



# Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

## Introducing a new Ministry



According to **Feeding America- 1 in 8 children in Wisconsin face hunger.**

For children, food insecurity is particularly devastating. Not having enough healthy food can have serious implications for a child's physical and mental health, academic achievement and future economic prosperity.

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## Research shows children facing hunger are more likely to:

Have to repeat a grade in elementary school

Experience developmental impairments in areas like language and motor skills

Have more social, emotional and health problems than other students their age

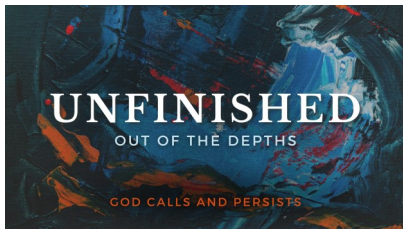
## How can we help?

By providing funds to our local schools to payoff student lunch debt we can help assure no child goes hungry or faces the embarrassment of being told their account is behind. Our Sunday School kids will lead us by bringing their SS offerings up during the Children's message and putting them in a lunch box. All ages are invited to participate. Send some cash up with a child as they come forward, drop some money in the lunch box before or after service or note Lunch Money on a check and drop it in the little church as you leave worship. Together we can help fight hunger right here! Watch for the visual display tracking how we're doing!

*"And a little child shall lead them."* Isaiah 11:6b

## Ministry Innovations in action!

This ministry is receiving \$200 in start up funding from the Ministry Innovations Fund!



Mark your calendars:

Wed. Feb. 22nd, Ash Wednesday  
 Worship at 7:00pm with Holy Communion and the imposition of Ashes

Beginning Wed. March 1st- 29th  
**Soup suppers 6:00pm**  
**Worship with Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm**

# HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

**CELEBRATE BAPTISM!** In January we welcomed Lennon Marie, daughter of Ryan & Maddie Schleis and Emmett Brian, son of Jason & Catherine Baumann into the family of God at St. John through their baptisms. God's blessings to their families!



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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**  
**The Krouth Family, The Talus Family, & The Vissers Family**  
**We welcome your families to the St. John Family!**





## YOUTH-full Joyful Noises



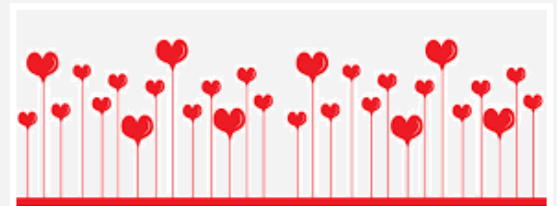
### Children's Choir Rehearsals:

February 5th	9:00 - 9:15am AND sing at 10:00am Service
February 12th	9:00 - 9:15am
February 19th	9:00 - 9:15am
February 26th	9:00 - 9:15am
March 5th	9:00 - 9:15am AND sing at 10:00am Service

### Youth Choir Rehearsals:

February 5th	8:45 - 9:00am
February 12th	No Rehearsal
February 19th	9:45 - 10:00am AND sing at 10:00am Service
February 26th	8:45 - 9:00am
March 5th	No Rehearsal

**Music to share??** Do you sing? Play an instrument? Would you consider sharing your musical gift during worship? All ages and talents are welcomed and encourage to share their gift of music. Please email Stephanie at [parkhan40@aol.com](mailto:parkhan40@aol.com) with questions and to let her know what Sunday and service you are available! Thank you for offering your gifts to the glory of God during worship!!



### Reminder:

**Youth Choir is open to any student, pref. 2nd grade or older.**

**Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students.**

*If questions, please reach out to Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772*

### **PRAISE BAND**

will see you next on  
Sunday  
February 12th.



### ADULT CHOIR

Beginning 2/5/23 rehearsal will be the first 3 Sundays of the month at 9:00am.

Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or

[cassie.tingo@snc.edu](mailto:cassie.tingo@snc.edu) if you have any questions. All are welcome.

Join anytime!

