



Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

-Letter to the Thessalonians, Chapter 2:8

Greetings from the Pastor's Desk!

Saint John, I want to thank all of you who have been so gracious and invested in my and my family's arrival and settling here in the Fox Valley area. And I can safely say that my family and I are now at a point where things really do *feel* like home.

This change means it's finally time to start one of the most fun parts of this call - getting to really know you.

So, with that in mind; You are going to see a few odd new things from me over the next months. Facebook posts about plans to hang out at various places in the area, attend school, community, or public events, and I will be soliciting personal prayer requests and reaching out for coffee or drinks or adventures ahead.

Getting to know each other as adults can be a little imposing - and God knows I can be kinda awkward - yet I earnestly trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring us all together and fill in those social gaps when people of faith gather together for the sake of each other. And this trust is borne out of experience and action, not just book learning. ;)

So, consider this article the opening invitation to an extended season of gatherings, hang-outs, get-togethers and, dare I say, fun.

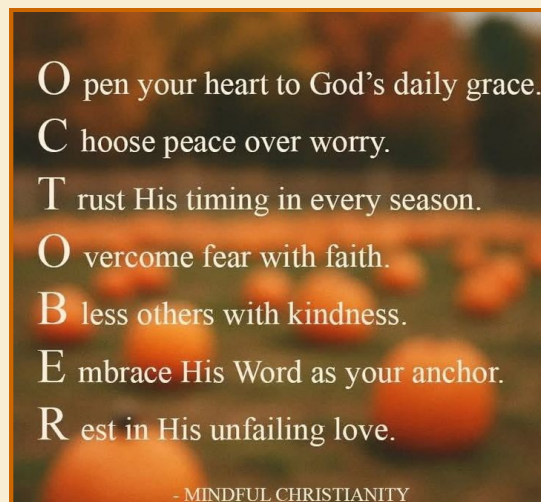
I cannot wait.

Sincerely,
-Pr. Nate

	
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**Saturday, October 17th
from 8am - Noon.**



- MINDFUL CHRISTIANITY

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 13TH

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



HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

When renovations at Syble Hopp were delayed, their staff needed a place to hold trainings and in-service meetings. St. John was happy to welcome our neighbors with open arms and provide a space for them to gather!

St. John Lutheran Church -

Thank you so much for graciously allowing us to use your beautiful spaces. We truly appreciate your generosity and hospitality. Your willingness to share your church/meeting spaces with us has made a meaningful difference, and we are very grateful for your kindness and support.

Sincerely -
Syble Hopp Admin.



craft &
bake sale

Mission Sewing Craft & Bake Sale is Sunday, Oct. 18th. Shop the amazing array of handcrafted items. All money raised supports the quilting ministry. Quilts are distributed both locally and globally.

WE NEED
YOU!

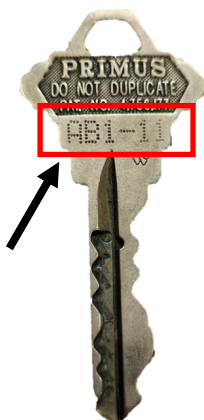
TO VOLUNTEER to help
during WORSHIP
Scan this QR code to sign up



We are currently updating our key log, as we have several keys that are unaccounted for. Please take a moment to check whether you may have a St. John key that you were previously given and forgot

to return—or perhaps forgot you still had! Pastor Nate would like us to have an accurate record of all keyholders so we can ensure keys are properly accounted for and available when needed. We also have a number of specialty keys in circulation that may no longer be needed. Recovering these keys will help us avoid the unnecessary expense of having additional specialty keys made.

If you currently have a St. John key, please contact the church office with the **letters & numbers stamped on the key** so we can update our records. Please see the example below for reference. Thank you for helping us keep our key records accurate and up to date!



Cultivating authentic friendships rooted in love, trust and grace

Listen to fellow Christian women while sharing food and refreshment in a casual atmosphere. We will feature two speakers at each gathering which will take place the 3rd Monday of each month
October thru April

Where: Buzz's Bar & Grill
Banquet Room
W2116 County Rd S
Freedom, WI 54130

Come early to get a bite to eat and grab a drink if you like
Gather in the banquet room at 6:15
Speakers will begin at 6:30PM Sharp
We hope to end in a little over an hour.

