



Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

Greetings St John Family,

As we enter the summer season, our church family has so much to celebrate and look forward to! First, we want to extend heartfelt congratulations to all of our graduates. Whether graduating from high school, college, technical school, or another program, we are incredibly proud of your hard work and accomplishments. We pray that God will continue to guide your steps and bless the journey ahead.

We are also excited as we continue our journey of pastoral transition. Through every season, God has remained faithful to our congregation, and we are thankful for the prayers, patience, and support shown by so many throughout this process. We look ahead with anticipation and confidence, trusting that God has wonderful things in store for our church family.

As summer schedules begin to fill with vacations, family gatherings, and outdoor activities, we encourage everyone to stay connected to the life of the church. Summer can sometimes bring a slowdown in attendance and giving, but the ministry and mission of the church continue year-round. Your faithful monetary gifts help support worship, outreach, missions, and the daily work of the church even during the summer months. Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment.

Most importantly, we hope each of you enjoys a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer. Take time to enjoy God's creation, spend time with loved ones, and find moments of renewal and refreshment. We look forward to worshipping together throughout the season and seeing all that God will do in the months ahead.

Blessings to you all this summer!

Yours in Christ,
Sean Day
Council President

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SAVE THE DATE

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

Hospitality & Celebration

"BE THE GOOD"

GET YOUR ST. JOHN SWAG!

ORDER NOW!

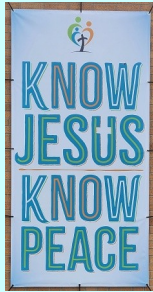


We have new banners so that means new swag is available!

Order your **"Be the Good"** swag today!

You can read more about it and order your own swag through the link or scan the QR code. Examples are on the youth bulletin board. If you need assistance ordering, call the office.

<https://newhypesolutions.chippily.com/stjohnchurch/?action=viewall>



Check it out!!

Have you seen the new banners yet? A special thank you to Treena Scharbius for designing and ordering the banners.



Thanks to Cindy Nordwig for her time and talents making our flower boxes beautiful year after year!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

facebook

YouTube

Have you visited our website lately? It was recently updated and includes everything you need to know about St. John. <https://stjohndepere.org/>

Stay informed with the latest updates, photos, and news by following our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BYvZdWTKx/>

Subscribe to our YouTube channel where you can watch services online anytime.

<https://youtube.com/@st.johndepere7227?si=yRSIBgtej7qsJ0n>

Be sure to share with your friends and family so they can discover what makes St. John Lutheran Church such a wonderful community!



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.



WE PRAY: Please hold in healing prayer, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, Carole Tobisch, James Sucha, Mark Robinson, & Carol Grom.



St. John's Book Club will not meet in June or July. Check the August newsletter for information about the August Meeting. Enjoy your summer and happy reading!

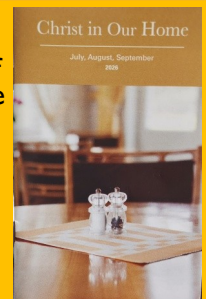


**SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026
JUNE 4-6, 2026
TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND
PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH**



We need **TWO** volunteers to attend this year's Synod Assembly from June 4th-6th. This is also a bishop election year which makes attendance at this assembly especially important. Please see Sean Day or contact the office if you're willing to attend on behalf of St. John.

The next quarter of Christ in Our Home devotional books are available on the narthex desk. Large print are also available.





JUNE 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 50:7-15

- ⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.
⁸ I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.
⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;
¹⁰ for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.
¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.
¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.
¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor 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.*

†JUNE 7TH

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

†JUNE 14TH

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†JUNE 21ST

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†JUNE 28TH

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, 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.

