



Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.



"You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance." Psalm 65:11 (NKJV)

This past year was another amazing year of ministry at St. John and I am so excited to look forward to the "goodness" and "abundance" in ministry that 2024 holds for this community.

Goodness and abundance like:

Opportunities for increased fellowship as well as a congregation wide service event in April that will partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build (we hope) 20 beds. (We have a good start on the \$5000 the project will take; but will be doing additional fundraising to make it happen.)

We are actively seeking a Children's Ministry Coordinator to lead our Sunday School. (If God is stirring your heart for this part time, salaried, ministry PLEASE talk to Pastor Cindy!)

We will send a group of High School students and chaperones to deepen their faith as they experience the joy of worship and service at the ELCA National Youth Gathering with 20,000+ of their peers.

A small group, led by Ryan Usiak, is actively looking at opportunities to more fully use the church grounds for ministry to the community.

I also look forward to whatever new ministry opportunities God will place in our "path."

On behalf of all those who will grow in faith and know the love of God through the ministry of St. John in the coming year I offer a heartfelt and deep thank you for your continued abundant support!

Surely God will crown the year with goodness and abundance.
Pastor Cindy



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Put this on your calendar.

Congregational
Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:00 am



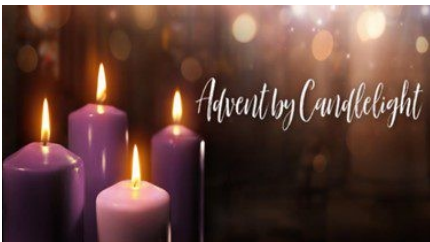
HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



Please help to undeck the halls following the 8:00am service on Sunday, January 7th. "Many hands make light work".



Thank you for your gifts supporting the DPCO Christmas Store. **Together we provided a brighter Christmas for over 170 families of the De Pere area.** Families that included 383 adults and 146 children. That's amazing. Thanks be to God!



Thank you to all who attended Advent by Candlelight. It was a lovely evening and thanks to your generosity, over \$500 was raised for the New Shelter Meal, along with many food items for the DPCO Food Pantry. Thank you Gail Ryan for all your extra decorating and organizing. The GREAT room was beautiful.



HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

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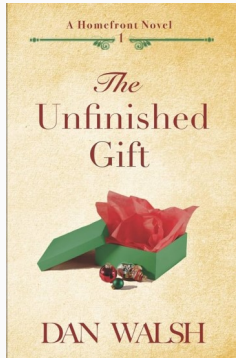
2024 Summer Staff Applications are Open!
Summer Camp 2024 Starts with an incredible staff team! We are excited to announce that our Staff Applications are open. Now is the time to consider who you know that you can encourage to apply for a life changing summer. Our staff build relationships, leadership, community, independence and engage their faith in a new way.



"Working at camp has provided me with fantastic leadership experience while also helping me grow and develop in my faith. It is really wonderful to see the impact you have on a group of campers over the course of a week. Watching my campers grow in their faith and friendships is the reason I come back year after year."

- Chase, Summer Staff 2021-2023

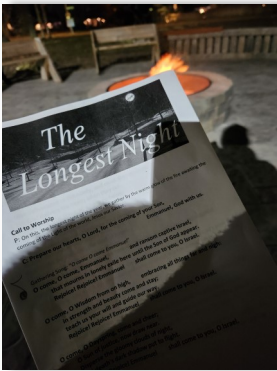
<https://www.crosswayscamps.org/employment>



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 18th at 1:00 PM.

We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Unfinished Gift by Dan Walsh. Set at Christmastime in 1943, The Unfinished Gift is an engaging family story that reminds us of the surprising things that can affect powerful change in our hearts like a young boy's desperate prayers, a shoebox full of love letters, even a dusty, long-forgotten wooden soldier. If you were unable to attend the December 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!

