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“When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.”

Psalm 126:1

Just last week, this was one of our psalm verses for the day. Along with it, was the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar who has his sight restored by Jesus. Upon regaining his sight, Bartimaeus doesn't go back to his life as a beggar, rather, he leaves his old life behind and begins to follow Jesus.

I hear a message in there for us. We have been gathering again in person for a few months now. When we gather for meetings, education and worship, we do so wearing masks. Our worship time includes a cantor leading singing, we commune in our pews, the service is shorter and at 8:00am we welcome a community of faith that joins us online.

Still some wonder when things will get back to the way they were pre-pandemic. Well... they can't. Not just because we are still in the pandemic and precautions need to be taken, but because we are not the same community of faith we were before the pandemic. We have gathered online and shared readings and songs from our homes. We have encountered God differently as the church garage was converted to a worship space and we gathered in the elements with The Elements.

It's not the way we've always done it, but that's okay. It's given us new ways to "see" our life together and expanded our opportunities to welcome others into our family of faith. Like blind Bartimaeus whose life was changed when his sight was restored, this time has changed us. God has restored us and while we continue to figure out what the future looks like, we have this wonderful opportunity to be "like those who dream."

To dream new dreams for the mission and ministry of God in this place. To dream about how we can be more inclusive of the online community that joins in each week. How we can best use technology. What are the most inclusive ways to offer education opportunities and what might those opportunities look like? How do we encourage those of every age, to use their gifts to serve God and this world that God loves? What other ways might we serve this community?

Given the gift of gathering together again, we have been restored. Now, let the dreaming of how we can best serve God begin!

Dream on!
Pastor Cindy



Hospitality & Celebration



Tune into our Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCli1cjRdeaDr3N5fYKeuRUw> for a Thanksgiving message from Pastor Cindy. The video will be posted by 6:00pm on Thur. Nov. 24th

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

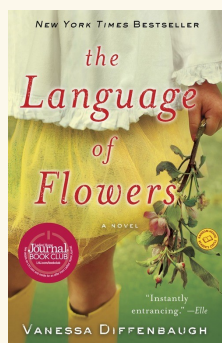


DPCO PANTRY updates:

Through the generosity of our volunteers and your support, the pantry was able to assist 113 households in July (164 adults and 78 children). We are always seeking volunteers to add to our team! We would like to explore and possibly expand the operational hours of DPCO store to include Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings from 3:00-6:00 to allow more people to be able to shop. We are looking for additional front-end volunteer staff to help supervise, cashier or bag for these evenings. If you know someone or would like to volunteer and join our amazing team, please contact Amy Murphy at 920-655-5758 or Amurphydpc@outlook.com

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 6th at 2:00am.



St. John's Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 18th at 1:00pm . We will be discussing The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. After a childhood spent in the foster care system, Victoria Jones is unable to get close to anybody until she realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them.

If you were unable to attend the October 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!

Worship

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING??



After a long year and a half, we are thrilled to announce that our St. John Adult Choir rehearsals will resume in November! Masking and church guidelines will still be observed. We invite returning and new members who are interested in sharing their gift of song and music to please join us for our first rehearsal on November 11th from 7:15-7:45 in the church sanctuary. Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or cassie.tingo@snc.edu if you have any questions.



ST JOHN YOUTH MUSIC IS BACK!! (MASKED, BUT BACK)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED BY SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS & YOUTH CHOIR.

SUNDAY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS:

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| November 7th | Rehearsal 9:00 - 9:20 am in Sanctuary |
| November 14th | Rehearsal 9:00 - 9:20 am in Sanctuary |
| November 21st | Rehearsal 9:00 - 9:20 am in Sanctuary |
| December 5th | Rehearsal 9:00 - 9:20 am in Sanctuary |
| December 12th | FINAL rehearsal 9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary |
| December 19th | Present Christmas Program during the 10:00 a.m. worship service |

If you have any questions, please call or text Jill Quigley at 920-360-5772

**PRAISE BAND will be leading
worship on NOVEMBER 14TH for
both services.**



**YOUTH CHOIR will be singing
Nov. 7th at the
8:00am service**





WORSHIP AT HOME

CALL TO WORSHIP † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. Amen. Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE PSALM 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

*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.*

†NOVEMBER 7th - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

Prayer of the Day O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SING PRAISE Day By Day **ELW#790**
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†NOVEMBER 14th - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 13:1-8

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SING PRAISE My Lord, What a Morning **ELW#438**
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Worship

DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

†NOVEMBER 21st - Christ the King

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SING PRAISE

Beautiful Savior

ELW#838

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†NOVEMBER 28th- 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SING PRAISE

Wait For The Lord

ELW#262

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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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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER HYMNS



Day by Day ELW#790

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.

