



**DECEMBER
2022**
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Beyond the Budget!

In November, through your generous giving, we were able to support the following ministries with financial gifts!

Woodside
Senior Communities
A Lutheran heritage. Serving all faiths.

✝ Woodside Received \$1000.

\$500.00 to purchase Christmas gifts for residents and \$500 to purchase gifts to show appreciation to the staff.

Gifts of Love

✝ Lutheran World Relief received \$2500.

Providing water for a Community's Fields.

Water flow makes the crops grow. Once the irrigation systems are installed waters begin to flow and crops can grow for years to come.



✝ SJLC Trust Fund

received \$1500 for Seminarian Support.

This gift will help support a person who is in seminary on their path to becoming a pastor.



✝ The DPCO Christmas Store received \$1000 to purchase laundry soap so that each family shopping at the store receives some!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

12:30PM

6:00PM

7:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25TH

NO SERVICE

NEW YEARS DAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:00 SERVICE ONLY

*Wishing you and your family a very
Merry Christmas from the staff at St. John*



HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

This month we are featuring **Lauren Nordwig, our new middle school ministries coordinator.**



Hi! My name is Lauren Nordwig and I am really excited to be the Middle School Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. John!

A little bit about myself, I grew up in Wrightstown and have been a member of St. John my entire life. I graduated from high school in 2021 and am currently a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I am studying elementary education and plan to teach second grade. Being a teacher has always been my dream because of my passion for working with kids.

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, being outdoors, and shopping. As a youth at St. John, I participated in two mission trips which were truly life changing experiences. Being involved with the church has helped enrich my faith. I am looking forward to this new opportunity of strengthening the faith of your children!

You can reach me at lauren@stjohndepere.org or call/text 920.228.1124.

Watch upcoming newsletters and the weekly e-blast for information about events for 5th-8th grade students.



WELCOME TO

*Fianna Elise Kaye baptized on
November 8th and*

*Ashton Joseph Noel baptized on
November 13th.*



TRUST FUND

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

are due by December 31st.

Go to the church website, www.stjohndepere.org, for an application. Completed forms can be mailed to St. John Lutheran Church 1700 Lost Dauphin Road, De Pere, 54115

Thank you



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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the hanging of the greens on Sunday, Nov. 27th.

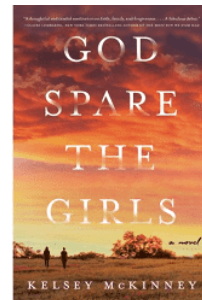
A special THANK YOU to Treena Schepp and Marsha Kruchten for providing your decorating talents with us.

THANK YOU to Steve Petersen, Speedy Tree Co., who donated his services to remove trees from our property.

HOSPITALITY & CELEBRATION

BOOK CLUB

St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 15th at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the Luther Room. We will be discussing God Spare the Girls by Kelsey McKinney. Luke Nolan has led the Hope congregation for more than a decade, while his wife and daughters have patiently upheld what it means to live righteously. When it comes to light that Luke has been lying to his family, the entire Nolan clan falls into a tailspin. If you were unable to attend the November 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!



**OUR 4 YEAR OLD AND 3RD GRADE STUDENTS
WERE PRESENTED
WITH BIBLES ON NOVEMBER 6TH.**



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

**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.



Don't miss this!
Congregational Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 22, 2023 9:00am





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 98

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

*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.*

†DECEMBER 4TH - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Matthew 3:1-12

Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†DECEMBER 11TH - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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

DECEMBER 18TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

DECEMBER 24TH - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - CHRISTMAS EVE

Luke 2:1-14

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through 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 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

Upcoming Children's & Youth Choir Schedule:

Both the Children's Choir & Youth Choir are preparing for the Christmas Program.

★ Upcoming Rehearsals:

- ★ Dec. 4 9:00-9:20 a.m.
- ★ Dec. 11 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- ★ Dec. 18 Christmas Program touch-up Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.
- ★ **Dec. 18 Present Christmas Program during 10am worship service**



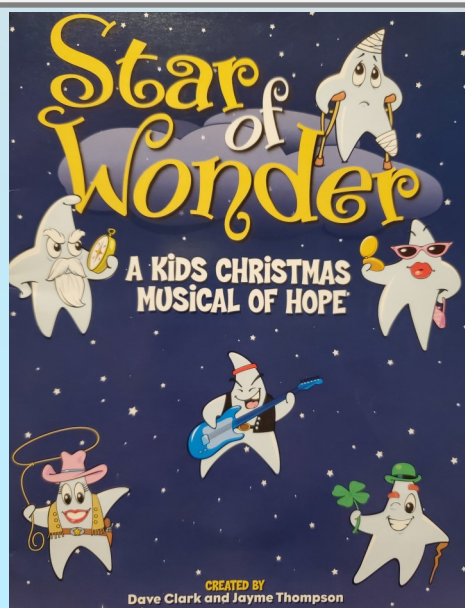
Reminder:

*Youth Choir is open to students 2nd grade & older.
Children's Choir includes all Sunday School students.*

Looking ahead...

