

Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

~~ Spotlight on our Teens ~~

The youth of St. John have been busy, busy the past couple of months -serving in the community, and enjoying each other's company!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 26th@9:15AM

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, youth got together between services and enjoyed hot chocolate and board games. Cribbage and Yahtzee were the big hits! Each teen in attendance also had to write something they were thankful for on a "leaf," to hang on the Thankful Tree in the youth room.

December started with service when 12 awesome teenagers got together and purchased gifts for the De Pere Christian Outreach Holiday Store. Thanks to a financial grant, we were able to ensure teens in our community received fun and useful gifts for Christmas this year. And of course, we ended with a trip to Dairy Queen!

The confirmation classes used their voices to share the Christmas spirit during the annual Christmas Caroling event on December 11th. Our crew sang at a local assisted living facility, and one of our congregation members' homes before heading back to church for build-your-own ice cream sundaes. Thanks to Jill Quigley for organizing the bus and leading us in song with her amazing voice!

Bells, trumpets and Santa hats highlighted our time at Festival Foods in De Pere and Dick's Family Foods in Wrightstown as our teens shared their smiles, talents and "thank you" to everyone who gave to the red kettle. After volunteering, we loaded cars and went to church for a Christmas party that included music, "Life Ball," a chips and Gatorade consuming contest and cookie decorating. Everyone went home with full hearts and a sugar rush!



Hospitality & Celebration



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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 mission and 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 Sunday, Jan. 26th at 9:15am in the GREAT room.

Annual reports will be available for you to pick up two weeks prior to the meeting.

LEAVE A PUZZLE- TAKE A PUZZLE

With the cold days and long nights of winter upon us it's the perfect time for puzzles. Have a puzzle you're done with? Leave it on the shelves in the Lounge.

Looking for a puzzle for you or your family to do together?

Take home a puzzle from the shelves.



*Advent by
Candlelight
A Beautiful
Evening was had
by all
December 9th, 2019*



Worship

SERVANT SCHEDULE						January 2020
SUNDAY	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	READER	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE
01/05 8:00am	Corey & Pat Kroll	Cindy & Lauren Nordwig 3 More Needed	1 Needed	Steve Wilmet	Rick Johnson Carolyn VanVonderen Jan VandenHeuvel	Carl & Lori Zuege
01/05 10:30am	Dave & Treena Schepp	Greg & Grace Boncher 3 More Needed	Trista S.	Jenna Benjamin	Jenna Benjamin Brian & Jen Holtebeck	
01/12 8:00am	Dick & Janet VandenHeuvel	Jim Kneiszel Jim & Helen Labs Janet VandenHeuvel 1 More Needed	1 Needed	Praise Band	Sally Campshure Janet VandenHeuvel 1 More Needed	Needed
01/12 10:30am	2 Needed	Bob Kruchten 4 More Needed	1 Needed	Praise Band	3 Needed	
01/19 8:00am	The Ciesielczyk Family	5 Needed	Jaden C.	Bill Lake	Ruth Aerts Sean Day Bill Lake	Phyllis Day
01/19 10:30am	Cheryl McBride 1 More Needed	Bob Kruchten 4 More Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	3 Needed	
01/26 8:00am	Lee & Mary Ann Schley	5 Needed	2 Needed	Ruth Aerts	Ruth Aerts Cheryl McBride Mike Meyer	Needed
01/26 10:30am	2 Needed	Bob Kruchten 4 More Needed	2 Needed	Sam LaMarche	3 Needed	
02/02 8:00am	Schneekloth Family	5 Needed	1 Needed	Bill Lake	Sally Campshure Carolyn VanVonderen 1 More Needed	Needed
02/02 10:30am	2 Needed	Bob Kruchten Mike Meyer 3 More Needed	Paige L.	Jacob Lewis	Mike Meyer 2 More Needed	

SUNDAY ALTAR CARE - 8:00AM Services in January; Janet Klipstine / 10:30 Service, All Needed

THURSDAY	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	READER	COMM. ASST.	ALTARCARE
01/02 6:30pm	1 Needed	Mike Istwan	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper	Mike Istwan	Carlyn Cooper
01/09 6:30pm	1 Needed	2 Needed	Lexi H.	1 Needed	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper
01/16 6:30pm	Mark & Beth Challe	2 Needed	Lexi H.	Beth Challe	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper
01/23 6:30pm	Mark & Beth Challe	2 Needed	1 Needed	Beth Challe	Carolyn VanVonderen	Carlyn Cooper
01/30 6:30pm	1 Needed	2 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	1 Needed	Carlyn Cooper

"CHRISTMAS IS JESUS"



Jill Quigley would like to thank everyone who played a role in the success of the Sunday School Christmas Program, including all of the children and their parents. Thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School and for supporting their Christian education. Also, to all of the scenery helpers, the awesome band and fantastic sound-man Robb, and of course Tammy Lewis for all of her help with coordinating schedules, teachers and students for rehearsals. This production would not have been possible without everyone pitching in! *And, St. John would like to extend a special thank you to Jill Quigley for her leadership!*



