



Mission Messenger!

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Worship in July



**JULY
2020**
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The Church Council following guidance of the CDC, state health officials and the ELCA, has decided to keep the church building closed for the month of July. This decision was made after a lot of conversation, research and out of a deep care for all the members of this congregation and community.

The good news is.... the parking lot is open!

It was wonderful to gather on Sunday, June 28th in the parking lot for worship! A big thank you to all those who helped make the service possible and to the Schepp family for setting us up with an FM Transmitter so that those in attendance could listen through their car radios!

Because those in attendance did such a great job of staying in their cars and maintaining physical distance we are going to do it again!

Please join us on in the parking lot July 12, 19 and 26th at 9:00am for worship. (In case of inclement weather we will not gather and the service will be recorded and posted to our website, YouTube channel and Facebook page later that day.)

Please use the link below to volunteer to serve as parking lot attendants, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CAEA728A0FD0-parking>



Hospitality & Celebration



*Thank you
Marsha Kruchten for
making these beautiful
natal star mats for the
tables in the narthex.*

WE PRAY:
“Praise the Lord: praise God our savior!
For each day he carries us in his arms.” Psalm 68:19
Please hold in healing prayer,
Gerry Bos, Pat Haevers,
Seth Meinel and Sharon Wilmet.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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.

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And in these times of “Safer at Home” it is incredibly important for sustaining our ministry.

- *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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ST. JOHN GOLF GET TOGETHER
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH @3:00PM (Arrive @2:45pm)
HILLY HAVEN GOLF COURSE

This year we will be playing a scramble, couples will be together and singles will be paired up. Singles may need to have their own cart. We are hoping to have a gathering after golf where you can order off the menu. Please wear a mask and observe safe distancing.

Contact Dick VandenHeuvel by August 10th at 920-336-7157(H), 920-639-6988(C) or email, dickvan1943@gmail.com, to secure your spot. The cost is \$26.25 for golf and cart and a senior discount for \$22.00. Payment due when signing in at course.



The Annual St. John Camping Trip has been postponed to 2021.

Check out Living Lutheran –
the magazine of the ELCA online!
www.livinglutheran.org

Hospitality & Celebration

LUTHERANS AND NETFLIX

The ELCA has found itself in the Netflix spotlight recently. The Netflix series [Sweet Magnolias](#), written by ELCA member Sheryl Anderson, began streaming May 19 and features a fictional ELCA congregation. The main characters turn to their church for the community, grace and support that Lutherans can count on.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Noah Hepler of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement appeared on season 5 of [Queer Eye](#), with his congregation and his mindset getting a makeover from the Fab Five.

Give these great Lutheran-featuring shows a watch!

~Happenings at St. John~

Nursery Room Make Over



Pictures painted by Trista Schepp

WORSHIP AT HOME

*Use this resource to worship while we are unable to be together.
Know that even though we are apart;
we remain connected as the body of Christ.*

CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Receive this assurance of forgiveness: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE

PSALM 65 1-2, 5-11

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

*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.*

†JULY 5

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

†JULY 12

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

†JULY 19

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†JULY 26

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SING PRAISE

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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.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen



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Worship

Before You, Lord, We Bow

ELW#893

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above and rules the world below with boundless pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
- 2 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green, shine forth in wisdom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grateful song.
- 3 Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own; believe, obey, rejoice, and worship God alone. Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified.
- 4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, then may ev'ry land from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band, a countless throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

ELW#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my Heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW#596

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW#759

- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

WORSHIP IN THE HOME

Available each week on the ELCA worship blog are materials for "[Worship in the Home](#)."



You are encouraged to worship as you are able in homes on Sunday and throughout the week. Consider ways to pray and sing using this resource at home. In addition to Sunday worship resources, [Daily Prayer in the Home](#) is available, providing simplified forms of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, as well as table prayers."



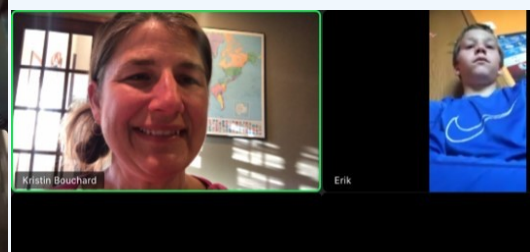
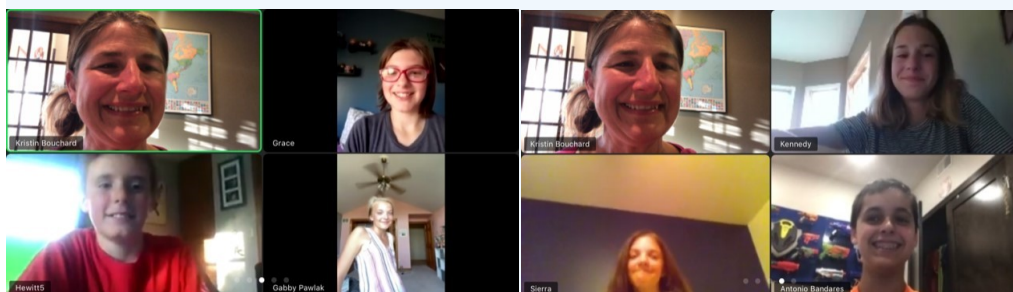
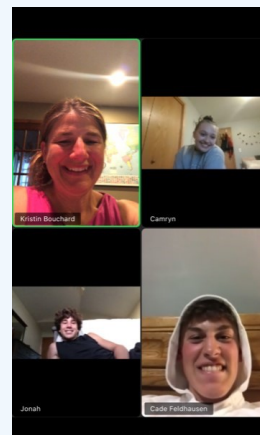
Faith Formation

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

A BYO ice cream treat was the highlight of our virtual youth group meeting in May – how fun was it to enjoy this tasty treat with our friends?!? The middle school group participated in a scavenger hunt...and the winners were: Grace Van De Ven, Gabby Pawlak and Antonio Mirao. Congrats! The smaller high school group had the chance to chat and catch up.

