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JANUARY 2023 SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

(aka don't miss this stuff!)

- **Jan. 1st** *First Sunday after Christmas*
One worship service at 9:00am (also livestreamed)
- **Jan. 8th** *First Sunday after the Epiphany*
Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am with the Praise Band.
9:00 am Sunday School, undecorate the halls, and New member information session.
*Congregation Annual Report available for pick up.
- **Jan. 15th** *Second Sunday after the Epiphany*
Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am Trust Fund Scholarships presented both services.
9:00 am Sunday School and Ask the Council forum
- **Jan. 22nd** *Third Sunday after the Epiphany*
Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am New Member welcome at both services. Council installation at 10am service.
8:45 am St. John Annual Congregational meeting
9:00 am Sunday School
- **Jan. 29th** *Transfiguration of our Lord*
Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am
9:00am Sunday School & Adult Education



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Put this on your calendar.

Congregational
Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 22, 2023

8:45am



HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

~~WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT~~



Hi everyone, my name is Kim Zimmermann. I started at St. John on December 12th and I will be taking Laurie's position when she retires. I have worked at Atonement Lutheran Church for 3 years, so I have experience working in a church setting. I was born and raised in Green Bay and moved to West De Pere 11 years ago. I am married to Jason Zimmerman and we have 2 boys, Cayden and Brendan. They keep us on our toes, so we do a lot of outside activities in our free time. I am so excited to join the St. John team and look forward to meeting you all! With the addition of Kim to our staff the church office hours will now be Mon-Tue, 8:00-3:00 and Thursday, 8:00-3:00pm.

St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 19th at 1:00 PM.



We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing A Christmas Blizzard by Garrison Keillor. Snow is falling all across Minnesota as Mr. and Mrs. James Sparrow awaken in their modest Minneapolis apartment. She adores Christmas; he loathes it.

An urgent phone call from his cousin sends James flying off to his hometown of Loosleaf, North Dakota into a heavy blizzard. Stranded among his loony relatives, he is visited by a parade of figures who deliver him an epiphany worthy of the season.

If you were unable to attend the December meeting, extra copies of the book may be available at church. Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or

Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information. Everyone is welcome!

LEAVE A PUZZLE - TAKE A PUZZLE



With the cold days and long nights of winter upon us it's the perfect time for puzzles. Have a puzzle you're done with? Leave it on the shelves

in the Lounge. Looking for a puzzle for you or your family to do together? Take home a puzzle from the shelves.



Gnome Games



"Calling all gnomes! Oh wait, I mean humans! Gnome Games staff will be coming to St John on Sunday February 12th from 1-4 pm with gnomes, er, staff, from Gnome Games! They will be bringing loads of tabletop

games for us to explore & learn. You are all invited to come learn and play games with your fellow gnomies, and you may even win a game to take home to play with the gnomes in your life. Mark your calendars for a free Sunday Funday event! This is the perfect way to spend a wintry afternoon!" For any questions, reach out to Leslie-Ann Novitski: 920-265-4870

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION



The beautiful poinsettia in the narthex is a gift from our friends at Syble Hopp thanking us for being such good neighbors. They also included a \$50 gift that went to Mission Sewing.

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.



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

For questions, more information, or to start designating Choice Dollars, please contact Thrivent directly 1-800-THRIVENT or at www.thrivent.com.



Please help to undeck the halls following the 8:00am service on Sunday, January 8th. "Many hands make light work".



Thank you for your gifts supporting the DPCO Christmas Store. **Together we provided a brighter Christmas for over 170 families of the De Pere area.** Families that included 383 adults and 146 children. That's amazing. Thanks be to God!



Thank you!! On behalf of the people of St. John I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Laurie McCartney for her 5+ years as serving as our Administrative Assistant. Thank you for a job well done and we wish you much joy in your retirement. *Laurie's last day with us will be Tue. Jan 10th, please take this opportunity to thank her and wish her well.

