



Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

So just what is the MSP?

First, thank you for your warm welcome for me here at St. John. I look forward to learning more about you all and the mission we share in this place of grace. There are several moving parts in this time of transition, so I thought I would begin by taking a deep look into what steps we will take in the process of calling your next pastor while continuing the great ministry done here.

It really starts with the MSP, which stands for **Mission Site Profile**. It serves as a snapshot of where the congregation is, both figuratively and literally. You see, pastors who might be candidates to be pastor here may very well have no knowledge of the area at all. Even someone relatively close by probably doesn't know what makes De Pere or, more specifically, St. John Lutheran Church such a great place to live and lead. This is why a thorough, accurate MSP is so very important.

This is why we've assembled a team to lead in completing the MSP. They are people looking to best reflect the enthusiasm and depth of faith life here at St. John in an accurate way. Some of the profile is fairly simple to complete, such as names and addresses, population and demographic statistics, even income distribution throughout our local zip codes. Now while this information is readily available, it often needs to be refined and reformatted for the needs of a proper MSP.

But there is more than just names, places, and numbers to consider. This involves naming and defining trends, characteristics, and goals. This takes conversations and surveying to create a clear picture of just what happens here in ministry. This is where the entire church becomes part of the process. You will be called on to consider the church's style, involving not just what makes St. John's tick but also how and why. The more voices and ideas shared here, the better.

You will also be considering the pastor you seek, considering needed strengths and gifts to lead this ministry site. In this, you will be offering your voice as to what the most critical tasks in ministry are here. Sharing this will also allow prospective candidates whether to consider being your next pastor.

There is a lot to be done, to be sure. But taking the time and involvement needed to draw an accurate and enthusiastic picture of the ministry here at St. John will offer the larger church an opportunity to send appropriate candidates that will well serve the future needs here. That would be a win for everyone.

We do ask for your prayer and patience; knowing this all takes time and honest reflection to produce the best outcome for the future of St. John. Thanks for your prayers for and input into these discussions of faith.

In God's love,
Pastor Doug



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**OCTOBER 12TH
8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
SERVICES**

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



In September, Syble Hopp partnered with the Packers for Play 60. St. John supplied the space for it to happen!



CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Many thanks to everyone who put in the hard work to make this year's picnic a memorable one!





WORSHIP AT HOME



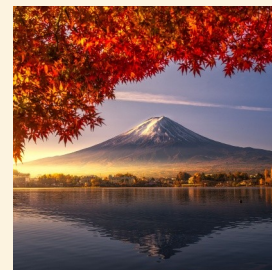
CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 37:1-9

- ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
- ⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- ⁸ **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.



*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.*

†OCTOBER 5TH

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 12TH

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 19TH

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

OCTOBER 26TH - REFORMATION SUNDAY

Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, 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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Make a joyful sound! We invite returning and new members who are interested in sharing their gift of song and music to please join the **St. John Adult Choir**. We rehearse on the first 3 Sundays of the month at 9:00am in the choir room.

Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or cassandra.tingo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

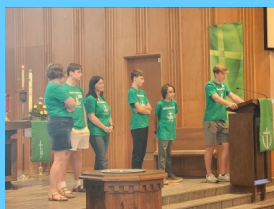
YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

October 5th	No Youth Choir Children's Choir <i>SINGS</i> at the start of the 10am service
October 12th	Youth Choir @ 8:45 am in the Sanctuary & Children's Choir @ 9:30 am in the Sanctuary
October 19th	Youth Choir @ 8:45 am in the Sanctuary & Children's Choir @ 9:30 am in the Sanctuary Youth Choir <i>SINGS</i> at the start of the 10am service
October 26th	Youth Choir @ 8:45 am in the Sanctuary & Children's Choir @ 9:30 am in the Sanctuary

YOUTH
SUMMER
MISSION
TRIP

On Sunday, September 28th the youth share their experiences from the summer mission trip to Benton Harbor, MI.



Blessing of the Quilts took place on Sunday, September 21st. The quilters made 308 quilts this year!



