

Mission Messenger!

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To Members of St John,

As you know, Pastor Cindy has made the decision to retire on August 17, 2025. This raises questions about what happens next. First, we will continue all normal church services, programs, and events. I am working with Pastor Asher O'Callaghan, Associate to the Bishop, Director for Transitions, who uses a carefully designed process to assist us in this time of transition, which is based on the most up-to-date research and techniques available. I want to share with you an outline of this process and share what this means for our life together.

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Phase One After a Pastor Resigns

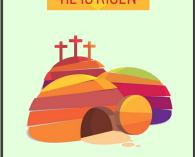
We are in this phase right now. We are planning how to best say goodbye and celebrate our time and ministry together with Pastor Cindy. We will keep you posted as plans unfold. At the same time, we are in contact with Pastor Asher to identify the most appropriate choice of a specially trained Intentional Interim Pastor to guide us through this transition.

Phase Two

Self-Study and Visioning ProcessIn order to select our next pastor, we will work with the Interim to conduct

will work with the Interim to conduct a study of our congregation and our situation, to develop a Vision of the future mission to which God is calling this congregation, and to discern the type of pastor and the pastoral characteristics needed to lead the congregation to fulfill that Vision. Phase Two concludes with the preparation of a Ministry Site Profile, to be submitted to and approved by the Synod Office.

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Phase Three The Call Process

After Phase Two is completed, the Congregation Council will appoint a Call Committee who will interview pastoral candidates and recommend a candidate to the Congregation Council. Finally, a new pastor will be called to serve our congregation through a vote of the congregation at a special meeting.

Phase Four Implementation

This is when we welcome our new pastor and work toward the Vision of future ministry that we developed during this period of transition.

How long will this take?

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How long will this take? That is impossible to predict because there are so many factors at play and the Holy Spirit will be a part of the entire process. However, as soon as possible, the Council will agree on an Interim. This means that from an early stage we will have a pastor. Generally, Phase Two takes about eight months, and the entire process may take 12 to 18 months to do properly.

Pastor Asher will be presiding at the 9am service on June 15, while Pastor Cindy is on vacation, and will also hold a question/answer period afterwards. He invites you to bring any questions you may have about the transition process and how this whole thing works.

I ask the congregation members to keep the Council and the Congregation in your prayers as we embark on this journey to search for our next pastor. We, as a council, are willing to answer any questions you have.

Yours in Christ, Sean Day

Hospitality & Celebration



A special thank you to Treena Scharbius and Marsha Kruchten for preparing the sanctuary for the Lenten Season. We appreciate all you do!





Celebration & Outreach invites you to EGG SOMEONE for Holy Week!

Take a door hanger or 10 and use it to invite someone to worship during Holy Week! Hangers and empty eggs are available for you to pick up in the narthex. It's a great way to share the Good

News!

"As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." John 20:21

Spread the word of the Easter celebration at St John to friends and neighbors!



Valentine's Outreach
The Women of the Church
and the Christ Care group
packed and delivered 14
Valentine bags to home
bound members of St. John.

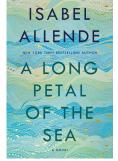
This is an annual project to brighten their day and to let them know that others think about them and care.

Bags were packed with fruit and treats and delivered by Marlene Bergum, Judy Beerntsen, Andie Midbon, Sherry Jensen, Sandy Piette and other Christ Care members.



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, April

17th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing <u>A Long Petal of the Sea</u> by Isabel Allende. In the late 1930s, civil war grips Spain. When General Franco and his Fascists succeed in overthrowing the government, hundreds of thousands are forced



to flee. Among them is Roser, a pregnant young widow, who finds her life intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau, an army doctor and the brother of her deceased love. If you were unable to attend the March meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel

Hospitality & Celebration



More care package thank you notes!

Dear 5t John Litheran Youth,

Thank you so wouch for the care package! It made my whole day! I should definitely how enough study concess for the rest of the seconster thanks to your generality.

