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Welcome to 2022

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

I've never really been one for New Year's resolutions, probably because I've never been successful at keeping them. So this year, I've decided to try a New Year's scripture. My plan is to keep this scripture (Psalm 34:1) with me throughout my day. Reading it and praying with it.

My hope is that its message becomes so much a part of me that at all times and in all things, I will bless the Lord and continually praise God.

While I don't know what the new year will bring, I do know that approaching it with a heart of praise and thanksgiving to God will make a difference.

Why not try a New Year's Scripture for yourself? Use Psalm 34:1, I'm happy to share! Or choose one that speaks to you. Imagine what the year could bring if the words that shape and inform us are words of praise and thanksgiving! *Pastor Cindy*



★ Sunday, January 9th from 9:00 - 9:45am, ask the council forum regarding the new constitution.

★ Sunday, January 16th from 9:00 - 9:45am, ask the council forum regarding the 2022 budget.

★ CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING, Sunday, January 23rd at 8:45am.

Hospitality & Celebration

ASK THE COUNCIL FORUM ZOOM LINKS

Topic: Ask the Council New Constitution Time: Jan 9, 2022 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84964171722

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Topic: Ask the Council Budget Time: Jan 16, 2022 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83744147900

Meeting ID: 837 4414 7900

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbnIgverU



THE ANNUAL MEETING ZOOM LINK

Congregational Annual Meeting

Time: Jan 23, 2022 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81753236689

Meeting ID: 817 5323 6689 Find your local number: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k3DCmcM4I</u>





THANK YOU Charlie & Sharon Kussow for providing the live Christmas tree for the sanctuary.



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 20th at 1:00 PM. We meet in the Luther Room and will be discussing <u>The Christmas Promise</u> by Donna VanLiere. After a family tragedy, Gloria is trying to rebuild her life by caring for people in need. She must also



deal with her disapproving neighbor Miriam. If you were unable to attend the December 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



Thank you for your gifts supporting the DPCO Christmas Store. **Together we provided a brighter Christmas for 160 families of the De Pere area.** Families that included 262 adults and 441 children. That's amazing. Thanks be to God!













THANKS



"I just wanted to thank you all again! I found so many nice things for my children!" 'I wanted to thank you all of you so very much. I was not expecting the Christmas Store to be anything like it was. I am so overwhelmed with gratitude, appreciation, and love. Thank you is definitely not enough to say. May all of your holidays be filled with good health, love, and beautiful memories. Thank you all so much!"

"Thank you so much!!! I can't even begin to tell you how grateful I am for you and all the volunteers and everyone who donated and made this happen. My children will be so blessed."

"I am beyond thankful for what you all and Christian Outreach has done for me and my grandchildren!!! It was so much more than I thought. Thank you for letting me get things for my other grandchildren! I really can't stop crying. I'm so thankful!!! You all are awesome! Thanks again!"

"Just wanted to say thank you for everything. I was truly baffled by the generosity of the program and the people. It was a lot more than I expected! This was amazing and we are so grateful. You made our Christmas 100x more special this year."

Hospitality & Celebration

FINAL STAINED GLASS WINDOW INSTALLATION





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.

Moved, dropped your land line or changed your email address? Please notify the office at 920-336-1082 or by email, office@stjohndepere.org. THANK YOU





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.

Worship





THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICIANS FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship

WORSHIP AT HOME

<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> + *Make the sign of the cross*. Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
 ⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
 you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
 ⁷How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
 ⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
 ⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
 ¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

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 2ND -Second Sunday of Christmas

John 1: 10-18

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

Prayer of the Day O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+JANUARY 9TH - First Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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	God's Work, Our Hands	ACS 1000	SING PRAISE	Baptized in Water	ELW#456
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Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†JANUARY 16TH - Second Sunday after the Epiphany

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SING PRAISE Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW#310 (Page 6)

[†]JANUARY 23RD - Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SING PRAISE Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow <u>ELW#885</u> (Page 6)

+JANUARY 30TH - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

SING PRAISE O Word of God Incarnate ELW#514

<u>Luke 4:21-30</u> People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

<u>Prayer of the Day</u> Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through 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.

Worship

JANUARY NEWSLETTER HYMNS

God's Work, Our Hands

ACS 1000

- God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

Baptized in Water

ELW#456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ELW#310

 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise; manifested by the star to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Continued.....

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme; and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

<u>ELW#885</u>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW#514

- O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine; and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through, mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to you.





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.





WOW will be meeting on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30pm at church in the Luther room. We are reading "Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. For our January meeting we will read Chapter 3.





MEN IN MISSION meets on the third Wednesday of the month. January 19th, 8:30am, we will be meeting at Oak Street Cafe 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.

<u>CHRIST CARE</u> meets on <u>Wednesday, January 5th and</u> <u>Wednesday, January 19th @10:00am</u> in the LOUNGE.

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

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BIBLE PRESENTATION

When children are baptized, we as the church promise to partner with parents and sponsors to nurture them in faith. In keeping with this promise we are excited to present all 4 year olds and 3rd grade students with their very own bible on

Sunday, January 9th during the 8:00 am worship service!

Parents and sponsors are invited to come forward with their child as the bibles are presented.

4 year olds will receive the Spark Story bible



3rd grade students will receive the NRSV *Here We Stand* study bible Following the service, Pastor Cindy will lead the 3rd Grade Sunday School class as they get familiar with their bibles.

