




Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.

Advent/Christmas 2020

Celebrating the season in new and different ways.

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While we will not be gathering in the sanctuary for Advent or Christmas, that will not stop us from celebrating our Savior's birth! We've taken some favorite traditions and put a new and often virtual twist on them. On the following pages you will see a variety of Advent opportunities to join together as we prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.

What about Christmas Eve and Christmas Day?

On Christmas Eve there are 4 different opportunities to gather outdoors at church for a short Christmas Eve worship. The service will include the Christmas story, prayers, singing "Silent Night," candles and the gift of the presence of your church family. I am excited for the impact of this Christmas Eve experience. Without the usual trappings of the night, gathered under the stars, this may just be the most memorable Christmas Eve ever.

(Times and further details can be found in this newsletter.)

One more way to make the season extra special! We all want to be together for Christmas, so help us make that happen. We are collecting "Christmas Snapshots!" As an individual or family, send in a photo picturing yourself with your tree or other favorite holiday tradition.

These photos will become part of the Christmas Day virtual service. Please submit all photos to office@stjohndepere.org by Tues. Dec. 15th to be part of the Christmas Day worship experience.

Pastor Cindy



St. John's Manger adorning the altar.

Photo by Treena Schepp

Hospitality & Celebration



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

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

are due by December 31st.

Go online to www.stjohndepere.org, for an application. Completed forms may be put in the Trust Fund mailbox in the narthex or send to COACHLABELLE@HOTMAIL.COM.



THRIVENT 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.

Worship



WORSHIP SERVICES ON DVD

Would you like to see our recorded services but don't have internet access? We now have them available on DVD. Please call the church office, 920.336.1082 to request a copy and we will get them to you!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the church office 920-336-1082 and let us know that you are unable to attend worship and would like Holy Communion brought to you.

Pastor or another volunteer will bring Communion to you. Please know that they cannot enter your residence. You will need to be able to meet them at the door or outside.

Worship at Home

Available each week on the ELCA worship blog (<https://blogs.elca.org/worship/3060/>) are materials for "Worship in the Home." Consider ways to pray and sing using this resource at home. In addition to Sunday worship resources, Daily Prayer in the Home is available, providing simplified forms of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer, as well as table prayers."








Worship



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS



“Christmas snapshots” individuals and families send in a photo picturing yourself with your tree or other favorite holiday tradition. **We need these by Tues. Dec. 15th** to be part of our Christmas Day worship service.

<p>Sunday, November 29th First Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>Light the first candle on your wreath as you join in for worship online. </p>
<p> Thur. Dec. 3rd Advent by Candlelight</p>	<p>Zoom 6:30 pm Ladies- fire up your computer, grab your favorite beverage and dessert, light a candle and join us for this virtual Advent by Candlelight. Zoom link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87241712376 Meeting ID: 872 4171 2376 Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87241712376</p> 
<p>Sun. Dec. 6th Second Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>Light the second candle on your wreath as you join in for worship online. </p>
<p>Thur. Dec. 10th Caroling 6:30 pm</p>	<p> Join us on the St. John FB page for a live sing along led by our very own Jill Quigley!</p>
<p>Sun. Dec. 13th Third Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>Light the third candle on your wreath as you join in for worship online. </p>
<p>Thur. Dec. 17th Brass Quintet Christmas 6:30pm</p>	<p> Join us on the St. John FB page for this live musical event.</p>
<p>Sun. Dec. 20th Fourth Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>Light all four candles on your wreath as you join in for worship online. </p>
<p> Thur. Dec. 24th Christmas Eve</p>	<p>You are invited to join Pastor in the parking lot for a unique Christmas Eve experience. We will hear the Christmas Story, pray, sing, light “candles” and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. You are invited to park and gather near a luminary for this short time of worship. (You may also stay in your vehicle and tune in through your radio). Holy Communion will be available for pick up to use at home on Christmas Day. Times for the services are 5:00pm. 5:45pm. 6:30pm and 7:15pm. Please enter on Lost Dauphin and exit via Scheuring Road. **We need parking lot attendants to direct traffic, handout candles and Holy Communion. Please call the office or use sign up genius (link below) to volunteer. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CAEA728A0FD0-christmas</p>
<p>Fri. Dec. 25th Join us online for worship with Holy Communion -</p>	<p> Christmas Day featuring the Brass Quintet</p>
<p>Sun. Dec. 27th First Sunday after Christmas</p>	<p>Tune in to our website or YouTube channel for a special service provided by our Synod. <u>Our new Synodical Bishop Anne Edison Albright</u> will share the good news. Included in the service will be music from St. John!</p>
<p>Thur. Dec. 31st</p>	<p>New Year’s Eve reflection 6:30 pm (watch for more details)</p>



WORSHIP AT HOME

Use this resource to worship while we are unable to be together. Know that even though we are apart; we remain connected as the body of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Trusting in the mercy of God, we confess our sin.