# WORSHIP AT HOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP** † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

## **DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 27:1, 4-9**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

*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.*

## **†FEBRUARY 5TH - FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

### **Matthew 5:13-20**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **†FEBRUARY 12TH - SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

### **Matthew 5:21-37**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **FEBRUARY 19TH - TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

### **Matthew 17:1-9**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# WORSHIP

## DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

### †FEBRUARY 22TH - ASH WEDNESDAY

#### Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

#### Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### †FEBRUARY 26TH - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

#### Matthew 4:12-23

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

#### Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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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.stjohndeperre.org](http://www.stjohndeperre.org) to give online.

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## 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.

# THANK YOU!

To the congregation of St. John  
Thank you for the flowers and  
gift card I received for my  
retirement. It has been a pleasure  
to work with and for you the last  
five years. While I am excited  
for what the future holds, I  
will miss you all!  
Love + Peace  
Janice McCarty

To: Saint John Friends  
From: Linda Jahorek  
I am so moved by all the cards,  
messages and prayers while I was  
hospitalized. It meant so much  
to receive your kind words and  
heartfelt wishes for my recovery.  
Thank you all so much. I  
am so moved by all my  
Christian friends!  
Linda

# IN SYMPATHY



**Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families  
of Jerry Dickey & Fred Schepp who  
died in December.**

# FAITH FORMATION

## February, Sunday morning Adult Opportunities

**Sunday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-9:45am

Education: Refugee volunteers share about their first year experience. Join us in the Luther room.

Other: Adult choir

**Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-9:45am

Education: Coffee and Conversation Gather in the narthex and catch up or meet your fellow St. John peeps!

Other: Adult choir

**Sunday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-9:45am

Education: TBD Watch the announcement sheet for this week's topic!

Other: Adult choir

**Sunday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** 9:00-9:45am

Education: BLAST Bible- Learning-And-Service-Together an intergenerational experience.

Other: No Adult choir today



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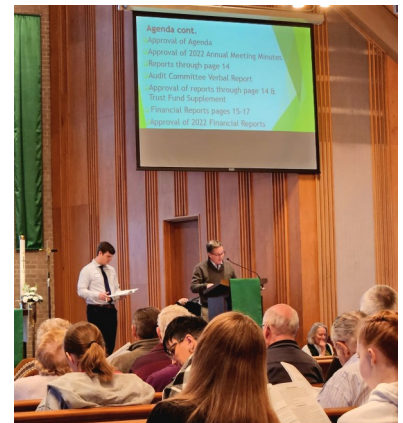
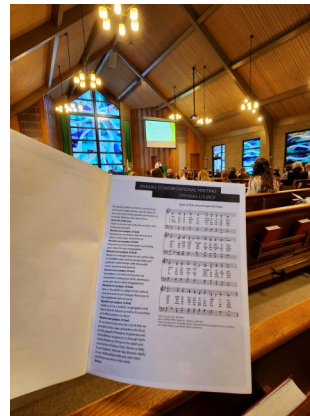


Please join us February 26th for our next intergenerational BLAST day! All are welcome!

Do you have a child that loves to volunteer, or would you like to volunteer as a family? We are trying something new starting this month. The 4th Sunday of the month (BLAST Sunday) will now be our Sunday school family volunteer day for service! You can read, usher, be a coffee host! Please watch for an email with the sign up genius link!



We had a successful annual meeting on January 22nd. We thank Sarah Vissers for leading an activity for our youth during the annual meeting!



## Crossways Camp 2023



Confirmation students are expected to attend a Crossways Camp at least once during their time in our confirmation program. (But more is even better!!) Follow this link to register your child and be sure and let Pastor know the week your child is attending. <https://www.crosswayscamps.org/summer-camp>

*\$200 scholarships toward a full week of camp are available.* (Camperships also available for families and younger/older students attending a Crossways camp.) Students and families are eligible for scholarships every year you attend camp!

Discounts for registering before March 1st.

Contact Pastor Cindy for more information regarding scholarships.

## Confirmation Class Schedule for February

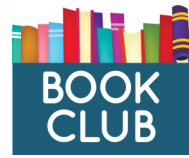


**All 5th-8th grade students:** We finish class this year by meeting each Wednesday in February at 6:30pm. through February 15th.

