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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPT. 10TH 9:00am - Setup 10:00am - Worship & Picnic

We are looking for 8 teens to help run the carnival games. **Contact Sarah Vissers if you are** able to help!



The Grief Lectionary

A Resource for Grieving Christians Born out of her own deep grief experience, Collette Broady Grund created this six-session study, using Scripture to access and process grief. Each Scripture story is paired with one or more stages of grief. Participants are invited to access their grief through an opening meditation, then read the

Scripture story and reflect on questions. Each session lasts about 90 minutes and closes with a blessing, meant to remind participants that God is present and at work in the grieving process.

Pastor Cindy will offer two opportunities a month for the next six months to join her in this study. Times are the second Monday of the month at 1:30pm or the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm beginning September 11th and 12th. Bring your bible.



Adult Learning Sept. Sunday morning Adult Education Gather in the Luther Room

Sunday Sept. 17th 9:00-9:45am Diving into Scripture. We'll explore the Sunday texts in greater depth. Psalm 103:8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

<u>Sunday Sept. 24th</u> 9:00-9:45am Join us to explore options for this time. What would you like to study/discuss or explore this year?





Meet the Council

To get to know the members of Council on a more personal level, each month we feature one new Council person and their responses to a variety of questions. This month we are featuring Lin Reichstadter who is a liaison for the Celebration & Outreach committee.

How long have you been a member of St. John? What brought you to St. John?

We've been members since the spring of 2015. Checking out several area ELCA congregations seeking one to join. What "connected" for me was the obvious stance that youth and children ARE an important part of St. John.

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

"Fresh Bread" by Joyce Rupp, many by Henri Nouwen, "The Cloister Walk" by Kathleen Norris, many by Herb Brokering. All have a way of connecting scripture, faith and one's daily life. Trials and joys!

What is a talent no one knows you have? *Hmmm, perhaps I still have talents to discover?*

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

The LCA Youth Gathering in Miami Beach FL in 1965 is quite significant for me yet. One of the speakers was Archbishop Desmond Tutu who moved me greatly. But just the experience of worshipping with <u>so</u> many other Lutheran youth was immensely moving and spiritual.

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

God owns it all- all that I am & have! How I use it then reflects God's ownership & generosity, not just of me but of the whole world and everything & everybody in it. This sometimes makes it difficult to say no!

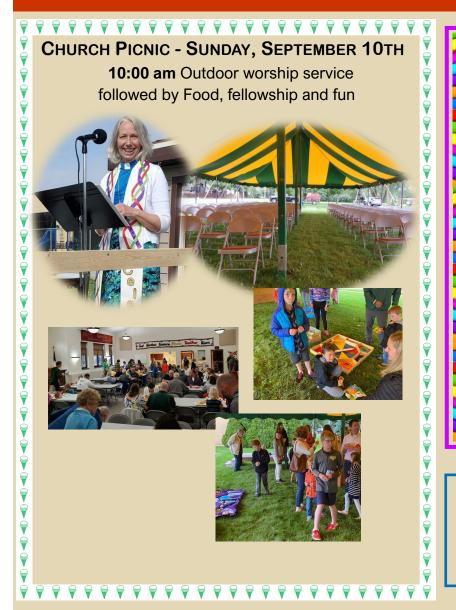
What is keeping you "centered" or "sane" right now?

Actually it IS prayer, in many forms, shapes, places, times. Sometimes contemplative, wordless, sometimes conversational, sometimes argumentative!

Anything else you might want to share about yourself?

Music is and probably always has/will be a foundational part of my life, prayer life included.

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 21st at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams. Working at the local library, Aleisha reads every book on a secret list she found, which transports her from the painful realities she's facing at home, and decides to pass the list on to a lonely widower desperate to connect with his bookworm daughter. If you were unable to attend the August meeting, extra

copies of the book are available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information. Everyone is welcome!



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



FIRE-FELLOWSHIP-FUN

On a beautiful Friday night in August, 20 members of all ages gathered at St. John for a Fire-Fellowship-Fun event. There were yard games, conversation, s'more making and even a kick ball game. We hope to do this again in the future and also hope YOU will join us!













* 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

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 26:1-8

- ¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
- ²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.
- ³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.
- ⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

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.

