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Mission Messenger!

Living our faith. Enriching lives.



The life of Jesus shows us that God joins us in our human struggles. God does not avoid our messy lives or withdraw from our hard stories. We are not alone. Even in this very moment, God is as close as the breath we breathe.

Join us for worship Wednesdays at 7:00pm this Lenten season as we remember and celebrate "God is still with us!"

Wed. March 2nd 7:00pm We begin our Lenten journey with <u>Ash Wednesday</u>. The service includes Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

March 9th-April 6th Wednesday night worship will feature Holden Evening Prayer.

- ✤ Wed. March 9th 7:00pm A Blind Man is Healed
- Wed. March 16th 7:00pm Mary, Martha, and Lazarus
 Wed. March 23rd 7:00pm Calming the Storm
- [↑] Wed. March 30th 7:00pm Jesus Shares His Last Passover
 [↑] Wed. April 6th 7:00pm Jesus in the Garden

Loose offerings received at the Wednesday service will support Lutheran World Relief & Crossways Camping Ministries.

Check out the materials for Lent available at the Welcome Desk in the narthex. We have "God is Still With Us" an Illustrated Lent for families that includes scriptures, activities, coloring pages and prayers to do as a family. We also have "God is Still With Us" Lenten devotionals for individual use. (This is the devotional we will be using for Adult Education on Sundays during Lent.)

Pastor Cindy





The Stewardship Team thought it would be helpful for the congregation to get to know the members of Council on a more personal level. Each month we will feature one Council person and their responses to a variety of questions. This month we are featuring **Jim Johanek**, who began serving on the Council in January of 2020.

How long have you been a member of St. John? What brought you to St. John?

Linda and I have been members of St. John for almost seven years. We moved here from Manitowoc in 2014 because of her job. Prior to relocating, we went to separate churches (Methodist and Missouri Synod Lutheran) and thought this would be the ideal time to find a church for both of us. We found St. John to be a welcoming congregation that gave us a religious home and a sense of belonging.

What is a favorite book, movie or meal and why is it your favorite?

I'm not a big reader or movie go-er, but I do enjoy a good meal. In my case that's BBQ. A good BBQ place is hard to find, (this isn't Oklahoma or Texas) but Parker John's in Ashwaubenon works well for me. Every so often, I gotta have my burnt ends.

What is a talent no one knows you have?

Whatever that talent might be, it must really be obscure because even I don't know what it is.

What's a memory from your childhood/youth of Sunday School, summer camp, Bible School or even a mission trip that you can share?

This past Sunday, January 30, one of the readings was from I Corinthians 13. For my Confirmation, I had to memorize and recite that whole chapter about faith, hope and love. The nuns were real task-masters; sermon notes would have been a breeze.

How does your faith inform your stewardship? Or how does what you believe in God motivate you in using your time and talent?

I believe it's important for members to become involved in the workings of their church. First of all, it's a great way to meet fellow members. Second, it sets an example for others (family, friends, neighbors, etc.). If you're involved, the more likely they are to become involved. And third, by being an involved member, one has that sense of belonging, of camaraderie, of being a part of something "bigger". I think that idea is important for everyone. It gives purpose to your life and all people need that.

What is keeping you "centered" or "sane" right now?

Honestly, it's my involvement with the Church Council. As Council Secretary, there's a fair amount of paper work to do, and I enjoy doing it. I keep looking at "process" and how we do things, why we do things, things we don't do, things we maybe should do. I consider myself to be a change agent so I keep looking for alternatives.

Anything else you might want to share about yourself? Family, where you are from, anything else? I enjoy teaching. I taught Confirmation, Sunday School and a Bible Class at my previous church. I also taught Field Artillery in the Army; all useful topics, but hardly interchangeable.

ST. JOHN STAINED GLASS DESIGN



Tasked with the amazing opportunity to design the stained glass for the sanctuary windows, we integrated two objectives:

- 1. To connect with the outside world
- 2. To evoke emotion

The cross in the center was originally created to accentuate the thin, wooden cross that was previously hanging. The clear, textured glass was designated for this icon to let in the most light while also being a beacon for our connection to the outside community. The ends of the cross are intentionally angled – reaching out, spreading Jesus' story.

