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Mission Messenger

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

AND WHAT A GLORIOUS SEASON IT IS!



As we celebrate God giving God's self to us in the infant Jesus, our Celebration & Outreach team has put together what we hope will become a new tradition -The Reverse Advent Calendar. Why reverse? Well, generally an advent calendar involves a gift or surprise that you receive each day of the month leading up to Christmas. A Reverse Advent Calendar turns that around. Rather than receiving a gift or surprise each day of December, you give one!

Here's how it works: Come to church in December and pick up a grocery bag with a *Reverse Advent Calendar* attached.

Throughout the month purchase the items listed. Each day add the designated item to the bag. As you place the item in the bag, offer a prayer for those who will receive it.

AFTER Christmas, return your filled bag to church and we will get them delivered to the DPCO Food Pantry. We hope this activity will bring deeper meaning for this season of giving to you as each day you are both mindful of and praying for those in need.

This season and always, know that I give thanks for each of you and for the amazing ministries that happen at and through St. John because of you.

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas, *Pastor Cindy*



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

12:30PM

5:00PM

7:00PM

Hospitality & Celebration



Please join us on Friday, December 6th @6:00pm to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas Season.

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

are due by December 31st. Go online to www.stjohndepere.org, for an application. Completed forms may be put in the Trust Fund mailbox in the narthex or send to COACHLABELLE@HOTMAIL.COM.





"Praise the Lord: praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms." Psalm 68:19 Paul Schink & Seth Meinel

Advent by Candlelight -an Evening for Women

is Monday, December 9th.

The program will begin at 6:00 pm followed by fellowship and desserts.

Advent by Candlelight Planning Team
Marlene Bergum 336.7472 ~ Phyllis Day 336.5134

~ Gail Ryan 494.5412 ~

Pastor Cindy Warmbier-Meyer



HOSPITALIZED?

Please call the church and let us know.

Although hospitals may ask if you have a church affiliation and if you want the church contacted, most often this does not happen. So please call and leave a message with the church office so that Pastor is aware.

Merry Christmas



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Adam, Megan & Fletcher Kaye,
Cheryl McBride
Seth, Mercedes & Sophia Meinel
Fred & Jamie Schepp
Nancy Uhlers
Joe, Danielle, Madden, Charley & Ryenn VandeBerg



Book Club

St. John's Book Club will **NOT** meet in December however, we **WILL** meet at 1:00 PM on Thursday, JANUARY 17TH to discuss The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson Mc Cullers.

Books are available through the Brown County Library.

For more information contact

Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987). Hope to see you there.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Help stock the DPCO Food Pantry

Pick up a grocery bag in the narthex with the **Reverse Advent Calendar** list attached.

Add an item a day to your bag. Return your packed grocery bag to church anytime AFTER Christmas!

- December 1—cereal
- December 2 –cake mix
- December 3 –stuffing mix
- December 4 –boxed potatoes
- December 5 –macaroni and cheese
- December 6 –canned fruit
- December 7 –canned tomatoes
- December 8 –canned tuna
- December 9 –peanut butter
- December 10 –applesauce
- December 11 –canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 –canned mixed vegetables
- December 13 –cranberry sauce

- December 14 –baked beans
- December 15 –box of crackers
- December 16 –canned green beans
- December 17 –oatmeal
- December 18– spaghetti sauce
- December 19—chicken noodle soup
- December 20 –canned corn
- December 21 –tomato soup
- December 22– pasta
- December 23 –chunky soup
- December 24 –rice

Return your packed grocery bag to church anytime after Christmas!





A very special THANK YOU to EVERYONE who participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Along with 50 cans of pumpkin and 50 boxes of stuffing, we also sent \$250.00 in gift cards to the Food Pantry.

