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2021**
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Hospitality & Celebration

In sympathy & Remembrance

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May God's tender mercy uphold their families in
resurrection hope.



St Anne's Men's and Women's Ministry is sponsoring a Chili Sale and collecting both perishable and non-perishable goods for the De Pere Food Pantry on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Their address is: 347 S. Libal Street, De Pere.

WONDERING HOW TO GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE?

This link will take you to the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services.

Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry

Here you can register and even get on a wait list if you are currently not eligible to receive the vaccine. At this writing the site is not yet fully functioning so check back and share this information with family and friends.

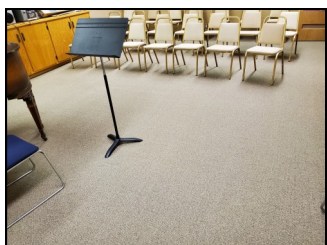
We also wanted to share with you that Pastor Cindy as a "Spiritual Care Provider" was part of Group 1a and has received her first dose and is schedule for her second in mid-March.

Do your part!

Wear your mask +Stay 6 feet apart +Get vaccinated as soon as you can = stop the spread and the opportunity for us to once again gather for worship in the sanctuary.

THANK YOU

to Jeff & Gail Ryan for their donation of brand new carpet for the choir room.



ZOOM COFFEE HOUR - Sundays @9:00am

Join Zoom Meeting using link: (or call in)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81018615302>

Meeting ID: 810 1861 5302

**DE PERE CHRISTIAN
OUTREACH THRIFT STORE
RESUMING "NORMAL" STORE
HOURS:**

Monday 10-3, TUESDAY 10-3,
Wednesday 10-6:30,
Thursday 10-3, Friday 10-3
and Saturday 9-12.
Donations will be accepted
Monday - Friday 9-3PM and
Saturday 9-12

Worship News

- ★ We're heading back outside!
- ★ Beginning March 28th at 9:00am we will resume gathering for worship in the parking lot! You can stay in your car and participate by tuning your radio to 100.1 FM or bring a lawn chair, mask and socially distance outside. Please sign up to help as a **parking lot attendant** at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084CAEA728A0FD0-parking1>
- ★ Tune into our youtube channel each Wednesday for our Midweek Lenten services created in collaboration with St. John -Ashwaubenon, Trinity and Calvary – Green Bay and Good Shepherd – Howard.
- ★ Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship information will be included in the April newsletter.
- ★ For Easter, on April 4th, you can join us outdoors at either 9am or 10am. All services will continue to be recorded and available online Sunday afternoons.



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."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Please call the church office 920-336-1082 and let us know that you are unable to pick up Holy Communion and you would like it to be 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.



If you or any family members would like to do a [reading or share a musical offering for the online worship services](#), please contact the office at 336-1082 or email, office@stjohndepere.org.





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 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever. ²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe, ³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted. ¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door. ¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress. ²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave. ²¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people. ²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

*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 7TH

John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†MARCH 14TH

John 3:14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect 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.

Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED ---

†MARCH 21ST

John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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

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ELW #342

†MARCH 28TH - PALM SUNDAY

Mark 14:1--15:47

The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SING PRAISE

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ELW #344

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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Worship

Change My Heart, O God

ELW#801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Christ, the Life of All the Living **ELW#339**

Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death
of death, our foe,
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest
depths of woe:
through your suff'ring, death, and merit life
eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest
Jesus, unto you.
You have suffered great affliction and have born
it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me;
for you chose to be tormented that my doom
should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest
Jesus, unto you.
Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the
sorrows deep and sore,
for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you
evermore;
thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the
bleeding and the dying,
for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore
on high.



There in God's Garden

ELW#342

There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suff'ring;
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood
feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not destroyed it
nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!"
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."

