

LIVING OUR FAITH

Mission Messenger

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

OUR MISSION PLAN

It was 8 a.m. on a chilly Saturday morning in May. A pot of Cameron's coffee was already brewing at St. John. While it was early for some, members had come together for an important conversation. Everybody in the congregation had been invited, and for the next four hours, the group set out to create a three-year plan with one goal in mind – help St. John move its mission forward.

We were there because we don't want our mission to be just words. To be a Christian family that's living our faith and enriching lives, we can't just sit on the sidelines. We need to engage. So, we tossed around a lot of great ideas. We had so many that we knew we couldn't do them all over the next three years, so we picked eight. Each one focuses on our mission pillars, and we're excited about working together as a congregation through 2021 to make a difference, as we work toward these goals:

Extraordinary

Hospitality and Celebration

- Build a communications team
 - Expand our welcome team

Enthusiastic

Worship

- Develop a ministry message take-home sheet
 - Invite special musical performances

Engaging

Faith Formation

- Develop more robust adult opportunities
 - Update classroom space

Enriching

Mission and Service

- Explore community partnerships
- Grow youth/parent involvement

The council has been working to determine a timeline for the goals. That timeline will be announced soon. Then, we'll start identifying leaders, who will form teams for each goal. Each team will work together to better define their assigned goal and then set out on the journey to make it happen.

We're excited about the impact our mission plan will have on our congregation and our community. Together and individually, we'll be living our faith and enriching lives in meaningful ways that will help us grow as Christians and make a difference in our world.

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Worship Time Change

Starting Sunday, September 15TH

Worship Times are
Sunday
8am and 10:30am
and
Thursday
6:30pm
OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Thursday,
8am-3pm.

Hospitality & Celebration



SAVE THE DATE
September 29th @3:00pm
GOLF OUTING
Hilly Haven
More information
to follow

SAVE THE DATE:

Mon. Dec. 2, 2019

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

An evening for women
Please consider being part of this



year's planning
team. Let
Pr. Cindy know
how you are willing
to help make this
another
meaningful event.





Jason, Catherine, Charles & Luke Baumann



Bill Lake



Kay Paulson



church will again be part of
The <u>DPCO Christmas Store!</u>
The Christmas store will accept
donations of **new** items to be
made available for families to
purchase at minimal prices.
Watch for information in the
October and November
newsletter on donating items
and opportunities to volunteer at
"the store"

Making holidays brighter for children and families in the De Pere community.





Weston James Bailey Baptized on 08/11/19

Parents: Alicia Clark & Dalton Bailey

Sophia Karen Meinel Baptized on 08/31/19

Parents: Seth & Mercedes Meinel



October 26th 3:00-5:00pm Save the Date

Prayers We Pray

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

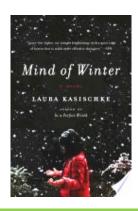


Hospitality & Celebration



Copies of the St. John Photo Directory, 150th Anniversary Edition, will be available for you to pick up beginning Sept. 8th at the picnic!





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St. John's book club will meet at 1:00 PM 0n Thursday, September 19th. We will be discussing Mind of Winter by Laura Kasischke. Copies are available from the Brown County Library. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information.

God's work. Our hands. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 15TH!

It's a celebration of service...a way for St. John Lutheran families, friends and neighbors to give back to the community! This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Helping hands are needed during the Faith Formation hour from **9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** on Sunday, September **15**th to participate in a variety of service activities. Whether it's

cutting squares to make comfort-giving quilts, creating cards for those who need a smile, or working with your hands to update our campfire benches or "spruce up" the church grounds, there's an option for everyone.

Choices include:

- * Cutting squares for quilts or tying quilts for our sewing/quilting ministry
- * Putting together treats and/or toys for our furry friends at Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary
- * Organizing school supplies to be sent to kids in need
- * Creating tissue paper flowers and festive cards for local senior center residents
- * Building new benches for our campfire area
- * Delivering baked goodies to the De Pere Police & Fire Departments
- * Outside cleanup on church grounds
- * Making baked goods for Syble Hopp School to be delivered on Monday, September 16th

There's opportunity for everyone to help out!! Participants receive a St. John Lutheran t-shirt (while supplies last.) An online sign-up email will be coming out shortly – watch your email inbox for more details!

