



# Mission Messenger!

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## Life in Christ



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It smells like coffee beans brewing or fresh bread baking and it feels like the first time you can roll the windows down in the car in the spring so you can blow the stink out. It's the feeling you have after the first time you discover you don't need a jacket or when you can run to the store in sandals instead of shoes.

It's a family that's broken to bits that can still come together for things like choir concerts and baseball games, for Easter morning sunrise services and life's important moments.

It's there at retirement parties, when news about chronic illness is received, it's there when the call comes. You will see it in the soldier that resumes civilian life. Sometimes I think it's most present in the person who was able to get out of bed again today - despite how difficult it is to get out of bed every day.

It's in the face of the child who bravely tells their parents with all of the courage they can muster how they see themselves.

It's there in the forest and in the sunrise.

Sometimes it will come to you when you're driving and have a moment to catch your breath. Or just before you fall asleep or wake up.

Jesus invited us to feel it in the water that would flow over our heads accompanied by God's great YES! He wanted to make sure we would taste it and see it and so he left it for us in a meal.

He said we would see it probably the most clearly in the cry of the poor and in the care for the stranger, which is the bible's word for immigrant. He encouraged us to look for it in the face of our enemies - who he commanded us to love the same way we love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Even now, in this very moment, it's in your own heart.

What I'm talking about is life!! It's hope in the midst of life!! It's the life we have in Christ because Christ is Risen... and because guess what? You are risen, too.

This is the power of the resurrection.

When it seems like there is so much despair around us - or like the whole world might fall apart - look for life - even among the dead - call it out - look for the resurrection.

May Christ's resurrection be for you breath in your lungs, peace in your heart - and testimony to share with a world that longs for good, news.

[Read full essay in the Wavelength.](#)

*(Excerpts from the April 1, 2022 essay by Rev. Jenn Pockat, Associate to the Bishop, Director for Communication and Community, East Central Synod of Wisconsin)*

# Hospitality & Celebration



## ~ Meet the Council ~

The Stewardship Team would like the congregation to get to know the members of Council on a more personal level.

Each month we feature one Council person and their responses to a variety of questions. This month we are featuring Rick Johnson who is the liaison for the Celebration and Outreach committee.

**How long have you been a member of St. John? What brought you to St. John?**

Since my wife, LeaAnn, and I got married 39 years ago.

**What is a favorite book, movie or meal and why is it your favorite?**

A favorite meal would be anything on the grill because I enjoy cooking on the grill.

**What is a talent no one knows you have?**

I have built cabinets and some furniture up at our cabin in Crandon, WI. My father-in-law had a wood working shop there where I learned how to use my talent for woodworking.

**What's a memory from your childhood/youth of Sunday School, summer camp, Bible School or even a mission trip that you can share?**

I went along as a chaperone for a synod youth group gathering. Later they asked me to introduce them for confirmation.

**How does your faith inform your stewardship? Or how does what you believe in God motivate you in using your time and talent?**

I could not always give money, but it seems I had time to use my skills installing flooring.

**What is keeping you "centered" or "sane" right now?**

Spending time with my wife and sitting on the lake in our boat.

**Anything else you might want to share about yourself? Family, where you are from, anything else?**

LeaAnn and I were born in the De Pere area. Our oldest son and his wife, along with their children, are still in the De Pere area. Our other son Paul, is up in Boulder, WI which is not far from here.

Welcome

NEW MEMBER  
WELCOME

Welcome

We will be offering two opportunities for New Members to become acquainted with St. John in May.

\*New members only need attend one session, but are certainly welcome to attend both.

**\*Sun. May 8<sup>th</sup>** Please join us as for our first **New Member Welcome**

**\*Sun. May 15<sup>th</sup>** Please join us for our second **New Member Welcome**

\*May 15<sup>th</sup> will also be the last scheduled time for  
Sunday Adult Education/gatherings until September 2022.

# Hospitality & Celebration



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. As newlyweds Celestial and Roy settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. If you were unable to attend the April 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!**

## Worship

**ADULT CHOIR**  
**THURSDAYS @7:15PM**

Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or [cassie.tingo@snc.edu](mailto:cassie.tingo@snc.edu) if you are interested in joining or have any questions.

