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**SEPTEMBER
2026**

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**SUNDAY,
SEPT. 13TH
9:00am - Setup
10:00am - Worship
& Picnic
No live stream
this day.**

*“Hear, my child, your father’s instruction,
and do not reject your mother’s teaching,
“for they are a fair garland for your head
and pendants for your neck
-Proverbs 1*

Greetings from the Pastor’s Desk!

Ahh the start of the new school year: the patterns new and renewed as children, young adults, teachers and staff all return to their campuses and classrooms to usher a new cohort of students through nine months of progress into adulthood. It is, even when messy and complicated, glorious and holy work.

Several of the church bodies who eventually became our ELCA had specific categories of calling recognizing the essential and invaluable role of teachers, commissionings, deacons, and even ordination just like a pastor’s.

All of this points to a belief that education has the power to be about more than learning facts and figures and their application, and more than moral training, more than technical, social, emotional, and artistic skills. Even as our students embrace (if reluctantly sometimes) these new ways of learning and knowing the world, themselves, and each other, their learning is also a means of helping them connect with the God who is behind and beyond it all, who has become known to us through Jesus Christ, and who loves each and every one of us. And, frankly, when moments like this happen outside of the sanctuary, they are that much more powerful. An opportunity to grow in awe, wonder, and compassion - whatever the venue - is a holy time. If you have the opportunity to do that for anyone regularly, that is holy work.

Thank you teachers, coaches, and all faculty and staff for all you do to open hearts and minds. You are a blessing to your students and your community.

Sincerely,

-Pr. Nate



**Starting Sunday,
Sept. 20th**

Worship Times are
8am and 10:00am

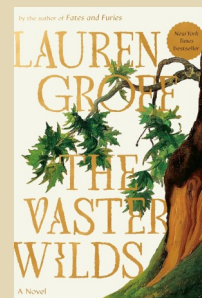
HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

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



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 17th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff. A servant girl escapes from a colonial settlement in the wilderness. She carries nothing with her but her wits, a few possessions, and the spark of god that burns hot within her. A thrilling adventure story and a penetrating fable about trying to find a new way of living in a world succumbing to the churn of colonialism. 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!



SCAM ALERT!

Please know that Pastor 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.



Our Dungeons & Dragons campaign will continue in the Youth Space following the picnic until 1pm. The table is always open, and you do not need experience to play. We will be meeting on the second Sunday of the month from 11am-1pm through April, adjusting the times after the worship schedule changes in May.



Dear St. John Trust Fund,
Thank you so much for the Scholarship to help aid in costs as I pursue a degree. It helps a lot and has meant a lot to me since I started college. I look forward to graduation and being apart of the congregation regularly.

Thank you,
Elliot
Feldhausen

Dear St. John Lutheran,
thank you so much for awarding me with your Scholarship! I am so blessed to be part of such an amazing congregation & even though I wasn't able to make it for the service, I am so grateful to have been given this scholarship :). Thank you for all you do!
Love, Layla

Dear St. John,
Thank you so much for your generosity. The scholarship will help greatly as I start schooling at UW - Madison.
Thanks Again, Grace Van De Ven

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

Welcome, Pastor Nate!

On Sunday, September 16th, Pastor Nate Winterhof officially joined the St. John family as our new pastor! We are incredibly excited and grateful to have him leading us as we continue our faith journey together. Please join us in giving Pastor Nate a warm St. John welcome! Stay tuned for information on his Installation Service.



“A New Journey Begins--Led by the Shepherd.”



HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



Check out the August newsletter at the link below for the latest information about WELCA and the Fall Retreat.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NveXAuaQ7jZ1jOpzvqQ8-CwwfdxPSFo0/view?usp=sharing>

Registration forms available on the ministry board. If you have questions, contact Carol Grom at 920-370-8818.

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

WELCA Fall Retreat

November 7, 2026

Mt. Morris Conference Center

"Walking by Faith, Constantly Tripping"

Featuring:

Franki Moscato

Singer and Speaker

Franki Moscato is an American singer/songwriter, actress, and national speaker.

She believes her music is a form of ministry, and her passion for praising the Lord through her voice has shaped her entire career.

Also share:

- ❖ **Worship Service**
With Pastor Jenn Pockat and Dr. Kartika Putri, musician
- ❖ **Crafts and Fellowship, Tai Chi, and Labyrinth practices**
- ❖ **In-Kind Offering**
- ❖ **Silent Auction**

Event Date and Time:

Saturday, November 7
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location:

Mt. Morris Conference Center
W6016 Blackhawk Road
Wautoma, WI 54982

**Please register by
Monday, September 7, 2026**



East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



WORSHIP



Join us at the church picnic on September 13th



YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Music Time is Coming!

