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Furnace Update & Call for Support

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Dear Church Family,

Over the past three years, our council has been actively exploring options to improve the efficiency of our church's furnace, which was installed in the church's original construction. Throughout this time, we have encountered various challenges, including occasional malfunctions, difficulty in sourcing parts, and increasing inefficiencies that lead to higher monthly energy costs.

We consulted with multiple companies to determine the most cost-effective solution - whether to repair or replace the system. Unfortunately some companies are no longer in business, and system improvements have advanced significantly, offering the potential for substantial savings and better performance. Estimates for replacement have ranged from \$80,000 to over \$250,000.

In July, the council approved moving forward with a new boiler system at a cost of \$95,000, which is scheduled to be installed starting in September. Thanks to your faithful giving over the years, we have secured the necessary funding within our capital improvements budget to cover this project.

We are excited to share that the Trust Fund is currently running a matching grant initiative to assist in restoring some of the monies we are using for this project. We have set a fundraising goal of \$30,000, and the Trust Fund has kindly offered to match up to \$15,000 - meaning your contribution can be effectively doubled.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a pledge or donation toward this improvement project. Your support will help us reduce ongoing energy costs and ensure a warm, comfortable environment for our church family for years to come.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your support, please reach out to one of the council members.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment.

Yours in Christ,
Sean Day
Council President



**SUNDAY,
SEPT. 7TH**
9:00am - Setup
**10:00am - Worship
& Picnic**
**No live stream
this day.**



**Starting Sunday,
Sept. 14th**
Worship Times are
Sunday 8am and 10:00am

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

10:00 am Outdoor worship service
followed by food, fellowship and fun.

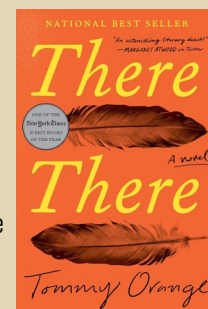


SCAM ALERT!

Please know that Pastor Cindy or anyone from the church office **will never** text you or email you asking for "a favor" or "gift cards." These are scams posing as Pastor and sadly, are very common. If it's a text, block the number and if it's an email report it as spam. You can usually spot the scam by looking at the phone number or the full email extension. If you're ever unsure about a message, don't hesitate to call the church office to verify its authenticity.



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 18th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing There, There by Tommy Orange. It follows twelve people from Native communities, all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize. They converge and collide on one fateful day at the Big Oakland Powwow and together this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American. If you were unable to attend the August 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

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's



"My spouse keeps losing his keys. Does this mean he has dementia?"

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. Join us to learn about:

- Common signs of dementia and Alzheimer's.
- Typical age-related changes to memory.
- How to approach someone about memory concerns.
- Early detection and benefits of diagnosis.
- Alzheimer's Association and other community resources.

Offered in partnership with:



Designed for a general audience (those living with dementia, caregivers, interested community members, neighbors and friends).

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



Sunday, October 5, 2025
9:00-9:30am

St. John Lutheran Church
1700 Lost Dauphin Road, De Pere

For more information, please
call 800.272.3900.



HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



Dear people of St John- a simple thank you falls far short of the deep, deep gratitude I have for the wonderful retirement celebration you had for me. Mike and I were deeply touched by your heartfelt notes, cards and comments, the wonderful brunch and our final time of worship together, filled with so much beautiful music and authentic emotion.

As we open ourselves to what God has in store for us next (beyond of course lots of camping!) know that we continue to hold you in prayer as the Spirit moves and guides you too. You, the people of St John will forever hold a special spot in our hearts.

*Humbly and with sincere appreciation for the time God gave us together,
Cindy and Mike*



A NOTE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Reflecting with Love: A New Chapter Begins

As we mark almost one month since Pastor Cindy's retirement, our hearts are full - with gratitude, with love, and with hope. This season of transition invites us to pause, reflect, and gently step into a new chapter together as a church family.

Embracing Change with Grace and Faith

Change is never easy, especially when it involves saying goodbye to a beloved leader. Yet in this moment of tender transition, we are reminded that God walks with us through every season. Just as the earth rests and renews before bearing new fruit, so too are we in a sacred time of renewal and possibility.