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.

We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Receive this assurance; By the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. We live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE *PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13*

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

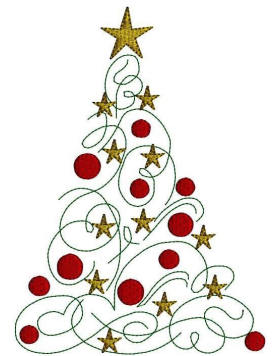
²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.



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.

†DECE. 6 - 2ND SUN. OF ADVENT

Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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

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ELW #254

†DEC. 13 - THIRD SUN. OF ADVENT

John 1:6-8, 19-28

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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

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ELW #264

†DEC. 20 - 4TH SUN. OF ADVENT

Luke 1:26-38

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SING PRAISE

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ELW #257

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†DECEMBER 24 - 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.**

SING PRAISE

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ELW #281

†DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Luke 2:8-20

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SING PRAISE

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ELW #290

†DECEMBER 27

Luke 2:22-40

Luke's narrative continues with stories that emphasize Jesus' connection to Judaism. His family is devout in its observance of the law, and Jesus himself is recognized as one who will bring glory to Israel.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SING PRAISE

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ELW #283

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.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. Amen



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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **ELW#254**

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prepare the Royal Highway **ELW#264**

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Refrain
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!
- 2 God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments!
Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt
assail you! *Refrain*
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: *Refrain*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **ELW#257**

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things
far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will
and guide our way. *Refrain*
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
Sinai's height
in ancient times you gave the law in cloud, and majesty,
and awe. *Refrain*
- 4 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Silent Night, Holy Night! **ELW#281**

- 1 Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing,
alleluia Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is
born!
- 3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of
redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord,
at your birth.

Go Tell It on the Mountain **ELW#290**

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by
night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy
light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the
earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's
birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

O Come, All Ye Faithful **ELW#283**

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come
ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born
the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- 2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a
virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh
appearing! *Refrain*
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye
citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest:
Refrain

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*



Worship

FOR ALL THOSE WORKING "BEHIND THE SCENES", THANK YOU!



Faith Formation

Confirmation Class Schedule 5th - 8th Grade



5th - 6th Grade

Wed., December 2nd - 6:30pm
*Zoom & GREAT room at Church



7th Grade

Wed., December 2nd - 6:30pm
*Zoom & at Church
Wed., December 9th - 6:30pm
*Zoom

8th Grade

Wed., December 2nd - 6:30pm
*Zoom
Wed., December 9th - 6:30pm
*Zoom & GREAT room at Church

Faith Formation

HALLOWEEN TREATS AND YUMMY EATS FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER!



BIG THANKS to everyone who helped out the New Community Shelter over the past couple of weeks. Even though we were unable to be physically present to serve food, our members and friends provided smiles! The Grace Van de Ven and Tristan Lindeman families assembled more than 50



Halloween Treat Bags that were distributed to kids who came to the shelter for a meal on Halloween. Dozens and dozens of desserts were baked and delivered for the November 7th meal. Special thanks to the Campbell, Hewitt, Grom, Vannieuwenhoven, and Vandeloo/Hoogland/Tuma families for making delicious treats for the residents and community! And finally, thanks to Benje Hencke and Jonah Bouchard for delivering the goodies! Your time and efforts definitely make a difference!



Scary Movie Night was...scary!



Both middle school and high school youth watched scary movies on Friday night, October 30th. The middle school watched the movie *Super 8*, and the high school group watched the movie *Devil*. Both groups enjoyed being together safely and everyone left with a small bag of Halloween treats. Watch for more youth events coming soon!

Anxiety, Questions, Concerns.

All.The.Emotions. At this moment, there are so many questions...and emotions that change from minute-to-minute sometimes! PLEASE call myself or Pastor Cindy with your concerns. 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 to help!



YARD WORK COMPLETED? YOU BET!