This is my ending, this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW#344

REFRAIN

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet
hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and
Blessed One. *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you
went;
our praise and prayer and anthem before you we
present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, they sang their
hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Refrain

Faith Formation

February Serving at the New Community Shelter

We were safely back in action at the New Community Shelter in February. Our teen volunteers served in-house residents and the community a hot meal. We are continually grateful to be able to serve our community, and plan to serve the first Saturday of each month as long as the shelter remains open to volunteers. Our next night of serving will be Saturday, March 6th from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

A link to participate can be [found here](#). Please contact Kristin if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!



FAITH ART NIGHT EVENT!

Virtual AND in person on Sunday, Feb 28th via Zoom or at St. John 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Using tape, string and other artist's materials, we'll be creating "resistance" art (at least that is what I'm calling it!) Youth group kids in 6th-12th grade are invited to participate via zoom or in person (in person for up to 25 people.) A canvas, paints and any other art supplies will be provided/delivered. **FRIENDS ARE WELCOME! If you are joining virtually, please let me know asap so I can be sure you have materials at your house prior to Sunday.**

Please call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045 or email kristin@stjohndepere.org to reserve your spot!



Pocket Change for Pentecost!

Have extra change laying around? Find a surprise dollar rolled up in the dryer? **Now you can use that extra change to support the 2021 St. John Lutheran Mission Trip to St. Louis!**

Starting right now, save that change...ask your friends and family members to save their pocket change every day (in a jar, bowl – whatever!) On Pentecost, May 23rd, the mission trip participants will be collecting all of your saved changed via drive thru at church! Is debit or credit your only usable payment option right now? That's ok! Still keep track of your pocket change" (example: for every purchase, round up to the nearest dollar!) and give that amount to support the trip.

THANK YOU!!



Anxiety, Questions, Concerns

For some, the holidays are amazing. For others, not so much. 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 FOR YOU!**

Faith Formation

2021 Mission Trip is ON with a few spots still open!

Sign-up Today!

Current 8th-12th graders are welcome to join us!

Our 2021 Mission Trip to St. Louis, scheduled for **July 18-23rd** is in the planning stages, and we still have a few spots available. All current 8th-12th graders (and their friends!) are invited to attend. We are working with Youthworks on providing a safe week of service in St. Louis. More about their updated safety protocols can be [found here](#).

Cost is \$300 per person and financial help is available. If you have any questions, or need more info, please feel free to contact Kristin at 920-360-6045 or kristin@stjohndepere.org.



Virtual Yahtzee Tournament!

EVERYONE is invited to the Virtual Yahtzee Tournament being planned for Sunday afternoon, **March 21st, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Grab the family and get the dice out for our all-congregation tourney, that will include prizes! Need dice and a few Yahtzee score cards?

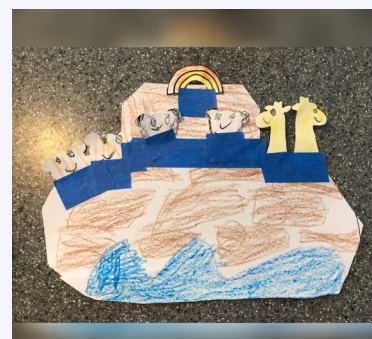
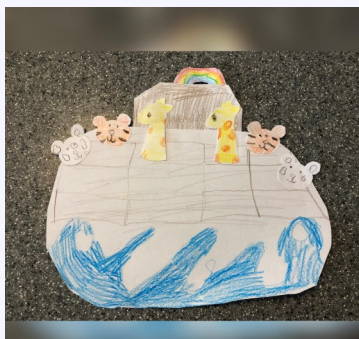
No problem – we will deliver before the event! Interested? Please call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045 or email her at kristin@stjohndepere.org.

A zoom link will be sent to all who respond the week before the event.



Hello Sunday school families!

Enjoying your Lent bags? We'd love to see pictures! Please email them into sundayschool@stjohndepere.org Please continue to join us for virtual Sunday school in the month of March. **No Sunday school March 28th.**



Calling all those who are interested in teaching!
We are hopeful to be in person in some form this fall and we need you!