We hold Pastor Cindy in our prayers and hearts as she embraces her next chapter - one that we trust will be filled with rest, joy, deeper connection with family, and perhaps new ways of sharing her gifts. And as she moves forward, so do we - leaning into our faith, our relationships, and the beautiful unknown that God is already shaping for us.

Honoring the Past, Trusting the Future

Pastor Cindy's legacy continues to bless us, not only in memories but in the values and spirit she helped nurture in our community. Her compassion, leadership, and wisdom are woven into the fabric of who we are.

Let us honor that legacy by staying connected - to one another and to the heart of our church. Whether you feel called to volunteer, attend upcoming events, or simply share a kind word with someone new, your presence is a gift that helps us stay strong and rooted in love.

Looking Ahead with Open Hearts

In the months to come, we will share updates on our pastoral search and other exciting developments. We are committed to transparency and care as we walk this path together, trusting that God is preparing the right person to lead us into the future.

If you have any questions, ideas, or just need someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Pastor Doug, or any member of the Council. We are here for you - with listening ears and open hearts.

Above all, we ask for your continued prayers - for the Council, for our Congregation, and for the journey ahead. May this time be one of deepening faith, renewed connection, and the quiet joy of discovering what God has in store next.

Yours in Christ,
Sean Day
Council President

WORSHIP



YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

JOIN US!

Upcoming Youth & Children's Choir Schedule:

Sun. Sept. 14, 21, and 28

8:45 a.m. @ Youth Choir

9:30 a.m. @ Children's Choir

Thank You!



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



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 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

*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 7th

13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†SEPTEMBER 14th

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 15:1-10

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†SEPTEMBER 21st

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP



DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†SEPTEMBER 28th

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from 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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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 14th 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.

FAITH FORMATION



MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30am. On **September 17th** we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant and then back to church for Bible study with Pastor Cindy. The study will be Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, & Luke 16:1-13.

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 at **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/>

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Confirmation



Reminder:
Confirmation begins
Wednesday,
October 1st at
6:30pm!



Sunday School begins Sept. 14th!
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. 14th
Theme: *The Lost Sheep/Lost Coin*
Luke 15:1-10

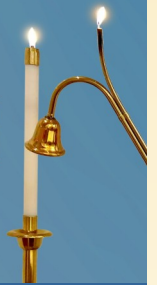


Sept. 21st
Theme: *Two Masters*
Luke 16:1-13



Sept. 28th
Theme: *Parable of the Rich Man*
Luke 16:19-31

ACOLYTE TRAINING



Keep your eyes peeled for information on the next Acolyte Training for all 6th grade students. Those who are older and haven't gone through the training are asked to attend also.

MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission sewing,
If anyone is interested in joining us or just to see what we do, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. We received a thank you note from Sleep in Heavenly Peace and in the note, they informed us that in the past 4 years we have donated 185 quilts to local children, which has brought warmth, comfort and joy to the children. Hope you will stop in to help us out or take squares that are prebagged home to sew and bring back when done. Also, if you have any gently used sheets or fabric that you do not want anymore, you can drop it off at the church or put them in the sewing room. We have a lot of laughs and treats, so we hope to see you.
~Judy Beerntsen



**De Pere
Christian
Outreach**

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

Volunteer needed in the following areas/departments:

- Books (Thursday 12-3PM)
- Store Decor- (Thurs/Friday)
- Clothing Runner Tuesday - (Friday 9-11AM)
- Store Manager(Wednesday & Thursday's mornings 10-12:30)
- Seasonal (Tues 12:30-3:00 PM or Friday 8:30-11; 12-3)
- Cashiering/Bagging (Various shifts)
- Toy department (Monday 9-12; Friday 9-12)

If interested please contact Amy Murphy
920-655-5758
or Amurphydpc@gmail.com



DPCO food pantry September focus collection is Hamburger Helper.

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 August meal.

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



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.



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 clpdckm@twc.com.