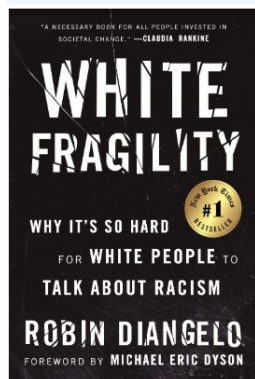
Most importantly, our teens asked questions and discussed the recent events surrounding the death of George Floyd including protests, riots, white privilege and how social media plays a role in our lives during this time. Thanks to all of you who shared your thoughts, as the discussion - while incredibly important - wasn't always comfortable.

As the summer moves forward, watch your texts/emails for future events! If you ever need anything, please don't hesitate to contact Kristin at 920-360-6045 or kristin@stjohndepere.org.



Mission & Service

WELCA INVITATION TO WHITE FRAGILITY BOOK DISCUSSION



Dear Women of the ELCA:

We are living in challenging, troubling times with unrest because of incidents of racial injustice. It is common to feel hopeless and like nothing we can do could help, but there is at least one action that East Central Synod Wisconsin Women of the ELCA would like to encourage you to do and that is to learn more about racism in the U.S.

WELCA President Deb Martin will lead a discussion on the book *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. The discussion will be via a Zoom meeting on August 26 at 6:30 p.m. The book should be available at your library or online.

You may want to search YouTube or go to our **East Central Synodical Women of ELCA** Facebook page to hear the author talk about the book. If you want to be part of the August 26th discussion, email Deb Martin at debmartin04@gmail.com She will send you the Zoom link. The link allows you to join on video or by phone.

Mission & Service

MISSION SEWING

With the church being closed, we will not be getting together this month. Just a reminder that when we do resume, we get together every Thursday from 9am until noon. Remember to wear a mask when out with people and do social distancing so you can stay healthy and safe until we meet again.

Judy Beerntsen



DPCO THRIFT STORE IS OPENING MONDAY, JULY 6TH, and they are looking for friendly, reliable volunteers to join their fun, dynamic team of volunteers this summer! They have many opportunities/positions to choose from which include, but are not limited to: cart sanitizer, store greeter/customer management, intake processing, shoes, households, seasonal, and jewelry. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 -3PM and 3 -7 PM on Wednesday evenings. All the proceeds generated from the store help residents of De Pere with rental and/or emergency gas assistance, as well as support other worthy non-profit organizations! If you are interested, please contact Amy Murphy at 920-655-5758 or Amurphydpc@outlook.com



WELCA Bible Study Zoom Info



All are welcome. You can download the study at <https://www.gathermagazine.org/>
Topic: Gather Bible study
Time: Jun 10, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time
Every month on the Second Wed, until Aug 12, 2020
Jun 10, 6:30 PM - Jul 8, 6:30 PM - Aug 12, 6:30 PM
Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEKde6qqTgsE9C8n2qTK7s8nc972aM1sQtQ/ics?ic-sToken=98tyKuGtpzktGNOWthCDRpwMHYjoKOrwtnZdj_pxBG3EhR4NRCuOOEbZeB-PYnD](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85927273694?pwd=T1dBMUZ5c1lQTVJhbHplR0QoQ1ZMQT09sToken=98tyKuGtpzktGNOWthCDRpwMHYjoKOrwtnZdj_pxBG3EhR4NRCuOOEbZeB-PYnD)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85927273694?pwd=T1dBMUZ5c1lQTVJhbHplR0QoQ1ZMQT09>

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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 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

Prayer Chain



DPCO FOOD PANTRY

Through your continued benevolence, the **Food Pantry** was able to provide much needed assistance to over **117 households** in May which includes 197 adults and 88 children. As mentioned last month, this number is slightly less than the previous month since schools have been providing free meals as well as additional assistance offered through the Food Share Program.

St. John Lutheran Church - De Pere

Jul 2020 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - Zoom Coffee Hour	5:45pm - Zoom Trust Fund		7:30pm - 6-8th gr Zoom 8:45pm - 9-12th gr Zoom			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - WORSHIP in parking	6:30pm - Zoom Finance		7:30pm - Zoom Mission Tr			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - WORSHIP in parking	7pm - Zoom Council Mtg					
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WORSHIP ONLINE 9am - WORSHIP in parking						

Worship & Contact Info

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WORSHIP TIMES **JOIN US ONLINE each week**

or

IN THE PARKING LOT

Sunday July 12th, July 19th and July 26th @9:00am

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and on

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and visit our YouTube channel for weekly worship by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCli1cjRdeaDr3N5fYKeuRUw>

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