

Mission Messenge

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

"Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 39:10a

Dear Friends in Christ, since announcing my retirement, I've been asked multiple times, "so what are you going to do?" At first, the question brought a little panic on my part, "what was I going to do?" Am I supposed to have a plan for how I will fill each and every day with meaning and purpose? That's a lot of pressure!

Then the verse above came to mind and with it a profound sense of peace. "What am I going to do?" "Be still," be still and trust that in the stillness God will show me the places my gifts and talents will best meet the needs of the world.

So, as I write my final article to you, I encourage you also in this time of transition to, "Be still and know that God is God." Don't stress over what's next for St John. Trust that God's got this. Just as God always has.

"Be still" and listen. Listen for the places the gifts and talents of you, the people of St John, best meet the needs of the world. You may find it in an existing ministry or something completely new. The first step to discovery is to "be still." Be still and listen for God's direction.

As you practice this, remember that God has held St John for well over 150 years. Through fires and building programs, pastoral transitions, membership decline and growth, financial struggles, and stability; God has held you through it all and will continue to hold you now and into the future.

Friends, it has been my deep honor to serve as your pastor and you will forever hold a special place in my heart. God's blessings as you seek to "be still and know that God is God."

Peace. **Pastor Cindy**







HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

Embracing New Beginnings: Supporting Our Pastoral Transition

As a cherished faith community, we truly believe that the Holy Spirit guides us—not only when someone is called into ministry, but also when it's time for them to embark on a new journey, like retirement. How we, as a congregation, navigate these transitions with our former ministers is incredibly important for the health and vibrancy of our church family, for Pastor Cindy, and for the wider Church. Holding onto past ties in ways that aren't healthy can sometimes keep us from fully embracing the wonderful ministry of those who follow.

We know you've built deeply loving and caring relationships with Pastor Clndy and her family over the years, and these friendships are truly a blessing. It's absolutely wonderful and appropriate to continue these personal connections and to offer your warm hospitality. However, we gently ask that you avoid involving her in discussions about church matters or seeking her advice regarding our current pastor.

As we joyfully open our hearts and arms to our new Intentional Interim pastor, Pastor Doug Holtz, we want to remind everyone that all pastoral duties—like weddings, funerals, baptisms, and home communions—are now under his loving care. While it's natural to think of Pastor Cindy for these special moments, reaching out to her for these occasions can, unfortunately, create an awkward situation for everyone involved. You can show your deep respect for the pastoral office Pastor Cindy held by inviting Pastor Doug to be present during these significant life events. This is a truly wonderful opportunity to build a strong and meaningful relationship with him and allow him to minister to you in deeply personal ways.

When a new minister begins their service with us, it's a shared responsibility for each of us to embrace them with love, offer our understanding and forgiveness, and to turn to them for pastoral leadership. If you find yourself feeling a little unsure, or not yet fully connected with our new minister, please know that it's a shared journey, and each of us plays a part in building that connection.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or a member of the Council. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have. We also ask that you continue to keep us, the Council, and the Congregation in your prayers as we start this journey to search for our next pastor.

Yours in Christ, Sean Day Council President



Little Library

Finished a good book and don't know what to do with it? Put it in the St. John Little Library for others to enjoy! (Library is located on Lost Dauphin next to the driveway.) We are also looking for someone to maintain the library. This includes checking every few weeks that materials are orderly, appropriate and if it's running low alerting the office to ask for donations. More than one volunteer can do this! Contact the office to let them know you can help.





On Sunday,
June 1st
this year's
graduates
were
recognized.





With the assurance of eternal life we offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Frank Beno who died on 7/24/25.



DPCO food pantry
August focus collection
is Manwich.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!



St. John Lutheran Church Annual Picnic

1700 Lost Dauphin Road De Pere

www.stjohndepere.org 920.336.1082



9:00 am Set Up10:00 am Outdoor worship service11:00 am Food, music, andKids games

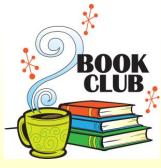




On July 20th Ozzie Englebert McMullen was welcomed into the family of God at St. John. God's blessings to this child and family!