Worship

Youth Music

*Youth Choir is for any student 2nd grade and older
 *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

Sunday, January 5--
 8:45 - Youth Choir
 10:00 - Lil Angels Choir

Sunday, January 12--
 10:00 - Lil Angels Choir

Sunday, January 19--
 8:45 - Youth Choir
 10:00 - Lil Angels Choir
 **Lil Angels Choir sings at 10:30 service

Sunday, January 26--
 No youth music time today

Looking Ahead:
 Sunday, February 2--
 8:45 - Youth Choir
 10:00 - Lil Angels Choir

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

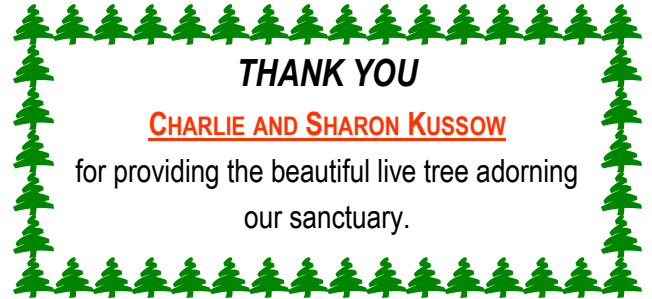


BAPTISM CELEBRATION



Emsley Elizabeth Pribyl
 Baptized on 11/3/19
 Parents: Aaron & Hannah Pribyl

Ellowynn Jacqueline-Rae Foss
 Baptized on 12/22/19
 Parents: Getty & Kayla Foss



THANK YOU

CHARLIE AND SHARON KUSSOW

for providing the beautiful live tree adorning
 our sanctuary.

In Sympathy & Remembrance

Paul Schink

*June 20, 1927 - December 24, 2019
 May God's tender mercy uphold his
 family in resurrection hope.*



Please join us after the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 5th** to take down and pack away the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary, narthex and GREAT room. With many hands we anticipate it will take about 30 minutes.

Faith Formation



JANUARY EVENTS



Benton Harbor/Pine Ridge Mission Trip Reunion Party!

Sunday night, January 5th, 12-2 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church.

Don't miss this chance to join mission trip friends over the holidays!!

We will enjoy pizza, play games, reconnect and display photos from both mission trips in the Youth Room at St. John. More information to come – watch your email!

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION 5TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Confirmation classes resume Wednesday January, 8th 6:30 -7:30 pm.

How are you doing on completing Worship notes?

Acolyte update: Many 7th and 8th grade students have not served as Acolytes this school year.

We really do need to have Acolytes at each worship service.

[*PLEASE USE THIS LINK TO GO TO THE Acolyte Schedule](#)

Students are expected to serve as acolytes 2-3 times per quarter. Unfortunately, if spots don't begin filling in we will need to revert to assigning spots. Please sign your child up today.



BELLY LAUGHS AT COMEDYCITY IMPROV SHOW!

Save the date – **Friday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m.** is Family Fun Improv Show at The Green Room in De Pere. Experience tears of laughter with your friends during this interactive family-friendly comedy show. This event is for all 6th-12th graders and their friends. More information will be sent out via email...can't wait!



ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATION HELP NEEDED!

Our congregation helps us out A LOT – whether it's financial, prayer or volunteer support, they make sure that our youth group can have great events, go on mission trips and have fun together. I'd like to present a brief "thank you" to them at the **Sunday, January 26th** annual meeting – this could be a group presentation, super cool video, rap/poem...the options are endless! **I NEED SOME CREATIVE TEENS TO PUT THIS ALL TOGETHER!** Plus, whatever our youth come up with will be much more exciting...please call/text/email Kristin Bouchard if you're interested!



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, Jan. 5th "Hope for the World" Is there any?

Kick off your new year with this video and conversation about what Christian hope means for us and the world today. N.T. Wright's "Surprised by Hope" will be the basis for our conversation.

Sunday, Jan. 12th "The Hope of the Resurrection" It's about more than going to heaven!

We will continue our guided video discussion with N.T. Wright. This week we will look at what it means for us today.

Sunday, Jan. 19th Ask the Council –

Gather with Church Council members to ask questions about the ministries of St. John and hear hopes for the future.

Sunday, Jan. 26th Congregational Annual Meeting

Plan now to attend this important meeting of the congregation as we celebrate the ministries of 2019 and look with joy and expectation to 2020.

MEN IN MISSION

meets on the third Wednesday of the month. January 15th we will be meeting at 9:00am, Black Honey Restaurant, then back to church for bible study with Pastor Cindy.

CHRIST CARE

meets at 1:00pm, in the Luther Room the first and third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is January 2nd. If you have questions, please call Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327.

WOW

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. Please contact Jen Holtebeck, 562-2754 or Tammy Lewis, 366-8377 with any questions.