†SEPTEMBER 3RD 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Matthew 16:21-28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

Prayer of the Day

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†SEPTEMBER 10TH 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†SEPTEMBER 17TH 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP



DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†SEPTEMBER 24TH - 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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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Adult Choir

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 for our first rehearsal on Sunday, September 17th at 9:00am in the choir room. High school students are encouraged to join! Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or cassandra.tingo@gmail.com if you have any questions.



YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

JOIN US!

Youth Choir is open to any student, preferably 2nd grade or older. If questions or need more info, call/text JillQ @ 920-360-5772 or email <u>JillQMusic1@aol.com</u>
Thank You!

Worship



will be leading worship on SEPTEMBER 10TH, for the church picnic!

Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Glenn Maus who died on 8/11/23. May God's sure and certain promise bring you peace.



FAITH FORMATION



<u>Children's Ministry</u> Coordinator Position

As Tammy Lewis transitions to focusing more on Middle School Ministry, we are looking to fill her position as Children's Ministry Coordinator. The primary responsibilities for this part time, salaried position are overseeing Sunday School, VBS and Children's games at the picnic. For a full description of the position please contact Pastor Cindy pastorcindy@stjohndepere.org Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to serve in this way!



Calling all 8th-12th grade students – Next summer we are headed to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering.

There will be fun, service, worship with 20,000+ of your closest friends and so much more. Plan now to be part of this life changing faith formation event July 16-20, 2024. Sign up coming soon!!!



Learning Opportunity: Faith, Lies & Spies: Bonhoeffer and You

Register for the on-demand course, "Faith, Lies & Spies: Bonhoeffer and You" from Luther Seminary's Faith+Lead Academy today to examine one extraordinary guiding example of radical faith and courageous conviction under fire: modern-day martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Whether you are just beginning to embark on your

spiritual journey or are seeking rejuvenation as a seasoned disciple, this course will deepen your conviction in decision-making while navigating our contentious political times, effectively bridging the gap between faith and meaningful societal engagement.

The Church *can* and *should* be an agent of justice in this world, and you can be a part of that story. "Faith, Lies & Spies: Bonhoeffer and You" is an immersive experience led by renowned theologian Dr. Andy Root and designed to deepen your sense of purpose, strengthen your awareness of divine guidance in your life, and prepare you to take deliberate action in the face of so much division and uncertainty.

Follow this link for more information and to register. Faith, Lies & Spies Link

FAITH FORMATION



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd
Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On
September 20th we will be meeting at
Oak Street Cafe and then back to church for
Bible study with Pastor Cindy. The study
will be Philippians 1:21-30,
Psalm 145:1-8 and Matthew 20:1-16.
If you have any questions call
Jim Johanek at 920-323-0833.



Our Sunday school year will begin on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 17th</u>! We are currently looking for a K-1st grade co-teacher. Please contact

Tammy Lewis at <u>sundayschool@stjohndepere.org</u> if you are interested in helping. Thank you

Women's Ministry

CHRIST CARE

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

Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327



Thank you to all who joined us for Vacation Bible School. We enjoyed fellowship, helping through service projects, snacks and games together!











"Let us consider how to inspire each other to greater love..." Hebrews 10:24



Mission Trip Reunion Party was a GREAT time!

The perfect end to summer is the annual Mission Trip reunion and Sunday night's event was no different! Teens and adult leaders that went on the summer Youth Mission Trip to Leech Lake, Minnesota were able to spend time enjoying each other's company and catch up before the beginning of school. Kids played Spike ball and sat around the fire, ate pizza and shared laughs and stories. Be sure to join the group for their Mission Trip presentation at both services on Sunday, September 24, 2023.













St. John Trust Fund

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Brian Holtebeck, Bill LaBelle, Randy Ronsman, Dina Destiche, Sean Day, Travis Schreurs & Pastor Cindy

The St. John Trust Fund was established with the intent of providing our church with funding above and beyond what the regular budget would allow.

The Trust Fund is divided into 2 distinct areas:

The Memorial Fund – A memorial fund is an opportunity to celebrate a loved one with a financial gift made in their honor. A gift in their name can create a lasting legacy that will have an impact for years to come.

There are several kinds of memorial funds, each dedicated to a different cause or passion.