St. John's Book Club will meet for lunch on Thursday, August 21st. Please join us at the Oak Street Cafe at 11:30 AM to share some good company and your favorite summer reads. The book club selection for September will be distributed. Please let me

know by August 18th if you are planning on attending. Contact Donna Hjorth (920-371-0852) for more information. Everyone is welcome!



<u>WE PRAY:</u> "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

Psalm 46:1

Please hold in healing prayer...
Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon
Johnson, Carole Tobisch, James Sucha,
Debbie Meunier, & Carol Grom.



Moved, dropped your land line or changed your email address?

Please notify the office at 920-336-1082 or by email, office@stjohndepere.org. THANK YOU

FAITH FORMATION

It's back to school time....well almost.

Sunday School

Please use this link https://stjohndepere.org/wp-content/uploads/Reg-Form-2025-26.pdf to sign up your child(ren) for Sunday School 3 yr old to 4th grade. This is a pdf fillable form. Please fill it out, save it to your computer and email the saved version to office@stjohndepere.org by Sept. 1, 2025.

We are still in needs of adults to be part of teaching teams. You and your team decide who is teaching when. This year all classes (including The Littles will have the Learner Leaflets available to use) Planning your 30 minute class couldn't be easier!

PLEASE let Pr. Cindy know <u>by August 10th</u> what grade level you can help with.

Sunday School will begin at 9:00am on Sunday, Sept. 14th.

Confirmation Classes

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIMEstudy hand pray hard & TRUST THE LORD TO HELF YOU COA!

Please use this link https://stjohndepere.org/wp-content/uploads/Reg-Form-2025-26.pdf to sign up your 5th-8th grade students for Confirmation Class. This is a pdf fillable form. Please fill it out, save it to your computer and email the saved version to <a href="https://org.ncbi.nlm.ncbi.

Classes begin Wednesday, October 1st.

We do need adults to rotate teaching, small group leadership and crowd control. PLEASE let Pr. Cindy know by August 10^{th} how you can help this be a great year of growing in faith for our kids.

You do not have to have a student in Sunday School or Confirmation to volunteer!

All are welcome!





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Worship





Worship at the Campfire













Mission Trip Send Off

























CALL TO WORSHIP + Make the sign of the cross. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 82

- ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:
- ² "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
- ³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- ⁴ rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- ⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- ⁶ Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
- ⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "
- ⁸ Arise. O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

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.

†AUGUST 3RD 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and of your grace, that we may be ready to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior through Jesus Christ, our Savior and and Lord. Amen.

†AUGUST 10TH 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches to share your zeal for truth. Give us to receive you wherever you appear, Lord. Amen.

†AUGUST 17TH 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†AUGUST 24TH 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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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.

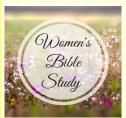
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There will be no praise band in August. See you in September!



We invite you to join in Hat Day.
We will be continuing to
celebrate God's joyful and
creative presence in our lives the
first Sunday of each month.



CHRIST CARE

This month Christ Care will meet for a luncheon on 8/6 at 11:00am at Linda Snell's home.

On Wednesday 8/20 we will meet at 10:00am at church. Questions?

Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am.

On **August 20th** we will be meeting at Oak Street Café, then back to church for Bible study. **Study:**

Isaiah 58:9b-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Luke 13:10-17

If you have any questions call Jim Johanek at 920-323-0833.

NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER 301 Mather St, Green Bay

St. John serves dinner at the NEW Community Shelter the first Saturday of each month. The church provides dessert and fruit for about 200 people. Some meals are served there while others are packaged for carry-out. Volunteers arrive about 4:30pm and serve from 5-6pm.

- If you would like to serve, please sign up.
- If you enjoy baking, we always need baked goods for these meals. We would love for you to sign up for 1 or both of these opportunities.

How many desserts should I make?? That is up to you. Some people make a batch or two of cookies, some bring their favorite recipe that makes more. Anything you do will be appreciated.

Questions?

