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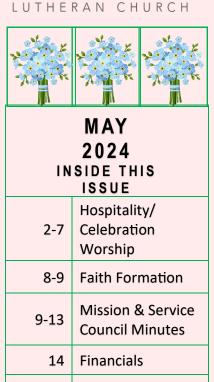
East Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly



Every year pastors and congregation representatives from our synod gather for fellowship, worship and to do the work of the Synod. This year we will gather on May 17th-18th in Oshkosh under the Assembly theme, "To proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed!"

Representatives from St. John will be Pastor Cindy, Jim Johanek and Janet Vanden Heuvel. (Jim & Jan were elected to attend at our Jan. 2024 Congregational Annual Meeting) Please pray for us as we gather.

The Assembly also includes a service project. This year, we are rallying support around Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost - and we can't do it without you. First, we invite you to include Crossways in your prayers as we approach the summer season. Please pray specifically for the full time staff, the summer staff, the board of directors, and each camper who will experience faith in community through the ministry of Crossways. Then, help spread the word to share generously! Scan the code below to be taken to the Crossways wish list.



MAY Calendar

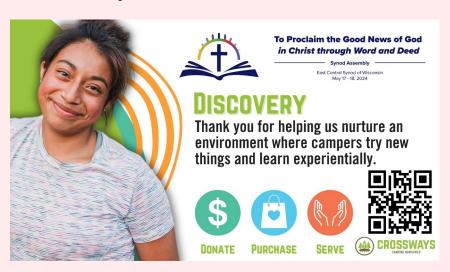
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Want to know more about Synod happenings? Sign up by emailing ecsw@ecsw.org to receive the weekly newsletter, The Wave

Hospitality & Celebration



~ Meet the Council ~

To get to know the members of Council on a more personal level, each month we feature one new Council person and their responses to a variety of questions.

This month we are featuring Sean Day who is our Council President.

How long have you been a member of St. John? What brought you to St. John? I have been a member since birth and have been an active member since I can remember. I've been a Christ Care leader, Confirmation and Sunday School teacher, Choir and Praise Band member, on various committees, Trust Fund and Council. If you would like to know something about anyone of these, please reach out and ask.

What is a favorite book, movie or meal and why is it your favorite?

My favorite movie would be "A Christmas Story," even more fun today looking back at how simple things were back then – how did they all survive without their cell phones?!

What is a talent no one knows you have?

I love to bake and cook, just another way of releasing some of the stress of the day and getting to enjoy (hopefully) a reward at the end that I can share with myself and others.

What's a memory from your childhood/youth of Sunday School, summer camp, Bible School or even a mission trip that you can share?

When I chaperoned a mission trip to Colorado for Habitat for Humanity. Watching how we all were making a difference in the lives of a family and community – the whole time not even thinking the impact we were having, but rather the fun and love that was being shared amongst the group.

How does your faith inform your stewardship? Or how does what you believe in God motivate you in using your time and talent?

I have been grown and raised to believe that God is pushing us to be active stewards of his creation and to not hide the talents that he has given us, but to share them with others.

What is keeping you "centered" or "sane" right now?

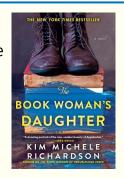
Watching episodes of the "Big Bang" and "Seinfeld," just lets me relax and enjoy some good laughs... even if I have seen every episode over a dozen times.

Anything else you might want to share about yourself? Family, where you are from, anything else?

Last spring I purchased my first house, and have been enjoying all of the fun projects that have come with it. Looking forward to spending more time in the outdoors getting the yard a little more landscaped this summer. I have a new kitten named "Meeka," who has a whole lot of energy I wish I could borrow at times. Always enjoy time on vacation either at the lake or visiting friends in Mexico.

Hospitality & Celebration

St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Book Woman's Daughter by Michele Richardson. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek packhorse librarian, Honey Lovett and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned, Honey picks up her mother's old packhorse library route and begins to deliver books to the remote hollers of Appalachia. If you were unable to attend the April 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!



