



Mission Messenger!

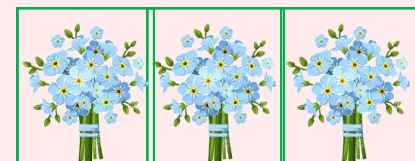
Living our faith. Enriching lives.

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Spring is breaking out all around us. Flowers are blooming. Birds are back. Sunshine hours are increasing. Other changes are afoot this month which are moments of life and celebration.

May is the month for Confirmation Celebrations, as eighth grade students affirm their baptism, and transition into the high school group. While baptism is celebrated as an undeserved gift of God, confirmation is an affirmation of that gift. Confirmands say, “Yes, I am aware that God is in my life, has claimed me, and wants to walk with me. In values clarification, it is one thing to know we have a choice, a second to make a choice, and the act of making a public statement deepens a value further.

Have they finished their journey? No, none of us have. However, the motion to becoming adults involves taking responsibility for our lives, making decisions about who we want to be, and being intentional about our unfolding journey. As most of us know, that is a road of constant changes, times of re-evaluation, times of work, times of rest, things that go well, things that don’t. Some travelers take a direct route, while others take detours. However, the good news of the Gospel is that Jesus, as a gift of grace, walks with us. Sometimes we are like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, not recognizing that it is God walking with us, listening, and guiding. Other times we have both light and intense discussions with God, others, and ourselves,



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trying to define terms, figure out how things fit together, praying for guidance—much like the debates of Paul in the book of Romans.

Sometimes we are inspired by others. Always we realize that there is more to learn and more that might be done.

I have been blessed to share this last leg of the confirmation journey with our eighth graders. This short interim time has also blessed me. Although I am only here for a moment of their lives, you are the people with whom they have journeyed, whom they have seen at work, who have prayed for them and encouraged them, and who will be here for them in their high school years. You have a great batch of teens here at St. John.

The idea of interviewing an adult about their faith, confirmation, and life was new to me. Each and every one of our eighth graders did a great job of interviewing and writing. As I read about parents and grandparents, I was inspired by the stories, and I thought about how blessed they are to have such witnesses of faith in their lives. I wish I had been asked to write such a paper about my parents or grandparents or adults I knew. However, it is never too late for those conversations. Reading the journey of our eighth graders has inspired me to ask people in my life about their faith journey, their favorite Bible verse and why they choose that one, their favorite song on faith, their memories of God active in their life, and what it means to them to live out their faith. Perhaps our eighth graders can be an inspiration to all of us.

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Hospitality & Celebration

As we journey through May, we will also celebrate our younger kids as they wrap up the Sunday School Year May 3rd with an ice cream social; as we give thanks for Mothers May 10th; as we transition to one service at 9am on Sunday May 10th; as we pray for our kids and teens wrapping up their school year (an intense time for them); as we celebrate Pentecost and the birth of the Church on May 24th; and on Holy Trinity Sunday May 31st we give thanks for the creative power of God that gives us this great world and each other; as we thank Jesus for love, forgiveness, grace, and hope; and as we acknowledge God's Spirit active in our lives and our world.

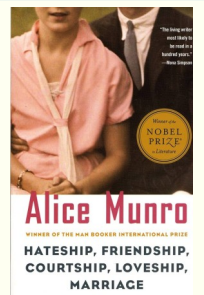
We also continue to pray for our Call Committee as we seek and trust God's guidance in bringing us together with a new pastor; as we give thanks for the faithful work of Kim in the office and our Council leaders; as we are blessed with music and worship leaders who continue to inspire us week after week.

In May we begin moving into a summer schedule and life rhythm. I pray that we will remember to stay in touch with each other--even when we are traveling, to seek out times of community and service, and for those who get vacations from work and intense schedules that it will be time of rest, refreshment, and celebration. God bless you all as we journey forward.

Blessings,

Pastor Diane Wheatley

The St. John Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 21st at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship by Alice Munro. In the nine breathtaking stories that make up this collection, Alice Munro creates narratives that loop and swerve like memory, conjuring up characters as thorny and contradictory as people we know ourselves. If you were unable to attend the April meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (920-371-0852) for more information. Everyone is welcome!



Hello, Seniors!

It hardly seems possible that you are graduating in a few weeks. Please plan to attend our graduation worship service on

Sunday, June 7 at 9 AM. We will have cake during coffee hour and a gift for you.

Please share your senior photo and future plans with the congregation in the June newsletter: **submit your senior photo and a brief outline of your post-graduation plans to Kim at office@stjohndepere.org by May 15th.**



DID YOU KNOW ...

Caring Cooks of St John are available to assist in providing meals to anyone in need! Do you know of someone who is dealing with an illness or hardship where Caring Cooks may be able to assist? Please contact Susan Van Asten or Marlene Bergum!

HELP YOURSELF ...

