



Mission Messenger!

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SAYING GOODBYE TO THE MORTGAGE



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Despite the pandemic, it's an exciting time to be a member of St. John. We're finding ways to navigate through these tough times, and we're accomplishing big things while we do it. One of those things is paying off the mortgage by the end of this year. Yes, you read that right. We're going to pay off the mortgage by Dec. 31 ... more than five years ahead of time.

Just paying off the mortgage is something to celebrate, but the fact that we're doing it on an accelerated timeline, during a pandemic and saving ourselves \$53,000 in interest payments is pretty amazing.

While we should all be excited about that, I'm extra excited about it. That's because it fulfills a promise that the council made to the congregation. I remember it very well, even though it was quite a few years ago, because I was part of the council making that promise. Unlike today, we were having some financial struggles, and we asked the congregation to refinance so we could get a better rate and, more importantly at the time, lower our payments.

It was a tough call and not everyone agreed. It meant we'd be extending the length of the mortgage, but we promised the congregation that we'd try our best to make extra payments so we could pay off that new mortgage early.

We knew it wouldn't be easy, however, for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the reason we needed to refinance was because of our financial situation, which didn't really bode well for making extra payments. Well, St. John, you came through

to help me and the rest of that council keep our promise, and in a big way. If you had told me back then that our financial health would be where it is today, it would have been very difficult for me to believe. Today, I'm a believer ... but I should have believed back then.

As Christians, we're called to believe. Just like with the mortgage, however, there are lots of things that come at us that sometimes test that belief. Even Jesus' disciples doubted sometimes. In the end, however, Jesus shows us the way. He models the behavior for us. He teaches us how to love one another and demonstrates His love for us in so many ways.

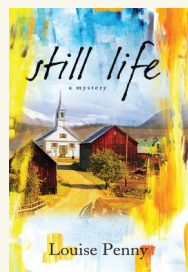
At St. John, our actions show that we believe. We worship together, we laugh together, we cry together ... and we make a difference together. Not only is our financial health strong, but everything about St. John makes me proud. We're a great family that truly cares about each other. We're giving back to our community through volunteer efforts. We've also increased our monetary gifts to impact people not only in Northeast Wisconsin but the world. We're finding new ways to spread our ministry.

Thank you, St. John, for showing the way as we live our faith and enrich lives in our congregation, our community and the world every day.

Andrew Tobisch, Council President
St. John Lutheran Church

Hospitality & Celebration

FAITH, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP = CHURCH PICNIC



ST JOHN'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Thursday, October 21st at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing Still Life by Louise Penny. In this novel Chief Inspector Armand Gamache has to solve the case of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. 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!

Hospitality & Celebration



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.

DPCO PANTRY updates:

Through the generosity of our volunteers and your support, the pantry was able to assist 90 households in August (159 adults and 49 children).

THRIFT STORE

We had an opportunity to work with a local business, Life's A Stitch, in De Pere to donate over 12 bags of blankets and quilts to be distributed to the refugees at Fort McCoy this past Friday and the DPCO van even made some evening news!

We continue to look for individuals who would like to explore and possibly expand the operational hours of DPCO store to include Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 3:00-6:00 to allow more people to be able to shop. We are looking for additional front-end volunteer staff to help supervise, cashier or bag for these evenings. If you know someone or would like to volunteer and join our amazing team, please contact Amy Murphy at 920-655-5758 or Amurphydpc@outlook.com.

The Christmas Store Program is getting ready for the 4th Annual Store.



Worship

Reminder:

*Sunday, October 3rd, we will have 2 worship services: 8:00 & 10:30 am
Beginning October 10th, services will be at 8:00 & 10:00am*



TONE CHIME CHOIR
rehearsal will begin
Thursday, October 7th
at 6:00pm in the
sanctuary. All skill levels
and ages are welcome!

Come join and share your gift of music!
Please contact Cassie Tingo at
715-965-2220 or cassie.tingo@snc.edu



PRAISE BAND will be leading
worship on **OCTOBER 10TH** for
both services with a presentation
from our Youth Summer
Mission Trip.