Worship

SERVANT SCHEDULE					September 2019	
SUNDAY	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	READER	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE
9/1/19 9:00am	Lee & Mary Ann Schley	Bob Kruchten Bill Lake Bonnie Lemke Henry & Patti Willems	Needed	Bill Lake	Andy Dorner Ralph Klipstine Mike Meyer	Marlene Bergum
9/8/19 10:30am PICNIC	Jeff & Gail Ryan	Jim Kneiszel Bob Kruchten Jim & Helen Labs Mike Meyer	Not Needed	Jen Holtebeck	Jen Holtebeck Andy & Leslie-Ann Novitski	NA
9/15/19 8:00am	Dick & Janet VandenHeuvel	John Grom Roger Lindow Robb & Linda Tollefson 1 Needed	Needed	Ruth Aerts	Sally Campshure Carol Grom Janet VandenHeuvel	Needed
9/15/19 10:30am	Judy Beerntsen Marsha Kruchten	Greg & Grace Boncher Bob Kruchten Julie Muesbeck 1 Needed	Needed	Hollie Lindemann	Amy LaBelle Colleen Guerts 1 Needed	_ Necded
9/22/19 8:00am	Jim & Helen Labs	Bonnie Lemke Roger Lindow Dave & Lois McAllister Mike McMullen	Needed	Bill Lake	Ruth Aerts Amy Hardtke Bill Lake	Helen Labs
9/22/19 10:30am	Dave & Karen Cota	Andy Dorner Bob Kruchten Wally Reichstadter 2 Needed	Needed	Lin Reichstadter	Lynsey Muellenbach Gerry Stempa Tracey Williams	
09/29/19 8:00am	Ciesielczyk Family	Duane & Sherry Jensen Bill Paape Henry & Patricia Willems	2 Needed	Steve Wilmet	Jaelene Wentland Steve & Sharon Wilmet	Youth Mission
09/29/19 10:30am	Dina Destiche Jan Widell	Bob Kruchten 4 Needed	2 Needed	Brandi Goodman	Kristin Bouchard Tammy DeBauche Ryan Usiak	Trip Students
THURSDAY	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTE	READER	COMM. ASST.	ALTAR CARE
9/12/19 6:30pm	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Mike Istwan	Carlyn Cooper
9/19/19 6:30pm	Mark & Beth Challe	Needed	Needed	Beth Challe	Needed	Carlyn Cooper
9/26/19 6:30pm	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Carlyn Cooper

Youth Choir - Voices Needed

2nd grade and older students are invited to join the Youth Choir.

Rehearsals are about twice each month, between 8:45 & 9:10 a.m. in the Choir Room, and they sing in church about every other month.

We sing songs that the students want to sing and we just have fun making music to share with others.

If you have questions or want to join, please email Jill at <u>JillQMusic1@aol.com</u> or call/text her at 360-5772.



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Anyone interested in sharing the gift of song is encouraged to join the St. John Lutheran Adult Choir. Rehearsals will start on Thursday, September 12th at 7:15 in the choir room. If you have any questions,

please contact Cassie Tingo at cassie.tingo@snc.edu or 715.965.2220.

USHER TRAINING

Wed. Sept. 11th, 6:30 pm.
Usher responsibilities, security, basic CPR, First Aid and how to use the AED will be covered.



Please contact Kevin
Pawlak
with questions
@920-366-0150.
Hope to see you there!

YOUTH MUSIC BEGINS!

*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



Sun., Sept. 22--

Youth Choir 8:45-9:10 in the choir room Lil Angels Choir 10-10:15 in the Sanctuary

Sun., Sept. 29--

Lil Angels 10-10:15 in the Sanctuary

Looking Ahead:

Lil Angels Choir will sing at the start of the 10:30 service on Sun. Oct. 6 The Christmas Program will be on Sun. Dec. 15th as part of the 10:30 service

Faith Formation

Mission Trip 2019 Recap - Thank you Pine Ridge, SD!!

The theme for the 2019 Youthworks mission trips was "Storyline," asking everyone to take note and watch how God was moving in and out of our life, creating a story for each of us that is anything but ordinary. For all of us on the trip this year, our lives and hearts, and therefore our "story," is forever changed by the people of Wanblee, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Our teens gathered with more than 30 others teens from churches in Oconomowoc, WI and Columbia, MO to serve through cleanup and classroom set-up at Crazy Horse School, painting and yardwork work projects for local community members and interaction and play-time with local kids through Kids Club.

- We gathered each evening for worship and experienced God's incredible handiwork at the Badlands National Park.
- We learned about the Pine Ridge Reservation history, picked up and dropped off kids whose homes were unlike anything we had seen before.
- We cried together and saw the beauty of living with only what's absolutely needed.
- We fully experienced the effects of how children react to addiction, hunger and abuse and how the simple act of listening and spending time together can have an incredibly impact.

This crew of 22 teens have created strong, personal friendships that will forever be a part of their story. Our days together were life-changing!

Please join us at St. John Lutheran Church on Thursday, Sept. 26th at 6:30 p.m. and at both services (8am & 10:30am) on Sunday, Sept. 29th for our mission trip presentation. We will also be leading Adult Forum on that Sunday to share additional stories and insight into our trip. We hope you'll join us!