My Lord, What a Morning ELW#438

Refrain

- My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.
- 1 You will hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
 - 2 You will hear the sinner cry,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*
 - 3 You will hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. *Refrain*

Beautiful Savior ELW#838

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Wait for the Lord ELW#262

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!



Faith Formation

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



It's great to have children back for Sunday School classes! Remember classes are running from 9 to 9:45 this year and singing with Ms. Jill is from 9 to 9:15 for 3 year olds through 4th grade.

We are always looking for subs for our sub list.

Please email Tammy at

sundayschool@stjohndepere.org

if you are interested!



Mark your calendars for the Sunday School and Youth Choir Christmas program which will take place on December 19th at the 10am service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

please remember to bring in your offering envelopes.

Every \$10 we raise goes to provide a blanket for someone who has suffered from a disaster through the ELCA Good Gifts!

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITY



We are holding First Communion instruction for students in 4th grade as well as any older students who have not yet participated. The date for the class is Tuesday, November 9th from 6:00-7:45 pm. All families with 4th grade students should have received registration information in the mail.

If you have an older student who would like to participate please contact Pastor Cindy for registration information. *Families may choose to celebrate First Communion at either the 8:00 or 10:00 am service on Sunday, November 14th.*



WOW will be meeting on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm at church in the Luther room. We are reading "Women of the Bible Speak" by Shannon Bream. For our November meeting we will read Chapter 1 (Sarah and Hagar).

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!

YOUTH GROUP CAMPFIRE @ST. JOHN



Bring your mittens and your appetite for the St. John Youth Group campfire on **Friday night, November 5th!**

We'll play games, chat, have a short devotion and roast some marshmallows (of course!)

Times are as follows:

6th-8th graders – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm

9th-12th graders – 8:30pm – 10:00 pm

Bring your friends! ALL are welcome!

Volunteers needed to serve at the New Community Shelter!

Ready to help?!? Youth volunteers (and a couple of adults) are needed to prep and serve, AND make desserts for the New Community Shelter on Saturday, November 6th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Reserve your spot now, and help out in our community! Sign-up with this link...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094AA5AC2EA0F94-newcommunity>

Any questions, please contact Kristin Bouchard at kristin@stjohndepere.org or 920-360-6045.

THANK YOU!

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

**Wednesday Hang Out @ 7:30pm
at St. John Lutheran**

What are you most thankful for? We'll be chatting about gratitude and enjoying each other's company. Snacks and drinks included – ALL ARE WELCOME!

Bring your friends...

Wednesday night, November 10th!



AND your Youth Trip options for 2022 are... (you can attend both if you really want to...)

2022 ST. JOHN YOUTH MISSION TRIP!

Spots are still available for the Youth Mission Trip to **Nashville, Tennessee!** This trip will be held **Saturday, July 9th – Saturday, July 16th!** Cost is \$450 per person. If you are interested in learning more, please check the youth board, or call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2022!

All teens (current 8th-12th grade) are invited and encouraged to attend the **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Sunday, July 24th - Thursday, 28th!** The theme this year is "boundless," and focuses on a God beyond measure. Teens will experience service, amazing worship, and fellowship like they've never experienced before – with hundreds of teens from throughout the nation! **This only happens every 3 years, so you don't want to miss it!** More information can be found on their website

<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>. St. John Lutheran will be taking a group – cost is \$400 per person. If you're interested, please contact Kristin at 920-360-6045 or Kristin@stjohndepere.org.

Faith Formation



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

9:00-9:45AM IN LUTHER ROOM



✠ **Sunday, Nov. 7th - It's Confirmation day for our 9th grade students**

Join Pastor Cindy for a discussion around Luther's Small Catechism.

✠ **Sunday, Nov. 14^h - First Communion Sunday**

For most of us it's been a long time since our First Communion. Join us for a refresher from the Small Catechism on Communion as we explore, Communion, "What does this mean."

✠ **Sunday, Nov. 21st - Last Sunday of the Church Year**

"The end is near!" so warns today's readings. After thousands of years of hearing this warning, how do we "keep alert?"

✠ **Sunday, Nov. 28th - First Sunday in Advent**

We'll share some ideas and resources to make this a more intentional time of Advent- preparing for the birth of Christ.

CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS

Confirmation Class - Confirmation classes for 5th-8th grade meet each Wednesday in November 6:30 -7:15 pm. The one exception is NO CLASS Nov. 24th – for Thanksgiving break. This year our 5th & 6th grade students are studying a variety of the stories from the Old Testament. Our 7th & 8th grade students are learning about The Reformation and The Small Catechism.