Generality:

— Eva Westerney

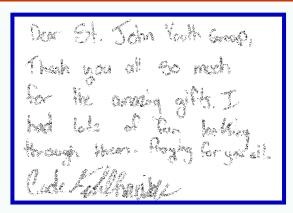
Der St. John,
Thank You so Much for thinking of me as you
Propared these Snack boxes, it is very thought Fall

I'll do my best to share, but some ox those

goodies are too good to Pass up! Thank you

again! - Bor Western

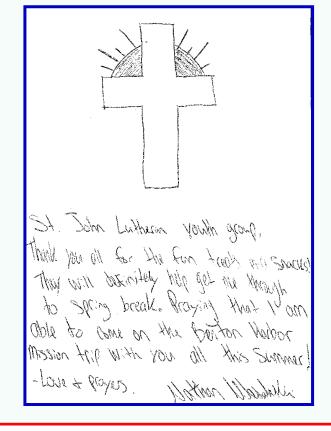
Thank you so much for the snacks and gifts! I love the pens and coloring book. I hope you are all doing well. I love, grace book



Thank you so much for the Care package of goodies.

It is really appreciated and can't wait to enjoy them!

- Lauren VerHaagh





TRUST FUND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

for the **2025 Fall semester** are being accepted <u>through June 30th</u>. Go to the church website, www.stjohndepere.org for an application. Completed forms can be mailed to St. John or dropped off at the church office. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 3rd.

Hospitality & Celebration



Trust Fund News

In September, Trust Fund member Brandi DeNell, moved out of state and so resigned from her position serving on the Trust Fund. We are happy to share that Kyle VenHuizen agreed to fill the vacancy and was appointed to the position by vote of the current Trust Fund members. Thank you Kyle for agreeing to serve in this important ministry.

Worship

LENT 2025 The Hardest Part



- Wed. April 2nd 5:45pm Soup Supper Provided by Sunday School families
 7:00pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer Wisdom
- Wed. April 9th 5:45pm Soup Supper Provided by all members
 7:00pm Worship Holden Evening Prayer -Love
- + Holy Week Sun. April 13th-April 20th (see schedule on page 5)

YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

- *April 6th 9:30 JOINT CHOIRS REHEARSAL and, April 6th Youth Choir and Children's Choirs sing at 10am service
- *April 13th 7:30 a.m. JOINT CHOIRS REHEARSAL (for Palm Sunday) and, April 13th, JOINT CHOIRS sing at 8 & 10am Palm Sunday Services

** Sunday School music finished for the remainder of the school year **

Reminder:

Both choirs gather in the Sanctuary. Youth Choir is open to students 2nd grade & older, and Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students. If questions,

call or text Jill Quigley at 920-

360-5772.

There will be no praise band service in April.

Join us on May 11th!

Worship

JOURNEY THROUGH HOLY WEEK 2025





Palm Sunday April 13th,

8:00 & 10:00 am Worship with special music from our youth and adult choirs.

Palm Sunday Breakfast served 8:30-10:00 am

(proceeds support our youth summer mission trip)

* **Sunday School Egg hunt** at 9:00am (No Sunday School)

Maundy Thursday April 17th

6:00 pm Potluck meal and Holy Communion

Bring a dish to share as we gather for a meal that will include an anthem from our Adult Choir and the ultimate meal, Holy Communion.





Good Friday April 18th

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service of Light & Darkness.

*This service will also be livestreamed.

Easter Sunday April 20th

8:00 & 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion and Emerald Brass.

*The 8:00 am service will be livestreamed.







Join us Sunday April 6th as we welcome new members to St. John!



DID YOU KNOW ...

Caring Cooks of St John are available to assist in providing meals to anyone in need! Do you know of someone who is dealing with an illness or hardship where Caring Cooks may be able to assist? Please contact Susan Van Asten or Marlene Bergum!

HELP YOURSELF ...

Caring Cooks meals are also available for you to take and deliver or to use for yourself as needed. You can find these meals in the kitchen freezer at church! Please help yourself!

INTERESTED IN JOINING CARING COOKS?

Please contact Susan Van Asten or Marlene Bergum!



WORSHIP AT HOME TIME



CALL TO WORSHIP † Make the sign of the cross. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 31:9-16

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- ¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- ¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹² Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.
- ¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

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.