Mission Trip 2020!!

And next year?!? We are headed to St. Louis, Missouri, July 19th -24th 2020! With a population of more than 319,000, our friends at Youthworks will lead our group to "...serve St. Louis in a variety of ways, often crossing racial and geographic lines. YouthWorks partners with a number of organizations to come alongside St. Louis's homeless population, local children, and the elderly. You may find yourselves playing bingo, cooking meals, painting houses, shooting hoops, sorting clothes or spending time with community residents. In the evenings, you'll host a well-attended community cookout. You'll also engage in discussions around race and poverty from a Christian mindset. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2002."

If you are a current 8th grader or older and are interested in attending, please contact Kristin Bouchard via phone/text at 920-360-6045 or by email at kristin@stjohndepere.org for more information.

A deposit of \$75 is due by October 1, 2019 to reserve your spot!

Mission Trip 2019 Memories



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION

5th-8th grade Confirmation students

Important dates in September!

- † Wed. Sept. 18th Parent & Student meeting 6:30 pm
- † **Wed. Sept. 25th** Regular weekly classes begin for all 5th-8th grade students 6:30 pm
 - † Fri. Sept. 27th 6th Grade Retreat 6-8:00 pm
 - † Sat. Sept. 28th 7th Grade Retreat 6-8:30 pm

Sunday morning Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday, Sept. 15th God's Work our Hands Day!

Join with members of all ages as we serve the church, community and world!

Sunday, Sept. 22nd "Sanctuary Church"

What does it mean for us and the church that the ELCA has declared itself a Sanctuary Church?

Location: Luther room/GREAT room



Sunday, Sept. 29th Learn from the Youth

An opportunity to ask questions and hear how the Mission Trip to Pine Ridge impacted students.



WOW (WOMEN OF THE WORD)

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month <u>starting</u> <u>on Tuesday September 10th</u> <u>from 6:30-8:30pm</u>.

We will be reading "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evan's. Please get the book on your own and come to the first meeting having read the 1st chapter. 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. September 18th
we will be meeting at
Oak Street Cafe,
9:00am, and then back
to church for bible study
with Pastor Cindy.



CHRIST CARE

Christ Care will reconvene on
Wednesday, October 2nd
@1:00pm. Again this year we
will be using
the Gather magazine starting
with the September issue, which
you can find in the Prayer Shawl
Box by the church office.
If you have questions,
please call
Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327

Faith Formation

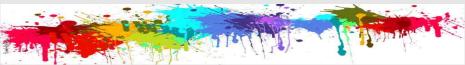


IT'S TIME FOR A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

Classes will be starting on <u>Sunday, September 22nd</u>, but in order for that to happen we need you! We are still in need of 4 teachers and A sub list. The curriculum we use is easy to follow and it is a rewarding experience for all!

If you have interest or questions please contact Tammy Lewis at sundayschool@stjohndepere.org





Youth Group Kickoff- PAINTBALL!

Back by popular demand...it's Paintball and Commando Sports in Suamico! Mark your calendars for **Sunday afternoon, October 13**th with specific timing to be announced. Everyone from 6th – 12th grade is invited to kickoff our season of youth group fun and events. Bring your friends – they are always invited!! Watch your email for additional information...

Mission & Service



Women of the ELCA Fall Retreat

September 20-21

This annual fall retreat is open to all women and will be held at Imago Dei Village Bible Camp near Clintonville. Come enjoy fellowship in a beautiful setting as we grow in faith and worship together. Kay Zastrow will speak on "Unity of the Spirit: We Are All in This Together!"

You may register for the whole retreat or just Friday evening or Saturday.

Contact Carol Cleveland at caclevland50@gmail.com for more information.

Women of the ELCA Convention

The biennial convention of the ECSW
Women of the ELCA will be held
November 2nd at Good Shepherd
Lutheran in Howard. The theme is
"Bold Women Turning the World Upside
Down." All women are welcome.
Contact Shirley Paulson for more
information @spaulson1949@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunity at De Pere Christian Outreach (DPCO)

The first Saturday of each month is St. John's day at DPCO. What this means is that on this day members from St. John help "run" the store. The job include 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. Contact Janet Klipstine at 339-9515 for more information.

Mission & Service

THE ELCA "SANCTUARY CHURCHBODY"

*an excerpt written by an ELCA pastor from GA

At the Churchwide Assembly in August the ELCA voted as a denomination to become a "Sanctuary Churchbody." This means that our denomination affirmed it will continue to support refugees as they are resettled in the US through our partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, provide legal assistance to immigrants pursuing their legally-protected right to seek asylum, and ensuring that undocumented immigrants are aware of their rights under US law. Moreover, it means that the ELCA will continue to advocate for just and humane treatment of detained immigrants, such as calling for adequate housing at detainment centers and accompanying minors through immigration court as part of the ELCA's AMMPARO program. Congregations that have the resources to do so may provide food, shelter, and financial assistance to migrants in need. Finally, it also means that the ELCA will continue to speak out against xenophobia, racism, and fear-mongering against all people.