WORSHIP AT HOME



CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. Amen. Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

*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 3RD - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God’s surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

Prayer of the Day Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OCTOBER 10TH - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God’s eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

Prayer of the Day Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†OCTOBER 17TH - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

†OCTOBER 24TH - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus’ identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him “Son of David” in the Gospel of Mark.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SING PRAISE We Are An Offering ELW#692
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SING PRAISE Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
ELW#779 (Page 6)

†OCTOBER 31ST - Reformation Day

John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SING PRAISE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW#504 (Page 6)

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

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER HYMNS



Bind Us Together **WOV748**

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords
that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

Vs. 1

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that...is why we can sing.

Refrain

God of Grace and God of Glory **ELW#705**

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

We Are An Offering **ELW#692**

We lift our voices, we life our hands, we life our
lives up to you;
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our
hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to
be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we life our hands, we lift our lives
up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound **ELW#779**

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God **ELW#504**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and
dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion
comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You
ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Faith Formation

ANXIETY, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

School is starting. For some of you this is super exciting – others, maybe not. 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.

We are here for you!

October Happenings

MISSION TRIP 2021 PRESENTATION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER...

Thanks to the tremendous support of the congregation and greater De Pere community, 31 of us were able to serve the Duluth community this summer. We would like to say **THANK YOU** for all of your support! Please join us at the **Sunday, October 10th** worship service(s) to learn more about what we did, and how this week impacts our teens!



CAMPFIRE? Yes, please!

Watch for more information on a **Sunday night, October 24th** campfire event! We'll play games, chat, roast marshmallows and have a short devotion. Times for our 6th to 12th grade youth AND THEIR FRIENDS will be announced shortly. Watch your email and the St. John Lutheran Facebook and Instagram page (@stjohndpyouth) for more info!

AND your Youth Trip options for 2022 are..

2022 ST. JOHN YOUTH MISSION TRIP!



We are going to **Nashville, Tennessee!** This trip will be held **Saturday, July 9th – Saturday, July 16th**! Cost is \$450 per person. If you are interested in learning more, please check the youth board, or call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2022!

All teens (current 8th-12th grade) are invited and encouraged to attend the **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Sunday, July 24th - Thursday, 28th**! The theme this year is “boundless,” and focuses on a God beyond measure. Teens will experience service, amazing worship, and fellowship like they've never experienced before – with hundreds of teens from throughout the nation! This only happens every 3 years, so you don't want to miss it!



More information can be found on their website <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>.

St. John Lutheran will be taking a group – cost is \$400 per person.

If you're interested, please contact Kristin at 920-360-6045 or Kristin@stjohndepere.org.

(you can attend both if you really want to...)

Faith Formation

THANK YOU to our Teen Volunteers!

The games were rockin' at St. John's annual church picnic! Both kids AND adults tossed bean bags, spun the wheel, putt-putted and more for prizes. A BIG THANK YOU to our teen volunteers who helped each and every participant play and have fun!



On **Saturday, Sept. 18th** teen volunteers helped to build beds for kids in our community. We worked alongside volunteers with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. **What a great opportunity!** Below are links about the organization. Thank you to everyone who came out to help!

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

<https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/wi-de-pere>

<https://www.facebook.com/shpdepere/>



More 2021-2022 Youth Events coming soon!

The calendar of events for this year is being finalized... watch your email for the youth newsletter, and check out the Youth Board in the narthex. All the latest and greatest events, volunteer opportunities and more will be included!

Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION CLASS

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Important dates:

- Sunday Oct. 3rd 5-8pm class
- Thur. Oct 14th 6:30-7:30pm class
- Thur. Oct 21st 6:30-7:30 class

9th Grade students will meet in the Youth room.

Please bring your bible to each class.

5TH - 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Important dates:

Wednesday, October 6th, 13th & 27th meet at church, 6:30 - 7:15pm

WELCOME BACK

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are so excited to welcome you back to Sunday School starting October 3rd! Please note our new time 9 to 9:45! Parents please walk your child to their class and pick them up there as well. Looking forward to a great Sunday School year!!
Masks are required.



