

Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

Living our faith Enriching lives

- **it's more than just a statement.**

This congregation actively practices *living our faith*. Abundantly sharing of time, talents and treasures.

Because we live this way, generously sharing of our resources, St. John is able to reach out *enriching lives* beyond our walls.

In September, in addition to the budgeted \$3000 for **ELCA World Hunger** and \$800 supporting **Mission Sewing**, the Council approved \$1000 each for the **DPCO Food Pantry, Shower UP** – a ministry in Nashville that our youth worked with this summer and were greatly impacted by and **Lutheran Disaster Response**.

Thank you for living your faith and enriching lives! Let's keep it going!

This year our Fall Stewardship Initiative encourages us to continue Living our faith & Enriching lives.

In early October you will receive a letter introducing the initiative. Then a follow up mailing containing a Statement of Intent, which is an

opportunity to prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to grow in generosity. You are encouraged to share your intent of financial support of the ministries of St. John for 2023 and return the form to church. Included will also be a brochure outlining the many Ministry Servant Opportunities available. - Not sure what it means to serve on Altar Care, or how to get involved with any of the DPCO ministries or what it means to be a coffee hour host? These ministries and more are covered in the brochure.

Watch your mail for these opportunities to prayerfully and purposely grow in generosity as we continue to be a people

Living our faith Enriching lives.

Pastor Cindy



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**OCTOBER 16TH
8:00 & 10:00 A.M.
SERVICES**

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE COMMUNITY BUILD DAY

Building 100 beds for kids in our town.

Saturday, October 29, 2022 - 8:00 AM to 12:01 PM

Amerilux International

1212 Enterprise Drive Building #2
De Pere, WI 54115

Follow this link to sign up!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45abab29a1f9c70-shpOctober>

Meet the Council

Get to know the members of Council on a more personal level.

This month we are featuring **Bill Lake** who is the Worship & Music liasion.



I have been a member of St. John for 3 years. I moved here from Bark River, MI to be closer to my daughter and her family.

Unfortunately I am not an avid reader, but I do like watching law enforcement shows. They are my favorite because I have an opportunity to try and solve the presented issues.

I was born in Memphis, TN and after WWII I was raised in North Carolina. My family were members of the Methodist Church. As a young person I participated in the Methodist youth fellowship which met on Sunday evenings where we participated in different activities which help us to learn about team work, the church and games of fun.

After high school and a year and a half of college, I decided to leave school and join the USAF in which I served for more than eight years. While in the service I met and married my wife, Kay. We attended church while in the service and I followed Kay's lead and became a member of the Lutheran Church in 1970. I have been a member of four Lutheran churches and served on council in all the churches I attended.

My work and my church have kept me involved all my life. After retirement in 2003, the American Legion, Lions Club and the churches I served have influenced me to serve the communities I have lived in.

In September, Syble Hopp partnered with the Packers for a morning of fun. St. John supplied the space for it to happen!



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 or at www.thrivent.com.



For news and information within the East Central Synod of Wisconsin go to www.ecsw.org

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

CHURCH PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH



It might have been raining outside, but our church picnic was a wonderful time of worship, music, fellowship games and food.

BOOK CLUBS



EXTRAORDINARY
HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

ENTHUSIASTIC
WORSHIP

ENGAGING
FAITH FORMATION

ENRICHING
MISSION & SERVICE



Pick up your copy of the new directory on Sunday, October 9th. Thank you to Træna Scharbius Schæpp who designed our cover.



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, October 20th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. Major Pettigrew (retired) leads a quiet life in the village of St. Mary, England, until his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Will their relationship survive in a society that considers Ali a foreigner? If you were unable to attend the September 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 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

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- ² **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**



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.

†OCTOBER 2ND

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

Prayer of the Day

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 9TH

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 16TH

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

OCTOBER 23RD - 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†OCTOBER 30TH - 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

Prayer of the Day Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 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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Make a joyful sound! We invite returning and new members who are interested in sharing their gift of song and music to please join the **St. John Adult Choir**. We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir room. Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or cassie.tingo@snc.edu if you have any questions.

* YOUTH-full Joyful Noises *

Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

October 2nd	Youth Choir @ 8:45 a.m. & Children's Choir @ 9:00 a.m.
October 9th	No Music Time
October 16th	Children's Choir @ 9:00 a.m.
October 23rd	Youth Choir @ 8:45 a.m. & BLAST@ 9:00 a.m.
October 30th	Youth Choir @ 8:45 a.m. & Children's Choir @ 9:00 a.m.
November 6th	Youth Choir @ 8:45 a.m. & Children's Choir @ 9:00 a.m. Youth Choir SINGS at 10am service

- * **Sunday School Choir meets in the Sanctuary.**
- * **Youth Choir meets in the GREAT room.**
- * **Youth Choir is open to students 2nd grade and older.**
- * **Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students.**

Looking ahead...