Contact Susan Van Asten at 920-540-3750 or svanasten 744@gmail.com

Thank you to Pam Shier, Jim & Judy Kneiszel & Lin Reichstadter who served & Andie Midbon, Jan Vanden Heuvel, Donna Hjorth, Carol Grom, & Pam Shier who made desserts for the June 7th meal

to Dave & Lois McAllister and Jim & Helen Labs who served & Pastor Cindy, Helen Labs, & Lois McAllister who made desserts for the July 5th meal.

Sign up for future meals on community board or by using this QR code!





LET'S HELP MAKE EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD LIVING THROUGH WAR, DISASTERS AND POVERTY.

Help us build 75 kits! We have some supplies already but here's what we need to reach our goal of 75 kits:

- * 243 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"
- * 70 30-centimeter rulers or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * 55 pencil sharpeners
- * 75 pair of blunt scissors
- * 260 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- * 70 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * 45 2 ½" erasers
- * 160 #2 pencils unsharpened
- * Cash donations to purchase LWR specific backpacks (note school Kits on check or envelope)

Please bring donations to church by Sunday, August 25th





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.





Thank you for helping to "bring gifts of joy" in July. A wonderful start for another successful event!

Mission Trip 2025 Benton Harbor, MI









Monday was jam-packed on the mission trip! We did landscaping, started painting a church, heard a wonderful message from Sharon Brown at the African American History and Literature Museum, cleaned out water-damaged rooms at a Salvation Army men's shelter, and made some new friends.











Our youth had a "ball" on the mission trip! Tuesday, we did a LOT of landscaping! We also spent time at an adult day center, played stick ball and spike ball with other congregations, got ice cream, and heard from Mary Alice, who talked about following

our faith to change our communities



















Wednesday was jam-packed! We spent the day painting and landscaping, followed by a dip in Lake Michigan at Silver Lake Beach. Worship was a treat with fun music and glow sticks on the lawn of our housing site.









Thursday marked our last work day of the mission trip. We were sad that our time was coming to an end. We spent more time painting and landscaping and had a special lunchtime concert by jazz musician Kenny Cooper.



















My soul is fed by needle and thread!

Hi from Mission Sewing,

We hope that everyone has been having a great summer and has been able to stay cool. If anyone wants to join us or just want to see what we do, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. As a reminder if you have any gentle used sheets or fabric, you do not want please remember that we can use them to make quilts. We have treats and lots of laughs, so we hope to see you. ~Judy Beerntsen



Synod Assembly Report - 2025

On Saturday June 7, 2025, Jim Johanek, Pastor Cindy, and I attended the East Central Synod of Wisconsin meeting at Calvary Lutheran in Green Bay. Many years ago my grandfather, father, and even my husband attended the Synod meetings. When I asked what was done, their replies were "church business". So this year I found out what the "church business" was.

This year three resolutions were passed-

- 1. Memorialize missing and murdered indigenous women and educate church members about the injustices that occurred. Prevent it from happening again.
- 2. Remembrance of the horrific treatment to Native Americans at Indian Boarding Schools. The truth should be told and prevent this from happening to other groups.
- 3. Report abuse done by synod leaders, clergy, teachers, any employee or volunteer of the church.

The title of the assembly this year was "To Serve All People Following the Example of Jesus." We need to work on becoming a stronger church and be open to other people's ideas. Don't block ideas, or say "we did that already." A member may have a different approach. Serving all people in the congregation is important. We must include all age groups, cultures and become open to different ideas.

The most meaningful part of the meeting was the keynote presentation by Venice Williams, Director of Alice's Garden in Milwaukee. She explained as church members we need to be open to various ideas to help our church members and community. Simple things like teaching how to cook your favorite meal, demonstrating a sewing project, having a songfest including all types of music, forming parenting circles and setting aside time to talk to others. The one I liked best was sharing your favorite garden produce with church members. This summer it would be wonderful to see church members bring in food from their gardens to be shared by others.

Other points that stood out to me were -

- 1. Walls are to protect and keep people safe, not to keep people out!
- 2. Rest is not a privilege. No excuses, volunteer your time and talents.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 2025 Synod meeting. Next year's meeting is June 4-6, 2026 held in Oshkosh. Think about representing our church by attending!

