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Stewardship Focus- Mission Sewing

September 22 - Blessing of the Quilts

The quilts spread about the pews on this day don't just magically appear but are made by members of the Mission Sewing Ministry. Every Thursday morning from 9:00 until noon, about 10 ladies, a few who are friends of St John members, gather together to design, pin, sew and tie quilts. But quilting isn't the only ministry that happens on these mornings.

During the school year, students from Syble Hopp walk over and sort precut squares by color and/or design for quilt tops. The students get to use their creativity to layout the designs and practice their social skills as they interact with each other and the quilters. The packages of squares they assemble are put in the narthex for anyone to take home, sew together and return to church. The look on the kid's faces is priceless when they see a quilt made with the squares they put together.

Once completed the quilts are distributed to freedom House, House of Hope, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Golden House, NEW Community Shelter, Lutheran World Relief, the Veterans and the DPCO Christmas Store. The Mission Sewing group appreciates the donation of fabric and gently used sheets and the congregation's support of their craft and bake sale.

New this fall- The Sewing group from Our Lady of Lourdes recently lost their workspace. We had space to spare and they now meet at St John on Thursday mornings just across the hall from Mission Sewing. The new friendships and camaraderie adds to the outreach St John supports.

The guilts produced, the friendships shared and grown show how the Mission Sewing group supports the St John mission of 'living our faith and enriching lives'.

Ruth Aerts

Mission Sewing & Stewardship Committe Member









Church Contact Info

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SEPT. 8TH 9:00am - Setup 10:00am - Worship & Picnic **No live stream** this day.

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION







Do you have any Thrivent Financial products? If so you are likely eligible to apply for up to 2 Action Team grants per year. Action Team grants can support ministry at St. John and they only cost you a little of your time to apply for one! These teams have been used to purchase batting for quilts, supplies for LWR School Kits and supplies for snack bags for the shelter. They have helped with costs associated with youth mission trips and supplies for I the youth Palm Sunday Breakfast. Last year we even used an Action Team grant to help with the costs of Advent by Candlelight. Talk to Pastor about how your access to an Action Team grant can support ministries at St. John.

Did you know that as a Thrivent member, you can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars to St John at no expense to you? Last year we received \$2683 from members' designation of their Choice Dollars to St John.

Not a member? It is easy to sign up for an Associate Member for \$20 and then you too could apply for 1 Thrivent Action Team Grant/year!

The ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA hosted 16,000 people, including 8 youth and 2 adults from St. John! Highlights from our trip include mouthwatering food from Cafe Du Monde and Crescent City Brewhouse; amazing guest speakers about our calling to be brave, authentic, disruptive, and free disciples of God; toe-tapping music from groups like the Afters and Blanca; and meaningful experiences like cleaning clogged storm drains for a neighborhood and meeting ELCA youth from around the country. Thank you to the congregation for supporting our journey! Join us during worship on September 29, so we can share our experiences with you!

















HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, May September 19th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See. Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends who come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook's mother. As the girls take up their positions as baby divers, they know they are beginning a life of excitement and responsibility—but also danger. If you were unable to attend the LISA S August meeting, extra copies of the book may



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information. Everyone is welcome!

be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

On a beautiful Sunday night in August, our middle school members gathered at St. John for a Fire-Fellowship-Fun event. There was conversation, s'more making and even a gaga ball game. We hope to do this again in the future and also hope YOU will join us!









* 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

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 15

- ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
- ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- ⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
- ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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 1ST 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†SEPTEMBER 8TH 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mark 7:24-37

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophoenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us O God, through suffering and a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

†SEPTEMBER 15TH 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

Prayer of the Day

rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP



†SEPTEMBER 22ND 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+SEPTEMBER 29TH 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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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WORSHIP



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>





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 15th 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.



HE PRAISE BAND will be leading worship on SEPTEMBER 8TH, for the church picnic!



FAITH FORMATION



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd
Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On
September 18th we will be meeting at
Nicolet Restaurant and then back to
church for Bible study with Pastor Cindy.
The study will be James 3:13-18,
Psalm 54 and Mark 9:30-37.
If you have any questions call
Jim Johanek at 920-323-0833.



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

Lutheran Men in Mission Building Men for Christ

Please to go the link below as a source of information for those involved in congregational men's ministries. https://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/

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Adult Learning
Opportunities

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

<u>Sunday Sept. 15th</u> 9:00 *Life Lessons from Mark-* True Discipleship Join us for this discussion using Mark's gospel. Books provided.

<u>Sunday Sept. 22nd</u> 9:00am Join us we welcome Rev. Tim Krick from Lutheran World Relief and learn more about how our support of this important ministry is impacting lives.

<u>Sunday, Sept. 29th</u> 9:00am Hear more about our youth's experience at the Youth Gathering in New Orleans this past summer.

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Sunday School begins Sept. 15th!

3yr old - 4th grade

Do you still need to register? Scan this QR Code to sign up!



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



Sept. 15.