- * Present Christmas Program Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 10am Worship
 - * Includes both the Children's Choir & Youth Choir
- If questions, please reach out to Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772



**Do you love kids? Do you have a passion for engaging with youth as they grow in faith?
Then this opportunity may be for you! St. John is looking to fill our
Youth Ministries Coordinator position.**

This is a part time, flexible, salaried position based on approximately 450 hours per year.

Job Overview – The Youth Ministries Coordinator will provide dynamic leadership, programming and participation opportunities to youth who are primarily in grades 6th-12th; focusing on the mission of the church and serving the people of God in a way that spreads the Good News of Christ!

Essential Functions:

- ★ Create and communicate a vision for engaging youth in a life of faith.
- ★ Develop, promote, and facilitate monthly opportunities and events that will challenge youth in Middle School and High School to grow in faith and in relationship with each other.
- ★ Working with pastor, coordinate and help facilitate the Wednesday night confirmation program.
- ★ Coordinate fundraising as needed for youth events.
- ★ Coordinate and participate in yearly youth mission trip.
- ★ Engage parents and other adults in the program in ways that will provide multiple points of contact with faithful adult role models.

Please see Pastor Cindy if you have questions and to receive a full description of the position.

MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @8:30am. On **October 19th** we will be meeting at Oak Street and then back to church for Bible study. If you have any questions call Dick Vanden Heuvel @336-7157.

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

WOW

WoW (Women of the Word) meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Join us as we gather at 6:30 for casual conversation or join us at 7:00pm as we move into discussion. Oct. 25th we will discuss the last chapters of 'The Women of the Bible Speak' as well as ideas for future gatherings.

Bible Studies



Confirmation



5th-8th Grade Confirmation Students

Classes begin Wednesday Oct. 5th 6:30-7:30pm

To kick the year off all students will gather in the sanctuary for a general orientation of what the year will hold. We'll review expectations for class and Sermon Notes. The 5th grade students will then head down to their class area for some time together while the 6th-8th grade students have a refresher/learning time about serving as an Acolyte.

Students DO NOT NEED to bring a bible on this first night.

- ★ Beginning Wed. Oct 12th 5th-6th grade students will meet weekly 6:30-7:30pm. You only need to bring yourself and a positive attitude.
- ★ 7th-8th grade students will also meet 6:30-7:30 and along with a positive attitude will need to bring their bible.

I'm looking forward to this time of growing in faith together.

Pastor Cindy

WE PRAY: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". Psalm 46:1

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





Adult Education/Discussion Opportunities October

- **SUNDAY OCT. 2ND 9:00AM**

New Member Welcome/Intro. Please join us in the Luther room as we welcome those new to St. John.

- **SUNDAY OCT. 9TH 9:00 AM OR MONDAY OCT. 10TH 7:00 PM** (2 options for this discussion)

“What to trust in a Post Truth World”

- **SUNDAY OCT. 16TH 9:00 AM**

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- **SUNDAY OCT. 23RD 9:00 AM**

Sunday-BLAST - New this year on the 4th Sunday of the month we will be holding Sunday-BLAST (Bible, Learning And Service, Together) an intergenerational faith formation experience. We encourage all ages congregation to attend. This is brand new for us and we hope to include service projects, crafts, small group discussions and of course a lesson each week.

- **SUNDAY OCT. 30TH 9:00 AM**

Civic Duty Part I - A social message on: Government and Civic engagement in the United States:

Discipleship in a Democracy

The social teaching of the ELCA on themes such as the call to citizenship, civic engagement, and the view of government are not well-known to many. This study and discussion will address the duties of Christian citizenship regarding government and the upcoming elections.

Read the Social message here: https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf?_ga=2.39393131.975823981.1600111080-1494343599.1598976156

Or call the church office to request a copy. We'll print it for you and have it available in the narthex.

- **SUNDAY, NOV. 6TH 9:00AM**

Civic Duty part II -*see description above.*

Upcoming topics...

- Grief- How Sorrow and Longing Make us Whole
- Giving Thanks “The Science of Gratitude”
- Advent – Doing things differently this year



Lutheran Men in Mission Building Men for Christ

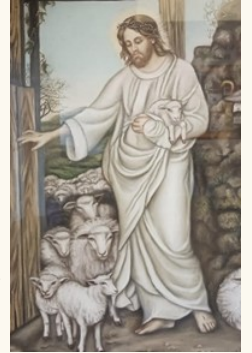
Please to go the link below as a source of information for those involved in congregational men's ministries.

<https://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/>

One of the ways we grow in faith is to push and expand our understanding of who God is and this includes the images we have of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We often see pictures of Jesus depicted as a fair skinned man similar to the image to the right that we have hanging in the narthex as you enter. But the fact is, Jesus was born and raised in the middle east.



This means that Jesus was very likely dark skinned with dark hair. In an effort to broaden our thinking, Faith Formation has purchased a new image of Jesus depicting him in a way that is a bit more ethnically accurate. This print is located by the coffee bar. While still not exact (because we don't know for certain what Jesus looked like), the new image does expand the way we think about Jesus. Faith Formation will be adding other ethnic images of Jesus to the display in an continuing effort to help us all grow in faith.