Ms. Jill is excited to share the joy of music with our Sunday School students! **Music Time begins Sunday, September 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.**

We can't wait to make a joyful noise together!

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.



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 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

*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 6th

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 13th

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.

†SEPTEMBER 20th

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.

WORSHIP



DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†SEPTEMBER 27th

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

Prayer of the Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, 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

Calling all singers: The St. John Choir will start rehearsals on Sept. 20th at 9:00 in the choir room. Rehearsals will take place on the first 3 Sundays of the month and is open to all high school students and adults. All are welcome, regardless of your musical background. Please contact Cassie Tingo at 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 16th** 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.



Join Tammy on Sunday, September 20th from 11-1pm for fun, fellowship & Minute to Win It games!



CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at **10:00am** at church. Questions? Please call Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327 or Sandy Piette at 920-445-5946.

High School Youth Group

Join us on September 13 for the St. John Church Picnic. We could use some help with set up at 9am and running family games at 11am. Because we haven't had a ton of young kids for the carnival in recent years, we are trying something NEW during that time: family games. I will need 2-3 people to run some lawn games and Gaga Ball from 11-12. Please RSVP by September 10 if you can set up and/or help with games. I am happy to sign volunteer hour documentation for anyone who brings their form.



It feels early, but the DPCO Christmas Store needs our donations early to get everything set up. We will be shopping on Saturday, October 3 from Noon-3 PM at Bay Park Square Mall. This is always a fun outing, and it includes lunch at the food court! Bring a friend and your volunteer hour documentation forms. Please RSVP to Sarah by September 30 if you plan to attend.



Sunday School begins Sept. 20th!
3yr old - 4th grade

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



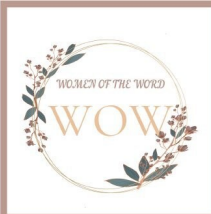
9:00am in classrooms 9:45am pick up your child in the sanctuary



Sept. 20th
Theme: *The Vineyard Workers*
Matthew 20:1-16



Sept. 27th
Theme: *The Chief Priests*
Matthew 21:23-32



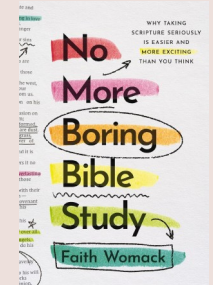
GREAT NEWS! We are going to start WOW back up in September. We will be reading *No More Boring Bible Study* by Faith Womack.

When: Fourth Sunday of the month starting September 27th from 6 to 7:30pm. 6-6:30pm is optional social time.

Where: Church

All are welcome. We will read two chapters each month. We still encourage coming to the meetings even if only part of the reading or no reading was completed. The discussion can still be a great way to connect and learn!

Questions: Katie Schneckloth 920-737-8728 or katieschneckloth@gmail.com



MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission sewing,

If anyone is interested in joining us we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. We are always looking for gently used fitted and flat sheets or any fabric you do not want anymore. Save these dates, we will be having the blessing of the quilts on Sunday September 20th and if anyone is interested in buying a quilt that you like it is \$50.00 for a quilt. The other date is for our Craft and Bake sale which is going to be on October 18th between services. We look forward to seeing you there. *** Remember to take one stitch at a time. *** Judy Beerntsen



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

DO YOU LIKE FLOWERS?

VOLUNTEER STAFF NEEDED TO HELP PRICE AND PROCESS OUR FLORAL
MONDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY 10-3PM (ANYTIME)



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



**De Pere
Christian
Outreach**

**Interested in
Volunteering at the
DPCO Thrift Store?**



Next Volunteering Opportunity:

Saturday, October 3

- No need to RSVP -
Help anytime between **9 am-Noon**
@ 506 Butler St. - De Pere
(Enter at the back of the building.)

*Children can volunteer alongside
parents as long as they are good
helpers.



**DPCO food pantry
September focus
collection is
Baked Beans.**



**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. Volunteers arrive about 4:30pm and serve from 5-6pm.

Our next meal is September 5th and we still need servers and desserts! If you have it in your heart to give a couple hours, we would love your help!
Unable to deliver your desserts? No problem!
Please contact Susan Van Asten to make other arrangements.

Never done it before? No worries! The shelter staff will gladly walk you through the process and show you everything you need to know. It's easy, meaningful, and a wonderful way to serve others!