We will take up a free-will offering for speaker expenses
or a non-profit organization of their choice.

The speaker's opinions are not necessarily the opinions of Wine & Wisdom

Events will take place on the third Monday of every month*

Upcoming Gathering dates:

October 19, 2026, opener
Nov 16, 2026
Dec 14, 2026* 2nd Monday
Jan 18, 2027
Feb 15, 2027
March 15, 2027
April 19, 2027, finale

See our website: wineandwisdomjoy.com

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/wineandwisdomjoy

Questions, contact Julie Huss 920-740-8847 OR Cindy Van Asten 920-619-1899



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

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 80:7-15

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

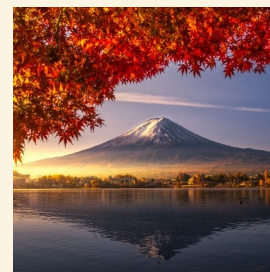
¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹² **Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.



*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 4TH

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 11TH

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 18TH

21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

OCTOBER 25TH - 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 22:34-46

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, 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.

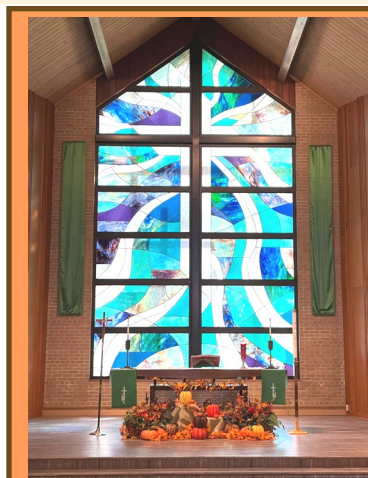
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Make a joyful sound! We invite returning and new members who are interested in sharing their gift of song and music to please join the **St. John Adult Choir**.

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.



Thank you to Treena Scharbius and Marsha Kruchten for beautifying the sanctuary for the Fall season.



WORSHIP

YOUTH-full Joyful Noises



Children's Choir meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



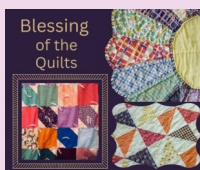
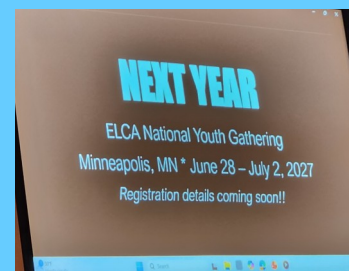
The Children's Choir will SING for the 10am worship service on Sunday, October 18th.



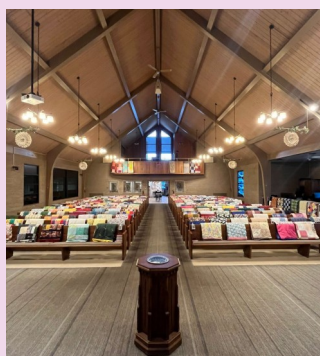
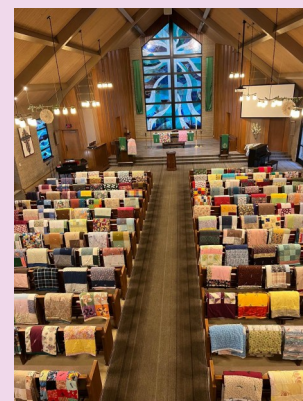
Join us for worship on Sunday, November 1st when we celebrate those who have gone before us.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

On Sunday, September 27th the youth shared their experiences from the summer mission trip to Niagara Falls.



The Mission Sewing ladies were hard at work this year making 320 quilts! The blessing of the quilts was on Sunday, September 20th. 100 were sent to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 5 were sold, 60 to Golden House, 75 to Lutheran World Relief, 15 to the Christmas Store, 5 to Freedom House, 20 to St. John Homeless Shelter, 23 to NEW Community Shelter, 15 to House of Hope and the rest will be distributed to other organizations in the area. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication ladies!