WELCOME new members

On Sunday, April 14th we celebrated the new members to the St. John family.



John, Ellie, Helena, & Millicent Reich

Picture not available. Jeremy Rohde

Ken & Neary Lewis



Steve & Molly Leiterman



Matt, Geth, Joseph, Tan, & Jane Worzala



8:00am Service



Gordon, Andrea, Madison, & Monroe Roedel



10:00am Service

Congratulations to our newly baptized members!







Monroe Roedel



Charlotte Rodriguez Wesley Robinson



Elijah Saldana

Hospitality & Celebration

Flocking Fundraiser is BACK!

Make a donation for a flock of flamingos to be sent out to the yard of your choice. St. John Lutheran adult leaders and teens will be deployed to covertly flock the yard. The flock will be picked up 24 hours later.

Flamingo Protection Insurance is available to guarantee that your home will be flamingo free for the close to 3-week flocking timeframe. A sign and informational note will be left behind informing the flockee of the fundraiser, who is doing it, and a phone number to contact.

Sign up today, in-person (in the narthex) or online (QR code) and spread some smiles while raising money for our Youth Ministry! Deadline to flock-a-friend is Friday, May 3, 2024.





Worship



Save the dates! Join us at 6:30pm for worship at the campfire Wednesdays on June 12th, June 26th, July 10th July 24th, August 14th, August 28th





Good Friday Wrapping of the Cross Service













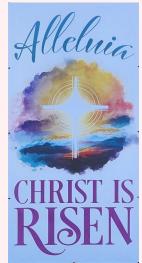
Worship





















THANK YOU

Treena Scharbius and Marsha Kruchten for sharing your talents beautifying the sanctuary and to those who shared their musical talents this Easter season.



WORSHIP AT HOME

<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> † *Make the sign of the cross*. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 1

- ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- ⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

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.

<u>+MAY 5TH</u> 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†MAY 12TH 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†MAY 19TH DAY OF PENTECOST

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†MAY 26TH THE HOLY TRINITY

John 3:1-17

Jesus' miracles prompt
Nicodemus to visit him in
secrecy. Jesus tells him about
being born of the Spirit and
about the Son who has been
sent by God to save.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and everliving God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Worship

PRAYERS

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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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YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

May 5:

9:00 a.m. Youth and Children's Choir combined rehearsal

10:00 a.m. - Youth & Children's Choirs sing together for this worship service (last time for this school year)

Reminder:

Youth Choir is open to any student, pref. 2nd grade or older. Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students.

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





NEW WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, May 12th with one service at 9:00am each week. Mark your calendar for our first Worship by the Campfire, Wed. June 12th

6:30pm.

Faith Formation

Celebrate our Graduating High School Seniors

On **Sunday, June 2nd at the 9:00 a.m.** 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!



Ben Westein is attending NWTC to study Marketing.



Cameron Rystrom is attending UW Madison to study Physics.



Gabby Pawlak
is attending Carrol College
for Nursing.



Trista Schepp is attending UW Madison to study Music Education.



Elliot Feldhausen
is attending UW Milwaukee
to study Finance.



Paige Lewis
is attending
UW Stevens Point to study
Elementary Education.



Connor Goodman is attending Purdue to study Engineering.



TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS for the **2024 Fall semester** are being accepted <u>through June 30th</u>. 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.

Faith Formation



Our last day of Sunday School is May 5th.
Thank you all for another wonderful
Sunday school year! Please join us on
Sunday, May 5th, between services in
the Great Room as we hold a listening
session to gather your feedback regarding
the Sunday School curriculum. We will
also share upcoming changes to the
2024-2025 Sunday School program.



JOIN US May 19th at the 9:00am service as we give thanks to Tammy Lewis for her years of dedication as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. The program has flourished under her leadership and we greatly appreciate all she has done for the faith formation of our youngest members.



Confirmation Class information for May

★ All 5th-7th grade students should complete 2 Sermon Notes through this month. This expectation will return again beginning in fall.