Stand Still
and consider the
wondrous works of God
Job 37:14

YOUTH-full Joyful Noises

Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

Children's Choir Rehearsals:

January 8th	9:00 - 9:15am
January 15th	9:00 - 9:15am
January 22nd	No Rehearsal
January 29th	9:00 - 9:15am
February 5th	9:00 - 9:15am AND sing at 10:00am Service

Youth Choir Rehearsals:

January 15th	8:45 - 9:00am
January 22nd	8:45 - 9:00am
January 29th	8:45 - 9:00am
February 5th	8:45 - 9:00am

Reminder:

- ★ **Youth Choir is open to students 2nd grade and older.**
- ★ **Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students.**
- ★ **Looking ahead...**
Youth Choir sings at the 10am service on Feb. 19th.



**Praise Band will
see you next on
Sunday, January
8th!**

ADULT CHOIR

rehearses on Thursdays at
7:15pm in the choir room.

We are always looking for new members.

Please contact Cassie Tingo
at cassie.tingo@snc.edu
with any questions.

Ministry Servant Opportunity ALTAR CARE

After 8:00am service - Remove empty wine/juice trays from altar. Consolidate any partial trays and replenish altar with 3 full trays of wine/juice. Refill wafers as needed. Retrieve baskets of empty glasses. Rinse and recycle glasses. Put one empty basket back by piano and the other empty basket back on the altar. If time allows— fill empty trays with glasses. (Do not fill with wine/juice.)

After 10:00am service or when there is only 1 service - Remove empty wine/juice trays from altar. Consolidate any partial trays, cover top tray with plastic and refrigerate. Wipe out any used trays. If time allows refill empty trays with glasses. (Do not fill with wine/juice.) Retrieve baskets of empty glasses. Rinse and recycle glasses. Put one empty basket back by piano and the other empty basket back on the altar. Leave silver base, cover, chalice and altar clothes on the altar.

Thank you for serving.

Your time and dedication to this important ministry is greatly appreciated!

To sign up, call the church office or go to signupgenius.com and search office@stjohndepere.org.





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 27:1, 4-9

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

*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.*



†JANUARY 1ST - FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Matthew 2:13-23

In a dream, Joseph is warned to flee to Egypt to protect the infant Jesus from the jealousy of Herod.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†JANUARY 8TH - BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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

JANUARY 15TH - 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

JANUARY 22ND - THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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.

JANUARY 29TH - FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, 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.

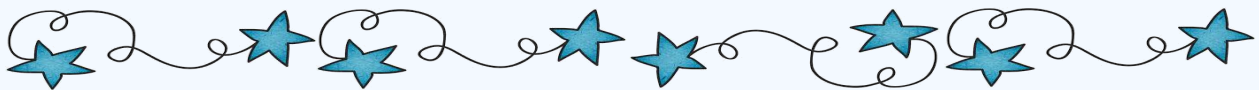
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FAITH FORMATION



CONFIRMATION CAROLING

A Caroling we will go! Thanks to all the youth that came out to spread joy in our community. Thanks especially to Jill Quigley for leading us through all of the songs!



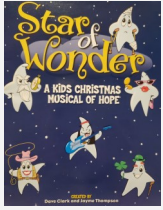
Crossways Camp 2023

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!

Contact Pastor Cindy for more information regarding scholarships.

FAITH FORMATION



Thank you to everyone who played a role in the success of the Sunday School and Youth Choir Christmas Program. The program would not be possible without the help of all the adults, students, teachers and direction from Jill Quigley.



Save the Date for the Synod Youth Gathering

February 17-19, 2023 | Hosted by Imago Dei Village
For **ALL** middle school and high school youth

A poster for the Synod Youth Gathering. It features a person's legs walking on a path, with the text 'JOURNEY WITH JESUS' and 'Searching for a vocabulary of faith'. It also includes the East Central Synod of Wisconsin logo and a QR code linking to ECSW.YOU.TH.