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, Mark Robinson,
Carol Grom, Lea Ann Johnson & Carlyn Cooper.



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 - July 26, 2026 After 9am service

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

1. Attendance:

Present: Sean Day, Kourtney Feldhausen, Lynsey Muellenbach, Tom Baciak, Amy LaBelle, Heather Hutchison

Absent: Steve Leiterman, Mike McMullen, Christopher Flores

2. Call to Order: Sean called the meeting to order at 10:20am.

3. Scripture study, discussion, and prayer: Sean led the prayer of the day.

4. Approval of Agenda: Sean asked for a motion to approve today's Agenda or for any changes. The motion was made by Lynsey; second by Amy. 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 Kourtney; second by Steve. Motion carried.

Ministry/Committee Reports

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

Discussion Agenda

New Business

- Church Picnic September 13th
 - Ordering from Biebel's
 - Kids games
- Pastor Nate's first service 8/16, 9am
 - Formal installation service to come later
- Finding Sunday school and confirmation teachers to the agenda
 - Put in newsletter and announcements
 - Currently no lead for education
 - Heather Hutchinson has received some interest from members to teach
 - She is not the lead of this, but just communication point right now
 - There had been a schedule of two parent volunteers to help out each week. That did not happen consistently. There also was no frontloading of any lesson information
 - Sunday School will start September 20, the week after church picnic (this is when services go back to 8am and 10am)
 - Sign up to come
- New Property and Grounds and President positions on Council will be needed for next year

Old Business

- ◆ Transition
- ◆ RIC Update
- ◆ Upcoming Capital Improvements
- ◆ Vision for Ministry Living our faith. Enriching lives.
 - Land Use Update— Long Range Planning
 - ★ Community Garden
 - ★ Columbarium—Contact at Lakes Company has changed due to staff member moving

Pillars of focus

Extraordinary Hospitality and Celebration/Enthusiastic Worship/Engaging Faith Formation/ Enriching Mission and Service

Adjournment: Since no further business was evident, Sean asked for a motion of adjournment. The motion was made by Heather; second by Amy. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: August 18, 2026 6:00pm

Minutes submitted by:

Kourtney Feldhausen, Council Secretary

MISSION & SERVICE

**St. John Lutheran
Treasurer's Report
Statement of Cash Flow
July 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								\$32,200.00	
September								\$32,200.00	
October								\$32,200.00	
November								\$32,200.00	
December								\$32,200.00	

2026 Total	\$79,368.34	\$93,953.08	\$1,024.25	\$16,074.83	\$190,420.50	\$181,096.11	\$9,324.39	\$386,400.00	-\$44,303.89
MO. AVG	\$11,338.33	\$13,421.87	\$146.32	\$2,296.40	\$27,202.93	\$25,870.87	\$1,332.06	\$32,200.00	-\$6,794.52

Nicolet Bank Checking Balance 7/31/26	\$59,024.82
Nicolet Bank Savings Balance 7/31/26	\$19,038.11
CFCU CD Matures 2/27/27	\$86,197.54
CFCU CD Matures 3/17/27	\$66,704.44
Designated MIF CD Matures 2/11/27	\$28,439.31
Bank Total 7/31/26	\$259,404.22

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

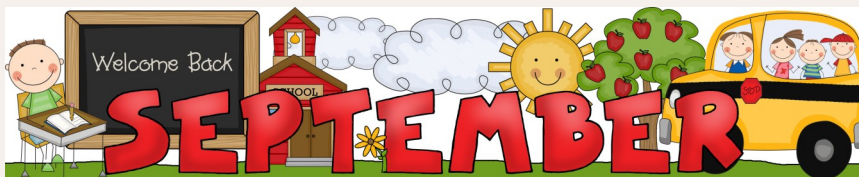
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			10am - Christ Care	9am - Mission Sewing		4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter Meal
9am - Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
				9am - Mission Sewing 2pm - Finance Mtg		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am - Worship 11am - Church Picnic 11:30am - Dungeons & Dragons Campaign		7pm - Council Mtg	8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8am - Worship - Quilt Blessing 9am - Sunday School 9am - Adult Choir 10am - Worship - Quilt Blessing				9am - Mission Sewing		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
8am - Worship 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship 6pm - Women of the Word						

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St. John Lutheran

Church Council Members

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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

(Starting Sept. 20th)

8am & 10:00am Service

Education - 9:00am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE

September 20, 2026

Send submissions to

office@stjohndepere.org

OFFICE HOURS

8:00am – 3:00pm

Mon - Thurs

Hours may vary.

Please call ahead.

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