FAITH FORMATION

3yr old - 4th grade Sunday School

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



Oct. 4th
Parable of the Vineyard
Matthew 21:33-46



Oct. 11th
The Wedding Banquet
Matthew 22:1-14



Oct. 18th
Paying Taxes Matthew 22:15-22
Children's Choir sings at 10am



Oct. 25th
The Greatest Commandment
Matthew 22:34-46



5th-8th Grade Confirmation Students

Classes begin Wednesday Oct. 7th
6:30-7:30pm

Acolyte training- Oct. 7th

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 19-21, 2027

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL
JUNIOR HIGH

YOUTH BLAST

Oct 23rd-Oct. 25th

Cost: \$180/youth



Scholarships available! IMAGO DEI



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 15th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing Help

Wanted by Adelle Waldman. Every day at 3:55 a.m., members of Team Movement clock in for their shift at big-box store Town Square in a small upstate New York town. Their lives follow a familiar if grueling routine, but their real problem is that Town Square doesn't schedule them for enough hours. The members of Team Movement—including a comedy-obsessed oddball who acts half his age, a young woman clinging on to her "cool kid" status from high school, and a college football hopeful trying to find a new path—band together to set a just-so-crazy-it-might-work plot in motion. 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!

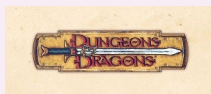


Attention ALL Youth!



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 3rd 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



Join us for upcoming campaigns on October 11th and November 8th from 11-1 in the Youth Space 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

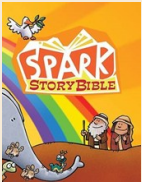
Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 8:30am. On **October 21st** we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant and then back to church for Bible study.
If you have any questions call Jim Johaneck at 920-323-0833.

CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month @ **10:00am** in the Luther Room.
Questions? Please call Sandy Piette at 920-445-5946.

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 1st**. 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

If your child was not given a bible last year as a 4yr old or 3rd grader, please let the office know.

All Youth Pay It Forward Day

Join us on November 22nd from 11am-1pm for a special Pay It Forward Day!

We will head out into the community to spread kindness and brighten someone's day.

Before we head out, we'll spend some time learning and reflecting on what it means to be "helpers" in our community and why small acts of kindness can make such a big difference.

We can't wait to see where kindness takes us this year!



Peace Among Faiths

Peace Among Faiths is a time to explore the world's religions from a Christian perspective through reading and respectful conversation. The goal is to grow as followers of Jesus by learning to love our neighbors with greater understanding, humility and peace. Join Pastor Matt Seegert and other curious Christians on the first and third Thursday of every month, from 5:30-6:30 pm.

This starts Thur. Sept 17 in the Donut Room at Peace Lutheran Church in Green Bay. You do not have to attend every session and are welcome anytime you can join us.

You may contact Pastor Matt Seegert at pastormatt@peacecl.org or Director of Faith Formation Dori Arbter at faithed@peacecl.org with any questions.

MISSION & SERVICE



De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry is very grateful for your generous donations. This month they need **pork and beans, Manwich, and canned pastas (i.e. Chef Boyardee).**

They do not need plastic bags or egg cartons. Thank you for your ongoing support.



If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to be held in prayer, please call Karen Cota at 920-632-2015 or

contact the office 920-336-1082 or office@stjohndepere.org. 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 18th between the services.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. Mark your calendars for October 18th for our craft and bake sale, hope you will be able to make it. If you have any fabric you do not want you can always drop it off at the sewing room. Hope you can come and join in the fun, laughs and treats.

*****Sewing mends my soul*****
~Judy Beerntsen



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. 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.

Questions?

Contact Susan Van Asten at 920-540-3750 or svanasten744@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!



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

Because of your generosity we were able to make 41 hygiene kits & 75 school kits. Thank you to all those who donated & helped assemble the kits. Thank you to the volunteers who will be delivering kits and quilts on Oct. 3rd to the ingathering at First English in Appleton!



PROJECT PROMISE
BUILD KITS OF CARE



Back-to-School and Holiday Season Planning

The end of summer always brings the excitement of a new school year—and for many children, that means making sure they have a safe, comfortable place to sleep so they can be rested and ready to learn. From mid-August to mid-September, Sleep in Heavenly Peace – WI-De Pere delivered **93 beds in just 31 days** to local children in need.