East Central Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**JOURNEY
WITH JESUS**

Searching for a vocabulary of faith

A SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING FOR GRADES 6-12
FEBRUARY 17-19, 2023 | @ IMAGO DEI VILLAGE

ECSW.YOU.TH

With engaging age appropriate workshops, time in God's glorious creation, and gathered together in one worshipping community for fellowship and FUN, congregations from across the ECSW are invited to bring their **middle school and high school** youth as we explore the theme, Journey with Jesus. Registration will open January 3rd! Cost - \$175 for Youth and \$65 for Adults. See Pastor for details.

MEN IN MISSION

Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @8:30am. On **January 18th** we will be meeting at Oak Street Restaurant and then back to church for Bible study. If you have any questions call Dick Vanden Heuvel @336-7157.

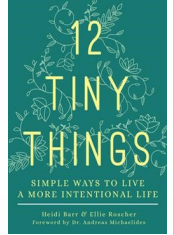
BIBLE STUDIES

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

This year WoW (Women of the Word) will be reading 12 Tiny Things by Heidi Barr and Ellie Roscher. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00. 6:30-7:00 is fellowship time, and people are welcome to show up at any time -- you don't have to be there right at 6:30, especially if your work schedule or get-the-kids-dinner schedule runs you past 6:30.



Here is the reading schedule for the year.

January: Spirituality, Food

February: Style, Nature

March: Communication, Home

April: Sensuality, Creativity

May: Learning, Community

There are reflection questions at the end of each chapter, as well as a body practice. Do whatever works best for you: you can read the chapters early in the month and try out their ideas throughout the month, or you can read the chapters late in the month and try out their ideas the following month. During our meetings we will talk about the reflection questions from the listed chapters that people are comfortable discussing

Sermon Notes...

All Confirmation students are expected to complete and turn in 2 *Sermon Notes per month*. Forms can be found in the lower right hand corner of the wooden mailbox system outside the church office and on our website under education/confirmation. Completed forms can be put in Pastor's mailbox (upper left corner of wooden mailbox system outside the office) or emailed to pastorcindy@stjohndepere.org

Lutheran Men in Mission Building Men for Christ

Please go to the link below as a source of information for those involved in congregational men's ministries.
<https://www.lutheranmeninmission.org/>



2023 SJLC Summer Youth Mission Trip Leech Lake Reservation, MN Sunday, July 16 to Friday, July 21, 2023

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.



MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission sewing,
We meet every Thursday from 9am until noon if anyone is interested in joining us. We have a lot of laughs and treats. I would like to thank Ruth Aerts, Donna Hjorth, Marsha Kruchten, Elaine Muesbeck, Sandy Piette, Judy Pinkel, Carole Tobisch, Mary Teofilo, Lin Reichtadter, Svetlana and the Syble Hoppe students for making this past year such a successful one. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy the holidays. *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 clpdckm@twc.com. We will get your requests out to our faithful prayer warriors.



PRAYER requests

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



In 2023, St. John will be focusing on collecting the following items each month for the DPCO Food Pantry.

January	Laundry Soap
February	Canned tuna
March	Dried spaghetti/noodles
April	Spaghetti sauce
May	Boxed pudding/jell-o
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 the Holtebeck family who served and to Helen Labs and Carol Grom who provided desserts the month of December. 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am - WORSHIP</p> <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am - Christ Care 6:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9am - Mission Sewing 7:15pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter</p>
<p>8am - WORSHIP 8:45am - Undeck the Halls 9am - New Member Session 9am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP</p> <p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am - Finance Mtg 9am - Mission Sewing 5:45pm - Trust Fund Mtg 7:15pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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WORSHIP & CONTACT INFO

St. John Lutheran

Church Council Members

Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org

or office ph (920) 336-1082

Travis Schreurs - President

Ryan Usiak - Vice President

Jim Johaneck - Secretary

Mike McMullen - Treasurer

Sean Day - Worship & Music

Bill Lake - Worship & Music

Rick Johnson - Celebration & Outreach

Dick VandenHeuvel - Property

Jen Holtebeck - Faith Formation

Open Position - Stewardship

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www.stjohndepere.org and on

our new FB page

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/StJohnLutheranDePere)

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

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Service

8am & 10:00am Service

Education - 9:00am



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE

January 18, 2023

Send submissions to

office@stjohndepere.org