BLAST

Please remember to join us for BLAST on the 4th Sunday of every month from 9 to 9:45. All members of our congregation are welcome! We will meet in the sanctuary to sing and then head downstairs.

Please remember to have your children bring in their Sunday school offerings.

Money collected will go to The Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

On Sunday, Sept. 25th, we assembled 70 backpacks.



MISSION TRIP



Life-changing
Christ-centered
mission trips.

Sign-up now for the 2023 St. John Lutheran Summer Youth Mission Trip to Leech Lake Reservation, Minnesota

Sunday, July 16 to Friday, July 21, 2023

Current 8th grade through 12th grade youth and their friends are invited to attend!

Cost: \$325/person

Join us for a week of meeting a host of different community friends with unique backgrounds and rich stories about the Leech Lake Reservation and the Ojibwe culture. We will serve by assisting with home-improvement projects and leading a children's program at a local park. In the evenings, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about Ojibwe history, participate in a scavenger hunt around Bemidji and much more. YouthWorks has partnered with the Cass Lake community since 2000.

- Serve through painting, cleaning, helping with yard work, or doing simple work projects.
- Plan and lead children's programming, including Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading activities.
- Begin the week with an interactive experience learning about the Native culture

To best meet the needs of the community and build stronger relationships, some students will serve at Kids Club each day while others will rotate between Kids Club and Work Projects.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS! SIGN-UP ON THE YOUTH BOARD IN THE NARTHEX!



Dear St. John Lutheran family –

Just a quick thank you, to ALL of you, from the bottom of my heart for all the support and congratulations I've received, as I move from Youth Ministry Coordinator to my new position with UW-Green Bay. The time that I've been blessed to serve our youth was more than I could have imagined. I've learned so much from our teens – their perspective, curiosity, love for Jesus and (seemingly) boundless energy is contagious, and it's been an honor to serve them and their families. What an experience! I look forward to keeping up-to-date with the youth as much as I can as a volunteer, and am excited to see what God has planned for me in this new "adventure!"

With sincere appreciation,

Kristin

FAITH FORMATION



Sunday School started September 18th. If you would like to sign your child up registration forms can be found on line at www.stjohndepere.org or in the narthex.

If you have questions, please contact Tammy Lewis at sunayschool@stjohndepere.org.



MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission sewing,

Now that school has started if you have any spare time and would like to join us for sewing, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. All are welcome or you can come to just see what we do. The Syble Hopp students will be starting to come again now that school has started. If you have any fabric or gently used sheets you would like to get rid, please remember that we can use them to make quilts and will gladly take them.

We have been doing well with putting quilts together but can always use more help, so we hope to see you!

This year our group made 261 quilts to be distributed both locally and globally! Judy Beerntsen



MISSION & SERVICE

CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH

In October, St. John is focusing on collecting Canned spaghetti for the DPCO Food Pantry.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
12:30 - 3:00PM
Tickets: \$15.00
First United Presbyterian Church

Fashion Cents

FASHION SHOW BENEFITTING DPCO'S CHRISTMAS STORE PROGRAM AND DE PERE WOMEN'S CLUB INCLUDING DESSERTS FROM DE PERE, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLES

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 clpdcm@twc.com. We will get your requests out to **our faithful prayer warriors.**

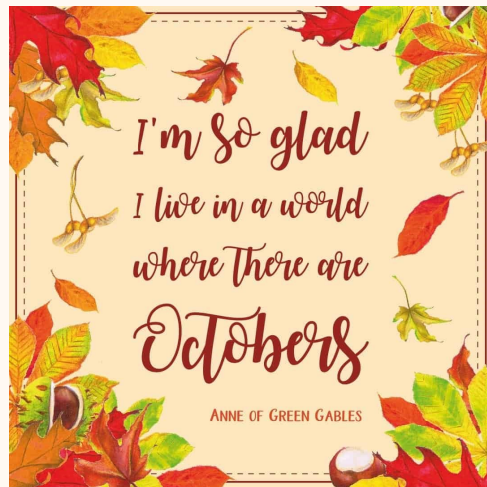


NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER
301 MATHER ST, WEST GREEN BAY

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 Kim Ronsman who provided deserts the month of September. 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.

Woodside Senior Communities offers an in person Alzheimer's Support Group for Family Caregivers the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. For more details and to register, call Becky at 920.405.3535, ext. 1005.

Woodside Senior Communities
A Lutheran heritage. Serving all faiths.



Stop in at Culver's of De Pere, 1499 Lawrence Drive on Monday, October 10th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

A portion of the sales will be given to De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store

WORSHIP & CONTACT INFO



Visit us on the web for weekly services!
www.stjohndepere.org and on
facebook.com/StJohnDePere
and visit our YouTube channel for weekly
worship by following this [link](#)



St. John Lutheran Church Council Members

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service
8am & 10:00am Service
Education - 9:15am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE

October 17, 2022
Send submissions to
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OFFICE HOURS

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