**On February 22, 2023, 7:00 pm Attend Ash Wednesday worship with your family.**

*\*8<sup>th</sup> grade families watch your e-mail for special meeting dates and times to prepare for Confirmation Day, tentatively set for Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 10:00am.*

How are you doing on completing Sermon notes? Remember the expectation is that you complete 2 per month through May. Be sure and email, or bring them with you to put in Pastor's mailbox.



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing The Maid by Nita Prose. A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed, turning her once orderly world upside down—and inspiring a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery. If you were unable to attend the January meeting, extra copies of the book are available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information. Everyone is welcome!

### Attention all high school youth and their families!

Get ready for a new season of youth ministry, with new ideas as well as new and familiar faces. New member Sarah Vissers will be collaborating with Kristin Bouchard to lead the high school youth. Kristin will focus mostly on the summer youth mission trip, and Sarah's main focus will be other youth group activities and events. Watch your email, check the youth board and get ready for some fun!



Sarah Vissers  
High School Ministries  
Coordinator  
youth@stjohndepere.org



Kristin Bouchard  
High School Mission Trip  
Coordinator  
Kristin@stjohndepere.org

### 2023 SJLC Summer Youth

**Total Cost is \$325 per person -**

Next \$100 due by Feb 1, 2023

Final \$125 due by April 15, 2023

Sign up forms are on the Youth Board. Don't miss out. Space is limited.



Remember to sign up to Acolyte!! You should be volunteering 1-2 times a quarter.



# MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission Sewing! Anyone interested in joining or seeing what we do, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. If you cannot stay the whole time, you can come for as long as your schedule permits. We would like to thank all those people who took home packets of squares to sew and brought them back. We would also like to thank all those who brought in gently used sheets and fabrics to help make the quilts this past year. We have lots of laughs and chocolates for a treat, so we hope to see you there. Judy Beerntsen

## College Care

Do you have a student away at college? Our HS Youth would love to send them a Care Package. Please send their name and address to [youth@stjohndepere.org](mailto:youth@stjohndepere.org) by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> so we can include them.

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](mailto:clpdkcm@twc.com). We will get your requests out to our faithful prayer warriors.



**CHRIST CARE** meets on

**Wednesday, February 1st and Wednesday, February 15th @10:00am** in the LOUNGE.

If you have any questions, contact Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327 or at [clpdkcm@twc.com](mailto:clpdkcm@twc.com).



## PRAYER requests

Please hold in healing prayer, Larry Armstrong, John Grom, Linda Johaneck, Shannon Johnson, Jennifer Leonard, Sophia Meinel, Charlotte Schink and Lee Schley.

A thank you from Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Over 820 kids no longer sleeping on the floor because of your support!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	30	31	1 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation	2 9am - Mission Sewing	3	4 4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter
5 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	6	7	8 6:30pm - Confirmation	9 9am - Finance Mtg 9am - Mission Sewing	10	11
12 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP 1pm - Family Game Day	13	14	15 8:30am - Men In Mission 10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation	16 9am - Mission Sewing	17	18
19 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	20	21 7pm - Council Mtg	22 7pm - Ash Wednesday Worship	23 9am - Mission Sewing	24	25
26 8am - WORSHIP 9am - BLAST 10am - WORSHIP	27	28 6:30pm - WoW Women's study	1	2	3	4

## WORSHIP & CONTACT INFO

### St. John Lutheran Church Council Members

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

Travis Schreurs  
Ryan Usiak  
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Kim Ronsman  
Bill Lake  
Katie Schneekloth  
Dick VandenHeuvel  
Jen Holtebeck  
Lin Reichstadter

### WORSHIP TIMES

#### Sunday Service

8am & 10:00am Service  
Education - 9:00am

FEBRUARY

Visit us on the web for weekly services!

[www.stjohndepere.org](http://www.stjohndepere.org) and on  
our new FB page  
[www.facebook.com/  
StJohnLutheranDePere](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnLutheranDePere)

and subscribe to our YouTube channel for  
worship by following this [link](#)

### OFFICE HOURS

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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