The second Saturday in September is also our annual **Bunks Across America** build day. Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapters across the country come together on this special day, working toward a national goal of building approximately **12,000 beds in one week**. Here in our community, **70 hard-working volunteers came together and built 101 beds in less than four hours!**

As we move into the fall, our **Wednesday Workshops** will begin in October and continue most weeks from **5-7 p.m. through April 2027**. We will also hold a **Saturday morning public build on October 31 from 8-11 a.m.**

There are many ways to be part of this mission—whether by volunteering, donating, or simply spreading the word about children who need a bed.

Together, we're making sure No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!

Dan Vermeulen
920-737-0359
dan.vermeulen@shpbeds.org



How is being a Christian
like being a pumpkin?

God picks you from the patch,
brings you in, and washes all the
dirt off of you. He cuts off the top
and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt,
hate, greed, etc... and then He
carves you a new smiling face and
puts His light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.



MISSION & SERVICE



St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 18, 2026 6:00pm



Meet & Greet with Pastor Nate at was held in place of the August meeting.

Next Council Meeting: September 15, 2026 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Kourtney Feldhausen - Council Secretary

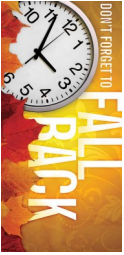
St. John Lutheran Treasurer's Report Statement of Cash Flow August 31, 2026

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	\$11,300.00	\$13,711.48	\$312.00	\$3,394.96	\$28,718.44	\$25,463.09	\$3,255.35	\$32,200.00	-\$6,736.91
May	\$9,896.00	\$14,191.19	\$107.00	\$2,691.12	\$26,885.31	\$21,297.28	\$5,588.03	\$32,200.00	-\$10,902.72
June	\$17,518.09	\$12,542.20	\$62.00	\$2,320.42	\$32,442.71	\$23,342.61	\$9,100.10	\$32,200.00	-\$8,857.39
July	\$9,208.00	\$12,649.26	\$55.25	\$1,305.54	\$23,218.05	\$26,315.18	-\$3,097.13	\$32,200.00	-\$5,884.82
August	\$9,065.00	\$12,332.79	\$105.00	\$2,674.10	\$24,176.89	\$32,949.19	-\$8,772.30	\$32,200.00	\$749.19
September								\$32,200.00	
October								\$32,200.00	
November								\$32,200.00	
December								\$32,200.00	
2026 Total	\$88,433.34	\$106,285.87	\$1,129.25	\$18,748.93	\$214,597.39	\$214,045.30	\$552.09	\$386,400.00	-\$43,554.70
MO. AVG	\$11,054.17	\$13,285.73	\$141.16	\$2,343.62	\$26,824.67	\$26,755.66	\$69.01	\$32,200.00	-\$6,794.52

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 8/31/26	\$55,711.67
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 8/31/26	\$12,237.10
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/27	\$86,460.36
CFCU CD Matures 3/17/27	\$66,940.63
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/27	\$28,439.31
Bank Total 8/31/26	\$249,789.07



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				9am - Mission Sewing		8am - DPCO Volunteer 8am - Quilt & Kit Delivery 12pm - DPCO Shopping 4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter Meal
4 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	5 3:30pm - Celebration & Outreach Meeting	6 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:30pm - Acolyte Training	7 9am - Mission Sewing 2pm - Finance Mtg	8	9	10
11 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	12	13 6:30pm - Confirmation	14 9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club	15	16	17 8am - All Church Fall Clean-up
11am - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign						
18 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Quilters Craft & Bake Sale 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	19 ECSW Fall Conference @ Landmark Resort, Door County, 4929 Landmark Drive, Egg	20 5:45pm - Trust Fund 7pm - Council Mtg	21 8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation	22 9am - Mission Sewing	23	24
25 8am - Worship 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 6pm - Women of the Word	26	27 6:30pm - Confirmation	28 9am - Mission Sewing	29 6pm - MS Halloween Party	30	31 

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WORSHIP & CONTACT INFO



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



**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
Tom Baciak - Properties
Amy LaBelle - Worship & Music
Heather Hutchison - Faith Formation
Tom Baciak - Property
Chris Flores - Celebration & Outreach
Lynsey Muellenbach - Stewardship

WORSHIP TIMES

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
October 18, 2026
Send submissions to
office@stjohndepere.org

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