8th Grade students

Please note the following for May.

Wed. May 1st - 6:30pm Confirmation rehearsal (one parent needs to attend with you.)

Sun. May 5th - 10:00am Confirmation service.

MEN IN MISSION

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

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

If you have any questions call

Jim Johanek @ 920-323-0833.

CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month **@ 10:00am** at church.

Questions? Please call Carlyn at 920-983-0327

Mission & Service

The middle and high school youth joined forces April 21st to pack 80 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. When all the kits were packed we enjoyed pizza, fruit, and soft drinks and tested out the new Gaga ball pit!





On Saturday, April 20th St. John participated in a bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated!

35 beds were built!













































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 Vos family for serving, and Sarah Kennedy, Lois McAllister, & Kelly

Sturgill for providing desserts for the April 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 Carole Basak

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



"Hi" from Mission Sewing

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in quilting. We meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. If you cannot be there the whole time, just come for as long as your schedule permits. Now that spring cleaning is here don't forget that if you find any fabric or gently used sheets you do not want any more you can bring it to the sewing room. Here are some pictures of the Syble Hopp students working at sorting and bagging the squares and all of the sewing group. We hope you come and check out what we do and will join us. We hope everyone has a good spring. Judy Beerntsen

JUST A GRATEFUL THANK YOU NOTE

Hello to all the amazing people who it has been my privilege to work with these past years of doing funeral dinners. Without your help we would not have been able to serve the people of St. John. We made an excellent team with a lot of laughs, tears, and love. You always went above and beyond when asked to serve and I know the families appreciated your serving as well as God did.

I also want to thank all the wonderful people who when I called were more than willing to help by making salads and bars. You were just as important to the families with your contributions as the people who were working. Thank you so much! Rita Miller will be taking over for me and I know you will love working with her as well. Thank you all again for your help.

God bless,

Phyllis Day



WE PRAY:

Please hold in healing prayer, Larry Armstrong, Susan Armstro ng, John Grom, Inge Kus sow, Shan n o n Johnso n, Ingrid Bailey, & Le e Schley.





The May focus for

collection is Baked Beans!



In Sympathy & Remembrance

Wally Reichstadter

March 28, 1943 - April 13, 2024 May God's tender mercy uphold all who knew him in resurrection hope.



The Crossways Camping Ministries Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, March 16th and Tom and Meredith Baciak attended as St. John Lutheran's delegates. The meeting covered items such as the strategic planning update, approval of 2024 budget, and a Crossways Camping Ministries update.

Some exciting things happened in 2023 within Crossways with the launch of some new programs that responded to the need of innovation and inclusion. These included programs such as Family Weekend, Rooted, Mini Artisan Camp, and Self-Determination camp.

After input from many listening sessions, discussion, and prayers, the board also voted unanimously to adopt a new mission and vision statement.

Crossways Mission Statement: Following Christ's call to cultivate inclusive communities, equip servant leaders, and create formative faith experiences.

Crossways Vision Statement: Crossways will establish space and programs for people of diverse ages, abilities, and backgrounds to connect their daily lives with the calling to care for neighbor and creation.

It was also highlighted that Crossways is very excited to welcome campers to camp in 2024 under the theme Created to Be. This year Crossways is celebrating the campers for who they are Created to Be! All campers attending will learn and know that they are a valued member of the community, where their individual gifts have a place to shine. Whether you have a camper that has joyfully attended camp before or is bravely arriving for the first time, Crossways is ready to welcome them with open arms and teach them that the World needs them! As a reminder, St. John Lutheran Trust Fund offers scholarship opportunities for those attending camp.

The Crossways Annual meeting finished up with the election of board members and a final invitation to anyone and everyone to attend and support camp.

To learn more about Crossways Camping Ministries and all that they have to offer, check out their website at https://www.crosswayscamps.org/





Thank you to those who volunteered their time to help with the Spring Clean Up on Saturday April 27th.