No music rehearsals Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

If questions, please reach out to Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772



The 2022 St. John Christmas Program

including all Sunday School students and the Youth Choir will present **Star of Wonder** on Sunday, December 18th during the 10 am Worship service.

Costume Needs:

All participants are stars in night sky so should dress accordingly. Children should be able to walk, sit, stand & not be too hot or uncomfortable. Song links or CDs of the songs that the children need to learn are available.

Rehearsals are each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 27 & Dec. 4, Dec. 11 & Dec. 18

Call/Text Ms. Jill if questions - 920-360-5772



**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.

NOTE: No practice on Dec. 22nd or 29th

WORSHIP

DEDICATION FOR THE UPDATED OUTDOOR SPACE

On Sunday night, Nov. 20th, we celebrated our updated fire pit with a service, hot dogs and s'mores. It was a chilly night, but was a wonderful evening of faith, fellowship and fun.



*Please join us around the campfire
ring for the
The Longest Night service on
December 21st @6:00pm.*

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.



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



*Merry
Christmas*



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 [signup genius](http://signup.genius.com)
and search office@stjohndepere.org.

WORSHIP

December Worship Highlights!

Sunday, December 18th	8:00am 10:00am	Fourth Sunday in Advent service <i>Children's Christmas Program</i>
Wednesday, December 21st	6:00pm	<i>The Longest Night</i> service (Gather at the campfire ring.)
Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve	12:30pm 6:00pm 7:30pm	<i>Worship featuring special music and Holy Communion.</i> <i>Candlelight Service with the brass ensemble and Holy Communion</i> <i>Candlelight Service with the brass ensemble and Holy Communion</i> *7:30pm service will be livestreamed
Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day		No service
Sunday, January 1st	9:00am	One service only



FAITH FORMATION

🎄 SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES 9:00AM 🎄

Join us in the Luther room for conversation on December 4th and 11th.

★**Sunday, Dec. 4th** Second Sunday in Advent Isaiah 11:1-10

This Advent season we are focusing on the Isaiah readings that foretell of the one who will come and make the world right. Join us to explore what Isaiah 11 foretells!

★**Sunday, Dec. 11th** - Third Sunday in Advent Isaiah 35:1-10

We continue our Advent journey with Isaiah. Today we'll explore the imagery of the reading and what it promises about the coming Messiah's impact on creation and all creatures.

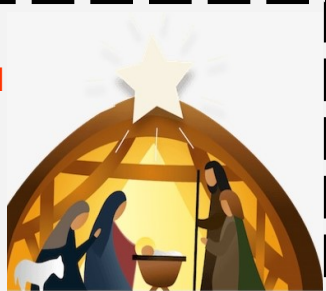
★**Sunday, Dec. 18th** - No class as our Sunday School students prepare to share a program at 10am.

★**Sunday, Dec. 25th** - No worship service. No class.

★**Sunday, Jan. 1st** - No class as we have one worship service this day at 9:00am



REMINDER:
NO Sunday school
December 25th
or
January 1st.
MERRY CHRISTMAS



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/>

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS 5TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Wed. Dec. 7th

Confirmation Caroling – 5:45-7:15pm

We will meet at church to load the bus at 5:45 pm.

We will go caroling and then return to church ending our night with sweet treats at 7:15 pm.



Festive Christmas apparel is encouraged!

Please note:

**Following the caroling event, Confirmation Classes are on*

Christmas break until Wed. Jan. 4th.

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



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



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. Serve through painting, cleaning, helping with yard work, or doing simple work projects. Plan and lead children's programming, including



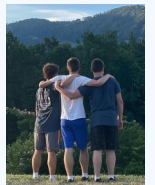
Bible lessons, games, crafts and reading activities and more!

Total Cost is \$325 per person - \$100 deposit due by Dec 15th, holds your spot!

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL KICK OFF EVENT

For all 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Gr. students

Come, meet and hang out with Lauren, our new Middle School Ministries Coordinator! They'll be cookies to decorate, games and fun for all

Sunday, Dec. 18th 3:00 to 5:00pm in the GREAT room.



Please let Lauren know you will be attending with a call or text to 920-228-1124.

COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES COORDINATOR?

This person would have a strong commitment to faith. Regularly attend worship at St. John and have a strong knowledge of the Bible and practice of prayer. Have a passion for engaging with and relating to youth with the ability to demonstrate the love of God in daily actions. Availability to work evenings and weekends and to travel when necessary to attend youth events. This is a salaried position with an annual hour expectation of about 184 hours (the majority of which involve the Annual Summer Mission trip.) Interested? Know someone? Please contact Pastor Cindy for more information.

Bible Class Info.

MEN IN MISSION

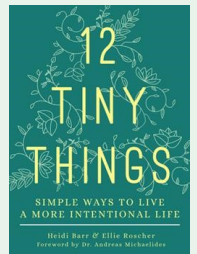
Men in Mission meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month @8:30am. On **December 21st** we will be meeting at Julies Restaurant and then back to church for Bible study. If you have any questions call Dick Vanden Heuvel @336-7157.

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
***NOTE: No Class on Wed., Dec. 21st**

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.

