



# Mission Messenger!

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*“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*

Ephesians 4:1-3



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When, when will we gather again?

It’s a question on many of our minds and hearts and one for which I don’t have a definitive answer at this time.

Here is what I do know.

Your Church Council, using guidance from the CDC, state health officials and the ELCA have decided the church building will remain closed through the month of June. The Council will meet (via Zoom) in June and again look to these authorities for guidance in making an informed decision for July. In the meantime the Council has asked the Worship & Music Team to assemble recommendations for when we are able to return to in-person worship. This team will use information from the ELCA as well as our insurance carrier regarding practices and policies we will need to have in place before we can gather again in-person. The Council will review the recommendations and make the final decision on them. Throughout this we will continue to publish worship resources in the newsletter as well as the weekly worship video on our website and YouTube channel.

We are also hoping, weather permitting, to provide a one-time outdoor service. The congregation will stay in their vehicles and we will use a sound system to amplify the worship service in the parking lot. In order to maintain distance between vehicles the service will be offered at both 9:00am and 10:30 am. There will also be a recorded online option available for those unable to attend. The date for this event is Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

For now, *“with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,”* we wait together, while we remain apart.

Peace,  
Pastor Cindy



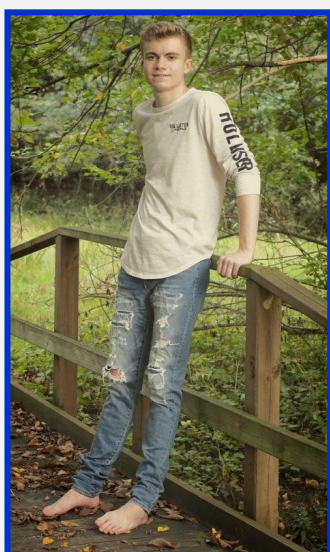
# Hospitality & Celebration



**Quinton** is graduating from De Pere.



**Marina** is graduating from Wrightstown High School and will attend the University of Tampa this fall, majoring in English and Marketing.



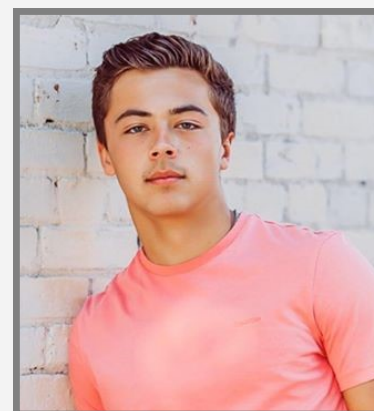
**Brady** is graduating from West De Pere.



**Haley** is graduating from Ashwaubenon High School and will be attending UW Eau Claire, majoring in nursing.



**Ben** is graduating from West De Pere and is planning to attend UW Stout in the fall to pursue a Criminal Justice degree and ROTC.



**Sam** is graduating from West De Pere.



**Isaiah** is graduating from Green Bay East High School and will attend UW Oshkosh in the fall. His major is undecided and he will be playing football.



**Ryan** is graduating from Wrightstown High School and will be attending UW Stevens Point in the fall majoring in Finance.

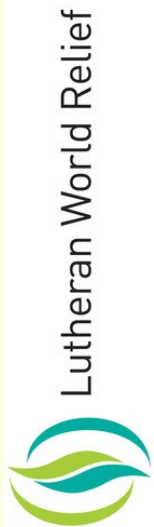


**Emily** is graduating from West De Pere.



**Max** is graduating from Bay Port High School. He will be attending NWTC studying Mechanical Design.

# Hospitality & Celebration



I Cannot thank you enough for your gift. You make it possible for families around the world to cope with poverty and disaster. Thanks to you, lives are being changed. I've included a photo of your gift at work. Thank you for seeing the importance of helping those most in need.  
 Blessings,  
 Jonathan Buuck  
 Regional Representative, Donor Advisor



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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** for the **2020 fall semester** are now being accepted through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Go to the church website, [www.stjohndepere.org](http://www.stjohndepere.org), for an application. Completed forms can be mailed to the church or sent to [coachlabelle@hotmail.com](mailto:coachlabelle@hotmail.com)



*THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU*  
 to **Amy Hardtke** for planting the beautiful flowers outside the church.



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**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, Michael Johaneck,  
 Seth Meinel and Sharon Wilmet.