Worship

SERVANT	SCHEDULE				Decei	mber 2019
SUNDAY	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	READER	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE
12/01/19 8:00am	Geoff & Kristen Tlachac	Ralph Klipstine Dave and Lois McAllister Robb & Linda Tollefson	Jaden C.	Bill Lake	Sally Campshure Carol Grom Jaelene Wentland	LaBelle
12/01/19 10:30am	Dave & Treena Schepp	Andy Dorner Bob Kruchten Mike McMullen Wally Reichstadter	Cameron R.	Easton LaBelle	Amy LaBelle Lin Reichstadter Tracey Williams	Family
12/08/19 8:00am	Nick & Jenny Leonard	Jim Kneiszel Jeff Ryan 3 More Needed	Connor G.	Carol Grom	Brandi & Leah Goodman Jaelene Wentland	Brandi
12/08/19 10:30am	Larry Armstrong Kristin Whitman	Bob Kruchten Mike Meyer 3 More Needed	Nathan V.	Sierra Guerts	Colleen & Brianna Guerts 1 More Needed	Goodman
12/15/19 8:00am	Lee & Mary Ann Schley	Robb & Linda Tollefson 3 More Needed	1 Needed	Not Needed	Sally Campshure Carolyn VanVonderen 1 More Needed	Carol Grom
12/15/19 10:30am	Judy Beerntsen 1 More Needed	Bob Kruchten 4 More Needed	1 Needed	Brian Holtebeck	Mike Meyer 2 More Needed	
12/22/19 8:00am	Jim & Helen Labs	5 Needed	Nathan V.	Ruth Aerts	Amy Hardtke Lauren & Cindy Nordwig	Helen Labs
12/22/19 10:30am	2 Needed	Bob Kruchten 4 More Needed	Ben W.	Leah Muellenbach	Lynsey Muellenbach 2 More Needed	Helen Laus
12/24/19 12:30pm	Don & Carol Reinke	Dave & Lois McAllister 3 More Needed	Cameron R.	Carol Grom	Jim & Helen Labs Chrissy Paape	ALTAR CARE Needed
12/24/19 5:00pm	2 Needed	5 Needed	1 Needed	Gerri Stempa	Gerri Stempa 2 More Needed	Needed
12/24/19 7:00pm	Marlene Bergum Jim Kneiszel	Hardtke Family Mike Meyer	1 Needed	Ruth Aerts	Ruth Aerts Sean Day Mike Meyer	Needed
12/25/19 9:00am	Robb & Linda Tollefson	Ralph & Janet Klipstine 2 More Needed	1 Needed	Ira Eastman	Ralph Klipstine	Janet Klipstine
12/29/19 9:00am	Schneekloth Family	3 Needed	Paige L.	1 Needed	3 Needed	Needed
THURSDAY	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	READER	COMM. ASST.	ALTARCARE
12/05/19 6:30pm	1 Needed	Tim & Tamara DeBauche	Alivia D.	Kylie Tuma	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper
12/12/19 6:30pm	1 Needed	Tim & Tamara DeBauche	Alivia D.	1 Needed	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper
12/19/19 6:30pm	1 Needed	2 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper
01/02/20 6:30pm	1 Needed	2 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	Needed



Youth Music



*Youth Choir is for any student 2nd grade and older (including confirmation & high school)

*Lil Angels Choir is for all students ages 3 & 4 and kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade

*All students ages 3 & 4 and grades K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th plus the Youth Choir

are in the Christmas Program

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1	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 th	9:15 - 10:15 a.m Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 10:30 a.m Present the Christmas Program during Worship		
	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 th	9:15 - 10:15 a.m Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal		
	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 st	9:00 a.m Speaking parts rehearsal 9:45-10:15 a.m Christmas Program rehearsal		



~~LOOKING AHEAD~~

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th music time resumes

8:45 - Youth Choir 10:00 - Lil Angels Choir

Any questions about Youth Music, call/text Jill Q anytime - 920-360-5772



PURCHASE A POINSETTIA

for our Christmas Eve Services. The cost is \$10.00/plant and the envelopes for these are on the table below the ministry board. (in the narthex)

Orders are due by Sunday, December 15th.

GIVE ONLINE. IT'S EASY!!

*Set up and manage recurring donations
 *Make one-time contributions
 *View your online giving history
 *Visit the church website to get started today @ www.stjohndepere.org



CHRISTMAS WEEK WORSHIP HOURS

Sunday, December 22nd

8:00 & 10:30AM

Christmas Eve, December 24th

12:30PM

5:00PM

7:00PM

Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00AM

Sunday, December 29th

9:00AM





Faith Formation



Confirmation Class News



† Wed. Dec 4th regular class for all students 6:30-7:30 pm

† **Wed. Dec. 11th** Confirmation Class Caroling – meet at church to load the bus at 5:45 pm. We will go caroling and than return to church for ice cream sundaes. The event will end at 7:30 pm.