†APRIL 6TH **5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

†APRIL 13TH **PALM SUNDAY**

John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luke 22:14-23:56

Through the teachings and events of the passion story we see and hear the great contradictions that characterize the coming of God's reign. The leader serves the followers, proud Peter is revealed in his cowardice, and Jesus—the innocent bringer of life—is arrested, beaten, executed, and buried.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†APRIL 20TH - EASTER DAY

Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†APRIL 27TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

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Faith Formation

~BIBLE STUDY GROUPS~

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 10:00am at church. Questions? Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327



MEN IN MISSION

On **April 16th** we will be meeting at Oak Street Cafe and then back to church for Bible study.

Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17, 24, Luke 24:1-12 If you have any questions call Jim Johanek at 920-323-0833.



April, Sunday morning Adult Opportunities

Sun. April 6th Join us in the Luther room for bible study led by Judy Kouene-Brown

Adult Choir rehearses at 9:00am

Sun. April 13th No adult study. Enjoy Palm Sunday breakfast prepared and served by our youth.

Sun. April 20th No Adult Study Happy Easter!

Sun. April 27th Final Adult study for spring. Gather in the Luther room.



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Bible Passaces:		

All 5th-8th grade students should be completing 2 Sermon Notes each month through May.

8th grade Confirmation Information



Spring Classes for 8th **Grade** - In preparation for affirming your faith, (Confirmation Day) 8th grade students will meet the following dates and times.

- Sun., April 6th, 6:30-7:30pm
- Wed. April 16th Faith Statement due to Pastor.
- Sun. April 20th Confirmation verse and why you chose it due to Pastor.
- One to One faith conversations with Pastor begin Tue. April 22nd. Do you know what time you signed up for?
- Wed. April 30th 6:30pm rehearsal. Bring a parent.
- **Sun. May 4th 10:00am Confirmation service.**

Faith Formation

<u>3yr old - 4th grade Sunday School</u> <u>April Lessons</u>

9:00am in classrooms

9:45am pick up your child in the sanctuary

April 6th

Mary Anoints Jesus

John 12:1-8

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April 13th

No Sunday School - Egg hunt at 9:00am

All choirs sing Call to Worship at both services.



April 20th Happy Easter! *No Sunday School*



April 27th

Doubting Thomas

John 20:19-31



May 4th Last Day of Sunday School!

Celebrating another year of growing in faith!



Congratulations and welcome to the table Audrey, Jane, Millicent, Helena, Hayley, Thea, Lilah, Alistair, Sloane, Henry, Robert, Spencer, & Brendan who celebrated their First Communion in March.



















Mission & Service

Mission Sewina

Hi from Mission sewing

We meet every Thursday from 9am until noon if anyone is interested in joining us. Now that it is getting warmer and possibly think-



ing about spring cleaning don't forget that if you find and sheets that you are going to get rid of, we will gladly take them. We hope that you will stop in to see what we do and have some chocolate and laughs with us.

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.



St. John Kutheran Quilters -Thank you for your continued support by donating 17 more beautiful quilto to the sleep in Heavenly Leace. The children that with a special quit from you are very lucky! We appreciate all the love and raid work you





Please bring supplies now through Palm Sunday, April 13th.

DID YOU PICK UP YOUR SHOPPING LIST YET?

This Lent season help us take ordinary items like towels, soap, combs, toothbrushes, and nail clippers — and turn them into extraordinary gifts of God's love.



month's focus for the DPCO Food Pantry is **Boxed** Cereal.





community

WE PRAY FOR:

Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon

Johnson, Carole Tobisch, James Sucha, Debbie Meunier, & Dick Vanden Heuvel.

St. John Bed Build!

Saturday May 17, 2025 8am- noon building beds.

We are also hoping to raise \$4500 to finance the build. Checks can be put in the offering with a note for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" or "Bed Build"

\$998 to go to reach our goal!! Use this QR Code to sign up today.