It's fun, it's easy and most of all it's rewarding!

We would like 2 teachers for each class 3 years to 4th grade.

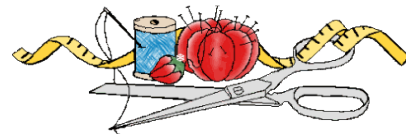
Please contact Tammy at sundayschool@stjohndepere.org if you are interested or have any questions!



Mission & Service

Hi from Mission Sewing.

Just a reminder that when you do your spring cleaning you can bring your gently used sheets to the sewing room. The sheets are used for the backs of quilts and the fitted sheets are used for the top or squares. It is looking more promising that we will be able to get together again soon as more people receive the COVID shots. If you have gotten your shot and have waited the required amount of time we will be able to get together but will still need to wear masks. Hope everyone is staying warm and has been able to schedule your shot for those whose time it is to receive them. Will keep you posted on when we can get together. Judy Beerntsen



WE PRAY:

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

Psalm 46:1

*Please hold in healing prayer, Larry Armstrong,
Gerry & Sandy Bos, John Grom, Michael Johaneck,
Fianna Kaye, Seth Meinel and Lynda Tetzlaff.*

Please join us for
**WOW on the 2nd Tuesday of each
month from 6:30-8:00pm.**

We are reading pages 244-307 for our MARCH
meeting of "The Book of Longings",
by Sue Monk Kidd.

We will be meeting in the GREAT room



Celebration & Outreach

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

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



NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER UPDATE

The women of St. John continue to contribute to the cost of meals at the shelter. *If you would like to support us in this project, please make checks payable to the Women of St. John. If you have any questions please contact Marlene Bergum at 336-7472.*



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

Mission & Service



VALENTINE OUTREACH



Members of Christ Care and the women of the church made and delivered **45 Valentine bags**. Bags were given to home bound members of St John's, the residents of Matthews Senior Living in Wrightstown, and the residents of the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program in Bellevue. Contributions of cookies, fruit and snacks were given and delivered by Ruth Aerts, Marlene Bergum, Carlyn Cooper, Phyllis Day, Sherry Jensen, Sandy Piette, Lin Reichstadter and Jan VandenHeuvel.



advocacy

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS THROUGH ADVOCACY

With the start of a new year, we have newly elected leadership and a flurry of new activity regarding policies that impact all of God's people and His creation. As a nation, we continue to struggle with controlling the coronavirus pandemic, economic disparity, food insecurities, climate change and social injustice. The ELCA has published ELCA Federal Policy Priorities for Advocacy. The introductory paragraph states:

"In the ELCA we believe that, through baptism, God is calling us into the world to serve together. Shaped by the ELCA's social teaching documents and the experiences of its congregations, ministries and partners, we advocate to end world hunger and stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, preserve God's creation and promote racial and gender justice."

The ELCA encourages us to become part of the ELCA Advocacy network through [ELCA.org/advocacy/signup](https://elca.org/advocacy/signup). If you sign up, you will receive monthly updates on policy activity and be invited to take action at moments when your voice and experience will have an impact.

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.

Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7

Peace,
Beth Challe

SUNDAY 9:00AM JOIN US!

Our Mission:

We're a Christian family - living our faith and enriching lives. How may advocacy be one means to enacting our mission? Please join us via the link below for the zoom coffee hour on March 7, 9:00 am, to talk about advocacy experiences, opportunities, ELCA teaching, and resources. Watch for updates on future topics as well!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81018615302> Meeting ID: 810 1861 5302 +1-312-626-6799

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

March 15, 2021

Send submissions to
newsletter@stjohndepere.org

WORSHIP TIMES - JOIN US ONLINE

**Starting March 28th we will resume worship outside in
the parking lot @9:00am!**



Visit us on the web for weekly services!

www.stjohndepere.org

and on

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

and visit our YouTube channel for weekly worship by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCli1cjRdeaDr3N5fYKeuRUw>