KEEP BRINGING THOSE OFFERINGS! The students voted and offerings collected during this first semester of Confirmation class will go to support the DPCO Christmas Store!

Please note:

Following the caroling event, Confirmation Classes are on Christmas break until Wed. Jan. 8th.

Acolytes!!!

Calling all 7th and 8th grade students, don't forget to sign up to serve as an acolyte. Each student should be volunteering 2 to 3 times per 3 month period.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

9:15-10:00AM

GRAB SOME COFFEE OR TEA AND JOIN US IN THE GREAT ROOM (OR LUTHER ROOM) FOR CONVERSATION!

Sunday, Dec. 1st First Sunday in Advent

Pastor is away, but you are invited to gather, read the lessons for the day together and discuss how God is speaking to you today, through them.

Sunday, Dec. 8th – The Power of Vulnerability

We will watch Dr. Brene' Brown's talk on the Power of Vulnerability and then discuss how being vulnerable could help us live more fully into our call as children of God.

<u>Sunday, Dec. 15th – "God con Carne" by David Lose</u>. We'll watch this short video as a springboard to discuss what it means to say that in the baby Jesus we meet God.

<u>Sunday, Dec. 22nd Traditions!</u> Let's gather around refreshments and share about beloved family traditions and discover how tradition and ritual brings order to our lives.

<u>Sunday, Dec. 29th – No class</u> as we have one worship service this day at 9:00 am.

Do you remember when **pen pals** were a thing? When people would actually write letters and mail them? Well everything that's old is new again. Here's your chance to have a pen pal and to build a relationship with a younger member of our congregation! We are looking for adults willing to be paired up with our 3rd and 4th grade Sunday school students as pen pals. Our hope is that you correspond with each other through writing at least once a month between December and May. In May we will celebrate your friendship, complete with food for you and your new friend! If you are interested please see Tammy Lewis or look for the signup sheet on the Sunday School board in the narthex located at the top of the steps leading downstairs.

Faith Formation

RING THOSE BELLS! CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

The Salvation Army needs our help again this year!
On Saturday, Dec. 14th our 6th-12th graders are invited to rink bells in two locations...followed by an epic Christmas party with games, music and cookie decorating!



HERE ARE THE DETAILS:

Saturday, December 14th

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Ring bells at either Festival Foods in De Pere OR Dick's Family Foods in Wrightstown

6:00-8:00 p.m. – Celebrate the Christmas spirit with your friends at St. John Lutheran Church.

Bring smiling faces, your best Christmas sweater or reindeer antlers <u>and your friends</u> to this St. John Lutheran Youth Group event.

Please RSVP to Kristin by <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Dec. 11th</u> by call/text at 920-360-6045 or email at <u>kristin@stjohndepere.org</u>.

Watch your inbox for exciting events in the works for January/February/March...a visit to Comedy City, tubing, cribbage tournament and a joint event with local youth groups are all being planned!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES "SURVIVED" THE SURVIVOR-THEMED REFORMATION PARTY!

It was an exciting night of games, friendly competition, and confirmation knowledge testing at the annual Reformation Party. All of the 5th-8th grade confirmation classes formed teams and competed in challenges that included a Reformation word search and Q & A, "Cat Tails" game, and gross-food challenge to win.

Thanks to our parent volunteers for helping out!







CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. If you have questions, please call Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327

WOW

Will be meeting on Tuesday,
December 10th from 6:30-8:30pm.
We are reading "Inspired" by
Rachel Held Evan's. Please contact
Jen Holtebeck, 562-2754 or
Tammy Lewis, 366-8377 with any
questions.

MEN IN MISSION

meets on the third Wednesday of the month. December 18th we will be meeting at Oak Street Café, 9:00am, and then back to church for bible study with Pastor Cindy. Please contact Dick VandenHeuvel for more information (336-7157).















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.
"Come to Me, all you who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take
My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I
am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29

Volunteer Opportunity De Pere Christian Outreach (DPCO)

The first Saturday of each month is

St. John's day to help at DPCO (the next one is

December 7th). What this means is that on this
day members from St. John help "run" the store.

The job includes bagging the
purchases, helping in the sorting room,
placing items out on shelves/racks, or just keeping
the store orderly. The hours are 9:00am - noon
and is located at 506 Butler St, De Pere, WI 54115

Contact Janet Klipstine at 339-9515
for more information.