DETAILS: SPECIAL TICKET OFFER: \$15

GREEN BAY BLIZZARD INDOOR FOOTBALL

- Order FOUR or more tickets and receive a voucher for a FREE Pizza from Gallagher's (limit 1).
- Ticket include Blizzard Game & Concert
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Mission & Service

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

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

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<u>Present:</u> Pastor Cindy, Sean Day, Tom Baciak, Mike McMullen, Jen Holtebeck, Kim Ronsman, Susan Van Asten,

Katie Schneekloth, and Lin Reichstadter

Absent: Ryan Usiak

- 2. Call to Order: Sean called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- 3. Scripture study, discussion, and prayer: Scripture selection from Mark 11:1-11 read by Susan. Following discussion, Kim 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 Lin; second by Katie. 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 Susan; second by Kim. Motion carried.

<u>Disc</u>	ussion	Agenda
New	Busine	
	6.	None.
Old	Busine	
	7.	Land Use Update – Long Range Planning. Ryan and the Land Use Committee continue to pursue morinformation about the Community Garden.

Ministry/Committee Reports

Full Report Available in the office.

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Sean asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Kim; second by Lin. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: APRIL 16, 2024 7:00PM

Minutes submitted by: Jen Holtebeck

Council Secretary

Mission & Service

St. John Lutheran Treasurer's Report Statement of Cash Flow March 31, 2024

2024	Envelopes	Electronic Giving	Loose	Other	Total	Expenses	Actual Net +/-	Budget	Budget +/-
January	\$18,255.00	\$12,427.34	\$1,635.00	\$3,248.85	\$35,566.19	\$30,866.70	\$4,699.49	\$30,537.92	\$5,028.27
February	\$17,128.64	\$12,366.72	\$193.00	\$2,022.14	\$31,710.50	\$27,035.76	\$4,674.74	\$30,537.92	\$1,172.58
March	\$16,302.00	\$12,050.67	\$215.31	\$2,016.56	\$30,584.54	\$27,667.80	\$2,916.74	\$30,537.92	\$46.62
April					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
May					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
June					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
July					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
August					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
September					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
October					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
November					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
December					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$30,537.92	
2024Total	\$51,685.64	\$36,844.73	\$2,043.31	\$7,287.55	\$97,861.23	\$85,570.26	\$12,290.97	\$366,455.00	\$6,247.47
MO. AVG	\$17,228.55	\$12,281.58	\$681.10	\$2,429.18	\$8,155.10	\$28,523.42	\$1,024.25	\$30,537.92	\$3,100.43
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	CFCU CD Matures 3/29/25 MIF CD Matures 7/8/24				\$ 77,826.54				
					\$ 25,634.75				
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	Designated F	unds PCM			\$ 31,683.85				
	Bank Total 3/31/24				\$ 217,059.68				

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9am - Worship	9am - Worship 7pm - Youth Gathering Meeting	9am - Worship	8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	Sun 28	St. John Lutheran Church - De Pere
27	20	6pm - Faith Formation	0	Mon	Pere
28	7pm - Council Mtg	22	7	Tue 30	
29	22	8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	ω	Wed 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Conf. rehearsal	
9am - Mission Sewing	9am - Mission Sewing	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club	9am - Finance Mtg 9am - Mission Sewing	Thu 2 9am - Mission Sewing	
34	1	Synod Assembly Oshkosh	10	3	May
	23	3pm - St. John Day GB		Sat 4:30pm - NEW Comm	May 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

De Pere, WI 54115 1700 Lost Dauphin Rd. St. John Lutheran Church

Worship & Contact Info

St. John Lutheran **Church Council Members** Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org or office ph (920) 336-1082 Sean Day - President Ryan Usiak - Vice President Jen Holtebeck - Secretary Mike McMullen - Treasurer Kim Ronsman - Stewardship Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation Tom Baciak - Property Lin Reichstadter - Worship & Music Susan Van Asten - Celebration & Outreach

WORSHIP TIMES through

May 5th

Sundays 8:00 & 10:00am

Effective May 12th

9:00am

Join us Online Anytime

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