The marbled white ribbons streaming from the cross represent God's love radiating from the cross, flowing through the rest of the sanctuary in the side windows. It is emotive; encouraging us to continue sharing that love out in the world.

The use of blues and greens represent our connection to the world around us; the earth and all God's creations. Several of the colors were chosen to match the original stained glass from the first St. John Church location on Grant Street. Those restored pieces, dating back to the late 1800's, are currently hanging on the windows between the narthex and sanctuary.

It was a true blessing to be part of this amazing project that will hopefully move and inspire those who come to worship here.

Treena Schepp, Graphic Designer St. John Member





St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, March17th at 1:00 PM in the Luther Room. We will be discussing <u>The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn</u> <u>Hardcastle</u> by Stuart Turton. Aiden Bishop knows the rules.

Evelyn Hardcastle will die every day until he can identify her killer and break the cycle. A locked room mystery that Agatha

Christie would envy. If you were unable to attend the February 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*





For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



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





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



If you, a loved one, or a friend would like to be held in prayer, 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.

The Thrivent Choice Program allows Thrivent 5 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. or questions, more information, or to start designating Choice Dollars, please contact Thrivent directly I-800-THRIVENT or at www.thrivent.com.

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



Worship

WORSHIP AT HOME

<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> + *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 63:1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

⁴So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

 5 My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

⁷For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

 8 My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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.

+MARCH 2ND - Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show. **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

<u>+MARCH 6TH - 1st Sunday in Lent</u> Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

<u>Prayer of the Day</u> O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

+MARCH 13TH - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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"O Lord Throughout TheseForty Days"ELW#319(Page 8)

SING PRAISE "Around You, O Lord Jesus" ELW#468 (Page 8)

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

+MARCH 20TH - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+MARCH 27TH - 4th Sunday in Lent

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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	"Restore In Us, O God"	ELW#328	SING PRAISE	"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Ca	alling"
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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

MARCH NEWSLETTER HYMNS

O Lord Throughout These Forty Days ELW#319

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust in God's eternal word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above; so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days, that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.

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Around You, O Lord Jesus ELW#468

- Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill. You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
- We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken here to all. It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.
- 3 We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never in joy, in grief, in death depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

Restore In Us, O God

ELW#328

- 1 Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love; renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
- 2 O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your pow'r; from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy; baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.
- 4 Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

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Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling ELW#608

 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
 See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain

"Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!) You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Faith Formation



First Communion for 3rd Grade Students

First Communion class will be offered on Thursday May 5th for all 3rd grade and

older students who have not yet participated in Holy Communion. We will celebrate your First Communion on Sunday, on May 8th. You may choose to attend the 8:00 or 10:00am service.

Letters will be mailed to homes mid April.

CHRIST CARE meets on Wednesday, March 2nd and

Wednesday, March 16th @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. March 16th at 8:30am, we will be <u>meeting at Julies Café and</u> <u>then back</u> 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.

SERMON	NOTES	
Date:		
Sermon Title: Bible Pa <i>ss</i> ages:		
Bible Passages:		

How are you doing on completing Sermon notes?

Remember the expectation is that you complete 2 per month through May. Be sure and email, or bring them with you to put in Pastor's mailbox.



WOW will be meeting on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm at church in the Luther room. We are reading "Women of the Bible Speak" by

Shannon Bream. For our March meeting we will read Chapter 5.



Sunday School Families

For Lent we will be using "God is still with us" by Illustrated Ministry. We have packets printed out for all of the Sunday school kids with activities to do at home. They are by the bulletin board to the left when you come in the doors. Please take one per family.

Starting in March please watch for a Children's bulletin along side the regular bulletins when you come to worship. They are part of the Spark Lectionary material and will match what we are talking about in worship as well as what they are learning in their Sunday school class that day.





Faith Formation

<u>HERE'S</u> <u>WHAT'S</u> <u>HAPPENING</u>!

