




Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

St. John was one of the founding members of De Pere Christian Outreach. Through the years the program has expanded from Thrift Store to a Food Pantry and in 2018 the ministry of a DPCO Christmas Store was added. Profits generated through purchases at the Thrift Store provided \$468,801 in financial support to our community. \$371,025.14 in financial assistance went to the following non-profit organizations:

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In addition to this, \$40,000 supported the DPCO Christmas Store Program and \$42,184.34 assisted De Pere residents in need of emergency gas, utilities, and rental assistance. Additionally \$15,592 worth of donated material goods supported other agencies/organizations (Giving is Good and House of Hope). With your ongoing support in donations, volunteer hours and shopping at the Thrift Store, DPCO will continue to “Care for the community through Christ’s love and compassion.”

Beth Challe
SJLC Board Representative

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



A cribbage tournament will be held at St John the afternoon of February 23rd. Whether you are an avid player, a beginner or someone who just wants to learn, this event is for you! Mark your calendars and plan to join us for fellowship, fun and a little competition. More details will be forthcoming. If you have questions, please contact Brian Holtebeck or Susan Van Asten.



Thank you Trust Fund!

The Praise Band used 3 of the new tablets this month and want to give HUGE THANKS to the Trust Fund for purchasing them. The process of 'saving the trees' has begun - not having to make so many photocopies each month fills Jill Q with delight!! She currently has numerous binders and file cabinets full of music, so eventually, they'll all be PDFs and easily available at the touch of a finger! Plans are for the praise band to use all 5 new tablets on a regular basis, but as other needs arise, they will certainly come in very handy for other groups like the youth choir.

Sean and Jill also used them for the Christmas Eve services! Thank you, Trust Fund, for your support!

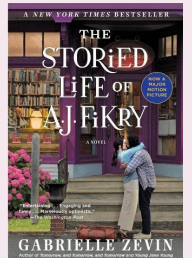
-Jill Quigley

On January 11th, St. John Youth joined their synod peers for a snow tubing adventure in Kewaunee. We raced, chain-tubed, and enjoyed hot chocolate in the chalet. What a great morning of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ!



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Storied Life of A. J. Fikery by Gabrielle Zevin. When his most prized possession, a rare

collection of Poe poems, is stolen, bookstore owner, A. J. Fikery begins isolating himself from his friends, family and associates before receiving a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life. If you were unable to attend the January meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information. Everyone is welcome!



At this year's Annual Meeting of the Congregation, the following people were elected to serve:

Amy LaBelle, Kourtney Feldhausen, & Steve Leiterman - Church Council

Jaelene Wentland & Jim Johaneck - Synod Assembly Delegates

Stacy & Annalise Zieske - Crossways Camping Ministry Representatives

Jim & Judy Kneiszel - Woodside Senior Communities Representatives

Carol Grom, Chrissy Paape, Kim Ronsman, Katie Schneekloth, & Susan Van Asten - Nominating Committee

Gail Ryan - Audit Committee

Kristin Bouchard - Trust Fund



We thank Sarah Vissers for leading an activity for our youth during the annual meeting!

YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Children's Choir Rehearsals:

February 2nd	9:30 - 9:45am
February 9th	9:30 - 9:45am
February 16th	9:30 - 9:45am AND sing at the start of the 10:00am Service
February 23rd	9:30 - 9:45am
March 2nd	9:30 - 9:45am

Youth Choir Rehearsals:

February 2nd	8:45 - 9:00am
February 9th	8:45 - 9:00am
February 16th	8:45 - 9:00am
February 23rd	8:45 - 9:00am
March 2nd	8:45 - 9:00am AND sing at the start of the 8:00am Service

Reminder:

The Children's Choir gathers in the Sanctuary. Youth Choir gathers in the GREAT room. Youth Choir is open to students 2nd grade & older. and Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students. If questions, please reach out to Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772



PRAISE BAND
will see you next on Sunday, February 9th.

ADULT CHOIR
rehearses the first 3 Sundays of the month in the choir room at 9:00am. Please contact Cassie Tingo at cassandra.tingo@gmail.com if you have any questions. All are welcome. Join anytime!



On January 12th we welcomed Crystal DeCleene the Executive Director of the Ecumenical Partnership for Housing. Crystal shared about the ministry of EPH as we prayerfully consider how God might be calling St. John to partner with this ministry. You are invited to learn more about EPH by visiting www.ephgb.org EPH will also be a recipient of this year's Give big Green Bay event.



You are also welcome to check out this EPH Open House
February 19 • 3:00pm - 6:00pm
1278 Langlade Ave, Green Bay

Stop by our newest Long-Term Supportive Housing property, purchased recently from Calvary Lutheran Church (an EPH partnership church).

Take a tour, enjoy refreshments and learn more about EPH and family homelessness in Brown County.