**THE PRAISE BAND**  
will be playing Sunday, May 22nd  
@ 9:00 am.



## Youth Music Update

### SUNDAY MAY 1ST

- ✝ 7:45 a.m. Youth Choir rehearsal  
(in Sanctuary)
- ✝ Youth Choir sings at 8:00 a.m. service
- ✝ 9:00 a.m. Last Sunday School Choir  
(in Sanctuary) until Fall .

If questions, call/text/email Jill Quigley  
920-360-5772 / [JillQMusic1@aol.com](mailto:JillQMusic1@aol.com)



Palm Sunday Children's Message

*May you have warm words  
on a cold evening,  
A full moon on a dark night,  
And the road downhill all the way  
to your door.*

*Irish Blessing*





## WORSHIP AT HOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP** † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen.

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

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

### **DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 23**

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.  
<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**  
<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me.**  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



*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.*

#### **†MAY 1ST - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

##### **John 21:1-19**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

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

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### **†MAY 8TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

##### **John 10:22-30**

*Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.*

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

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **†MAY 15TH - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

##### **John 13:31-35**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

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

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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.



# Worship

## DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

### †MAY 22ND - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### John 14:23-29

*As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.*

#### Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### †MAY 29TH - 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### John 17:20-26

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

#### Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## 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.



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# Worship



**THANK YOU**  
to the Emerald Brass Quintet  
(Michael Draney,  
John & Jill Quigley,  
Dave & Trista Schepp)  
for sharing your musical  
talents with our congregation  
on Easter Sunday.

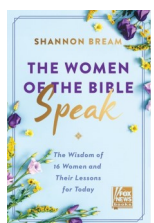
THANK YOU Treena Schepp and Marsha Kruchten  
for sharing your talents beautifying the sanctuary  
this Easter season.



**NEW WORSHIP  
HOURS**  
Beginning Sunday,  
May 22nd we will  
have one service at  
9:00am. until the Fall

## Faith Formation

### WOMEN OF THE WORD



WOW will be meeting  
on Tuesday, May 24th at  
6:30pm at church in the  
Luther room. We are  
reading "Women of the  
Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream.  
Please contact Jen Holtebeck at 562-  
2754 or Tammy Lewis at  
366-8377 with questions.



### CHRIST CARE

Christ Care meets the 1st and 3rd  
Wednesdays of the month @10:00am  
in the Luther Room. Questions?  
Please call Carlyn at 929-983-0327

### MEN IN MISSION



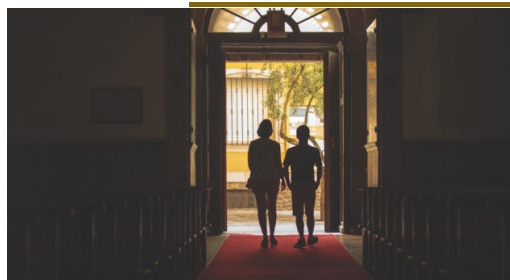
Men in Mission  
meets the  
3rd Wednesday  
of the month  
@8:30am.

On **May 18th** we will be meeting at the  
Nicolet Restaurant and back to church for  
Bible study with Pastor Cindy.  
If you have any questions call  
Dick Vanden Heuvel @336-7157.

## SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION 9:00 AM IN THE LUTHER ROOM

### Sunday May 1st

Using the article, "They May Not Come Back and here's  
why," from the March issue of Living Lutheran, we'll take a  
look at how congregational life has changed and what our  
future as the church might look like.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING

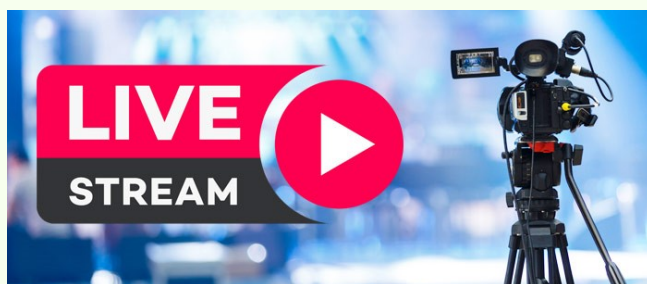
### ***Palm Sunday Breakfast was PHENOMENAL!***

THANK YOU SO MUCH for supporting the youth of St. John at the Palm Sunday breakfast! The event served more than 100 from our congregation and community, we had a fantastic group of donors and volunteers, and being together in the GREAT room again? Outstanding! Incredibly thankful for the fellowship time! **And...we raised more than \$800 for the youth programs and summer mission trip!** WOW!!