# Worship

## **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.”

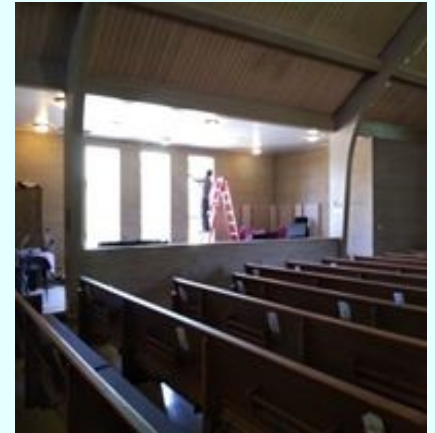
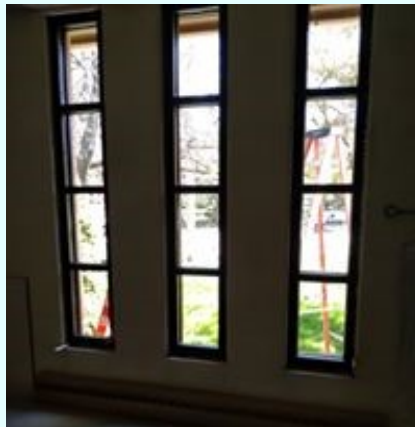


# THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN



THANK YOU to Poncho Broderick and Larry Miller for bringing light back to the Scheuring Road sign.

**NEW WINDOWS AND THE NEW EXIT DOOR ARE BEING INSTALLED IN THE SANTUARY!**



# Worship

## 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, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE**

#### **PSALM 8**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, <sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them. <sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet: <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea. <sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*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.*

#### † **JUNE 7**

#### **Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **SING PRAISE**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"  
(Page 6)*

**ELW #413**

#### † **JUNE 14**

#### **Matthew 9:35--10:8 [9-23]**

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

#### **Prayer of the Day**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **SING PRAISE**

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"  
(Page 6)*

**ELW #588**

#### † **JUNE 21**

#### **Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **SING PRAISE**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"  
(Page 6)*

**ELW #661**

# Worship

## DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

† JUNE 28

### Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

### Prayer of the Day

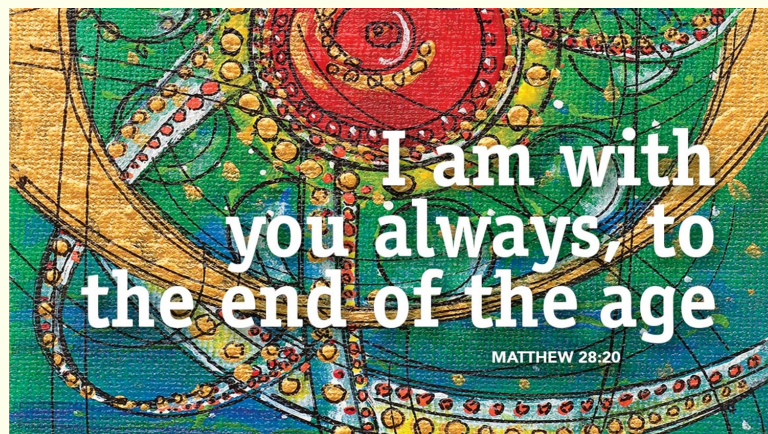
O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### SING PRAISE

“Baptized and Set Free”  
(Page 6)

**ELW #453**



### 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](http://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

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.



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# Worship

## Holy, Holy, Holy,

ELW #413

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW#588

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.
- 2 There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
- 3 For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.
- 4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

## I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
- Refrain*  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
- 2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
- Refrain*
- 3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

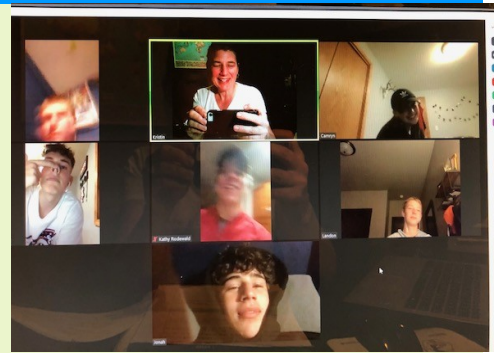
## Baptized and Set Free

ELW #453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!



# Faith Formation



## Youth Group Virtual Meetings!

Our virtual youth group meetings continue! At the beginning of May, our youth group meeting happened to fall on Cinco de Mayo – everyone was encouraged to wear a hat for the meeting and extra points were given for wearing a sombrero! Both groups – 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school – did a brief check-in, played virtual Family Feud and enjoyed each other’s company.

More hangouts are scheduled and will include hope-inspired Bible devotions, a virtual Escape Room game and more...plus prizes!! Watch your email or call/text or email Kristin at 920-360-6045 or [kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org) for more info!