WORSHIP AT HOME

CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands**

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.

†FEBRUARY 2ND **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†FEBRUARY 9TH **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

Prayer of the Day

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†FEBRUARY 16TH SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Luke 6:17-26

After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.

Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†FEBRUARY 23RD SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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.

WORSHIP

Ministry Servant Opportunity ALTAR CARE

We are looking for individuals to help with clean up and set up of Communion. It takes 10 minutes of your time. See the description below. To sign up, call the church office or scan this QR Code.



After 8:00am service

Refill chalices and replenish wafers as needed.



After 10:00am service or when there is only 1 service

Empty chalices and put away wafers.



On Sunday, January 26th the 2025 Church Council was installed at the 10am service. Thank you for agreeing to serve!



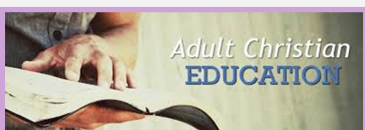
FAITH FORMATION



SAVE THE DATE!
New Member information session
Sun. March 30th 9:00am
Let Pastor Cindy know if you'll be attending!

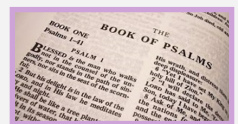


New Member welcome
Sun. April 6th!

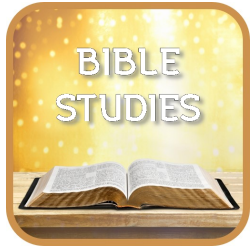


February Sunday 9:00am Adult Education Opportunity

Grab your coffee and treats and gather in the Luther room to take a closer look at the Psalms! This study, produced by Luther Seminary, will be led by Judy Koeune-Brown on Feb. 2nd, 9th and 23rd. Bring your bible and get ready to dive in!



FAITH FORMATION



CHRIST CARE meets on
Wednesday, February 5th and
Wednesday, February 19th @10:00am

in the LOUNGE.

If you have any questions, contact Carlyn
Cooper at 920-983-0327 or at
clpdkcm@twc.com.



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On **February 19th** we will be meeting at Oak Street Cafe for breakfast, then back to church for Bible study.

Scriptures:

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Luke 6:27-38

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

Hello, fabulous high schoolers!



Thank you to those of you who already RSVP'd for the Care Package event in February. It was brought to my attention that I scheduled it during the Super Bowl, so we are going to change the time to February 9th at 1pm. (Pizza and snacks will be served.) Please re-RSVP by February 5th, so I can plan for food. Sorry for any inconvenience!

We will do a relaxing culinary event in early March (just high school) and the Palm Sunday Breakfast on April 13th (set up on the 12th). Save the date!



See you February 9!



Our next D & D event is Sunday, February 9th! The

table is open to 6th -12th grade. If you're not able to join us in February, we will have an event on March 9th. Please RSVP to Sarah at youth@stjohndepere.org if you plan to attend the February event.

Crossways Camp 2025

Confirmation students are expected to attend a Crossways Camp at least once during their time in our confirmation program.

(But more is even better!!)

Follow this link to register your child (or your family) and be sure and let Pastor know the week you're attending.

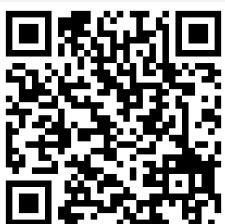
<https://www.crosswayscamps.org/summer-camp>

This link is good for all age levels, not just confirmation age!
\$200 scholarships toward a full week of camp are available.

(Camperships also available for families, grandparents and younger/older students attending a Crossways camp.)

Students and families are eligible for scholarships every year!

Contact Pastor Cindy for more information regarding scholarships.



There is something for every age! Grandparent/kid camp, Family camp, Camp Jr. for pre-ks, HS Leadership camp and of course special camp weeks for 1st grade through High School.

Confirmation Class Schedule for Spring 2025



All 5th-8th grade students: We meet each Wednesday in February at 6:30pm. Our final class for the semester is on Feb. 26th.

On **March 5th 7:00 pm** Attend Ash Wednesday worship with your family.

During Lent attend the Soup Supper at 5:45pm followed by Worship at 7:00pm with your family.

*Confirmation families will be providing and serving soup on **Wed. March 19th**. There will be a signup link in the March newsletter.

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:

Sunday, March 16th 5-7:30pm Class (dinner will be provided)

Sunday, April 6th 6:30-7:30 Class

In addition to meeting together, there will be work for you to do outside of class.

One to One conversations with Pastor will take place the 2 weeks before Confirmation day. I will have a sign up sheet at our first gathering for you to choose your time.

Wed. April 30th 6:30pm rehearsal

Sun. May 4th 10:00am Confirmation service.



How are you doing on completing Sermon notes? Remember the expectation is that you complete 2 per month through May. Be sure and email, or bring them with you to put in Pastor's mailbox.