YOU
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
Thank You for
Your Hard Work
and Dedication
we are lucky
to have you on our team



FAITH FORMATION

3yr old - 4th grade Sunday School

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



Oct. 5

A Seed of Faith Luke 17:5-10

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SINGS AT 10:00am



Oct. 12

10 Men Healed Luke 17:11-19



Oct. 19

Jacob Wrestles Genesis 32:22-31

Youth Choir sings at 10am



Oct. 26

*The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Luke 18:9-14*



**JR HIGH
BLAST**
at Imago Dei Village

Looking for a retreat opportunity for your confirmation class or middle school group? Look no further! This fall retreat is designed to give your students an opportunity to engage with others, learn more about God, grow in who they are, and provide all the camp fun that you know and love!

October 24-26, 2025
www.crosswayscamp.org

**We need
chaperones!**

5th through 8th graders
Come to a fall retreat at Imago Dei! We need a male and female chaperone to be able attend. If you are interested in attending or willing to chaperone, contact Tammy Lewis at MSyouth@stjohndepere.org



5th-8th Grade Confirmation Students

Classes begin Wednesday Oct. 1st
6:30-7:30pm

Acolyte training- Oct. 1st

6th grade students (and any 7th-8th grade student that wants a refresher) meet Pastor in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:00 to learn how to acolyte. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.



**SAVE THE DATE
JOURNEY WITH JESUS**

February 20-22, 2025

6th through 12th graders please join me at Imago Dei for a fun weekend of meeting new friends, play, rest and growing in faith!

Contact Tammy Lewis at
MSyouth@stjohndepere.org
Cost TBD



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 16th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing

Mockingbird Summer by Lynda Rutledge. In segregated High Cotton, Texas, in 1964, the racial divide is as clear as the railroad tracks running through town. Thirteen-year-old Corky Corcoran's family hires a Haitian housekeeper who brings her daughter, America, along with her. Corky is quick to befriend America and the two girls shake things up in High Cotton. If you were unable to attend the September meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (920-371-0852) for more information. Everyone is welcome!



Attention High School Youth!

It is time to shop for the DPCO Christmas Store. join Sarah for a fun-filled afternoon shopping for the DPCO Christmas Store on Saturday, October 11th from noon-3pm. We will meet at the Bay Park Square food court for lunch and then shop 'til we drop. Bring your service hour forms for 3 hours of service. Please RSVP to youth@stjohndepere.org by Thursday, October 9th if you plan to attend.

6th - 12th grade youth

We will be starting a new D&D campaign on the 2nd Sunday of each month, beginning October 12th from 11am-1pm. Pizza and other snacks will be served in the Youth Space. You can attend any or all of the events to try it out.

FAITH FORMATION



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 8:30am. On **October 15th** 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.

CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month @ **10:00am** in the Luther Room. Questions? Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327

Bible Presentation

When children are baptized, we as the church promise to partner with parents and sponsors to nurture them in faith. In keeping with this promise we are excited to present all 4 year olds and 3rd grade students with their very own bible on

Sunday, November 9th Parents and sponsors are invited to come forward with their child as the bibles are presented.



4 year olds will receive the Spark Story Bible



3rd grade students will receive the NRSV collaborate Lutheran student bible



*Save the date
Sunday, November 30th*

We are looking for a volunteer to lead the planning of the event. If interested please contact Susan VanAsten at 920-540-3750 or email svanasten744@gmail.com



10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's



Join us October 5th at 9:00am
for a 30-minute presentation by Sarah Johnson,
Volunteer Community Educator for the Alzheimer's
Association about the
"10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's".

www.alz.org/wi
24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900
Hablamos Español 414.431.8811

**ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION**



WE PRAY: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".

Psalm 46:1

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

MISSION & SERVICE

CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH



DPCO food pantry October focus collection is Chunky Soup.

The pantry is also in need of Jam/Jelly, Baked Beans, & Oatmeal.



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER **301 Mather St, Green Bay**

St. John serves dinner at the NEW Community Shelter the first Saturday of each month. The church provides dessert and fruit for about 200 people. Some meals are served there while others are packaged for carry-out. Volunteers arrive about 4:30pm and serve from 5-6pm.

- If you would like to serve, please sign up.
- If you enjoy baking, we always need baked goods for these meals. We would love for you to sign up for 1 or both of these opportunities.

How many desserts should I make?? That is up to you. Some people make a batch or two of cookies, some bring their favorite recipe that makes more. Anything you do will be appreciated.

Questions?

Contact Susan Van Asten at 920-540-3750 or suanasten744@gmail.com

Thank you to all who helped serve & make desserts for the September meal.