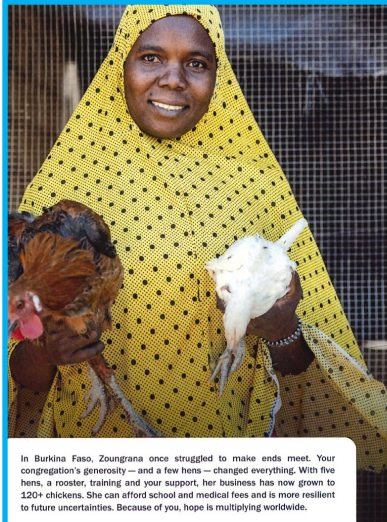
Caring Cooks meals are also available for you to take and deliver or to use for yourself as needed. You can find these meals in the kitchen freezer at church!

**CALL
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

The call committee has finished the first round of interviews and are asking two candidates to join them for a second interview. Prayers for the call committee are welcomed and appreciated!

Hospitality & Celebration

Cribbage
tournament fun!!



In Burkina Faso, Zoungrana once struggled to make ends meet. Your congregation's generosity — and a few hens — changed everything. With five hens, a rooster, training and your support, her business has now grown to 120+ chickens. She can afford school and medical fees and is more resilient to future uncertainties. Because of you, hope is multiplying worldwide.

THANK YOU

Dear People of St John Lutheran
Thank you for your longstanding
commitment to loving our
neighbors around the world.
We are deeply grateful for
your partnership.

In Gratitude

Rev Cathy Daharsh



Thank You

To all of the volunteers
at St. John's who helped with
Jim's service and lunch ~

We cannot express how much
your presence meant to our
entire family. Your generosity
(and excellent food) made the
service feel like we were with
Jim and all his favorite people.

Thank you so much for
everything you have meant all
these years to our family.

With deepest Gratitude,

The Marquardt Family



PASTOR DIANE'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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MAY OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays 1-3:30 pm



Our heartfelt condolences go out to
the family of Virgil Kussow who died
April 10, 2026.

The funeral was at St. John on
Monday, April 27th.



The Celebration and Outreach Committee continues efforts to do good in our community. Last year we provided a holiday gift of \$300 to Woodside Senior Communities to support treating their hard working staff to food trucks throughout the year.

This is one small example of the many ways Celebration and Outreach works to celebrate our life together and make a difference in the world. Would you consider getting involved? Contact Susan Van Asten for more information about Celebration and Outreach and our mission! Svanasten744@gmail.com (920) 540-3750

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.

THE PRAISE BAND
will be playing **Sunday, May 10th**

YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Upcoming youth/children's choir schedule:

One final rehearsal on Sunday, May 3rd and the children will sing at the beginning of the 10am worship service.

Youth Choir Needs You...
* Any student 2nd grade or older
* Middle & high schoolers welcome
* Rehearsals Sundays at 8:45am
* Get first choice of Christmas program speaking parts
* If questions, call/text Jill Q at 920-360-5772



WORSHIP AT HOME

CALL TO WORSHIP † *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 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

*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.*

†MAY 3RD

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†MAY 10TH

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†MAY 17TH

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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 24TH

DAY OF PENTECOST

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship

†MAY 31ST

THE HOLY TRINITY

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living 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. 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 in 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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Please hold in healing prayer, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, Carole Tobisch, James Sucha, Mark Robinson, & Carol Grom.



NEW WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, May 10th with one service at 9:00am each week.

Faith Formation



Heritage Hill State Historical State Park

2640 S. Webster Ave
Green Bay, WI 54301

5/7/26 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Come out to Heritage Hill Historical State Park in Green Bay Wisconsin between 11 - 1:30pm for praise and worship music, as well as

prayer. The Park will offer free admission all day long and is open from 8am - 4pm. The historical Moravian Church building will be open all day for prayer and gathering. Bring a group along and tour the beautiful park and see some of the historical buildings located there.

Jay Zollar 9206195800 jay.zollar@gmail.com

Our country will once again gather at 8 p.m. ET on the National Day of Prayer. This year, we will be broadcasting the 2026 Congressional Observance, hosted by NDP Task Force president Kathy Branzell, joined in prayer by other Christian leaders who will guide our nation in this time of God-glorifying prayer.

You can watch the livestream using the link below.

https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2026_broadcast_livestream

GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS
1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

Join Kathy Branzell, along with special guests Will Graham, Dr. Rob Pacienza, Os Guinness, Rosemary Siemens and Eli Bennett, and others for our National Day of Prayer Broadcast from Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol at 8 p.m. ET. Streamed on our website, YouTube and Facebook, and available on many of your favorite Christian television and radio networks.

75TH
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

www.nationaldayofprayer.org

National Broadcast
Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 8 pm ET



Dungeons and Dragons Our May campaign date is moving to May 17th at 10 AM to allow our youth to spend time with their families on Mother's Day. We will continue our campaign through the summer on the second Sunday of the month from 10 AM-noon.



