



Mission Messenger!

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THE FINAL STEP IN A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

What a year it has been for our church family.

Over the past twelve months, we have walked a path marked by prayer, patience, discernment, and faith. Together, we have trusted God through a season of transition, believing that He would faithfully guide our congregation toward the future He has prepared for us. Now, after a year-long journey, we stand at the threshold of the final step.

In the coming days, our congregation will gather to vote on the recommendation of a candidate to become our next pastor. This vote represents the culmination of countless prayers, conversations, meetings, and moments of seeking God's direction. It is a milestone worth celebrating and an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness throughout this process.

From the beginning, our church has approached this journey with a desire to follow God's leading. The Call Committee has faithfully invested time, energy, and prayer into this important responsibility, carefully evaluating candidates and seeking the person God is calling to lead our congregation into the next chapter of ministry. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and commitment.

As exciting as this moment is, it is also a reminder that God has been at work every step of the way. He has strengthened our church, united us in purpose, and carried us through each phase of the search process. What once seemed like a distant goal is now within reach.

The upcoming vote is not simply the end of a search; it is the beginning of a new season. It is an opportunity to embrace the future with hope, expectation, and confidence in God's continued guidance. As we prepare for this important day, we encourage every member to participate, pray earnestly, and celebrate the journey that has brought us to this moment.

There is a sense of anticipation throughout our congregation, and rightfully so. After a year of faithfully seeking God's will, we now have the privilege of taking this final step together. Whatever lies ahead, we can move forward knowing that God has been faithful in the past and will remain faithful in the future.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your steadfast commitment to our church throughout this journey. We look forward to gathering as one church family, united in faith and filled with excitement for what God has in store.

The finish line of this journey is now in sight—and beyond it awaits a new chapter of ministry, growth, and opportunity. May we step forward together with grateful hearts and great expectation for all that God will do in the days ahead!

Your In Christ,

Sean Day
Council President

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Meeting Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, July 12th
- **Time:** Following the 9am service
- **Location:** Church Sanctuary

All confirmed voting members are strongly encouraged to attend, as this is a significant decision in the life and ministry of our congregation.

Hospitality & Celebration



On Saturday, June 6th St. John participated in a bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. St. John donated \$3,600. A heartfelt thank you to our donors & amazing volunteers! Your willingness to give your time, energy, and talents made this bed build possible. Because of your hard work and dedication, 35 local children will have a safe and comfortable place to sleep. We are grateful for each and every one of you!



Hospitality & Celebration



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CHURCH
Picnic

Sunday, September 13th
It's also Praise Band Sunday!



Feel disconnected or like you want to get involved in the services?
Join as a worship assistant!

Sunday worship depends on more than just the pastors and the music directors. Volunteer worship assistants, such as ushers, readers, altar care, coffee fellowship, and communion assistants are just as important to making worship happen. Consider serving as a worship assistant. Click the link below, use the link in the Monday E-blast, or scan the QR code to view available opportunities and choose a date that works for you!

Sunday worship takes a whole team — not just the pastors and music directors! Ushers, readers, altar care helpers, coffee fellowship hosts, and communion assistants all help make worship meaningful and welcoming each week. Training is provided, but not likely needed.

Why not jump in and be part of the fun? Check out the link below (or in the Monday E-blast), pick a date that works for you, and see where you can lend a hand!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CAEA728A0FD0-readerushers>



St. John's Book Club will not be meeting in July. The August newsletter will have information about our August meeting.
Have a great summer and keep reading!



WORSHIP AT HOME



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

Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 86:11-17

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.
¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.
¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.
¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.
¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

*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.*

†JULY 5TH

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†JULY 12TH

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†JULY 19TH

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†JULY 26TH - 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through 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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Worship at the Campfire!

Join us Wednesday, July 22nd and Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30pm as we gather by the campfire and praise God through songs, fellowship and activities.



