

Mission Messenger!

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WHAT IS INTERIM TIME?

One of the most important aspects of the interim time between settled pastors is the opportunity to reinforce the ministry of the laity. This is the great reminder that the pastor should not be the only one doing the work of ministry in Christ's church. For a congregation such as St. John to be at its best, it is crucially important that many are using their gifts for God's purpose both inside and outside the building walls. This is an opportunity to try things you have had sitting there in the back of your mind. As in all times, there really is no such thing as a truly bad idea. The only ministries that ever completely fail are the ones that are never attempted. For all others, there is—at the very least—a learning that can inform future endeavors.

So what is it you have always dreamed of for St. John and the community of De Pere as well as those around us? What morsel might you have floating in your imagination that could be the next great thing to energize God's people for ministry in a new way? God encourages us to put these ideas into action again and again for the good of God's people in God's amazing creation:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (ISAIAH 43:19)

You see, the new things are God working through you and me to create new ways to serve and thank God. In this way, we get to be a part of God's ever-renewing creation. And while that verse from Isaiah is pretty familiar, we rarely consider the one right before it.

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. (ISAIAH 43:18) This doesn't direct us to ignore the past. Instead, God doesn't want us to get stuck, especially in remembering the things that perhaps didn't work before so that we become afraid to step out in faith. These two verses are an invitation to be bold and confidant in doing God's work in the world, knowing that God is the source of all goodness.

So, during this intentional time of change, let's not be afraid to put anything on the table and see what happens. Thank you for your trust in me leading you in God's mercy and grace during this important time for St. John's.

Blessings, Pastor Doug

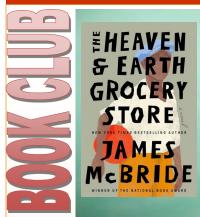






We will be decorating the church for the Christmas holiday on Sunday, Nov. 30th between services. We only have an hour so plan now to help out! Many hands lighten the load!

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 20th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, where Chona Ludlow ran the Heaven and Earth Grocery Store. If you were unable to attend the October meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (920-371-0852) for more information. Everyone is welcome!





Join us for the next D&D event! The table is open to 6th -12th grade youth on November 9th and December 14th. no experience necessary, friends welcome. We are starting a new campaign. We usually have pizza, sports drinks, and other snacks available.



CELEBRATE BAPTISM!

We had three baptisms in October! We welcome Hayden Heimbruch, Levi John Mendolla & David Thomas Heezen into the family of God at St. John through their baptisms. God's blessings to these children & family!











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WORSHIP AT HOME



<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> † *Make the sign of the cross*. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 32:1-7

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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.

†NOVEMBER 2ND ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†NOVEMBER 9TH

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 20:7-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†NOVEMBER 16TH

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 21:5-19

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP DONE

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†NOVEMBER 23RDCHRIST THE KING

Luke 23:33-43

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+NOVEMBER 30TH 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Matthew 24:36-44

Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the 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 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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YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Youth Music at St. John

The Children's Choir regularly gathers in the Sanctuary on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The Youth Choir gathers in the Sanctuary at 8:45 a.m.



	Upcoming Children's Choir Schedule:
November 2nd	Children's Choir @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary
November 9th	Children's Choir @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary
November 16th	Children's Choir @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary
November 23rd	Christmas program rehearsal 9:15am - 9:50am in the Sanctuary
November 30th	Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30am - 9:50am in the Sanctuary
December 8th	Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30am - 9:50am in the Sanctuary
December 14th	Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 9:00am - 9:50am in the Sanctuary
December 21st	FINAL Christmas Program Rehearsal, 9:00 - 9:50 in the Sanctuary *** Present Christmas Program as part of the 10am worship service



	Upcoming Youth Choir Schedule:
November 2nd	Youth Choir @ 8:45am in the Sanctuary
November 9th	Christmas Program Speaking Parts Rehearsal at 8:45am in the Sanctuary
November 16th	Christmas Program Speaking Parts Rehearsal at 8:45am in the Sanctuary
November 23rd	Christmas program rehearsal 9:15am - 9:50am in the Sanctuary
November 30th	Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30am - 9:50am in the Sanctuary
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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



Confirmation Class News



Confirmation classes for 5th-8th grade meet each Wednesday in November 6:30 -7:30 pm. The one exception is NO CLASS Nov. 26th — for Thanksgiving break.