Attention SENIORS

Attention Graduating Seniors:

Share your senior photo and future plans with the congregation in the June newsletter. Please submit your senior photo and a brief outline of your post-graduation plans to office@stjohndepere.org by May 15th.



May 3rd Last Day of Sunday School!
Ice cream party celebrating another year of growing in faith!

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
SING at 10AM



TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS 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 or emailed to office@stjohndepere.org. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 2nd.

Mission & Service



CHRIST CARE

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST
FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • FAITH

MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On **May 20th** we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant and back to church for Bible study. If you have any questions call Jim Johaneck at 920-323-0833.

SHP **St. John is doing a bed build on Saturday, June 6th!**


Mark your calendars and come help us work with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for children who don't have one!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is a non profit organization working to fulfill their motto of "NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!" Do you know that there are currently 140,118 kids on a wait list to get bed?

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. 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.



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 serving & providing desserts for the April 4th 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.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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



"Hi" from Mission Sewing

Hi from Mission Sewing,
If anyone would like to join us for making mission quilts we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. Remember that when you are doing your spring cleaning if you find any fabric or gently used flat and fitted sheets that you do not want, we would take them. Just leave them in the sewing room. Hope that you will stop in and see what we do or join us for some laughs and treats. ~Judy Beerntsen

*****Sewing mends my soul*****

REACHING OUT TO HELP OTHERS
De Pere Christian Outreach
Caring for the Community
506 Butler St. • De Pere • 920.559.1060

The May focus for collection is Hamburger Helper, Chef Boyardee Pastas



Mission & Service

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 22, 2026 9:15AM

1. Attendance:

Present: Sean Day, Steve Leiterman, Kourtney Feldhausen, Tom Baciak, Mike McMullen, Kim Ronsman, Lynsey Muellenbach, Amy Labelle

Absent: Steve Leiterman

2. **Call to Order** - Sean called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

3. **Scripture study, discussion, and prayer:** Scripture not read for today's meeting.

Discussion Agenda

New Business

- Shortage of help during service/signing up on Signup Genius to volunteer
- Potentially look at Venmo as an option for giving on Sundays
- Performance Evaluations of staff near completion
- Motion made by Steve to accept Lynsey as part of council. Second made by Tom. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Soup suppers and potluck still need volunteers to sign up.
- Long Range Planning
 1. Columbarium - Quote for columbarium requested. Waiting to hear back.

Ministry/Committee Reports

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

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, the meeting adjourned at 9:42am concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: April 21, 2026 Time: 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

Mission & Service

**St. John Lutheran
Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Flow
March 31, 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					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
May					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
June					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
July					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
August					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
September					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
October					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
November					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,200.00	-\$32,200.00
December					\$0.00		\$0.00	\$32,205.00	-\$32,205.00

2026 Total	\$31,446.25	\$40,858.95	\$488.00	\$6,362.79	\$79,155.99	\$84,677.95	-\$5,521.96	\$386,405.00	\$301,727.05
MO. AVG	\$10,482.08	\$13,619.65	\$162.67	\$2,120.93	\$6,596.33	\$28,225.98	-\$460.16	\$32,200.42	-\$6,794.52

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 3/31/26	\$26,173.23
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 3/31/26	\$26,800.71
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/27	\$85,170.93
CFCU CD Matures 3/17/27	\$65,782.98
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/27	\$28,175.59
Bank Total 3/31/26	\$232,103.44

Thank You!

**FOR YOUR CONTINUED
FINANCIAL SUPPORT
TO THE MINISTRY OF
ST. JOHN**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School Ice Cream Celebration 10am - Worship	27	28	29 10am - Christ Care 7pm - Worship & Music Meeting	30 National Day of Prayer 9am - Mission Sewing	1 4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter Meal	2
10 9am - Worship Happy Mother's Day! Switch to One Service at 9am STARTS TODAY!!	11	12	13 9am - Mission Sewing 2pm - Finance Mtg	14 9am - Mission Sewing	15	16
17 9am - Worship 10am - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign 6pm - Mission Trip Meeting	18 7pm - Council Mtg	19 8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	20 9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club	21	22	23
24 9am - Worship	25 9am - Mission Sewing	26	27	28	29	30
31 9am - Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Heather Hutchison - Faith Formation
Tom Baciak - Property
Chris Flores - Celebration & Outreach
Lynsey Muellenbach - Stewardship

WORSHIP TIMES
through May 3rd
Sundays 8:00 & 10:00am
Effective May 10th
9:00am
Join us Online Anytime

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR JUNE ISSUE
May 18, 2026
Send submissions to
office@stjohndepere.org

OFFICE HOURS
8:00am – 3:00pm
Mon - Thurs
Hours may vary.
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