### **MISSION TRIP UPDATES!**

We have opportunities for your son/daughter to raise some money for their own trip through the **Sunday morning livestream**. Our 8:00 a.m. service is livestreamed on YouTube each Sunday. We have a super-easy-to-use audio visual set-up in our balcony that requires someone to (literally) press a few buttons to run each week. **Each time you volunteer your time from 7:45am-8:45am on Sundays, you will earn \$10 towards your trip.** Please let Kristin know if you are interested and we will set-up time for a short training. A parent or another adult needs to be with you.





# Faith Formation

## What's Happening Cont.....

### Mini Putt-Putt at Duck Creek youth group event!

It's a hole-in-one! On **Wednesday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup> @5:30 pm** (tentatively,) we'll be hitting the mini-links for a mini golf event at Duck Creek Golf Center.

All 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends are invited to join. **Watch for more details in the emailed Youth Newsletter!**

Call/text or email Kristin at 920-360-6045 or [kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org) if you have any questions.



### High School Only Fun with Seniors night!

We'll gather for fun and some surprises for our youth group graduating seniors! Meet in the Youth Room **at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday night, May 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John Lutheran** – you won't want to miss this!

### ANXIETY, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

We are here for you to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate success. PLEASE call myself or Pastor Cindy any time you need a listening ear. We'd LOVE to talk with you, pray for you and support you and your families in any way we can. Prayers make such a difference, and so does asking for help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Cindy or call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045 or email at [kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org).

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!**

### *Confirmation Class information for May*

- ★ All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students should complete 2 Sermon Notes through this month. This expectation will return again beginning in September.
- ★ 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students - You are expected to sign up to acolyte at least two times per quarter. Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/o/508084CAEA728A0FD0-acolyte>

### *8<sup>th</sup> Grade students*

Please note the following for May.

**The week of May 1st** - Individual faith conversations with Pastor Cindy. (Your personal faith statement and confirmation bible verse will be due the week before.)

**Thur. May 12th - 6:30pm Confirmation rehearsal** (one parent needs to attend with you.)

**Sun. May 15th - 10:00am Confirmation service.**

## Celebrate our Graduating High School Seniors

On **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:00 a.m.** service, we will be honoring all of our seniors who are graduating high school this spring. Join us as we celebrate this fantastic achievement and next step in your life's journey!



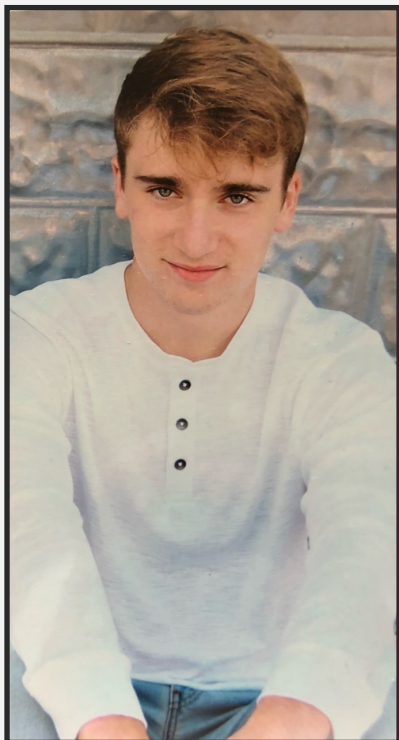
**Camryn Baciak**  
West De Pere High School  
Attending University  
of Minnesota majoring in  
Psychology



**McKenna Ciesielczyk**  
De Pere High School  
Attending University of  
Minnesota pursuing a masters  
in Architecture



**Maddy Collins**  
Wrightstown High School  
Attending University of Minnesota  
majoring in Biological Sciences



**Zavion Day**  
West De Pere High School  
Attending St. Norbert College majoring  
in history and attending flight school.