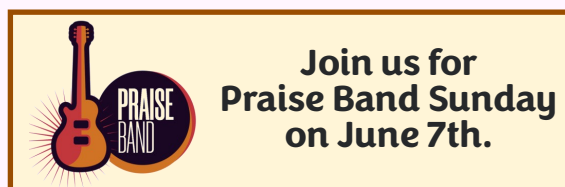
LORD'S PRAYER

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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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.**



Worship



Thrivent Choice®

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Changing lives.

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Thrivent Choice® reflects the heart of Thrivent—empowering clients with membership to live generously and make an impact on the organizations and causes they care about most. Since 2010, more than \$660 million has been distributed to thousands of enrolled 501(c)(3) organizations—including churches, camps, schools, seminaries, campus ministries and many others making a difference every day.

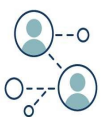
Here's how it works:



Choice Dollars®

Choice Dollars give Thrivent clients with membership the opportunity to direct grant funding to the causes they care about.

- Thrivent designates Choice Dollars each January based on a client's prior-year product activity.
- Clients direct their available Choice Dollars to enrolled organizations anytime during the year—online, in the mobile app, by phone, or with help from a financial advisor.
- For each Choice Dollar directed, Thrivent provides \$1 in grant funding.
- Thrivent distributes the funds monthly via EFT to the organizations, providing meaningful financial support where it matters most.



Nominations

Clients with membership may nominate 501(c)(3) nonprofits or churches they wish to see enrolled in Thrivent Choice. Organizations must meet eligibility requirements, complete the application and agree to the program's Terms and Conditions. More than 50,000 organizations are enrolled.



For more information:

- Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice.
- Call 800-847-4836.
- Contact your local Thrivent financial advisor.



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. Youth are strongly encouraged to assist

Parents: We encourage you to lead by example! If your child is serving in worship, consider signing up to serve that same day so you can worship and serve together.

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>

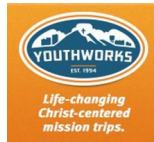
HIGH SCHOOL
MISSIONtrip
MEETING
Sunday, June 7th
7:00pm



**SCAM
ALERT** !

Please know that Pastor **will never** text you or email you asking for “a favor” or “gift cards.” These are scams posing as Pastors and sadly, are very common. If it’s a text, block the number and if it’s an email

report it as spam. You can usually spot the scam by looking at the phone number or the full email extension. If you are ever in doubt, please contact Pastor and ask her if she sent the request.

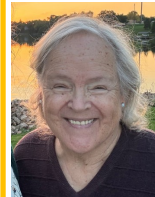


Adult Leader Needed!

We are in dire need of another adult leader for our trip to Niagara Falls from July 25 - August 1. Ideally this person would be a male, as we need someone to supervise our two male students when in sleeping quarters. Please prayerfully consider joining us or referring family/friends to join us. If no male leader can be found, we will accept another female adult leader, so also contact Hollie if you may be interested: 920-737-5575 or missiontrip@stjohndepere.org



We will be hosting D&D throughout the summer from 10-noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month: 6/14, 7/12, and 8/9. Join us for food, friendship, and fun! The table is open to grades 6-12.



PASTOR DIANE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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JUNE OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays 1pm-3pm
and by appointment

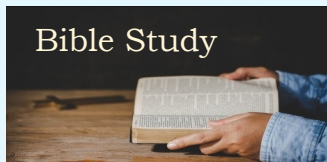


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmation Class, Bennett Bachman, Miranda Cisler, Emma Collins, Spencer Gilge, Natalie Glander, Charles Johnson, Jack Krouth, Rebecca Muellenbach, Amelia Novitski, Helena Reich, Brynlee Talus, Madden VandeBerg, Sawyer VenHuizen & Joey Worzala who confirmed their faith on May 3rd.



Faith Formation



Bible Study



CHRIST CARE

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



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On **June 17th** we will be meeting at Oak Street Cafe and then back to church for Bible study.

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



Did you submit your application yet? Only 1 month left!

TRUST FUND ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS for the **2026 Fall semester** are being accepted through June 30th. Go to the church website, www.stjohndepere.org for an application. Completed forms can be mailed to St. John or dropped off at the church office.