Parents please plan on attending confirmation class WITH your youth on November 12th from 6:30-7:30pm. We will be discussing stewardship, and youth will be having conversations with their parents/guardians about different ways their family gives time, talent, and treasure. (Don't worry, we won't be discussing specific dollar amounts or asking you to increase giving. Since many families give online, the concept can be a bit abstract for many youth.)

Our last class before Christmas break is Dec. 10th. We will go caroling and then return to church for snacks and games. Watch for times and more information to come. Classes resume Jan. 7, 2025.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes - All Confirmation students are expected to complete and turn in 2 Sermon Notes per month. Forms can be found in the lower right hand corner of the wooden mailbox

system next to the elevator and on our website under education/confirmation. Completed forms can be put in Pastor's mailbox (upper left corner of wooden mailbox system outside the office) or emailed to pastordoug@stjohndepere.org



<u>3yr old - 4th grade Sunday School</u> November Lessons

9:00am in classrooms 9:45am pick up your child in the sanctuary



Nov. 2nd
Zachaeus
Luke 19:1-10



Nov. 9th TheSadducees' Question Luke 20:27-38



Nov. 16th

God's Love Is Forever Luke 21:5-19



Nov. 23rd

Christ the King Luke 23:33-43



Nov. 23rd

God Will Bring Peace Isaiah 2:1-5 (no class time) Christmas Program practice 9:15-9:45



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On **November 19th** we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant, then back to church for Bible study. Scriptures: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Luke 23:33-43 If you have any questions call Jim Johanek at 920-323-0833.



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

Questions? Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327



Calling all 8th-12th graders!

Interested in joining us on the next mission trip to Niagara Falls this July 25th-August 5th? Email Hollie at missiontrip@stjohndepere.org to find out more.

VIISSION & SERVICE



DPCO Christmas Store News



We're ready to stock the store and need your help! Take a gift tag from the "tree" in the narthex, purchase the item(s) and bring them to church.

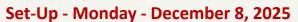
(Gift cards can be turned into the office or given to Marlene Bergum.) Thank you sharing the joy of Christmas with De Pere families in need.

ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE AT CHURCH BY Sunday, November 23rd.

Volunteer sign-up options are available to help with the annual De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store. There are a variety of ways to support this event. Volunteers are needed to set up and work at the event. Please note some sign up options require volunteers to be be at least 19 years of age. Please see Marlene Bergum or Chrissy Paape with any questions regarding this event.

Set-Up - Saturday - December 6, 2025

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E45ABAB2CA5FE3-59467125-dpco



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Store (Must be 19 or Older to Sign up) - Tuesday - December 9, 2025 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E45ABAB2CA5FE3-59764404-dpco

Store (Must be 19 or Older to Sign up) - Wednesday - December 10, 2025 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E45ABAB2CA5FE3-59758078-dpco

Pack-up and Clean Up - December 11, 2025

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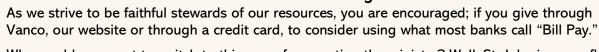




MISSION & SERVICE



Electronic Giving



Why would you want to switch to this way of supporting the ministry? Well, St. John incurs a flat fee for each gift given online as well as .45% transaction fee per gift. If the gift is given via a credit card there is also an additional fee, often as much as 2.8% of the gift.

In contrast, when you use "Bill Pay" no fees are charged to the church. Through "Bill Pay", you are simply authorizing a check to be disbursed from your checking account. You can authorize it manually each time you give or you can set it up to automatically issue a check to St. John. By using this tool your personal information stays between you and your bank. And most banks do not charge a fee for this service. If you haven't already, check with your bank on how you can set up and use this service.

This information is shared to help us all think about how to best use our resources. Using "Bill Pay" saves you a check and if you currently give electronically through Vanco or a credit card, switching to your bank's "Bill Pay" saves the church processing fees and your gifts go further.



Due to the reduction in SNAP benefits, food pantries are experiencing increased demand. DPCO is seeking the following items to help meet this growing need.

- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta

- Canned Meats
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Potatoes
- Jelly
- Financial Donations



If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to have prayers, please call Karen Cota at 920-632-2015 or e-mail Car-

lyn Cooper at clpdkcm@twc.com.

We will get your requests out to <u>our</u>

faithful prayer warriors.



De Pere Christian DPCO FOOD PANTRY -

November focus is canned cranberry & canned pumpkin.

Please place donations in the Narthex.



Please hold in healing prayer, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, Carole Tobisch, James Sucha, Carol Grom, & Jerry Bos.