Sign up for future meals on community board or by using this QR code!



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OCTOBER 13, 2025 | 4PM-8PM
2415 COSTCO WAY
BELLEVUE, WI 54311

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to be held in prayer, 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,
Mark your calendar for our craft and bake sale on October 12th between the services.
We meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. If you cannot come the whole time, just come for as long as you can. You could take home a bag of squares located in the narthex to sew if you are unable to come on that day and just bring the finished top back to church. If you find any gently used sheets you want to get rid of you can them, bring them to church which can be used for the back of the quilts. Hope to see you there or just stop in to see what we do. We have a lot of laughs and treats. ~Judy Beerntsen



MISSION & SERVICE



St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 19, 2025 7:00pm

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



Attendance:

Present: Sean Day, Tom Baciak, Kim Ronsman, Kourtney Feldhausen, Kim Ronsman
Susan Van Asten, Katie Schneekloth, Amy LaBelle

Absent: Steve Leiterman, Mike McMullen

Call to Order: Sean called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Scripture study, discussion, and prayer: Scripture selection from **Luke 13:10-17** read by Susan. Following discussion, Kim led the prayer of the day.

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

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.

Discussion Agenda

New Business

- MSP
 - * 6-9 people will be on the team of putting together MSP
 - ♦ This team will start in September
 - ♦ Approximately 3-6 months of work
- Picnic Sept. 7th.
 - * Set up stage on Sept. 6 (Tom) after tent goes up
- Garbage cans need to be brought in on Monday or Tuesday (Pastor used to do this) - Sean to ask Kim
- Pastor wants to interview people to get a feel for the church

Old Business

- AV Ministry/Office Computer Update
 - * Computers installed and up and running
- Budget 2026
 - * Completed. Will finalize at next Council meeting
- HVAC Update
 - * Next week will get updates from Foremen
 - * Money being raised and matched by Trust Fund is to replace some of the funds used to pay for the hvac updates out of the capital improvements.
- Transition
 - * Pastor Doug's official date is September 1, 2025
- RIC Update
 - * New meetings to be scheduled soon
- Upcoming Capital Improvements
 - * NA

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 Tom; second by Katie. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: September 16, 2025 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Kourtney Feldhausen - Council Secretary

MISSION & SERVICE

**St. John Lutheran
Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Flow
August 31, 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								\$31,083.00	
October								\$31,083.00	
November								\$31,083.00	
December								\$31,083.00	
2025Total	\$110,677.20	\$108,016.77	\$2,236.03	\$40,280.21	\$261,210.21	\$258,099.83	\$3,110.38	\$373,004.00	\$9,427.83
MO. AVG	\$13,834.65	\$13,502.10	\$279.50	\$5,035.03	\$32,651.28	\$32,262.48	\$388.80	\$31,083.67	-\$3,250.96

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 8/31/25	\$ 62,821.82
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 8/31/25	\$ 3,306.91
PCM Savings	\$ 27.41
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/26	\$ 83,160.23
CFCU CD Matures 10/13/25	\$ 25,706.30
Designated Funds Balance 7/31/25	\$ 63,493.39
Designated CFCU CD Matures 10/14/25	\$ 34,012.10
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/26	\$ 27,325.51
Bank Total 8/31/25	\$ 299,853.67



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>
			10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Acolyte Training	9am - Mission Sewing		9am - Quilts to Appleton 4:30pm - NEW Comm
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8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Adult Ed - Alzheimer's 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship			6:30pm - Confirmation	9am - Finance Mtg 9am - Mission Sewing		
<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>
8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Quilters Craft & 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 11am - D & D Campaign			8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club		
<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship		5:45pm - Trust Fund 7pm - Council Mtg	6:30pm - Confirmation	9am - Mission Sewing		11am - Trunk or Treat
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**St. John Lutheran
Church Council Members**
Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org
or office ph (920) 336-1082
Sean Day - President
Steve Leiterman - Vice President
Kourtney Feldhausen - Secretary
Mike McMullen - Treasurer
Kim Ronsman - Stewardship
Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation
Tom Baciak - Property
Amy LaBelle - Worship & Music
Susan Van Asten - Celebration & Outreach

WORSHIP TIMES

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
October 20, 2025
Send submissions to
office@stjohndepere.org

OFFICE HOURS

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