~ Jaelene Wentland



St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 17, 2025 7:00pm

Attendance:

<u>Present:</u> Sean Day, Steve Leiterman, Kourtney Feldhausen, Mike McMullen, Kim Ronsman,

Katie Schneekloth, Susan Van Asten, and Tom Baciak

Absent: Pastor Cindy, Katie Schneekloth, Amy LaBelle

Call to Order: Sean called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Scripture study, discussion, and prayer: Scripture selection from **Luke 8:26-39** read by Kourtney. Following discussion, Susan led the prayer of the day.

Approval of Agenda: Sean asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Steve; second by Kim. Motion carried.

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

Discussion Agenda_

New Business

- Ministries to have budget suggestions for 2026 to Mike by 7/31.
- A lavalier broke on Sunday. We have the oldest set of lavaliers that doesn't have replacement parts anymore. Looking at estimates to potentially replace. Money has already been set aside from this.
- Brunch to be planned for after Pastor's last service on 8/17.
- Tom will be meeting with a heating and cooling company next week to continue to gather information.

Old Business

- AV Ministry/Office Computer Update NONE
- Transition
 - * Pastor Asher here this past Sunday
 - * Small group stayed after the service for questions
 - * Pastor Asher's last day as assistant to the bishop will be July 31. Will get a new contact person with his leaving. Will still have full support of the Synod
- RIC Update
 - * First meeting of group took place
 - * Sweatshirts and t-shirts available for purchase with the Be the Church statement. All proceeds go to RIC
- Vision for Ministry Living our faith. Enriching lives.
 - 1. Land Use Update-Long Range Planning
 - * Community Garden
 - * Columbarium
 - * Choosing to take a step back and "parking lot" this to focus on pastoral transition and furnace. This is still a priority, though.

Ministry/Committee Reports

Full reports available in the office.

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Sean asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Susan; second by Kim. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: July 22, 2025 6:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

St. John Lutheran Treasurer's Report Statement of Cash Flow June 30, 2025

2025	Envelopes	Electronic 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	\$18,866.42	\$13,834.56	\$289.00	\$5,203.95	\$38,193.93	\$27,654.66	\$10,539.27	\$31,084.00	-\$3,429.34
April	\$13,265.00	\$13,664.09	\$726.00	\$3,891.45	\$31,546.54	\$31,319.40	\$227.14	\$31,084.00	\$235.40
May	\$10,010.00	\$13,213.22	\$192.00	\$1,838.54	\$25,253.76	\$36,237.01	-\$10,983.25	\$31,084.00	\$5,153.01
June	\$17,500.00	\$13,443.31	\$181.78	\$1,565.09	\$32,690.18	\$25,561.58	\$7,128.60	\$31,084.00	-\$5,522.42
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	\$86,171.42	\$80,666.83	\$1,831.78	\$17,414.84	\$186,084.87	\$176,438.73	\$9,646.14	\$373,004.00	·\$10,065.27
MO. AVG	\$14,361.90	\$13,444.47	\$305.30	\$2,902.47	\$31,014.15	\$29,406.46	\$1,607.69	\$31,083.67	-\$3,250.96

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 6/30/25	\$ 31,071.72	
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 6/30/25	\$ 42,376.90	
PCM Savings	\$ 27.41	
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/26	\$ 82,567.59	
CFCU CD Matures 10/13/25	\$ 25,514.81	
Designated Funds Balance 6/30/25	\$ 42,062.94	
Designated CFCU CD Matures 10/14/25	\$ 33,728.65	
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/26	\$ 27,325.51	
Bank Total 6/30/25	\$ 284,675.53	



for your continued financial support to the ministry of St. John

9am - Worship	9am - Worship	9am - Worship 10am - Pastor Cindy's Retirement Brunch	9am - Worship 6:30pm - Middle/High School Farwell Event	9am - Worship with The NEW Dixie Ramblers	SU	St. John Lutheran Church - De Pere
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Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation
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Amy LaBelle - Worship & Music
Susan Van Asten - Celebration & Outreach



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8:00am - 3:00pm Mon - Thurs Hours may vary. Please call ahead. Ph. 336-1082 office@stjohndepere.org

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For the September Issue August 18, 2025 Send submissions to office@stjohndepere.org

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday 9:00am

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