WORSHIP



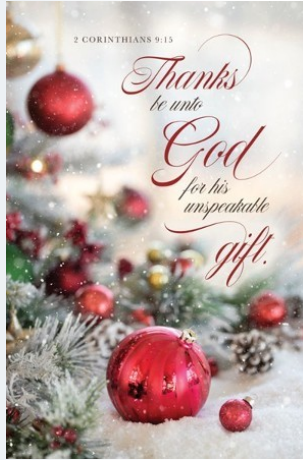
Thank you to those who joined us for the Longest Night Service on December 21st. It was a beautiful night for an outdoor campfire service.



WORSHIP



Thank you to all our musicians for sharing their musical talents & to all who gave a Poinsettia plant to adorn our worship space.





YOUTH-full Joyful Noises



Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

Jan. 7th - 8:45 a.m. Youth Choir & 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir, BOTH in the GREAT room

Jan. 14th - 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir

Jan. 21st - 8:45 a.m. Youth Choir & 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir

Jan. 28th - 8:45 a.m. Youth Choir & 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir, BOTH in the GREAT room

Feb. 4th - 7:50 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal & sing at the 8:00 a.m. Service

Sunday School Choir typically meets in the Sanctuary, unless specified above.

Youth Choir is open to students 2nd grade & older & typically meets in the GREAT room.

Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students.

Looking ahead...

Please note the Children's Choir has been asked to sing at the 8:00 a.m. Service on Feb. 4th.

There will be a very quick music rehearsal right before church and another quick music time at 9:00 a.m. PLUS Sunday School after, as usual.

If questions, please reach out to Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772



The next Praise Band Sunday will be January 14, 2024. See you then!

Praise Band is looking for one more vocalist.
Contact Jill Quigley if interested.
920-360-5772
JillQMusic1@aol.com

ADULT CHOIR
rehearses the first
3 Sundays of
the month in the
choir room at 9:00am.
We are always looking
for new members.



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

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 27:1, 4-9

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

*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.*



JANUARY 7TH **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

Mark 4:1-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

JANUARY 14TH **2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

John 1:43-51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

JANUARY 21ST 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

JANUARY 28TH 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Mark 1:21-28

Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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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Stand Still
and consider the
wondrous works of God
Job 37:14



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation 5th-8th grade Confirmation students

Confirmation classes resume for all on Wednesday January, 3rd 6:30 -7:30 pm.

Our 5th & 6th grade students continue their walk through the Old Testament, learning how its stories are our stories with a message for us today.

Our 7th & 8th grade students will be looking at prayer, how we interpret and apply the bible to our lives today along with tackling a few tough questions about life and faith.



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

On Dec. 6th our Confirmation students went caroling at Renaissance Assisted Living and Memory Care. It was wonderful to see the residents sing along! Thank you Jill Q. for leading us!!



January, Sunday morning Adult Opportunities

Sunday, Jan 7th 9:00-9:45am

Education: Gather in the Luther room to dig deeper into the week's scripture.

Other: Adult choir or help to "undecor" the halls.

Sunday, Jan. 14th 9:00-9:45am

Education: Coffee and Conversation Gather in the narthex and catch up or meet your fellow St. John peeps!

Other: Adult choir

Annual reports are ready for you to pick up today!

Sunday, Jan 21st 9:00-9:45am

Ask the Council: Have a question about the Annual Report? Have questions or idea in general for the life and ministry of St. John? Join the Council in the GREAT room for a discussion focusing on the ministry of St. John.

Other: Adult choir

Sunday, Jan. 28th 9:00-9:45am

It's the Congregational Annual Meeting! We need your voice and your vote. Please plan to attend.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND:

Ask the Council Forum on Sunday, Sunday, January 21st at 9:00am.

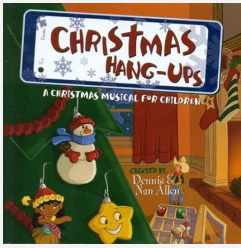
Congregational Annual Meeting

will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28th at 9:00am in the sanctuary.

Annual reports will be available for you to pick up two weeks prior to the meeting.



FAITH FORMATION



Thank you to everyone who played a role in the success of the Sunday School and Youth Choir Christmas Program. The program would not be possible without the help of all the adults, students, teachers and direction from Jill Quigley.