A big thanks to our tween and teen youth group volunteers who helped rake leaves and pull weeds on a chilly and sunny Saturday! Two groups visited two homes within the De Pere community to "spruce up" the yards before the cold of winter. We are grateful for their help and hard work! Special thanks to the Holtebeck and VerHaagh families for leading the crews. If anyone has requests for yard work/house upkeep help that our youth could provide, please call or email Kristin Bouchard at 920-360-6045 or kristin@stjohndepere.org.





Seasons Greetings Sunday school families! Please watch this month for special videos and lessons celebrating advent and the birth of Jesus. We have a special surprise for you coming from some of our youth group on December 20th. Watch for all of this on our website under Sunday school activities.

Please remember to keep emailing pictures of your family challenges and crafts to me at sundayschool@stjohndepere.org so they can be featured on our social media!



CONFIRMATION

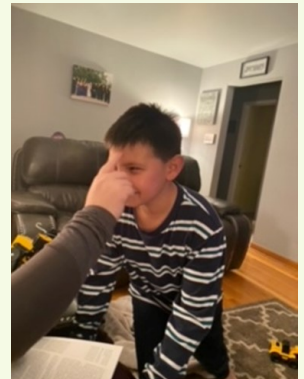
Our 7th & 8th grade students spent Family Learning Time discussing “Doubt.” One of the activities they did was to read and re-write in their own words Hebrews 11:1,

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Here are a few of the students own interpretation: “Just because you can’t see faith, doesn’t mean it’s not real.” “Faith is not being not entirely certain that something is true.” Faith is believing everything happens for a reason and God doesn’t put you through pain for no reason.” “Faith is not something we can touch, smell, or hear but instead believing in something that is not necessarily present. In addition, God’s lessons are not “visible” to us, but we know he’s always here for us. This translates to faith because we can’t see God, but we choose to believe in him.”



Our 5th & 6th Grade Confirmation students had a Family Learning time where they learned about blessing one another.



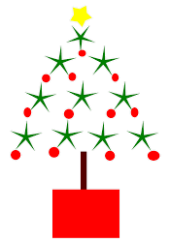
REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR -HELP STOCK THE DPCO FOOD PANTRY

Collect the items below and drop them off as you collect them OR all together after Christmas. You can drop them by church Monday-Wednesday, 9:00 - 2:30 or take them directly to the Food Pantry at 1827 Chicago St., De Pere.

Donations are being accepted Monday-Friday, 10-noon. There is also a collection bin outside the pantry for donations as well.

- ___ 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




\$300 Deduction Available



Did you know that there is a special tax advantage this year to encourage giving of at least \$300 to charity? The CARES Act passed by Congress last March allows those who do not itemize on their taxes to deduct up to \$300 on next year's taxes for gifts made to charitable organizations like St. John Lutheran Church. The deduction is only for gifts of cash made in calendar year 2020.

To qualify for the CARES Act deduction and to allocate funds as designated above, gifts should be received at the church by December 31, 2020. Send check to 1700 Lost Dauphin Rd De Pere WI 54115 or give online at www.stjohndepere.org (Please consult your tax advisor for how this Act may impact you.)

Many of you have already given more than \$300 and for that we are grateful. The pandemic has taught us that there is tremendous need right now—in our congregation, the community and around the world. Every gift and every giver strengthens our shared ministries of living our faith and enriching lives. Thank you for giving.

 I am excited to share with you one of the outcome stories from your generosity! Upon recommendation by the Finance Committee the Church Council voted in November to pay an additional \$5000 toward the principle on our mortgage and to match that with gifts totaling another \$5000 to The DPCO Thrift Store (to be used to aid those in need in our community) and to The ELCA (to be directed towards those in need in our country.)

Your gifts are making a difference here and beyond our walls. Thank you!

If you have not yet returned your Statement of Intent for 2021, please do so today! We are 20 responses away from reaching our goal and over 50% of those responding have accepted the challenge to grow in generosity! Please mail, email or call the office with your response.

Hi from Mission Sewing,
Looking for something to do? You could stop in at church and pick up a couple of bags of squares and take home to put together. This way when we do get together next year we will have plenty of tops to work on. Hope everyone will have a safe and healthy holiday.
Judy Beerntsen



Please join us for **WOW on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-8:00pm.** We are reading pages 1-60 for our December meeting of *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Please watch for announcements to whether we are meeting virtually or in person.