**Praise Band
Sunday
July 12th
9am service**

Faith Formation



St. John Families:

Join other ELCA families from our synod for a Timber Rattlers baseball game at 1:10 PM on Sunday, August 2 at Neuroscience Field in Appleton, including a post-game performance by Jedidiah. Tickets are \$17.50 each, and families are responsible for purchasing their own tickets as well as transportation to and from the game.

Use this link to purchase tickets in the same section as other synod families by July 27:
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Oshkoshelca2026>



Use this QR code to purchase tickets in the same section as other synod families by July 27:

We are excited to partner with the Oshkosh ELCA Collaborative for this fun-filled event. It is open to all families; feel free to invite friends, plan carools, and tailgate (doors open at 11:30 AM).



Our Children Need You This Fall

As we look ahead to another exciting year of Sunday School this fall, we are reminded of one simple truth: our children's faith formation depends on faithful adults who are willing to invest their time, talents, and hearts.

Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to share God's love with the youngest members of our church family. Through Bible stories, activities, conversations, and caring relationships, children learn not only about God, but also what it means to belong to a community of faith. Those lessons often stay with them for a lifetime.

But Sunday School cannot happen without volunteers.

As we begin planning for the fall, we are seeking teachers, assistants, substitutes, and helpers who are willing to serve. You do not need to be a Bible scholar or a professional teacher. What matters most is a willingness to show up, care for our children, and help them grow in their faith. Curriculum, materials, and support will be provided.

For many years, a small group of dedicated volunteers has carried much of this responsibility. We are deeply grateful for their commitment and service. At the same time, we recognize that building a strong ministry for our children requires the participation of the entire congregation. When more people share the work, the burden is lighter, the ministry is stronger, and our children benefit from a wider circle of faithful role models.

Perhaps God is calling you to serve in a way you had not previously considered. Maybe you could teach once a month, assist another teacher, serve as a substitute, help with special events, or simply be available when needed. Every contribution makes a difference.

Imagine the impact if each of us asked not, "Can someone else do it?" but rather, "How can I help?" Together, we can ensure that every child who walks through our classroom doors experiences a welcoming environment where faith can grow and flourish.

As we prepare for the fall, please prayerfully consider where God may be leading you to serve. Our children are not only the future of the church—they are an important part of the church today.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the opportunities available, please contact Sean Day, Heather Hutchison or the church office.

Thank you for considering how you can help make this year's Sunday School ministry a blessing for our children and our congregation.

Faith Formation

GLORY SOCCER GAME

Middle schoolers meet Tammy at church on July 18th at 3:00pm where we will leave to go and see the Green Bay Glory men's soccer game match. Church will cover the cost for the game, 1 snack & 1 drink per student attending. Please rsvp by July 15th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Outdoor Movie Night
Join us at church July 23rd from 8-10ish for an outdoor movie weather permitting. We will have movie snacks. Please bring a blanket or chair, bug spray and dress for the weather. Please RSVP by July 20th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

Wednesday, July 29th

Join Tammy at church from 5:30 to 7pm for outdoor games, a fire and roasted hot dogs and smores. Rsvp by July 27th.

FUN GAMES



Fellowship Bonfire Night

IT'S MIDDLE SCHOOL...



Sunday August 16th from 2pm - 4:00pm.
5th-8th graders this event is for you! Please join us for a Minute to Win it game day at church! Rsvp by August 10th to Tammy at MSYouth@stjohndepere.org



CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets at 10:00am the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at church. Questions? Please call Carlyn at 920-983-0327



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 8:30am. On **July 15th** we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant then back to church for Bible study.