Youth Activities Education/Scholarships Senior Citizens Activities Undesignated

The Perpetual Fund – Also known as an endowment fund, consists of a sum of money, or estate, gifted to the church by a donor who wishes to provide a never-ending source of ministry support. The fund is usually named in memory of loved ones or after the donors themselves.

If you would like more information, please reach out to one of the members of the Trust Fund Committee or Pastor Cindy.

over the last few months have assisted with 9 - \$250 College Education Scholarships = \$2250

9 - Camp Scholarships = \$1750

14 - \$150 Mission Trip Scholarships = \$2100

And a \$5,000 Memorial to support the purchasing of a new Clavinova for the sanctuary
A special Thank You to all those that have donated to the Trust Fund







NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!



Bunks Across America Public Build SHP Workshop 2132 E Deerfield Ave Unit 204 Suamico, WI 54173





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS MINISTRY.

For more information please go to https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/wi-de-pere



Hi from Mission Sewing,

We hope that everyone has had a good summer. If anyone is interested in joining us now that school will be starting, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. If you are unable to stay the whole time you can come for as long as can. Just a reminder that if you are cleaning around the house and you find any fabric or gently used sheets feel free to drop them off at church. We have lots of laughs and treats so we hope you can join us. ~Judy Beerntsen



ECSW Women of the ELCA
Biennial Convention
October 21, 2023
St. John Lutheran in De Pere

2023 Biennial Convention! The theme of our Biennial Convention/Fall Retreat is "Justice is Love in Action." Prayerfully consider serving on our synod board for the next 2 years. We need conference representation, president, and vice president. Several of us currently on the board cannot continue based on our constitution. There are 22 of us attending the Women of the ELCA Gathering in Phoenix, Arizona from September 21-24 & will have stories to share at the Biennial Convention. Watch for additional information and share the date with others.

WE PRAY: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". Psalm 46:1 Please hold in healing prayer,
Larry Armstrong, Susan Armstrong, John Grom, Shannon Johnson, and
Lee Schley.



Prayer Requests

If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to have prayers, please call Karen Cota at 920-632-2015 or e-mail Carlyn Cooper at clpdkcm@twc.com.

We will get your requests out to our faithful prayer warriors.

CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH



In 2023, St. John is focusing on collecting the following items each month for the DPCO Food Pantry.

September

Peanut butter

October Canned spaghetti November **Paper Products**

December Reverse Advent Calendar



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER

301 MATHER ST, GREEN BAY

Volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide de-

serts for the evening meal on the first Saturday of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer or provide deserts. If you have any questions, please contact

Carole Basak at 920-339-6246.

NEW Shelter Meal Sign Up Genius







Please bring donations to church by Sunday, September 10, 2023



LET'S HELP MAKE EDUCATION POSSIBLE FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD LIVING THROUGH WAR, DISASTERS AND POVERTY.

LET'S BUILD KITS OF CARE! Through Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise, we will take ordinary school supplies and turn them into extraordinary gifts of God's love.

This year we are asking specifically for the following items only.

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approximately 8x10
- 30-centimeter ruler or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- dollars to purchase backpacks and supplies we run short on. (LWR has very specific backpack requests)



St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 18, 2023 7:00pm

1. Attendance:

<u>Present:</u> Travis Schreurs, Mike McMullen, Jen Holtebeck, Kim Ronsman, Ryan Usiak, Dick Vanden Heuvel, and Lin Reichstadter

Absent: Pastor Cindy, Bill Lake, Katie Schneekloth, and Susan Van Asten

- 2. **Call to Order:** Travis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 3. **Scripture study, discussion, and prayer:** Scripture selection from Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 read by Ryan. Following discussion, Travis led the prayer of the day.
- 4. **Approval of Agenda:** Travis asked for a motion to approve tonight's Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Ryan; second by Lin. Motion carried.
- 5. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Travis asked for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Lin; second by Kim. Motion carried.
 - a. **2024 Budget.** Mike handed out last year's budget and amount spent to date to the different ministries. Please start thinking about what you'd like to budget for for 2024. Mike will give a firm deadline next month, but your ministry's budget will be due sometime in September or October.
 - b. **GREAT Room flooring.** The carpet has been chosen and the target date for installation is September 13.