Small but Mighty High School Only Night @St. John Lutheran!

Thanks for being there Jacob and Jaiden! The three of us made great use of our time together! After a short devotion, we played a couple of minute-to-win-it games and then cards - "thirty-one" – for prizes! Winners all around! Plus snacks and great music- had a blast!





Choose Your Own Activity @St. John Lutheran!

Come one, come all! If you're in the 6th – 12th grade, we have a spot for you!

On Sunday, February 27th from

1:00-2:30 p.m. youth and their friends are invited to choose one or more activities for the afternoon. Is art your thing? Or maybe games are the best option? We'll have it – along with a fun way to help others. Please let Kristin know if you'll be attending and if you're bringing a friend! Call/text 920-360-6045 or email her at

kristin@stjohndepere.org.

(Parent volunteers will be needed based on number of kids attending – please let Kristin know if you're available to help out!)

ANXIETY, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS

We are here for you to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate success. PLEASE call myself or Pastor Cindy <u>any 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!

High School Only Lent Gathering

Join Kristin for the Wednesday night Lenten services at St. John Lutheran @7:00p.m. and stay for more conversation and snacks. (Maybe even trips for ice cream?!?) You won't want to miss this!

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CAN YOU ESCAPE?!?

Bring your friends and your curiosity to join the Youth Group at Green Bay Escape on Wednesday, March 16th or Thursday, March 17th (TBD) For 60 minutes, our group will be tasked with finding clues and solving problems to escape before time runs out. Can we do it?!? Let's find out!



Underway -Confirmation Celebration! Mission Trip Planning More to follow..

Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR MARCH

While we do not have a regular class time during Lent, students are expected to attend the Wednesday evening Lenten service, acolyte and continue completing 2 Sermon Notes each month.





LOOKING AHEAD:

<u>Class for 8th Grade only</u> - In preparation for affirming their faith, (Confirmation Day) 8th grade students will meet the following dates and times.

Sunday	April 3rd	5-8pm
Thursday	April 7th	6:30-7:30 Class
Wednesday	April 20th	6:30-7:30 Class
Thursday	May 12th	6:30pm rehearsal
Sunday	May 15th	10:00am Confirmation service.

Sundays during Lent at 9:00am

Join us in the GREAT room (or Luther room) for reflection and conversation! We'll deepen our Lenten journey using the devotional, "God is still with us"

Sun. March 6th - Jesus in the Wilderness
Sun. March 13th - A Blind Man is Healed
Sun. March 20th - Mary, Martha, and Lazarus
Sun. March 27th - Calming the Storm
Sun. April 3rd - Jesus Shares His Last Passover
Sun. April 10th - Jesus in the Garden
You can pick up a copy of the devotional by the welcome desk.

Mission & Service

*	GREEN THUMB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY	⅔
*	As we eagerly await warmer days, we're looking for some help in late May. We are in need of	*
*	volunteer(s) to fill the window box and planter under the canopy with perennials (greens and	*
	flowers of your choice!) If you are interested in this project, please let Pastor Cindy know.	
*	You would be reimbursed for the cost of the plants and flowers used to fill the planters.	⅔
*	Thanks for helping make St. John a beautiful and welcoming place for all.	*

Mission & Service





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If anyone is interested in joining us to help make mission quilts we meet every Thursday from 9am until noon. You don't have be there the whole time, you can come OUILTING GROUP anytime during those hours. If you can not make it you could take a

bag of squares home that the Sybol Hopp students have counted out and bagged. Remember mission sewing when spring cleaning for any fabric you have at and want to get rid of; you can drop it off in the sewing room. We always have a lot of laughs and treats. Judy Beerntsen

NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER 301 MATHER ST. WEST GREEN BAY



Volunteers from St. John serve and/or provide deserts for the evening meal on New Community Shelter, Inc. the first Saturday of each month from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Thank you to the Usiak family who served and provided the

deserts on February 5th. 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.

When we work, We work When we pray God works

Mission & Service

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