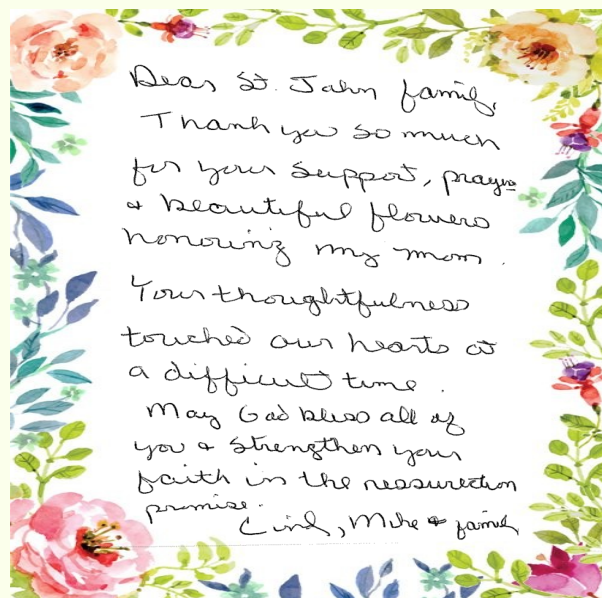
HIGH SCHOOL MISSIONtrip

July 25th - August 1st

Please remember to hold our mission trip youth & adult leaders in your prayers for safe travels and a wonderful faith filled week of learning and service.



If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to have prayers, please call Karen Cota at 920-632-2015 or Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327. We will get your requests out to **our faithful prayer warriors.**



Mission & Service



DE PERE CHRISTIAN
OUTREACH
CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas Store Donations to be Collected Throughout July

As part of our Christmas in July Celebration, we will be collecting new items to stock the De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store.

2026 Wish List

- Mens/Womans/Children/Babies Clothing (any size - especially Teens M-XXL)**
- Dishes - Griddles - Electric Skillet - Full, Queen, or King Size blankets -**
- Games - Toys - Makeup - Jumper Cables - \$25 Wal-Mart or Kwik Trip Gift Cards -**


If you are shopping and find something special on sale, please consider a donation.

(Reminder all donated items must be new and unwrapped.)


A drop off donation box is in the Narthex. Thank you!


Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for children and families in the De Pere community.




 **De Pere Christian Outreach FOOD PANTRY**
"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat"

In July, St. John is focusing on collecting Manwich for the DPCO Food Pantry.



 **We Pray:** Please hold in healing prayer, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, Carole Tobisch, James Sucha, Mark Robinson, Jeff Henslee, Spencer Gilge & Carol Grom.



Hi from Mission sewing.

If anyone is interested in joining or just to come and see how we put the quilts together, we meet on Thursday's from 9am until noon. A reminder that if you have any gently used fitted or flat sheets we can use them to make the quilts. We have a lot of laughs and treats so we hope you stop in and see us. Enjoy the summer.

*** Seems funny but we like to sew.***

~Judy Beerntsen

 **New Community Shelter, Inc.**

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 those serving & providing desserts for the June 6th shelter meal. Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer or provide deserts. You can also scan this QR code to take you directly to the online sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Van Asten at 920-540-3750 or svanasten744@gmail.com.



Mission & Service

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting - April 21, 2026 7:00pm (FOR A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MINUTES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE)

1. Attendance:

Present: Pastor Diane, Sean Day, Steve Leiterman, Kourtney Feldhausen, Mike McMullen, Christopher Flores, Amy LaBelle, Heather Hutchison

Absent: Lynsey Mullenbach, Tom Baciak

2. **Call to Order:** Sean called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

3. **Scripture study, discussion, and prayer:** Scripture selection from John 10:1-10 read by Sean. Following discussion, Heather led the prayer of the day.

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

Ministry/Committee Reports

(FOR A COMPLETE COPY OF THE MINUTES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE)

Discussion Agenda

New Business

- ◆ Pastor Update
 - 14 students in confirmation being recommended for confirmation in May. Motion made by Steve to accept these 14 8th graders to become members of our congregation. Second made by Heather. Motion carried
 - May 3 - last day of Sunday School- Ice cream social in 3K-4th grade during Sunday School
- ◆ Venmo as an option for donations update
 - Doesn't cater well to non-profits
 - Hard to track
 - Doesn't integrate directly with church system
 - Doesn't generate tax receipts
 - Potentially could show up as income for a pastor
 - Venmo has had security issues
- ◆ Kanga Days - Syble Hopp to use our fire pit and property (June 1-4, 2026)
- ◆ Facility Requests - We will be the safety location for Exceptional Minds in case of an emergency
- ◆ Kitchen Rental - Would we ever rent our kitchen space out for a small business to use for prep.
 - At this time not something we want to look into
- ◆ Worship Assistants - Continuing to try to encourage people to sign up for volunteering
- ◆ Palm Sunday - no palms - Will be receiving a refund