BIBLE STUDIES

MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @8:30am. On **January 17th** we will be meeting at Oak Street Restaurant and then back to church for Bible study. scriptures Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62:5-12, Mark 1:14-20. If you have any questions call Jim Johaneck at 920-323-0833.

CHRIST CARE

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

With Deepest Sympathy

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of David Cota who died on 12/24/23. May God's sure and certain promise bring you peace.



Dear Sewing Mission Group
We enjoy volunteering at St. Johns Church. It's nice being part of a team.
Thanks for letting us volunteer here.
Happy Holiday!

Sean
MASON
Trista

Wendy
Ww
Blakes

Tyler
Lynn
Caleb

Wishing you all the magic and wonder of the season and warm memories to cherish all year long!

Lily
Blake C

MISSION & SERVICE



The Grief Lectionary A Resource for Grieving Christians

Born out of her own deep grief experience, Collette Broady Grund created this study, using Scripture to access and process grief. A Scripture story is paired with one or more stages of grief. Participants are invited to access their grief through an opening meditation, then read the Scripture story and reflect on questions. The session lasts just over an hour and closes with a blessing, meant to remind participants that God is present and at work in the grieving process.

While this is written as a 6-session study, at this time we will be doing only the first session. This is a small group study. To best facilitate that, total participants are limited to 8.

At this time there are two opportunities to participate.

Saturday, Jan 6th, 9:00-10:15am OR Thursday, Jan. 11th 6:30pm-7:45pm

To participate please email pastorcindy@stjohndepere.org and indicate which session you will be attending.

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.**



Hi from Mission Sewing! If anyone is interested in coming to mission sewing, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. I would like to thank all the sewing people Carole Tobisch, Mary Teofilo, Ruth Aerts, Marsha Kruchten, Donna Hjorth, Sandy Piette, Lin Reichstadter, Judy Pinkall, Svetlana and the Syble Hopp students. Also, I'd like to thank anyone who took squares home to sew or anyone else I might have forgotten to name that helped make this such a record year. Hope you can come next year to check us out and maybe stay to help. We have lots of laughs and treats. Judy Beerntsen

PRAYER requests

Please hold in healing prayer,
Larry Armstrong, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, Marshall Mathison, and Lee Schley.



This month's focus for the DPCO Food Pantry is **laundry soap.**

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 the Holtebeck family who served and to Adeline Treichel, Carol Grom, & Donna Hjorth who provided desserts the month of December. Please check the ministry board at church 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

MISSION & SERVICE

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 17, 2023 7:00pm

1. Attendance:

Present: Travis Schreurs, Bill Lake, Mike McMullen, Susan Van Asten, Ryan Usiak, Dick Vanden Heuvel, and Lin Reichstadter

Absent: Pastor Cindy, Jen Holtebeck, Kim Ronsman, Katie Schneekloth

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

3. **Scripture study, discussion, and prayer:** Scripture selection from Matthew 22:15-22 read by Ryan Usiak. Following discussion, Susan Van Asten led the prayer of the day.

4. **Approval of Agenda:** Travis asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Ryan Usiak; second by Dick Vanden Heuvel. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Travis asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Bill Lake; second by Lin Reichstadter. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

New Business

6. **Council rep to welcome supply pastor before 8am service on November 12th.**

Susan Van Asten volunteered to fill this role.

7. **Council person to assure building is locked after last service.**

Susan Van Asten volunteered to fill this role.

8. **Nominating Committee Update**

The Nominating Committee has completed its goal of finding suitable candidates for vacant positions at 2024. The candidates will be presented at the Congregation Annual Meeting

9. **Sharing Peace in Church**

Celebration and Outreach will be discussing whether to bring back Sharing of Peace during services.

10. **Columbarium**

A short update was given on the feasibility of establishing a columbarium on the church grounds. Additional information is needed and will be presented to the Council.

Old Business

11. **Budget 2024.** - Progress on the 2024 Budget is on track pending the Pastor Evaluation.

12. **Old Altar and furniture.** A short discussion was had on what to do with the Old Altar and furniture. Matter tabled until November Council meeting.