Mission & Service

Great things happen when we the church of all denominations come together!



DE PERE CHRISTIAN
OUTREACH
CHRISTMAS STORE

**Thank you for your donations!
Over 130 De Pere families,
including more than 400 children,
had a brighter Christmas because
of you!**



FROM SETUP TO FINISH



Mission & Service

MISSION SEWING

Anyone interested in helping us put quilts together can come on Thursday's from 9am until noon or you can take squares home to sew for the quilt tops. If you do come on Thursday you do not have to stay the whole time just come to have some fun and laughs. You can help tie the quilts, sew, iron or count out the squares and bag them up.

Hope to see you there.

Judy Beerntsen



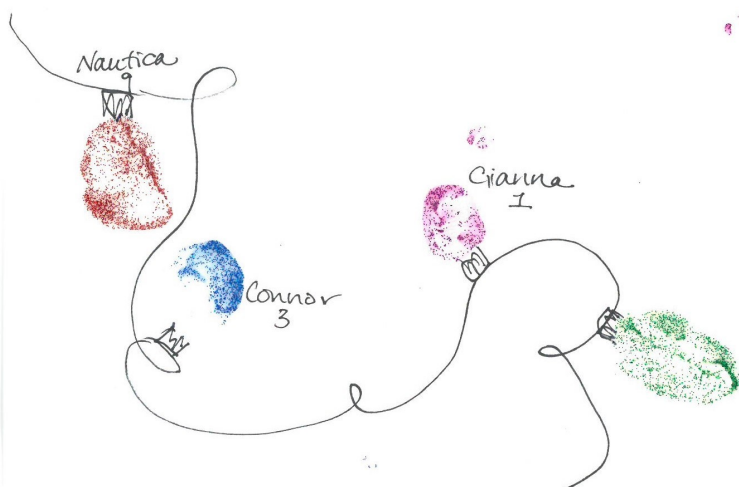
WE PRAY:

"Praise the Lord:

praise God our savior!

For each day he carries us in his arms." Psalm 68:19

Michael Johanek and Seth Meinel



Thank you to everyone that donated and contributed to making Christmas possible for my little family. I am so blessed to know that people in our community have such big + loving hearts ♥

Peace to you this holiday

Merry Christmas!

Kerla, Nautica, Connor, Gianna

The thank you card on the left was sent from a family who shopped at the Christmas Store.

****There was NOT a council meeting in December. The November council minutes and reports will be included in the February newsletter.**

Mission & Service



St. John's Book Club will meet at 1:00 on **Thursday, January 16th**.

We will be sharing good books that we read in 2019 and the book for our February meeting will be distributed.

For more information contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990 or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987). Hope to see you there!

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.

"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



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE - JANUARY

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.

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 – Our December meal was prepared and served by Nicole & Caden Hewitt, Cindy & Lauren Nordwig, Marlene Bergum and friend Mary W. Desserts and fresh fruits were donated by Hewitt's, Nordwig's, Marlene and treat bags from St. John youth group. Thank you to all who helped this ministry happen.

If you are able to help,

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE MINISTRY BOARD IN NARTHEX.

WOODSIDE SENIOR COMMUNITIES

1040 PILGRIM WAY, ASHWAUBENON

St. John volunteers for 10:00am chapel services (arrive at 9:30) every Thursday and 5th Sunday.

Call Marlene, 336-7472, to share a ride if needed.

Check out their FB page!

Click on link: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/woodsideseniorcommunities/events)

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DE PERE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

CHICAGO AND LIBAL ST. IN EAST DE PERE Behind St. Anne's Episcopal Church)

Current FOOD 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.

Thank you for your faithful support.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

who helped in anyway with our New Community Shelter meal program throughout 2019. You are all special!! God's blessing for a Happy Healthy 2020.
Marlene Bergum

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8am - WORSHIP 9:15am - Adult Ed. 9:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - WORSHIP 12pm - Mission Trip Party	5:30pm - Irish Dance	5:30pm - Trust Fund Mtg 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Finance Mtg	6:30pm - Confirmation	9am - Mission Sewing 9:30am - Woodside Chapel 6:30pm - WORSHIP	9am - Mission Sewing 9:30am - Woodside Chapel 5pm - Irish Dance 5:30pm - Stewardship Mtg 6:30pm - WORSHIP 7:15pm - Adult Choir	9am - DPCO 4pm - NEW Comm Shelter
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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	Security Ministry
Jenna Benjamin	Worship & Music
Gail Ryan	Worship & Music
Beth Challe	Family/Youth Faith Formation
Kaitlynn Labs	Celebration/Outreach
Andy Dorner	Mutual Ministry

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JANUARY 15, 2020

Send submissions to
newsletter@stjohndepere.org

WORSHIP TIMES

Thursday Service

6:30pm

Sunday Service

8am & 10:30am Service

Education - 9:15am

OFFICE HOURS

8:00am – 3:00pm

Mon-Thurs

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