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

9th Grade Students - Our 9th grade students have spent this fall preparing to publicly confirm their faith on *Sunday, November 7th, at the 10:00am service*. We are excited for them to take this next step in their faith journey and pray God's blessings on them as they continue to grow in faith, Christian love and service. They are:

David Campbell, Jaden Ciesielczyk, Alivia DeBauche, Ella Fandrey, Louis Hock,
Elise Holtebeck, Kalli Vannieuwenhoven, Marissa VanDeHei

Mission & Service



PROPERTY & GROUNDS

Thank you to Dick VandenHeuvel, Jim Labs, and Larry Miller for building new window boxes and a new fence around the air conditioners.



Celebration & Outreach



In November St. John is focusing on
Canned Pumpkin & Stuffing

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Our Prayer List



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.**

Women of the ELCA

Generations of Sisters in Christ

The Biennial Convention of the Women of the
ELCA will be Saturday, November 13th from
8am to 3:30pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church
in Neenah.

If you have any questions, please contact
Carol Grom @920-370-8818.

Hi from Mission Sewing.

We sent 10 quilts to the refugees, picture was in
the last newsletter. This year we missed the date to
send out the quilts to Lutheran World Relief, but we
had the dedication of the quilts on October 17th.

(See article on page 11)

If anyone is interested in joining us, we meet every
Thursday from 9am until
noon. You don't have to be
there the whole time just
come when you can or you
can take the packaged cut
squares home to sew and
bring back to the church.

Also, if you have any gently
used flat sheets we can use them for quilt backs.
Hope to see you there. Judy Beerntsen



WE PRAY:

Please hold in healing prayer,
Larry Armstrong, John Grom,
Fianna Kaye,

Jennifer Leonard, Seth Meinel, Sophia Meinel,
Charlotte Schink, and Lynda Tetzlaff.



MEN IN MISSION meets on the
third Wednesday of the month.

November 17th, 8:30am, we will
be meeting at Nicolet Restaurant

and then back to church for bible study with
Pastor Cindy from 9:30 - 10:30am. If you have
any questions, contact

Dick VandenHeuvel at 920-336-7157 or
at dickvan1943@gmail.com.



Christ Care will meet on **Wednesday, November 3rd and Wednesday,
November 17th @10:00am** in the LOUNGE. If you have any questions, contact
Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327 or at clpdkcm@twc.com.

Mission & Service

NEW COMMUNITY SHELTER 301 MATHER ST, WEST GREEN BAY

During this post-covid time, 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 Ryan, Rebecca and Jack Usiak and friends who served and provided ALL the deserts on October 4th. Please check the ministry board at church for a time that works for you to volunteer.

If you have any questions, please contact Marlene Bergum at 336-7472.

LIVESTREAM A/V VOLUNTEERS

We could use more volunteers to help operating our video equipment on Sunday mornings.

If you have experience or interest in learning more about A/V all the better! Adults, Middle and High school youth are all encouraged to volunteer (great way to earn service hours and Pastor can arrange for your volunteer time to replace sermon notes for Confirmation students!) PLEASE contact the office or Pastor with the Sundays you are available to volunteer.

Training will be provided.



DEDICATION OF QUILTS

The mission quilters group made 139 quilts this year. They were distributed as follows:
8 to SHP, 10 to DPCO Christmas Store,
35 to Golden House, 35 to Freedom House,
6 to Red Cross, 10 to NEW shelter,
25 to House of Hope and 10 to refugees.
Thank you for your dedication to this mission!



DPCO CHRISTMAS STORE

We're ready to stock the store and you can help!

St. John will be helping to stock the store by focusing on providing new sleepwear and/or loungewear for kids of all ages -newborn through young adults and gift cards. We are requesting gift

cards be either for \$10 or \$25 from any of the following retailers: Kwik Trip, Target, Walmart, Culver's, Little Caesars, Subway, McDonalds, or Taco Bell. (These are the retailers most used by these families) There is a box in the narthex to place sleepwear. Gift cards can be turned into the office, placed in the offering, or given to Pr. Cindy or Marlene Bergum. Thank you helping to brighten Christmas for De Pere families in need.

ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE AT CHURCH BY

MON. NOV. 15TH.



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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 WORSHIP ONLINE PM 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Educ. 9am - SS & Youth choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 WORSHIP ONLINE PM 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Educ. 9am - SS & Youth Choir 9am - Sunday School 10am - Worship | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 WORSHIP ONLINE PM 8am - Worship 9am - Adult Educ. 10am - Worship | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

**St. John Lutheran
Church Council Members**

Contact via: office@stjohndepere.org
or office ph (920) 336-1082

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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

November 15, 2021
Send submissions to
newsletter@stjohndepere.org

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday's 8:00 & 10:00am

Join us Online Anytime



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/UCl1cjRdeaDr3N5fYKeuRUw>

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