Celebrate our Graduating High School Seniors

On **Sunday, June 7th at the 9:00am** service, we will be honoring all of our seniors who are graduating high school this spring. Join us as we celebrate this fantastic achievement and next step in your life's journey!



Sierra Geurts
is attending UW-Madison majoring in nursing.



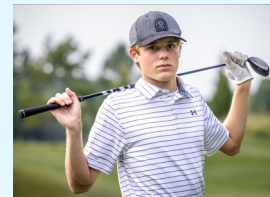
Bobby Dahlke
is going into the work force after graduation to pursue a career as an auto mechanic.



Easton LaBelle
is attending Fox Valley Technical College to be a GM automotive technician.



Layla Garber
is attending UW-River Falls, majoring in Animal Science on a Pre-Vet track.



Caden Hewitt
is attending NWTC to pursue a degree in Echocardiography.



Grace Van De Ven
is attending UW-Madison to study Mechanical Engineering.



Tristan Lindemann
is attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix majoring in Finance.



Erik Bouchard
is attending UW-Milwaukee.



Jacob Verhaagh
is attending UW - La Crosse majoring in Finance.



Abigail Ortiz
is going into the workforce to continue her work as a childcare teacher for Encompass.

Mission & Service



WE NEED MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL BUILD!!

St. John is doing a bed build on Saturday, June 6th from 8am-11am!

Each bed costs \$250 to build and deliver. **Last year, St John raised \$8,210** – enough to sponsor 33 beds – and our volunteers actually built 48 beds! Sleep in Heavenly Peace happily supplemented the difference and took advantage of the great volunteers from St John.

Two ways you can help; sign up to volunteer your time for a few hours on 6/6 using the QR code or link below. Volunteers must be 12 years or older and there are tasks to fulfill that fit all skill levels and physical ability!

Secondly, specify an offering to help us raise funds to sponsor another 33 beds. Every donation counts!

If you have any questions about SHP or this volunteer opportunity, contact the church office or Susan Van Asten (920)540-3750, svanasten744@gmail.com.



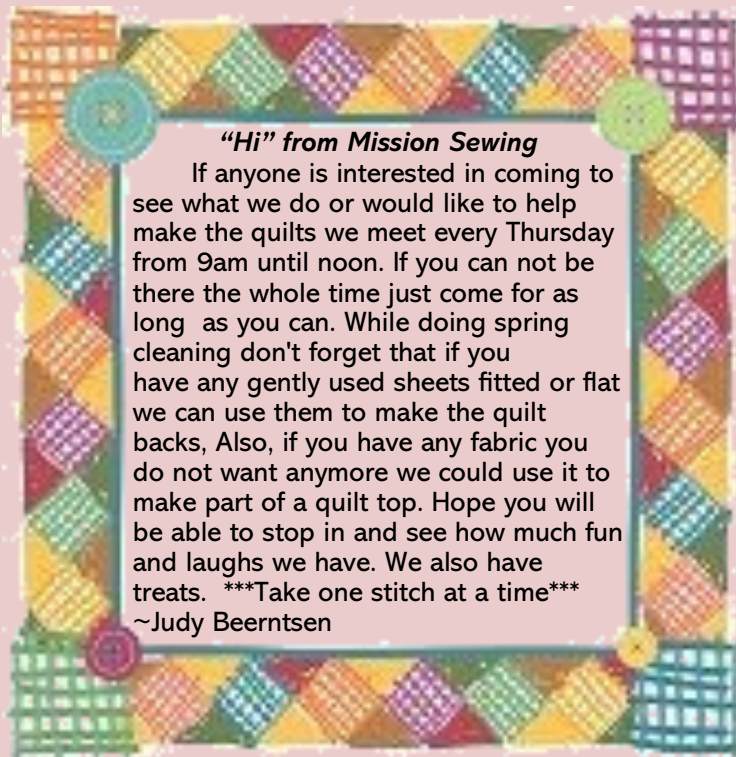
Can't come the whole time? Come when you can and leave when you need to! Any volunteer time is appreciated. It's super easy and fun!