For news and information within the East Central Synod of Wisconsin go to www.ecsw.org

MISSION & SERVICE

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 16, 2025 7:00pm

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

1. Attendance:

<u>Present:</u> Pastor Doug, Sean Day, Tom Baciak, Kourtney Feldhausen, Mike McMullen, Kim Ronsman, Katie Schneekloth

Absent: Steve Leiterman, Amy LaBelle, Susan Van Asten

- 2. **Call to Order:** Sean called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 3. **Scripture study, discussion, and prayer:** Scripture selection from **Luke 16:1-13** read by Kim Ronsman. Following discussion, Kourtney 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 Kim; second by Tom. 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 Kim; second by Tom. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda_

New Business

- 6. **Bluebird house** Donation by Jim Kneiszel. Approved plan to put it on a post with bluebird house and place it in a location that won't disrupt mowing. Motion made by Kim. Second by Katie.
- 7. **Picnic** feedback about uneven surface of grassy area and mobility difficulties for some

Old Business

- 8. **MSP** Group of ten will meet on 9/21/25
- 9. **Budget 2026.** Budget introduced for viewing.
- 10. **HVAC Update** Upgrade of HVAC has begun.
- 11. **RIC Update -** Next meeting date being scheduled.
- 12. **Upcoming Capital Improvements** Follow up about audio visual to confirm any updates needed.
- 13. Vision for Ministry Living our faith. Enriching Lives.
- 14. Land Use Update-Long Range Planning.
 - a. **Community Garden.** Ryan will check with the City to see if a split rail fence meets the city requirements.
 - b. **Columbarium.** Ryan reported that Matt Benson from The Tribute Companies was willing to talk to the council on the phone during our monthly meeting to answer our questions. We brainstormed a list of questions for the company, and council members can email any other questions to Ryan. Ryan will send our questions to Matt and Matt will join the council meeting by phone next month to answer those questions. On November 3 between the services we will have a meeting with the congregation to gauge interest and answer questions.

Ministry/Committee Reports __

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

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Sean asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Kourtney; second by Katie. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: October 21, 2025 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

Mission & Service

St. John Lutheran Treasurer's Report Statement of Cash Flow September 30, 2025

2025	Envelopes	Electronic Giving	Loose	Other	Total	Expenses	Actual Net +/-	Budget	Budget +/-
January	\$12,475.00	\$13,288.50	\$241.00	\$1,332.30	\$27,336.80	\$28,091.46	-\$754.66	\$31,084.00	-\$2,992.54
February	\$14,055.00	\$13,223.15	\$202.00	\$3,583.51	\$31,063.66	\$27,574.62	\$3,489.04	\$31,084.00	-\$3,509.38
March	\$18,866.42	\$13,834.56	\$289.00	\$5,203.95	\$38,193.93	\$27,654.66	\$10,539.27	\$31,084.00	-\$3,429.34
April	\$13,265.00	\$13,664.09	\$726.00	\$3,891.45	\$31,546.54	\$31,319.40	\$227.14	\$31,084.00	\$235.40
May	\$10,010.00	\$13,213.22	\$192.00	\$1,838.54	\$25,253.76	\$36,237.01	-\$10,983.25	\$31,084.00	\$5,153.01
June	\$17,500.00	\$13,443.31	\$181.78	\$1,565.09	\$32,690.18	\$25,561.58	\$7,128.60	\$31,084.00	-\$5,522.42
July	\$12,664.78	\$13,873.44	\$211.25	\$1,381.48	\$28,130.95	\$26,210.60	\$1,920.35	\$31,084.00	-\$4,873.40
August	\$11,841.00	\$13,476.50	\$193.00	\$21,483.89	\$46,994.39	\$55,450.50	-\$8,456.11	\$31,084.00	\$24,366.50
September	\$16,359.00	\$13,981.35	\$151.00	\$3,640.51	\$34,131.86	\$43,735.87	-\$9,604.01	\$31,083.00	\$12,652.87
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Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 9/30/25	\$ 21,876.09
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 9/30/25	\$ 34,247.65
PCM Savings	\$ 22.41
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/26	\$ 83,473.03
CFCU CD Matures 10/13/25	\$ 25,799.48
Designated Funds Balance 7/31/25	\$ 66,765.51
Designated CFCU CD Matures 10/14/25	\$ 34,150.11
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/26	\$ 27,607.00
Bank Total 9/30/25	\$ 293,941.28



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WORSHIP TIMES

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE

November 18, 2024
Send submissions to
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OFFICE HOURS

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