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER 301 MATHER ST, GREEN BAY

Volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide deserts for the evening meal on the first Saturday of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Thank you to the Usiak family who served and to Carol Grom, Kim Ronsman, Lois McAllister & Heather Hutchinson who provided the deserts on March 1st. Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer. Not able to help serve? You can donate desserts

Mission & Service

Church Council Meeting Minutes Date: 2/25/25 Time: 7:00pm

(For a complete copy of the minutes, please contact the office)

1. Attendance:

Present: Pastor Cindy, Sean Day, Steve Leiterman, Mike McMullen, Kourtney Feldhausen, Kim Ronsman, Susan Van Asten, Katie Schneekloth, and Amy LaBelle

Absent: Tom Baciak

- 2. **Call to Order** Sean called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- 3. **Scripture Study, Discussion & Prayer** Scripture selection from Luke 9:28-36 read by Mike McMullen. Following discussion, Sean led the prayer of the day.
- 4. Approval of People in Positions

Sean Day - President, Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation, Amy LaBelle - Liaison for Worship and Music, Susan Van Asten - Celebration and Outreach, Kim Ronsman - Stewardship, Kourtney Feldhausen - Secretary, Steve Leiterman - Vice

President, Mike McMullen - Treasurer Motion to approve by Susan. Second by Kim.

- 5. **Approval of Agenda** Sean asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Katie; second by Steve. Motion carried.
- 6. **Approval of Consent Agenda** Sean asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Kourtney; second by Kim. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

New Business

7. Soup Supper - sign up sheet sent around for March 12. Arrive at 5:30. Volunteers needed and will be advertised via clipboard and online

Old Business

- 8. RIC Update Leslie-Ann Novitski putting together a group that will work to walk the church through being certified as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.
- 9. Land Use Update-Long Range Planning
 - Community Garden no longer with NWTC or FVTC Do we use that for our congregation? Do we do a pollinator or prairie garden? Need to talk with city to understand zoning
 - land could be used for EPH house (land would go to EPH)
 - Columbarium company set to go with for this once/if we are ready
 - Solar possibilities?

10. Ministry/Committee Reports

(For a complete copy of the minutes, please contact the office)

11. Adjournment Since no further business was evident, Sean asked for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting Date March 18, 2025 Time: 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

Mission & Service

St. John Lutheran Treasurer's Report Statement of Cash Flow February 28, 2025

		Electronic								
2025	Envelopes	Giving	Loose	Other		Total	Expenses	Actual Net +/-	Budget	Budget +/-
January	\$12,475.00	\$13,288.50	\$241.00	\$1,332.30		\$27,336.80	\$28,091.46	-\$754.66	\$31,084.00	-\$2,992.54
February	\$14,055.00	\$13,223.15	\$202.00	\$3,583.51		\$31,063.66	\$27,574.62	\$3,489.04	\$31,084.00	-\$3,509.38
March									\$31,084.00	
April									\$31,084.00	
May									\$31,084.00	
June									\$31,084.00	
July									\$31,084.00	
August									\$31,084.00	
September									\$31,083.00	
October									\$31,083.00	
November									\$31,083.00	
December									\$31,083.00	
2025Total	\$26,530.00	\$26,511.65	\$443.00	\$4,915.81		\$58,400.46	\$55,666.08	\$2,734.38	\$373,004.00	-\$6,501.92
MO. AVG	\$13,265.00	\$13,255.83	\$221.50	\$2,457.91		\$29,200.23	\$27,833.04	\$1,367.19	\$31,083.67	-\$3,250.96
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THE MINISTRY

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7pm - Good Friday
10am - Hansen Bridal Shower 4:30pm - NEW Community Shelter Meal 11 12 12 25 26 26

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Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation
Tom Baciak - Property
Amy LaBelle - Worship & Music
Susan Van Asten - Celebration & Outreach

WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday's 8:00 & 10:00am
Join us Online Anytime



OFFICE HOURS

8:00am – 3:00pm Mon - Thurs Hours may vary. Please call ahead. Ph. 336-1082 office@stjohndepere.org **Rev. Cindy Warmbier-Meyer** pastorcindy@stjohndepere.org Office Phone 336-1082 Ext. 103 *Cell Phone* 920-731-1719

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