CELEBRATING THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER AT BAY BEACH!

We did the rides at Bay Beach! Tilt-A-Whirl, the Scrambler, the Bumper Cars and of course the Zippin Pippin were keeping our group busy at Bay Beach on Sunday. We had a blast celebrating the last days of summer, and the last day of Bay Beach for the season! Thanks to everyone who came out to play, and for Debbie and Lisa for driving! Next youth event is a campfire at church on Sunday, October 24th!

Watch your email for more details...



End of Summer
Celebration!



Mission & Service

Celebration & Outreach

In 2021, St. John will be focusing on collecting the following items each month for the DPCO Food Pantry.



October Canned spaghetti

November Thanksgiving Food Drive
December Reverse Advent Calendar

YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12



Christ Care will meet on **Wednesday, October 6th** and **Wednesday, October 20th @10:00am**

in the LOUNGE. If you have any questions, contact Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327 or at clpdkcm@twc.com.

Men in Mission meets on the third Wednesday of the month. October 20th, 8:30am, we will be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant and then back to church for bible study with Pastor Cindy from 9:30 - 10:30am. If you have any questions, contact Dick VandenHeuvel at 920-336-7157 or at dickvan1943@gmail.com.



M I S S I O N S E W I N G

St. John Lutheran Mission & Service Quilters -

Thank you so much for the wonderful quilts you put your love into and donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace! They are greatly appreciated and bring such big smiles and excitement from the children who are getting their own bed. Because of your hard work, they will have a comfortable and cozy night's sleep so they can enjoy sweet dreams.

Thank you so much!
Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Hi from Mission sewing.

This month Syble Hoppe students returned to mission sewing, helping with sorting, counting the squares out and bagging them. They have been using the room next to the sewing room. Once again, it is wonderful to have their help. If anyone would like come and join mission sewing, we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. While doing your fall cleaning, if you run across any gently used sheets bring them to church to be used for the backs of quilts. We gave some quilts to Sleep in heavenly peace and received a thank you from them which is shown above. Thank you everyone who has been helping with the quilt tops; it allows us to continue making the quilts without stopping. Judy Beerntsen

Quilts donated for Afghan refugees



Mission & Service



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.



LIVESTREAM A/V VOLUNTEERS

We could use more volunteers to help with our video equipment.

If you have experience or interest in learning more about A/V all the better! Adults, Middle and High school youth are all encouraged to volunteer (great way to earn service hours and Pastor can arrange for your volunteer time to replace sermon notes for Confirmation students!) PLEASE contact the office or Pastor with the Sundays you are available to volunteer.

Training will be provided.

NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER 301 MATHER ST, WEST GREEN BAY



During this post-covid time, 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 **CHRIST CARE GROUP** who serviced and provided deserts on September 4th.

Cookies supplied by Sandy Piette, Sherry Jenson, Jan Vanden Huevel, Phyllis Day, Kathleen Pagel, Andy Midvon, Maxine Eckness and Carlyn Cooper. Servers were Lin Reichstadter, Kathleen Pagel, Harold Jacobs, and Carlyn Cooper.

Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Bergum at 336-7472.



WE PRAY:

Please hold in healing prayer, Larry Armstrong, John Grom, Fianna Kaye, Jennifer Leonard, Seth Meinel, Sophia Meinel, Charlotte Schink, Lynda Tetzlaff and Bob Van Enkenvoort.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24 WORSHIP ONLINE PM 8am - Worship 10am - Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 WORSHIP ONLINE PM 8am - Worship 10am - Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6

Happy 5 Year Anniversary Pastor Cindy!
St John Lutheran Church has been truly blessed to have
you as our Pastor for the past 5 years.
We look forward to more great things ahead.



Visit us on the web for weekly services!

www.stjohndepere.org

and on

[facebook.com/StJohnDePere](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnDePere)

and visit our YouTube channel for weekly worship by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCl1cjRdeaDr3N5fYKeuRUw>

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

October 15, 2021

Send submissions to

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WORSHIP TIMES

Join us Online Anytime