## MISSION TRIP 2020 UPDATE

As you’ve most likely heard, we have had to postpone our Mission Trip to St. Louis to the summer of 2021.

While this was tough news for all involved, we are confident with the decision, and know that God has even bigger plans for us in St. Louis next summer!

In the meantime, our 2020 mission trip teens and adult leaders will be meeting virtually and in person as soon as it’s safe. In addition, our hope is to provide service right here in our communities when we are able to do so! **Thank you for your prayers!!**



## Are you receiving the weekly digital youth newsletter??

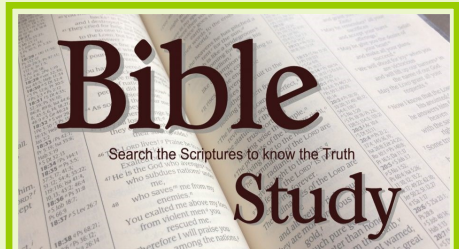
If not, please email Kristin at [kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org).

Each week, this digital newsletter provides the latest updates and news, a Bible verse and devotion for teens and something fun to make you smile and/or laugh. Be sure you’re getting this, and ask your friends to sign up!!



*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me...If you ask me for anything, I will do it.”*  
John 14:1, 14

Change...so much change! Does change trouble you? Create anxiety?



**CHRIST CARE, WOW AND MEN IN MISSION ARE ON HOLD**

*Worry ends when FAITH IN GOD Begins*



# Mission & Service

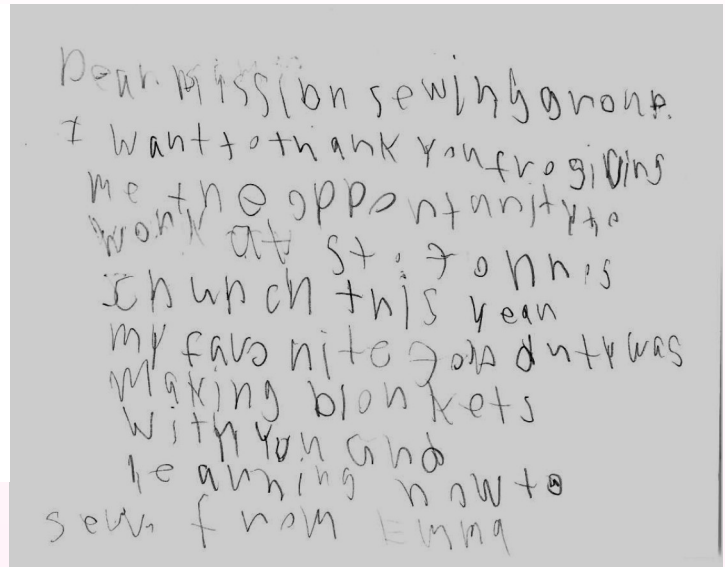
## MISSION SEWING

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*



We received a letter from Annamarie Vanden Heuvel (a student at Syble Hopp School). She writes, Dear Mission Sewing Group, Thank you for letting me volunteer at St. John's. I really enjoyed learning how to sew. It was nice to work with all of you. I also enjoyed tying knots. I appreciate all the help you all gave me. It was so much fun. I would like to do that again next year. I hope you have a great summer. Sincerely,

We also received the thank you note to the right from Emma who attends Syble Hopp.



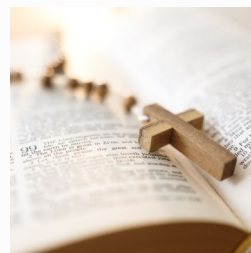
Through your continued support, the Food Pantry was able to provide much needed assistance to over 156 households in April

which includes 256 adults and 108 children. The food pantry has started offering food to De Pere Residents on a weekly basis rather than biweekly in order to better serve the community. We will continue to pre-pack the food and serve individuals outside the pantry. Evening hours have been postponed until the pandemic is over. As the amount of food on our shelves tends to diminish, we continue to rely on the support of the volunteers and community to fulfill DPCO's mission to feed the hungry. Thank you, *Amy Murphy*, Operations Manager/Volunteer Coordinator De Pere Christian Outreach 920-339-1060

## 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. "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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 WORSHIP Online	8	9 6:30pm - Zoom Finance	10	11	12	13
14 WORSHIP Online	15	16 7pm - ZOOM Council Mtg	17	18	19	20
21 WORSHIP Online	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 WORSHIP Online 9am - Parking Lot Serv 10:30am - Parking Lot Serv	29	30	1	2	3	4

## Worship & Contact Info

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