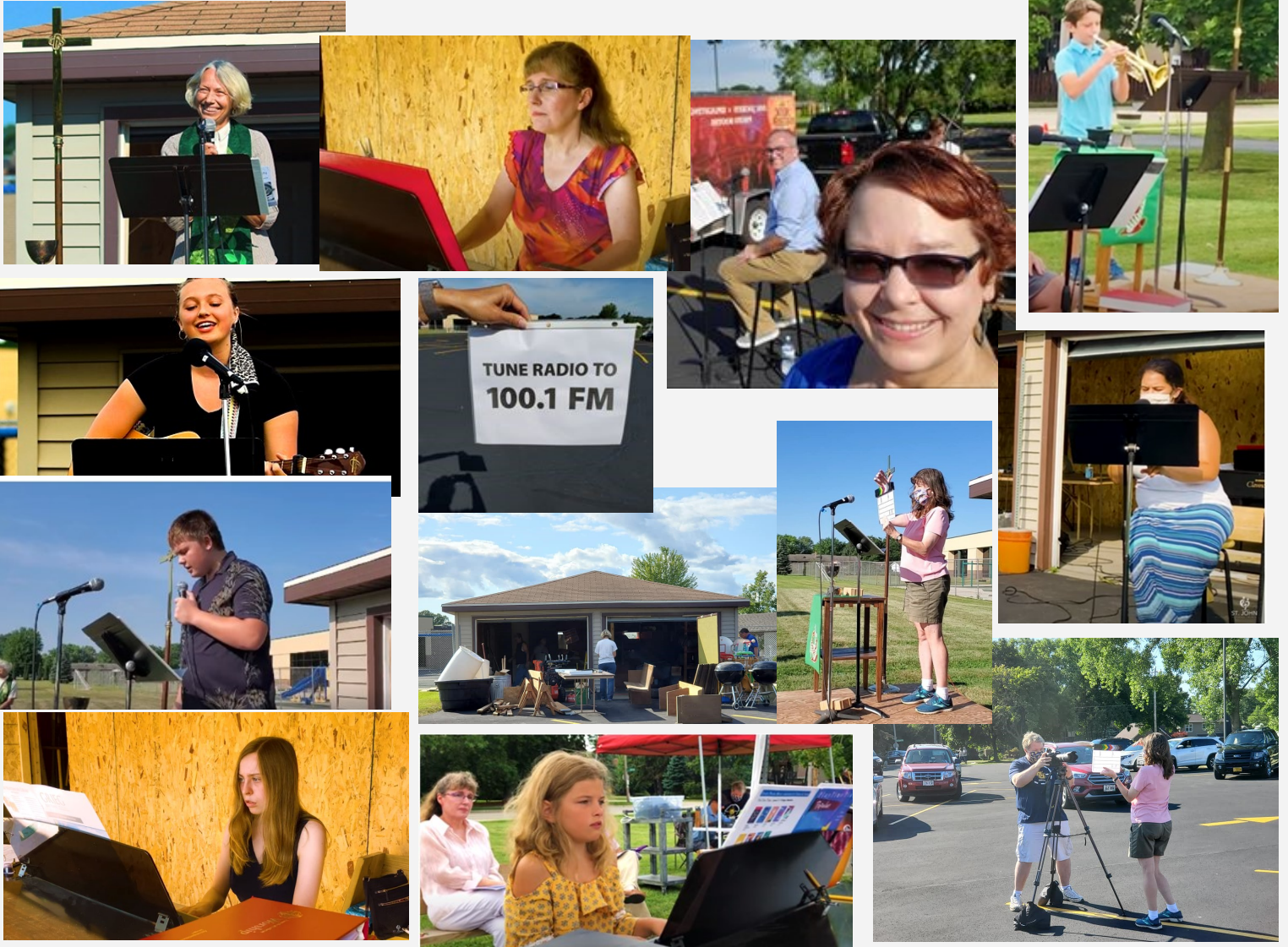
~Happenings at St. John~

Removal of the old exterior and stained glass windows.
Watch for information and opportunities to help fund the new stained glass.



THANK YOU

to everyone who helps make our parking lot worship an enjoyable and spiritually rewarding experience, and to the Tobisch family for the professional videography skills they provide.



Would you like to receive Holy Communion but are unable to get to a service in the parking lot? Please call the church office 920-336-1082 and let us know that you are unable to attend worship and would like Holy Communion brought to you. Pastor or another volunteer will bring Communion to you. Please know that they cannot enter your residence. You will need to be able to meet them at the door or outside.