These are all long-standing ELCA practices. Ours is an immigrant faith: transplanted from Europe into the US and Caribbean by wandering Germans, Swedes, Norwegians, and Danes. These immigrant communities maintained their customs in this new country and shaped the ELCA as it is today. After World War II, one in six Lutherans was either displaced or a refugee. And over the years, our faith has become more diverse, made up of Lutherans from Central and South America, Africa, India, the Middle East, and every corner of the map. On a typical Sunday, Lutherans in the ELCA worship in more than thirty different languages. Because we are the spiritual heirs to a wandering Aramean, roving Germans and Danes, and displaced Christians from across the globe, our denomination has long been committed to welcoming the stranger. We do so in the belief that what we do unto the least of these, our sisters and brothers, we do unto Christ himself.

The Churchwide Assembly's actions, then, re-commit us to this long tradition.



Hi from Mission Sewing. Hope everyone has been having a great summer. It's surprising how quickly the summer has gone.

Great news, we are having <u>our craft and bake sale</u> again this year on <u>October 6th at both services</u>. We will have the crafts set up on Thursday October 3rd if you want to buy anything ahead of time. So save up your money and shop for Christmas. If you want to see how quilts are made please come on any Thursday from 9am until noon. If you would like to help and can not make it on Thursday you could take a bag of squares home with you and sew them at home and bring them back to the sewing room. The squares are located in the basket when you first walk into church.

Thank you. Judy Beerntsen



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

Mission & Service



Opportunities to Serve - September



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 Barb at 339-1060 for more information.

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

Current items in need are: *canned fruits and paper products such as, kleenex, toilet paper, and napkins.*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 purchase, prepare and serve the evening meal on the first Saturday of each month – The meal served on Saturday, August 3rd was prepared and served by Sandy Piette, Lin Reichstadter, Marlene Bergum and her friends, Mary Watts, Dar Smet and Sharon Witepalek. Fresh fruits and deserts by Sandy and Marlene. Thanks and God's blessing to all. Please check the community board for a time that works for you to volunteer.

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY TREATMENT CENTER - 3150 GERSHWIN DRIVE, GREEN BAY

The last Thursday of each month we meet there by 1:00pm and visit until 2:30. Prize items welcomed are: lotions, and other personal care items for both men and women, note cards, playing cards, and small stuffed animals. For more information, including ride sharing, contact Marlene @336-7472.

WOODSIDE SENIOR COMMUNITIES -- 1040 PILGRIM WAY, ASHWAUBENON

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

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR

A great time was had by all 30+ folks who were part of our "Who is My Neighbor Event." Each night we began with a meal, followed by a bible story and songs. We then worked on service projects that included painting and cleaning Sunday School rooms, making cards and decorations for a local nursing home, creating snack mix bags for the NEW Shelter and packing 100 Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We played together and ended the night in prayer and song. Thank you to our leaders who made it all possible. Our Meal Team: Carlyn Cooper, Leslie-Ann Novitski and Paige Lewis, Games Coordinators: Geoff and Kristen Tlachac, Service Project Coordinators: Tammy Lewis, Chrissy Paape and Nicole Hewitt and to our many bible story actors and Camryn Baciak for sharing her skill with the ukulele leading us in song. We look forward to next year's event and hope you will join us!



8am - Worship 5:30pm - Irish Dance 9:15am - Sunday School 9:30am - Woodside Chapel 10:30am - WORSHIP 3pm - Golf Outing	8am - Worship 9:15am - Adult Edu 9:15am - Sunday School 9:15am - Worship/Music 10:30am - WORSHIP	8am - Worship 9:15am - Gods Work our 10:30am - WORSHIP	10:30am - WORSHIP 11:30am - Church Picnic	Sun Mon 9am - Worship 8am - Office Closed
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-	7pm - Boy Scouts	5:30pm - Mutual Min Mtg 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Council Meeting	6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Finance Team 6:30pm - WOW	Tue 3
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4	6pm - 6th gr retreat	20	. 13	Fri 6
O	6pm - 7th gr retreat	21	14	Sep 2019 (Central Time - Chicago) Sat 6 9am - DPCO 4pm - NEW Comm Shelter

Worship & Contact Info

St. John Lutheran Church Council Members

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

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Jodi Ciesielczyk Vice President/Stewardship

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service
(Starting Sept. 15th)
8am & 10:30am Service
Education - 9:15am
Thursday Service - 6:30pm

OFFICE HOURS

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