Old Business

- ◆ Transition
- ◆ RIC Update - Looking for someone to head up the team
- ◆ Upcoming Capital Improvements
 - Computer - hard drive issues - one is working, one is not—Unable to access marquee among other things
 - Audio Visual—Updating cameras in progress
- ◆ Vision for Ministry Living our faith. Enriching lives.
 - Land Use Update— Long Range Planning
 - ★ Community Garden
 - ★ Columbarium—Working on getting quotes for renderings, surveys, construction costs and bids.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: May 19, 2026 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

Mission & Service

**St. John Lutheran
Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Flow
April 30, 2026**

2026	Envelopes	Electronic Giving	Loose	Other	Total	Expenses	Actual Net +/-	Budget	Budget +/-
January	\$9,286.00	\$13,481.69	\$130.00	\$1,316.05	\$24,213.74	\$27,224.29	-\$3,010.55	\$32,200.00	-\$4,975.71
February	\$11,543.75	\$13,297.19	\$78.00	\$1,692.19	\$26,611.13	\$23,586.68	\$3,024.45	\$32,200.00	-\$8,613.32
March	\$10,616.50	\$14,080.07	\$280.00	\$3,354.55	\$28,331.12	\$33,866.98	-\$5,535.86	\$32,200.00	\$1,666.98
April	\$11,300.00	\$13,711.48	\$312.00	\$3,394.96	\$28,718.44	\$25,463.09	\$3,255.35	\$32,200.00	-\$6,736.91
May									
June									
July									
August									
September									
October									
November									
December									

2026 Total	\$42,746.25	\$54,570.43	\$800.00	\$9,757.75	\$107,874.43	\$110,141.04	-\$2,266.61	\$386,405.00	-\$276,263.96
MO. AVG	\$10,686.56	\$13,642.61	\$200.00	\$2,439.44	\$8,989.54	\$27,535.26	-\$188.88	\$32,200.42	-\$6,794.52

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance	
4/30/26	\$34,332.22
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 4/30/26	\$26,034.26
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/27	\$85,422.24
CFCU CD Matures 3/17/27	\$66,008.39
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/27	\$28,175.59
Bank Total 4/30/26	\$239,972.70

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***and your continued
financial support to the
ministry of St. John.***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Worship	29	30	1 10am - Christ Care	2 9am - Mission Sewing	3	4 4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter Meal
5 9am - Worship	6	7	8 6pm - Mission Trip Meeting	9 9am - Mission Sewing 2pm - Finance Mtg	10	11
12 9am - Worship - Pastor Trent Zeitler presiding 10am - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign	13	14	15 8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	16 9am - Mission Sewing	17	18 3pm - MS Soccer Game
19 9am - Worship - Pastor Kim Swenson presiding	20	21 5:45pm - Trust Fund 7pm - Council Mtg	22 6:30pm - Worship at the Campfire	23 9am - Mission Sewing 8pm - MS Movie Night	24	25 Mission Trip
26 Mission Trip	27	28	29	30 9am - Mission Sewing	31	1
9am - Worship			5:30pm - MS Game Night			

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Worship & Contact Info

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Sean Day - President
Steve Leiterman - Vice President
Kourtney Feldhausen - Secretary
Mike McMullen - Treasurer
Tom Baciak - Properties
Amy LaBelle - Worship & Music
Heather Hutchison - Faith Formation
Tom Baciak - Property
Chris Flores - Celebration & Outreach
Lynsey Muellenbach - Stewardship



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR AUGUST ISSUE
July 19, 2026
Send submissions to
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OFFICE HOURS
8:00am – 3:00pm
Mon - Thurs
Hours may vary.
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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday 9:00am
WORSHIP at the Campfire - 6:30pm
Wed. July 22nd, Aug. 19th

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