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SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We are excited to again be a part of The DPCO Christmas Store. Feedback from last year's participants was overwhelmingly positive. Parents shared how they felt empowered and dignified being able to work, pay for and choose the items that bring joy to their kids during the holidays. (The Christmas store allows families to purchase these **new** items at minimal prices. Families are chosen to shop, based on referral and financial hardships.)

Here is how you can help:

Items are due in December 5th, but you can still drop off gift cards until December 8th.

HELP AT THE STORE:

SET UP the store Dec 7th or 9th. Or VOLUNTEER TO WORK at the store Dec. 10th or 11th. Follow these links to sign up. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45abab2ca5fe3-setup
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45abab2ca5fe3-christmas

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

The DPCO Christmas Store Shopping List

HOW TO HELP:

Use the shopping list below to purchase items for The Christmas Store.

Please keep in mind school aged children, elementary to High school.

Drop off NEW UNWRAPPED gifts at St. John Lutheran Church by December 5, 2019

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND NOT USED



Ideas for boys & girls:

Legos 100+ pieces or Duplo size Sports balls & equipment Drawing, Painting, Craft kits Princess & Super Hero items Small Play Figure sets & accessories

Nerf & Squishy play items

Kids play house items; phone, dishes, etc.

Board Games as: Jr. Apples to Apples, Twister, Game of Life, Kerplunk, Uno, Operation, etc.

Outside Play: scooter, sled, riding toy

Tickets for the DePere Theater

Hot wheels track, Trucks or Train

Ideas for teens:

(This is our LARGEST age group)

Basic Skate Board
Bath and body products for girls
Axe body products for boys
Hair dryer, flat or curling iron

Sony ear buds & wireless speakers

\$10.00 gift cards (Fast Food)

Movie pass to Marcus or DePere Theater Packer, Brewer or Badger apparel Board Games as Apples to Apples, Jenga, Chess, Telestrations, Escape the Room, Train dominos, Sequence, Catch Phrase

Clothing items needed:

Athletic Pants for boys & men
Leggings or jeggings for girls & woman
Hooded sweatshirts (Sm to 2X)
Flannel pants (Sm to 2x)
Water proof gloves for Toddler to Adult
Boys & Men's socks, underwear & boxers
Girls & Women's socks, underwear, sports bras

Small Microwave or bag less vacuum

Household Items:

Bed size blankets & sheets (Twin to King)
Skillet or Pot
Basic set of dishes, flatware or glasses 4 people
Small appliances; Toaster, Coffee, Slow cooker
Kitchen tools; can opener, spoons, spatula, tongs,
sharp knives & cutting board
Laundry basket & detergent
Shampoo, conditioner & body wash or puff

Other:

Gift Cards for Food at , Aldi's, Austin's, Festival, Piggly Wiggly, or Walmart Gas Cards \$10 to \$25 Gift card for Pizza at Papa Murphy, Little Caesars, or Pizza Hut Gift card to A&W, Burger King, DQ, or McDonalds

Thank you for your support! Your kindness & generosity are greatly appreciated!

HI FROM MISSION SEWING.

Hope everyone is staying warm in this cold spell. This would be a good time to take home a bag of squares to sew . If you do not want to sew at home please come on Thursdays whenever time permits for you and join us. We meet at 9am until noon. Two girls from Syble Hopp showed an interest in sewing and are learning how to sew while they are here. The west De Pere students are now coming ever other Thursdays. Just a reminder that if you have any gently used sheets you can bring them to the sewing room. Thank you for making this year a success.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Judy Beerntsen



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE - DECEMBER

DE PERE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH THRIFT SHOP S. 6TH AND BUTLER ST. IN WEST DE PERE

Hours are 10-3 Mon-Fri and 9-12 on Sat., Wednesdays until 7:00pm. Your donations and purchases benefit De Pere families. Volunteers needed; call 339-1060 for more information.

DE PERE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY CHICAGO AND LIBAL ST. IN EAST DE PERE

Current items in need are: pancake mix, tuna, canned fruit, oatmeal & baked beans. Donations can be placed on the baker's rack in the narthex. Contact Marlene at 336-7472 if you have questions.



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER 301 MATHER ST, WEST GREEN BAY

Volunteers from St. John prepare and serve the evening meal on the first Saturday of each month – The meal served on Saturday, November 2nd, was prepared and served by Ryan & Rebecca Usiak & friend Bryan. Special thanks to the Usiaks for donating the buns, bananas and extra deserts. Fresh fruits and deserts provided by Beth Challe, Sherry Jensen & Rebecca Usiak.