WORSHIP IN THE HOME
Available each week on the ELCA worship blog are materials for "Worship in the Home." You are encouraged to worship as you are able in homes on Sunday and throughout the week. Consider ways to pray and sing using this resource at home. In addition to Sunday worship resources, Daily Prayer in the Home is available, providing simplified forms of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, as well as table prayers."



WORSHIP AT HOME

Use this resource to worship while we are unable to be together. Know that even though we are apart; we remain connected as the body of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Trusting in the mercy of God, we confess our sin.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Receive this assurance; By the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. We live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE

PSALM 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Read the appointed lesson for the day. Take time to reflect and discuss its message or journal your reflections.

Let the Holy Spirit guide you.

†SEPTEMBER 6

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

SING PRAISE

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ELW #836

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†SEPTEMBER 13

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

ELW #834

†SEPTEMBER 20

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God’s generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SING PRAISE

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ELW #546

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†SEPTEMBER 27

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SING PRAISE

ELW #712

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PRAYERS

Pray for the church, the world, your prayer list, the people in the church directory and anything else that the Holy Spirit places on your heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

God calls us to give generously of our hearts and gifts. How will you live and give today?

Visit www.stjohndepere.org to give online.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

Worship

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW#836

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW#834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

To Be Your Presence

ELW#546

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,
to be your heart of mercy ever near,
alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,
alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,
alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,
to serve your people is our call and choice,
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,
alleluia!

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW#712

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight
of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's
perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice
alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you
impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry
cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we
mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and
freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make
it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's
revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our
quicken'd sight,
making known the needs and burdens your
compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to
share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear
name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds
to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid
and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

Faith Formation

Blessed to volunteer!!

Our youth had two great opportunities to give back in August, by volunteering for the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity. What a blessing to share our gifts!!

The Salvation Army needed help assembling backpacks for kids returning to school. Packing everything from notebooks to glue sticks to pencils, our group of teens packed A LOT of backpacks!

Thanks to Treena, Trista, Brianna, Camryn, Ally, Benje, Landon and Jonah for helping out!!



Faith Formation

Habitat for Humanity gave us the opportunity to paint the whole inside of one of their homes! Thankfully the ceiling and walls were the same color. Our group worked hard on a Saturday morning and just about finished a full two coats of paint in the home before we ran out of paint! Habitat loved what we did and we plan to partner with them again in the future. *Thank you Benje, Jack, Camryn, Brianna and Grace for your time and effort!* In fact, if you are interested in helping out at the ReStore by restocking shelves, opportunities will be available on Saturday mornings. Watch your email and our Facebook and Instagram page (@stjohndpyouth) for more details!



PRAYER REQUESTS

There's a lot of excitement mixed with anxiety/uncertainty as we begin the school year. We'd LOVE to pray for you and any specific prayer requests you may have. These prayers make such a difference in our lives!! If you or your child has a situation or person who needs extra prayers, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Cindy or call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045 or email at kristin@stjohndepere.org.

Faith Formation

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes will begin in October. Sunday School will be a combination of family learning, virtual learning and faith building activities. Confirmation classes will be a combination of in-person, online and family learning. Please complete a registration form (found on the next page or available on the website) for your student(s) to participate and return it to the office. office@stjohndepere.org

Do you have a grandchild, or student in your life who isn't part of a faith formation experience? This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith together. Aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandparents, grandchildren, all are welcome. Because the program will include virtual and at home activities you can "Do Sunday School" together no matter where they live! Sign them up too!

Registration forms help us know who is participating. Allow us to sign you up for online access and will help keep you informed of all the opportunities and events available.



Faith Formation



Faith Formation REGISTRATION 2020-2021 For Ages: 3 year old - 8th Grade

(1) First Name				Middle		Last	
____/____/____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
Birth Date	Age	Class/Grade	School/School District				

SPECIAL NEEDS – FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS

(2) First Name				Middle		Last	
____/____/____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
Birth Date	Age	Class/Grade	School/School District				

SPECIAL NEEDS – FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS

(3) First Name				Middle		Last	
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Birth Date	Age	Class/Grade	School/School District				

SPECIAL NEEDS – FOOD ALLERGIES/RESTRICTIONS

Please check all that apply:

We plan to be part of: in person class virtual learning in home family education

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT):

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Best contact # during class _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to Child _____ Phone _____

In addition to those listed above my child may also be released to: _____

I/We give permission for the children listed above to participate in St. John activities. I/We understand that staff and volunteers are working in the best interest of the children and agree to hold blameless, St. John, staff, and volunteers from any claim whatsoever.