**Cade Feldhausen**  
Appleton East High School  
Attending University of Wisconsin,  
Oshkosh and playing basketball  
while pursuing his degree.



**Noah Maki**  
De Pere High School  
Attending college to pursue  
his degree

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# Faith Formation

Celebrate our Graduating High School Seniors



**Nathan Wesoloski**  
West De Pere High School  
Attending Carroll University  
majoring in Nursing



**Eva Westein**  
West De Pere High School  
Attending St. Norbert College  
majoring in English



**BLASTS  
FROM THEIR  
PASTS!**





## CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH



In 2022, St. John is focusing on collecting the following items each month for the DPCO Food Pantry.

May	<b><u>BOXED PUDDING/JELL-O</u></b>
June	Cereal
July	Baked beans
August	Mayonnaise/salad dressing
September	Peanut butter
October	Canned spaghetti
November	Thanksgiving Food Drive
December	Reverse Advent Calendar



### **NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER** **301 MATHER ST, WEST** **GREEN BAY**

Volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide deserts for the evening meal on the first Saturday of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Thank you to Lin Reichstadter and the Novitski family who served and provided the deserts on April 2nd. Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer or provide deserts. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Bergum at 920-336-7472 or Kristin Bouchard at 920-360-6045.



### **WE PRAY:**

*Please hold in healing prayer, Larry Armstrong, John Grom, Fianna Kaye,*

*Jennifer Leonard, Seth Meinel, Sophia Meinel, Charlotte Schink, and Linda Johaneck.*



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.**



### ***"Hi" from Mission Sewing***

Hope you had a good Easter. If you are interested in coming to see what we do or to come and help make quilts, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. You do not have to come the whole time, just come when you can. *all are welcomed*. Now that it is getting warmer out and you are doing spring cleaning, don't forget we would appreciate any gently used bedding or fabric. Hope to see you there to have some laughs and treats with us!  
Judy Beerntsen

A belated **thank you** to the women of the church and the Christ Care group who participated in the annual Valentine Outreach. Forty-two bags filled with snacks and homemade cookies were delivered to the home bound members of St. John and the residents of Matthews Senior Living in Wrightstown. Those who participated were: Carlyn Cooper, Marlene Bergum, Lin Reichstadter, Jan VandenHeuvel, Connie Worzala, Helen Labs and Sandy Piette.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8am - Worship 9am - Adult Educ. 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship	4:30pm - Scoopie Night		10am - Christ Care	9am - Mission Sewing 6pm - First Comm. Class 7:15pm - Adult Choir		4:30pm - NEW Comm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8am - 1st Communion 8am - Worship 9am - New Member Class 10am - 1st Communion 10am - Worship		9am - Finance Mtg		9am - Mission Sewing 6:30pm - Confirmation 7:15pm - Adult Choir	4pm - ELCA Synod	8am - ELCA Synod
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8am - Worship 9am - New Member Class 10am - Confirmation 10am - Worship		7pm - Council Mtg	8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care 5:30pm - Mini Golf 6-12th	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am - Graduation Sunday 9am - New Member 9am - Worship		6:30pm - Wow Women's	7:30pm - High School Event	9am - Mission Sewing	1pm - Kakuk Vow Renewal	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9am - Worship	8am - Office Closed					

Stop in at Culver's of De Pere (Lawrence Drive) on Monday, May 2nd from 4:30-7:30pm.  
10% of the sales will be given to the DPCO Christmas Store



## 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 - President  
Ryan Usiak - Vice President  
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Mike McMullen - Treasurer  
Sean Day - Worship & Music  
Bill Lake - Worship & Music  
Rick Johnson - Celebration & Outreach  
Dick VandenHeuvel - Property  
Karla Roth - Stewardship  
Jen Holtebeck - Faith Formation

### WORSHIP TIMES through

May 15th

Sundays 8:00 & 10:00am

effective May 22nd

9:00am

*Join us Online Anytime*

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE/JULY ISSUE

May 15, 2022

Send submissions to  
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