3yr old - 4th grade Sunday School February Lessons

9:00am in classrooms
9:45am pick up your child in the sanctuary



Feb. 2nd
Jeremiah The Prophet
Jeremiah 1:4-10



Feb. 9th
The Disciples
Luke 5:1-11, 8:1-3



Feb. 16th
The Beatitudes
Luke 6:17-26
Children's Choir sings at 10am service



Feb. 23rd
Joseph feeds his family
Genesis 45:3-11,15



First Communion Class will be offered on Thursday, Feb. 27th from 6:00-8:00pm for all 3rd grade students and any others who would like to participate.

Watch for more information or talk with Pr. Cindy about attending.

MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission sewing,

If anyone wants to join the sewing group, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. You don't have to stay the whole time if that does not work for you, just stay as long as you are able. If you don't want to come on Thursday you could take a bag of squares home to sew and bring back to the church. We can use any size of sheets flat and fitted to use for the backs on the quilts. We have lots of laughs and treats, so we hope to see you there. ~Judy Beerntsen



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER - 301 MATHER ST, WEST 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 Katy and Jack Krouth & Kim and Randy Ronsman who served and to Pam Shier, Jan Widell, Kim Ronsman, & Donna Hjorth who provided desserts the month of January. Please sign up on the ministry board at church or using the QR Code for a time that works for you to volunteer or provide deserts. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Basak at 920-339-6246.



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 clpdcm@twc.com. We will get your requests out to our faithful prayer warriors.



PRAYER requests

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



Save the Date!
St. John Bed Build!
Sat. May 17, 2025
8:00-noon



Use this QR code to sign up!



Last year we raised over \$6000 for the build. This year we are shooting for \$7500. To kick off the build St. John donated \$3000 and our Sunday School kids are pitching in every week. Can you help? Make the check to St. John and note Sleep in Heavenly Peace or Bed Build on the memo line.



**St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting
November 19, 2024 7:00pm**

1. Attendance:

Present: Pastor Cindy, Sean Day, Mike McMullen, Jen Holtebeck, Kim Ronsman, Susan Van Asten, Katie Schneckloth, and Lin Reichstadter

Absent: Ryan Usiak and Tom Baciak

2. Call to Order: Sean called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

3. Scripture study, discussion, and prayer: Scripture selection from John 18:33-37 read by Lin. Following discussion, Susan led the prayer of the day.

4. Approval of Agenda: Sean asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda or for any changes. Reconciling in Christ and Ministry Innovations were added to New Business. The motion was made by Kim; second by Lin. Motion carried.

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

Discussion Agenda

New Business

6. Pastor's IRS Housing Allowance. Lin moved that the Reverend Cindy Warmbier-Meyer receive a total housing allowance of \$24,000.00 for 2025, the housing allowance to be designated in the official records. Second by Kim. Motion carried.

7. Nominating Committee Update. Everything is filled except for two council positions. One is close to being filled and the other is in progress.

8. Ministry Innovations. We have a budgeted amount of \$5,000 in Stewardship under the heading of Ministry Innovations. This year there have been no requests for this money. Lin moved that we donate \$3000 to Crossways Camps, \$3000 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace for a build in 2025, and \$1000 to the Ecumenical Partnership for Housing. Second by Kim. Motion carried.

9. Reconciling in Christ. To become a partner with Reconciling in Christ, St. John would commit to being a congregation that is welcoming to LGBTQIA+ people and people of color. Becoming a RIC partner involves a series of trainings and creating a team to work through the process.

Old Business

10. Budget 2025. Mike gave an overview of the 2025 budget. Susan moved to accept the budget. Second by Katie. Motion carried.

11. Land Use Update- Long Range Planning. Via email, Ryan said it was suggested that we consider putting the columbarium inside the building. Concerns were raised about the accessibility of an indoor columbarium.

Ministry/Committee Reports

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

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Sean asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Susan; second by Lin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: January 21, 2025 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Jen Holtebeck, Council Secretary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Adult Education 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	27	28	29	30	31	1 4:30pm - NEW Comm
2 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Adult Education 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Adult Education 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11am - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign 1pm - HS Youth Care Package Event	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Adult Education 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22 Journey with Jesus Middle School Event
23 Cribbage Tournament 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Education 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	24	25	26	27	28	1
		7pm - Council Mtg	6:30pm - Confirmation	9am - Mission Sewing 6pm - First Communion Class		
		5:45pm - Trust Fund Mtg	8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club		

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Amy LaBelle
Susan Van Asten

FEBRUARY

OFFICE HOURS
8:00am – 3:00pm
Mon - Thurs
Hours may vary.
Please call ahead.
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WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday Service
8am & 10:00am Service
Education - 9:00am

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