Mission & Service

God's Work. Our Hands, Through Advocacy

Wisconsin is an epicenter for the coronavirus pandemic. Our Covid-19 numbers are exploding. Non-partisan science and health leaders are very clear about what we can all do individually to reduce the risk of this virus for ourselves and our neighbors. The Faith Community leaders of Wisconsin have made the following pledge.

As people of faith, we trust in a higher power to help us through crises. But we must also trust science and what the medical experts are telling us. The best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is to keep contacts outside our household to an absolute minimum. Wearing masks, washing hands, and staying physically distanced are all important and vital measures we all must take. But reducing our contacts with anyone beyond the people we live with is the best way to keep us all safe.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued an order to keep public gatherings to under 25% of capacity. Houses of worship have been exempted from this requirement. However, as faith leaders, we pledge to steward the health of all by prioritizing remote worship and other activities until this crisis has passed.

It is crucial that we stay home as much as possible to protect ourselves, our families, our communities, and especially first responders and health care workers who risk their lives to care for us. As the Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, has said, "Being a faithful people is not abstract; it is about applying our faith when it matters. This virus is not going to get itself under control. We have a responsibility to each other. We are able to worship, pray, provide faith formation and pastoral care, and address other community needs in ways that limit the risk of spreading COVID, to save lives and relieve the strain on the health system. We have a moral imperative to do so."

Embracing that moral imperative, we pledge to stay safe, for all our sakes!

The ELCA Bishops have contacted our state elected legislature, requesting they take leadership in creating mandates that follow DHS guidelines to protect the entire state of Wisconsin and save lives. The Lutheran Office of Public Policy (LOPPW) asks us to "lift our voices during the pandemic"; to pray and to take action. Not only by contacting our federal and state legislators, but by contacting our local leaders to ask for the creation of our own safety net of guidelines to protect us and our neighbors. If you would like contact your Brown County representative, please log in to browncountywi.gov to find their contact information. You can find other county contact information at wisconsincounties.org.

Peace, Beth Challe

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 clpdkcm@twc.com. We will get your requests out to **our faithful prayer warriors**. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29



WE PRAY:

"Praise the Lord: praise God our savior! For each day he carries us in his arms."

Psalms 68:19

**Please hold in healing prayer,
Gerry & Sandy Bos, Michael Johaneck,
Megan Kaye and Seth Meinel**

The ELCA is actively responding to needs caused by pandemic. **Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.**

One story of Response

In Detroit, Mich., co-pastors at [Love Rising Lutheran Church](#) noticed a problem when families were asked to shelter in place. Many people did not have reliable access to internet. Without it, many children and their parents were unable to participate in remote learning coursework or effectively work from home. That's when the church's leaders had an idea and decided to take action. Thanks to Love Rising and your gifts to the COVID-19 Response Fund, internet access is one less thing that families in their neighborhood will have to worry about this year.

You can help by supporting your congregation and making a gift to the ELCA's **COVID-19 Response Fund**. Your donation will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and churchwide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. To learn more and donate, visit elca.org/covidresponse.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>WORSHIP ONLINE</p> <p>9am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>9am - Holy Comm pickup</p>	30	1	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	4	5
<p>6</p> <p>DPCO gift cards due</p> <p>WORSHIP ONLINE</p> <p>9am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>9am - Holy Comm pickup</p> <p>10am - Sun School via</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm - Finance Mtg</p> <p>6:30pm - WOW via Zoom &</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm - 7th Gr via Zoom</p> <p>6:30pm - 8th Gr @ Church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm - Caroling via</p>	11	12
<p>13</p> <p>WORSHIP ONLINE</p> <p>9am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>9am - Holy Comm pickup</p> <p>10am - Sun School via</p>	14	<p>15</p> <p>7pm - Council Mtg Zoom</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30pm - Brass Quintet via</p>	17	18	19
<p>20</p> <p>WORSHIP ONLINE</p> <p>9am - Coffee Hour</p> <p>9am - Holy Comm pickup</p> <p>10am - Sun School via</p>	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>5pm - Outdoor @ Church</p> <p>5:45pm - Outdoor @ Church</p> <p>6:30pm - Outdoor @ Church</p> <p>7:15pm - Outdoor @ Church</p>	24	25	26
<p>27</p> <p>WORSHIP ONLINE</p>	28	29	30	31	1	2

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