I/We also give permission for photographs or videos of my child to be used by St. John for promotion of the church and its ministries via print or other media. (Children’s names will never be attached to photos.)

Parent Signature: _____

Mission & Service



MISSION SEWING

With the church building being closed, we will not be getting together this month. Just a reminder that when we do resume, we get

together every Thursday from 9am until noon. Stay healthy and safe until we meet again. *Judy Beerntsen*

THE DPCO FOOD PANTRY, located at 1827 Chicago Street, De Pere, was able to provide much needed assistance to over 192 households in July which includes 315 adults and 200 children.

The following items are always appreciated:

- ◆ Baked Beans
- ◆ Canned Fruit
- ◆ Pork & Beans
- ◆ Canned Veggies
- ◆ Canned Tuna
- ◆ Canned Chicken
- ◆ Jam/Jelly/Peanut Butter
- ◆ Tomato Products
- ◆ Canned Soup
- ◆ Manwich
- ◆ Boxed Potatoes
- ◆ Hamburger Helper
- ◆ Macaroni/Mac & Cheese
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Paper/cleaning products
- ◆ Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- ◆ Cake Mix

They are accepting donations Mon.-Fri. 10-Noon.

THE DPCO THRIFT STORE is looking for friendly, reliable volunteers to join our fun, dynamic team of volunteers. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-3PM and 3-6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested, please contact Amy Murphy at 920-655-5758 or Amurphydpc@outlook.com

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to have prayers, please call Karen Cota at 920-632-2015 or e-mail Carlyn Cooper at clpdkcm@twc.com. We will get your requests out to our faithful prayer warriors.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:28-29

WE PRAY:

“Praise the Lord: praise God our savior!
For each day he carries us in his arms.”

Psalm 68:19

Please hold in healing prayer,
Gerry & Sandy Bos and
Seth Meinel



East Central Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry



which begins its monthly gatherings on
September 11-12.

***Classes Offered 2020-2021 School Year**

Track 1 -- Bible

New Testament - Friday 6:00pm - 8:20pm

Old Testament - Saturday 9:00am - 10:50am

Track 2 -- Church History

Lutheran Confessions - Friday 8:30pm - 10:00pm

Systematic Theology - Friday 6:00pm - 8:20pm

Church History - Saturday 11:00am - 12:10pm

Track 3 -- Faith & Spirituality

Faith and Spirituality - Saturday 9:00am - 10:50am

Defining and Deepening Your Spirituality of

Discovering Spiritual Practices

Worship and Liturgy - Friday 8:30pm - 10:00pm

If you have questions, please contact
Mary Neumann, Coordinator at 715-573-9516 or
Jeanette Carlson, Registrar at 715-848-2108 or
email ECSW LaySchool@gmail.com

Mission & Service

St. John Lutheran Church - De Pere

Sep 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - Worship in prtkg lot	31 Office Closed	1 6:30pm - Zoom Finance	2 3pm - Zoom Faith Form 5:30pm - Zoom Mutual Min	3	4	5
6 WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - Worship in prtkg lot	7 Office Closed	8 6:30pm - Zoom Finance	9 3pm - Zoom Faith Form 5:30pm - Zoom Mutual Min	10	11	12
13 WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - Worship in prtkg lot	14 7pm - Zoom Council Mtg	15 7pm - Zoom Council Mtg	16 3pm - Zoom Faith Form 5:30pm - Zoom Mutual Min	17	18	19
20 WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - Worship in prtkg lot	21	22 6:30pm - 9th Gr Mtg #1	23 6:30pm - 9th Gr Mtg #1	24	25	26 Virtual Synod Assembly
27 WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - Worship in prtkg lot	28	29 6:30pm - 9th Gr Mtg #2	30 6:30pm - 9th Gr Mtg #2	1	2	3

Worship & Contact Info

St. John Lutheran Church Council Members

Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org
or office ph (920) 336-1082

Andrew Tobisch	President
Sean Day	Vice President
Jim Johaneck	Secretary
Mike McMullen	Treasurer
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Gail Ryan	Worship & Music
Dave Broderick	Property
Beth Challe	Faith Formation
Rick Johnson	Mutual Ministry
Kaitlynn Labs	Celebration/Outreach

WORSHIP TIMES

JOIN US ONLINE each week

or

IN THE PARKING LOT, Sunday @9:00am

Weather Permitting

Visit us on the web!

www.stjohndepere.org

and on

[facebook.com/StJohnDePere](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnDePere)

and visit our YouTube channel for weekly worship by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCli1cjRdeaDr3N5fYKeuRUw>



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

September 15, 2020

Send submissions to
newsletter@stjohndepere.org