Thanks and God's blessing to all. Please check the community board for a time that works for you to volunteer.



WOODSIDE SENIOR COMMUNITIES 1040 PILGRIM WAY, ASHWAUBENON

St. John volunteers for 10:00am chapel services (arrive at 9:30) every Thursday and 5th Sunday (our next one is December 29th) Call Marlene, 336-7472, to share a ride if needed. Check out their FB page!

Click on link; https://www.facebook.com/woodsideseniorcommunities/events

THANKS to the volunteers each Thursday and Sunday.



BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTER 3150 GERSHWIN DRIVE, GREEN BAY

THANK YOU to all who volunteered during 2019: Dave & Lois McAllister, Elaine Muesbeck, Helen VanNoie, Donna Hjorth, Sharon W., Carlyn Cooper and Marlene Bergum.

WE WILL RESUME VISITS IN APRIL 2020.





IMPORTANT DATES

Plan now to attend an **Ask the Council Forum** Sunday, Jan 19th 9:15-10:00 am. In preparation for the Congregational Annual meeting the Council is holding a forum as a time for the congregation to ask questions regarding the 2020 proposed budget of ministries of St. John. We hope this time better prepares everyone for the Annual meeting and helps that meeting flow well.

Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on <u>Sunday, Jan. 26th at 9:15am in the GREAT room</u>. Annual reports will be available for you to pick up two weeks prior to the meeting. You will also have a chance to meet with the Church Council and ask questions about the report the week before, Jan. 19th.

Worship & Contact Info

St. John Lutheran Church Council Members

Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org or office ph (920) 336-1082

Andrew Tobisch President

Jodi Ciesielczyk Vice President/Stewardship

Kristen Tlachac Secretary Mike McMullen Treasurer David Broderick Property

Kevin Pawlak
Jenna Benjamin
Gail Ryan
Beth Challe
Kaitlynn Labs
Andy Dorner
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Family/Youth Faith Formation
Celebration/Outreach
Mutual Ministry

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And at

facebook.com/StJohnDePere



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE BY

December 10TH

Send submissions to

office@stjohndepere.org

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service 8am & 10:30am Service Education - 9:15am Thursday Service - 6:30pm

OFFICE HOURS

8:00am – 3:00pm Mon-Thurs Ph. 336-1082 office@stjohndepere.org Rev. Cindy Warmbier-Meyer

pastorcindy@stjohndepere.org Office Phone 336-1082 Ext. 103 Cell Phone 920-731-1719

9am - WORSHIP	8am - WORSHIP 9:15am - Adult Ed. 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - WORSHIP	8am - WORSHIP 9:15am - Adult Ed. 9:15am - Christ.Pro Rehear 10:30am - Christmas Prog 10:30am - WORSHIP	8 am - WORSHIP 9:15am - Adult Ed. 9:15am - Christ.Prog 10:30am - WORSHIP	8am - WORSHIP 9am - Speaking parts 9:15am - Adult Ed. 9:15am - Sunday School 9:45am - Christ.Pro Rehear 10:30am - WORSHIP
30	23	5:30pm - Irish Dance	5:30pm - Irish Dance 6pm - Advent by	Mon 2 5:30pm - Irish Dance
31	12:30pm - WORSHIP 5pm - WORSHIP 7pm - WORSHIP	7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Council Meeting	9:30am - Annual Reports 6:30pm - Finance Team 6:30pm - WOW 7pm - Boy Scouts	Tue 3 6:30pm - Boy Scouts
_	9am - WORSHIP	9am - Men In Mission 1pm - Christ Care	5:45pm - Confir. Caroling	Wed 1pm - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation
2	9am - Mission Sewing 9:30am - Woodside Chapel	9am - Mission Sewing 9:30am - Woodside Chapel 5pm - Irish Dance 6:30pm - Longest Night Ser 7:15pm - Adult Choir	9am - Mission Sewing 9:30am - Woodside Chapel 5pm - Irish Dance 6:30pm - WORSHIP 7:15pm - Adult Choir	9am - Mission Sewing 9:30am - Woodside Chapel 5pm - Irish Dance 5:30pm - Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm - WORSHIP 7:15pm - Adult Choir
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