December: How to Use this Book, Space, Work *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 and report on the practices we tried that month.

MISSION & SERVICE



DPCO CHRISTMAS STORE NEWS

Thank you for your great response in support of the store!

You are helping to make Christmas brighter for many in our community.

There are still some openings to help work at the store.

Use this link to help at the store **Tuesday, Dec. 6th**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45abab2ca5fe3-dpco1>

Use this link to help at the store **Wednesday, Dec. 7th**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45abab2ca5fe3-dpco2>

Use this link to help tear down/clean up **Thursday, Dec. 8th**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e45abab2ca5fe3-dpco3>



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

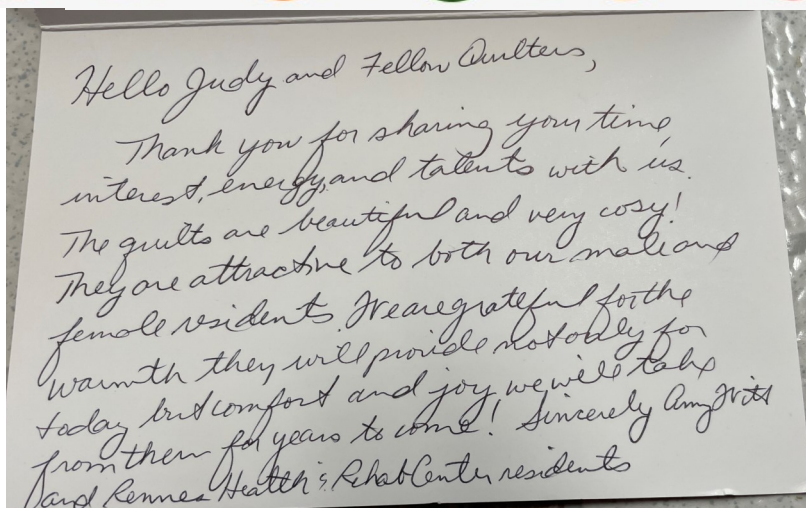


MISSION & SERVICE



Hi from Mission sewing,

We meet every Thursday from 9am until noon if anyone is interested in joining us or just to come and see what we do. This year, making a total of 261 quilts, we were able to send 135 quilts to Lutheran World relief, 50 quilts to Sleep in heavenly peace, 20 to House of Hope, 20 to the St. John homeless center, 17 to Golden house, and 5 to each of Rennes rehab, Woodside and Love Life. There also were a couple of quilts that we sold. Thank you to everyone who made this such a great year. We hope that everyone will have a great holiday. Judy Beerntsen



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

- ___ December 1—cereal
- ___ December 2—cake mix
- ___ December 3—stuffing mix
- ___ December 4—boxed potatoes
- ___ December 5—macaroni and cheese
- ___ December 6—canned fruit
- ___ December 7—canned tomatoes
- ___ December 8—canned tuna
- ___ December 9—peanut butter
- ___ December 10—applesauce
- ___ December 11—canned sweet potatoes
- ___ December 12—canned mixed vegetables
- ___ December 13—cranberry sauce
- ___ December 14—baked beans
- ___ December 15—box of crackers
- ___ December 16—canned green beans
- ___ December 17—oatmeal
- ___ December 18—spaghetti sauce
- ___ December 19—chicken noodle soup
- ___ December 20—canned corn
- ___ December 21—tomato soup
- ___ December 22—pasta
- ___ December 23—chunky soup
- ___ December 24—rice

Help stock the DPCO Food Pantry
Add an item a day to your bag. Return your packed grocery
bag to church anytime after Christmas!

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.



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 Carol Grom and Dave and Lois McAllister who served and provided desserts the month of November. 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
27 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Education 9am - Youth & SS Choir 9:20am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	28	29	30	1 9am - Mission Sewing 7:15pm - Adult Choir	2 4:30pm - NEW Comm Shelter	3
4 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Education 9am - Youth & SS Choir 9:20am - Sunday School 10am - WORSHIP	5	6 10am - Christ Care 5:45pm - Confirmation Caroling	7 9am - Finance Mtg 9am - Mission Sewing 7:15pm - Adult Choir	8	9	10
11 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Adult Education 9am - Youth & SS Choir 10am - WORSHIP	12	13	14 9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club 7:15pm - Adult Choir	15	16	17 3pm - Piano Recital
18 8am - WORSHIP 9am - Youth & SS Choir 10am - Childrens Christmas 3pm - Middle School Event	19	20 8:30am - Men in Mission	21 9am - Mission Sewing	22	23 12:30pm - WORSHIP 6pm - WORSHIP 7:30pm - WORSHIP	24
25 Merry Christmas No Service	26	27 6:30pm - Wow Women's study	28	29 9am - Mission Sewing	30	31

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

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Bill Lake - Worship & Music

Rick Johnson - Celebration & Outreach

Dick VandenHeuvel - Property

Jen Holtebeck - Faith Formation

Open Position - Stewardship

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our new FB page
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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 JANUARY ISSUE

December 19, 2022

Send submissions to

office@stjohndepere.org

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