Theme: Peter's Faith Mark 8:27-38



Sept. 22

Theme: Who Is the Greatest? Mark 9:30-37



Sept. 29

Theme: Share God's Love Mark 9:28-50



MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission Sewing,

If anyone is interested in coming to see what we do or want to help with quilting, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. Claire has an interest in design and put a quilt together. She picked out the fabric and learned how to cut, pin and sew the pieces together. She then helped with putting the back and batting in the quilt and pinning the border. She learned how to sew the border and then tied the quilt. Here is a picture of the quilt she put together, which she wants to donate to Sleep In Heavenly Peace. All the quilters had fun teaching Claire how to quilt and she has been coming back whenever she has time. We look forward to anyone who would like to come and join us. ~Judy Beerntsen

CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH



In 2024, St. John is focusing on collecting the following items each month for the DPCO Food Pantry.

September

Jello & Pudding Mix

October

Vegetable Oil

November

Stove Top Stuffing Mix

December Tea & Coffee





Through your generosity we collected 11 sets of dinnerware and 10 sets of silverware!

Thank you for helping to make the holidays brighter for children and families in the De Pere community.



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER

301 MATHER ST, GREEN BAY

Volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide

deserts for the evening meal on the <u>first Saturday</u> of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Special thanks go to Lucky Pennies for serving and Lois McAllister for providing desserts for the August meal. Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer or provide deserts for

the October meal. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Basak at 920-339-6246.



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, Inge Kussow, Marilyn Wilsman,
Gerry Bos, James Sucha, and Lee Schley.



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.

MISSION & SERVICE

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 18, 2024 7:00pm

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

1. Attendance:

Present: Pastor Cindy, Sean Day, Tom Baciak, Mike McMullen, Jen

Holtebeck, Ryan Usiak, and Lin Reichstadter

Absent: Kim Ronsman, Katie Schneekloth, and Susan Van Asten

2. **Call to Order:** Sean called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

- 3. **Scripture study, discussion, and prayer:** Scripture selection from Mark 4:35-41 read by Ryan. Following discussion, Sean 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 Ryan; second by Jen. 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 Jen; second by Tom. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda_

New Business

6. **2025 Budget.** Mike passed out information about each ministry's budget for the past two years. Please bring your proposal for next year's budget to the August council meeting. Ryan asked if the money for long range planning for land use would come under the property and grounds budget. There is money budgeted for capital improvements.

Old Business

- 7. Land Use Update -- Long Range Planning.
 - a. **Community Garden.** The UW Extension Office has sent a sample of a service agreement, which Ryan and Travis will review. The Extension is also seeking a grant on our behalf for the building of a fence on the property to comply with city ordinances for Community Gardens.
 - b. Columbarium. No update.

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 Lin; second by Ryan. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: August 20, 2024 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Jen Holtebeck Council Secretary

MISSION & SERVICE

Statement of Cash Flow July 31, 2024

| 2024 | Envelopes | Electronic Giving | Loose | Other | Total | Expenses | Actual Net +/- | Budget | Budget +/- |
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| January | \$18,255.00 | \$12,427.34 | \$1,635.00 | \$3,248.85 | \$35,566.19 | \$30,866.70 | \$4,699.49 | \$30,537.92 | \$5,028.27 |
| February | \$17,128.64 | \$12,366.72 | \$193.00 | \$2,022.14 | \$31,710.50 | \$27,035.76 | \$4,674.74 | \$30,537.92 | \$1,172.58 |
| March | \$16,302.00 | \$12,050.67 | \$215.31 | \$3,896.16 | \$32,464.14 | \$27,667.80 | \$4,796.34 | \$30,537.92 | \$1,926.22 |
| April | \$18,620.00 | \$13,098.06 | \$580.00 | \$1,691.43 | \$33,989.49 | \$39,461.61 | -\$5,472.12 | \$30,537.92 | \$3,451.57 |
| May | \$15,400.00 | \$12,504.02 | \$249.00 | \$1,630.48 | \$29,783.50 | \$23,975.42 | \$5,808.08 | \$30,537.92 | -\$754.42 |
| June | \$19,170.00 | \$12,681.81 | \$172.00 | \$2,104.34 | \$34,128.15 | \$27,125.49 | \$7,002.66 | \$30,537.92 | \$3,590.23 |
| July | \$16,615.00 | \$13,145.64 | \$156.26 | \$1,717.53 | \$31,634.43 | \$26,926.04 | \$4,708.39 | \$30,537.92 | \$1,096.51 |
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| Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 7/31/24 \$ | 28,472.66 |
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| Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 7/31/24 \$ | 27,857.42 |
| CFCU CD Matures 3/29/25 \$ | 79,423.65 |
| MIF CD Matures 2/11/25 \$ | 26,278.49 |
| Designated Funds Balance 7/31/24 \$ | 34,693.05 |
| Designated Funds PCM \$ | 32,256.38 |
| Bank Total 7/31/24 | 228,981.65 |





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

Direct your Thrivent Choice **Dollars** Today!



The Thrivent Choice Program

allows Thrivent Financial members

to choose where Thrivent distributes its charitable outreach grant dollars. Thank you to all who have listed St. John as a recipient! Remember to contact Thrivent to indicate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. For questions, more information, or to start designating Choice Dollars, please

> contact Thrivent directly 1-800-THRIVENT or at www.thrivent.com.

Mission & Service

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WORSHIP TIMES
Sunday Service
(Starting Sept. 15th)
8am & 10:00am Service
Education - 9:00am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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