Sign up now!! <https://x.gldn.io/e/nE1jHqCwu3b>



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 who served and provided deserts for the May 2nd shelter meal. **We still need servers and deserts for June 6th!** 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.



"Hi" from Mission Sewing

If anyone is interested in coming to see what we do or would like to help make the quilts we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. If you can not be there the whole time just come for as long as you can. While doing spring cleaning don't forget that if you have any gently used sheets fitted or flat we can use them to make the quilt backs, Also, if you have any fabric you do not want anymore we could use it to make part of a quilt top. Hope you will be able to stop in and see how much fun and laughs we have. We also have treats. *****Take one stitch at a time*****

~Judy Beerntsen



The June focus for collection is boxed cereal.

Mission & Service

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 21, 2026 7:00PM

1. Attendance:

Present: Pastor Diane, Sean Day, Steve Leiterman, Kourtney Feldhausen, Mike McMullen, Christopher Flores, Amy Labelle, and 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 3rd—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

• Kangy Days

- * Syble Hopp to use our fire pit and property (June 1-4, 2026)

• Facility Requests

- * We will be the safety location for Acceptional 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.
- ★ Pillars of focus Extraordinary Hospitality and Celebration/Enthusiastic Worship/Engaging Faith Formation/ Enriching Mission and Service

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

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026 Time: 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					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
June					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
July					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
August					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
September					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
October					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
November					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	
December					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,205.00	

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	-
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

Out of town during the summer months?

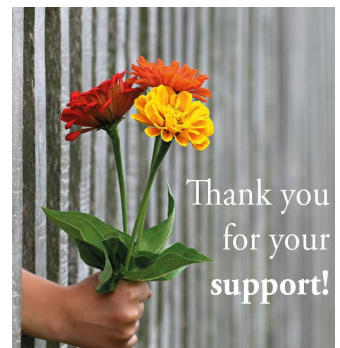
Manage your offerings online!

- ★ Use your bank's bill pay or,
- ★ Set-up and manage donations

at:

www.stjohndepere.org

Click "Online Giving" button!



Thank you
for your
support!

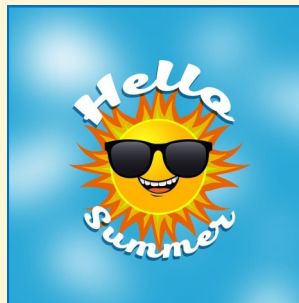
***and your continued
financial support to the
ministry of St. John.***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9am - Worship 7pm - Mission Trip Meeting	1	2 3:30pm - Celebration & Outreach Meeting	3 10am - Christ Care	4 Synod Assembly 9am - Mission Sewing	5	6 8am - Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build 4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter Meal
7 9am - Worship 10am - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign	8	9 7pm - Council Mtg	10 8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	11 9am - Mission Sewing 2pm - Finance Mtg	12	13
14 9am - Worship	15	16	17 9am - Mission Sewing	18	19	20
21 9am - Worship	22	23	24 6:30pm - Worship at the campfire	25 9am - Mission Sewing	26	27
28 9am - Worship	29	30	1	2	3	4

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Worship & Contact Info

St. John Lutheran
Church Council Members
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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 JULY ISSUE
June 19, 2026
Send submissions to
office@stjohndepere.org

OFFICE HOURS
8:00am – 3:00pm
Mon - Thurs
Hours may vary.
Please call ahead.
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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 9:00am

WORSHIP at the Campfire - 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 24th

Visit us on the web for weekly services!
www.stjohndepere.org
and on our FB page
www.facebook.com/StJohnLutheranDePere
and subscribe to our YouTube channel for worship