13. **Pastor Evaluation.** - A confidential evaluation of Pastor Cindy was conducted.

14. **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.** - The St. John Finance committee is requesting that we donate \$5,000 to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Dick made a motion to instruct the Finance Committee to donate \$5000 to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Second by Lin Reichstadter, motion approved.

15. **Land Use – Long Range Planning.** - A discussion was held regarding options for the Church's vacant parcel. Discussion will continue at the November meeting.

Ministry/Committee Reports

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

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Travis asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Dick Vanden Heuvel; second by Susan Van Asten. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Travis Schreurs, Council President

MISSION & SERVICE

**St. John Lutheran
Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Flow
November 30, 2023**

2023	Envelopes	Electronic Giving	Loose	Other	Total	Expenses	Actual Net +/-	Budget	Budget +/-
January	\$12,226.00	\$14,095.79	\$178.00	\$1,800.74	\$28,300.53	\$27,537.47	\$763.06	\$29,114.25	-\$813.72
February	\$15,160.00	\$13,237.94	\$311.00	\$1,535.56	\$30,244.50	\$25,377.19	\$4,867.31	\$29,114.25	\$1,130.25
March	\$15,468.50	\$13,037.10	\$70.00	\$2,813.84	\$31,389.44	\$27,530.04	\$3,859.40	\$29,114.25	\$2,275.19
April	\$17,392.00	\$12,966.19	\$437.00	\$1,750.51	\$32,545.70	\$32,956.35	-\$410.65	\$29,114.25	\$3,431.45
May	\$19,751.00	\$13,624.49	\$149.00	\$761.82	\$34,286.31	\$27,420.62	\$6,865.69	\$29,114.25	\$5,172.06
June	\$11,239.00	\$13,207.23	\$211.00	\$554.90	\$25,212.13	\$28,926.13	-\$3,714.00	\$29,114.25	-\$3,902.12
July	\$20,494.01	\$12,825.49	\$184.00	\$912.29	\$34,415.79	\$25,282.57	\$9,133.22	\$29,114.25	\$5,301.54
August	\$19,406.00	\$12,405.35	\$293.00	\$613.00	\$32,717.35	\$30,616.78	\$2,100.57	\$29,114.25	\$3,603.10
September	\$11,486.00	\$12,356.94	\$190.75	\$811.18	\$24,844.87	\$30,464.89	-\$5,620.02	\$29,114.25	-\$4,269.38
October	\$17,795.25	\$13,688.06	\$300.71	\$1,631.27	\$33,415.29	\$32,327.63	\$1,087.66	\$29,114.25	\$4,301.04
November	\$20,496.00	\$12,649.25	\$147.00	\$1,267.38	\$34,559.63	\$27,661.86	\$6,897.77	\$29,114.25	\$5,445.38
December								\$29,114.25	
2023Total	\$180,913.76	\$144,093.83	\$2,471.46	\$14,452.49	\$341,931.54	\$316,101.53	\$25,830.01	\$349,371.00	\$21,674.79
MO. AVG	\$16,446.71	\$13,099.44	\$224.68	\$1,313.86	\$31,084.69	\$28,736.50	\$2,348.18	\$29,114.25	\$158.27

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 11/30/23	\$ 7,655.39
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 11/30/23	\$ 32,478.95
CFCU CD Matures 3/29/25	\$ 75,948.37
MIF CD Matures 7/8/24	\$ 25,000.00
Designated Funds Balance 11/30/23	\$ 24,443.29
Designated Funds PCM	\$ 30,930.56
Bank Total 11/30/23	\$ 196,456.56



THANK YOU
for your continued
financial support of the
ministry of
St. John.

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WORSHIP & CONTACT INFO

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Church Council Members**
Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org
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Kim Ronsman - Stewardship
Bill Lake - Worship & Music
Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation
Dick VandenHeuvel - Property
Lin Reichstadter Celebration & Outreach
Susan Van Asten - Celebration & Outreach

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service
8am & 10:00am Service
Education - 9:00am

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