Discussion Agenda		
New Business		
Old Business		

- 6. **Electronic Account Security Procedures.** Travis is working on this and we will revisit it next month.
- 7. Land Use Long Range Planning. We brainstormed ideas for using the parcel of land in the rear of the church and started developing a list. We will revisit these ideas at a future meeting.

Ministry/Committee Reports

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

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Travis asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Dick; second by Ryan. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: August 15, 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Jen Holtebeck

Council Secretary

Electronic

St. John Lutheran Treasurer's Report Statement of Cash Flow July 31, 2023

2023	Envelopes	Electronic Giving	Loose	Other	Total	Expenses	Actual Net +/-	Budget	Budget +/-
January	\$12,226.00	\$14,095.79	\$178.00	\$1,800.74	\$28,300.53	\$27,537.47	\$763.06	\$29,114.25	-\$813.72
February	\$15,160.00	\$13,237.94	\$311.00	\$1,535.56	\$30,244.50	\$25,377.19	\$4,867.31	\$29,114.25	\$1,130.25
March	\$15,468.50	\$13,037.10	\$70.00	\$2,813.84	\$31,389.44	\$27,530.04	\$3,859.40	\$29,114.25	\$2,275.19
April	\$17,392.00	\$12,966.19	\$437.00	\$1,750.51	\$32,545.70	\$32,956.35	-\$410.65	\$29,114.25	\$3,431.45
May	\$19,751.00	\$13,624.49	\$149.00	\$761.82	\$34,286.31	\$27,420.62	\$6,865.69	\$29,114.25	\$5,172.06
June	\$11,239.00	\$13,207.23	\$211.00	\$554.90	\$25,212.13	\$28,926.13	-\$3,714.00	\$29,114.25	-\$3,902.12
July	\$20,494.01	\$12,825.49	\$184.00	\$912.29	\$34,415.79	\$25,282.57	\$9,133.22	\$29,114.25	\$5,301.54
August								\$29,114.25	
September								\$29,114.25	
October								\$29,114.25	
November								\$29,114.25	
December								\$29,114.25	
2023Total	\$111,730.51	\$92,994.23	\$1,540.00	\$10,129.66	\$216,394.40	\$195,030.37	\$21,364.03	\$349,371.00	\$12.594.65
MO. AVG	\$15,961.50	\$13,284.89	\$220.00	\$1,447.09	\$30,913.49	\$27,861.48	•	\$29,114.25	\$158.27
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	Nicolet Bank S	Savings Balan	ce 07/31/23		\$ 74,524.02				
	CD Matures 9/	5/23			\$ 30,667.11				
	MIF CD Mature	es 7/8/24			\$ 25,000.00				
	Designated Fu	ınds Balance	07/31/23		\$ 11,542.29				
Des	ignated Funds	CFCU CD Mat	ures 3/29/25		\$ 75,020.09				
	Bank Total 07/	31/23			\$ 223,179.11				

Last month I witnessed the most amazing fireworks show that I have ever seen and it was put on by the congregation of St. John. You people are amazing! The month of July is historically the lowest month of giving during the year. I was a little apprehensive about July, especially after seeing a very quiet giving month in June. But look what happened! July came and went and you the people of St. John, made it one of the best months of the year. Your generosity provided \$34,415.79 for ministry. These gifts more than made up for the negative cash flow we experienced in June.

Thank you all for that glorious fireworks show you put on in the church in July. It truly gave me goosebumps!

Respectfully, Mike McMullen Treasurer

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23	2	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club	8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	7pm - Council Mtg	26	8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Adult Education 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP
16	15	9am - Finance Mtg 9am - Mission Sewing 1:30pm - Stewardship	7pm - Nominating	7pm - Grief Lectionary	1m - Grief Lectionary	10am - WORSHIP-PICNIC
8am - SHP Build Day	ω	9am - Mission Sewing 7:15pm - Worship &	10am - Christ Care	G.	4	9am - WORSHIP
4:30pm - NEW Comm		31	30	29	28	27
Sep 2023 (Central Time - Chicago) Sat	Fri Sep	Thu	Wed	Tue	Pere Mon	St. John Lutheran Church - De Pere Sun

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WORSHIP & CONTACT INFO



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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service
(Starting Sept. 17th)
8am & 10:00am Service
Education - 9:00am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE
September 18, 2023
Send submissions to
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