JANUARY 2022 SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Jan. 2 nd Second Sunday after Christmas	 ★One worship service at 9:00am (also livestreamed) with a special message from Reverend Jenn Pockat, Assistant to the Bishop for Communication and Community, East Central Synod of Wisconsin ★"Un-deck the halls" Please join us after worship, 9:30am, to take down and pack away Christmas decorations 	
Jan. 9 th First Sunday after the Epiphany	 Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am with the Praise Band Trust Fund Scholarship distribution (both services) 4 yr olds and 3rd grade students receive bibles at the 8:00am service \$9:00 am Sunday School and Ask the Council forum focusing on St. John's constitution 	
Jan. 16th Second Sunday after the Epiphany	★Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am ★9:00 am Sunday School and Ask the Council forum focusing on 2022 Proposed Budget	
Jan. 23 rd Third Sunday after the Epiphany	 ★Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am ★ 8:45 am St. John Annual Congregational meeting 9:00 am Sunday School 	
Jan. 30th Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	★Worship at 8:00 & 10:00am ★ 9:00am Sunday School & Adult Education	

ANXIETY, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

We are here for you to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate success. PLEASE call myself or Pastor Cindy <u>any</u> <u>time</u> 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 <u>asking</u> for help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Cindy or call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045 or email at <u>kristin@stjohndepere.org</u>. We are here for you!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!



Successful Shopping Trip for DPCO

Our teens were delighted to shop for Christmas presents for the DPCO Holiday Store! With a wonderful donation from the congregation, we purchased everything from socks to nail polish to slippers and shampoo – all to help out local families this Christmas. Thanks to the teens (and couple of moms) who shopped!



And the caroling went on!



Thanks to the beauty of technology, our 5th-8th grade confirmation class was able to sing Christmas carols to local nursing home residents! On Wed. night, Dec. 15th the youth

sang everything from "Jingle Bell Rock" to "Silent Night" on theSt. John Lutheran YouTube channel, live-streamed into nursing homes. The youth did a great job! Thanks especially to Jill Quigley for leading us through all of the songs, and Brian Holtebeck for coordinating the livestream!

We had a small but mighty crew ringing bells at the Bay Park Square Mall on Monday, Dec. 20th! Donning Santa hats and smiles, we wished all of the last-minute shoppers a Merry Christmas

while raising money for the Salvation Army. Over the course of two hours, we had more than 30 donations! Thanks to Erik, Connor and Margot for helping out!



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Christmas Movie and PJs night cozy and fun!

On that rainy, windy Wednesday night, a dozen of our high school youth spent time together watching "Elf," sipping on hot chocolate and eating tasty treats. Most importantly, we were able to celebrate the Christmas spirit together! Thanks to all of the kids who came to hang out!



BARF Bowling is back in January!

Bring A Random Friend bowling in January! Tentatively planned for Sunday January 23rd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, mark your calendars for this extra fun,



youth event! And...when you bring a new friend (and old friends!) with you, you'll receive a very special prize.
All 6th-12th graders are invited for a night of friends,
bowling and pizza! Cost is \$5 per person with food, bowling

and shoe rentals included. Please let Kristin know if you can make it by emailing her at <u>kristin@stjohndepere.org</u> or call/text her at 920-360-6045.



Faith Formation 5th-8th grade Confirmation students

Confirmation classes resume for all on Wednesday January, 5th 6:30 -7:15 pm. Our 5th & 6th grade_students continue their walk through the Old Testament, learning the stories of our ancestors and what they can teach us for today.

Our 7th & 8th grade students will begin the year learning about prayer and then tackle a few tough questions about the bible.





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

Sunday School music time will resume on January 9th.
 * We will be practicing Sundays from 9:00-9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
 * There will not be music time on Jan.16th
 * Youth Choir Rehearsals are: Jan. 23rd & Feb. 6th @8:45 a.m. in the GREAT room.
 * Feel free to call/text Jill Q. at (920) 360-5772 if questions.



rossways Camp 202

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 is available.

(Camperships also available for families and younger/older students attending a Crossways camp.) Contact Pastor Cindy for more information regarding scholarships.

Mission & Service

WE PRAY:

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



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.

Mission & Service

CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH

In 2022, 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



<u>NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER</u> <u>301 Mather St,</u> <u>west Green Bay</u>

During this post-covid time, volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide deserts for the evening meal on the <u>first Saturday of each month from</u> <u>4:30 - 6:00pm</u>. Thank you to Tracey Williams who helped serve and Helen Labs and Sandy Piette who provided deserts on December 4th. 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.

Hi from Mission sewing -

We meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. If anyone is interested in come you can whenever you can or you can take a bag of squares home to sew and bring back to the church. If you have any gently used sheets and want to get rid of them you can drop them off at church. I would like to thank all of the sewing team, Carole Tobisch, Elaine Muesbeck, Marsha Kruchten, Donna Hjorth, Betty Marquardt, Sandy Piette, Lin Reichstadter and Judy (who just joined this year), for making this year a great year even with being delayed in getting together. We hope that everyone had a great holiday. Judy Beerntsen



Sybol Hopp students come every Thursday to help us with sorting, cutting and bagging squares of fabric.



Thank you Ladies for letting us help you with your guilts. We look forward to joining you every Thursday. Addy Merry Christmas! Kalli Your friends from Syble Hopp, Hollaha Michael Ant hon X Hollaha Joshudh LIO Mitain Note

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