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

MISSION & SERVICE

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting

****Transition Meeting****

July 22, 2025 6:00pm

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

Attendance:

Present: Pastor Cindy, Sean Day, Steve Leiterman, Kourtney Feldhausen, Pastor Doug Holtz, Mike McMullen, Kim Ronsman, Katie Schneekloth, Pastor Dara Clifford, and Susan Van Asten

Introductions and Prayer

- Pastor Dara called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
- Introductions of Church Council
- Led by Pastor Dara

Boundaries in Transition

- **Pastor Cindy's transition includes not being able to be a part of pastoral acts (baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc.)**
 - Pastor Cindy will become "Cindy"
- Pastor Cindy will have boundaries on her end as well
- Ethics in Leave taking for Rostered Ministers & Congregations document
 - Signed by Pastor Cindy and Council President, Sean Day

Affirmations & Encouragements:

- Shared by all

Litany of thanksgiving:

- Shared by all

Discussion of Transition:

- Most congregations in transition don't get a transition pastor but have a variety of supply pastors each week or a lay person
 - We are blessed to have Pastor Doug as our transition pastor
- Pastor Doug will help us put together our MSP (Ministry Site Profile) to show who St. John is
 - Process of creating a document that gives candidates and honest and realistic picture of who we are
 - History, data collecting, community, what we are known for, what makes our congregation special, financial picture of our congregation, etc.
 - 5-6 people will be on the team of putting together MSP
 - This team will start in September
 - Approximately 3-6 months of work
 - Congregation survey will be a part of this process, too, to ensure all voices are heard
- Call Committee
 - About six members

Old Business

- Furnace vote - Replace the current furnace with three high efficiency boilers (not replace the fans) with an expense not to exceed \$95,000.
 - Funding is fully available
 - Because it's a budgeted amount for capital improvements, the Church Council can vote to approve.
- Steve made the motion to replace the furnace and Kim seconded the vote. The vote was unanimously approved.

Ministry/Committee Reports

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

Adjournment: Ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting: August 19, 2024 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

MISSION & SERVICE

**St. John Lutheran
Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Flow
July 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								\$31,084.00	
September								\$31,083.00	
October								\$31,083.00	
November								\$31,083.00	
December								\$31,083.00	

2025Total	\$98,836.20	\$94,540.27	\$2,043.03	\$18,796.32	\$214,215.82	\$202,649.33	\$11,566.49	\$373,004.00	-\$14,938.67
MO. AVG	\$14,119.46	\$13,505.75	\$291.86	\$2,685.19	\$30,602.26	\$28,949.90	\$1,652.36	\$31,083.67	-\$3,250.96

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 7/31/25	\$ 36,678.03
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 7/31/25	\$ 38,299.58
PCM Savings	\$ 27.41
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/26	\$ 82,863.38
CFCU CD Matures 10/13/25	\$ 25,610.38
Designated Funds Balance 7/31/25	\$ 43,140.87
Designated CFCU CD Matures 10/14/25	\$ 33,870.08
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/26	\$ 27,325.51
Bank Total 7/31/25	\$ 287,815.24



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- Make one-time contributions
- View your online giving history

Visit the church website to get started today!

www.stjohndepere.org

Thank You!

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

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!



The Thrivent
Choice Program

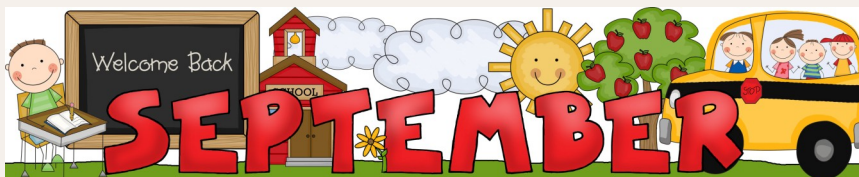
allows Thrivent Financial members to choose where

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>31</div> <div>10am - Worship & Picnic</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>10am - Christ Care</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9am - Mission Sewing 1:30pm - Celebration & Outreach Committee Meeting</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter Meal</div>
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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/](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnLutheranDePere)

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

Kim Ronsman - Stewardship

Katie Schneekloth - Faith Formation

Tom Baciak - Property

Amy LaBelle - Worship & Music

Susan Van Asten - Celebration & Outreach

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service

(Starting Sept. 14th)

8am & 10:00am Service

Education - 9:00am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE

September 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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