

# Mission Messenger!

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**SEPTEMBER  
2021  
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*Let each of you look not to your own interests,  
but to the interests of others."*

Philippians 2:4

The Church Council discussed at length during the August meeting, safety protocols for worship and gatherings inside the building in light of the increased community transmission rates for Brown County. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that whenever the rates for Brown county are at or above the "substantial" level as reported on the CDC website, <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> we will require masking while inside the building and Holy Communion will be celebrated using prepackaged wafer/juice picked up as you enter the sanctuary and consumed in your pew. In addition we ask that you respect other's personal space when inside the building.

We will continue to have the one worship service, indoors, in person on Sunday at 9:00am through the end of September. The service will continue to be live streamed and available afterward on our YouTube channel.

The one exception to worship times will be for the Church Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. The outdoor service will be at 10:30am. The service will not be live streamed or recorded. There will be catered food, games for the kids and music immediately following the worship service.

The Council continues to review vaccination rates and information from health officials and will modify our guidelines and worship services as is appropriate.

*St. John Church Council*

*Faith*  
MAKES ALL THINGS  
**POSSIBLE**

*Love*  
MAKES ALL THINGS  
**EASIER**

*Hope*  
MAKES ALL THINGS  
**WORK**

# Hospitality & Celebration

*In sympathy & Remembrance*

*~ Adam Anderson ~*

*August 9, 1977 - August 1, 2021*

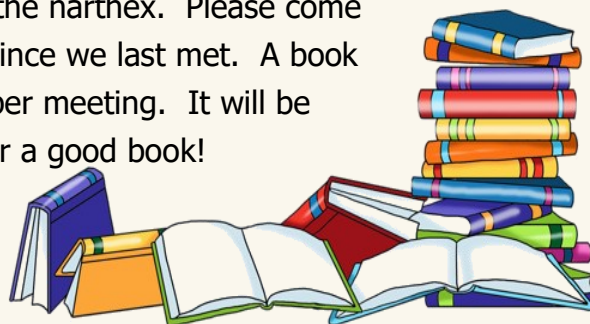
*~ Betty Jane Peters ~*

*August 5, 1930 - August 16, 2021*

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



**St John's Book Club** will begin meeting again this fall. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the narthex. Please come ready to share some of the great books you have read since we last met. A book will be distributed to be read and discussed at our October meeting. It will be wonderful to meet again and fellowship with friends over a good book! Everyone is welcome! Contact Donna Hjorth (336-5990) or Jan Vanden Heuvel (639-6987) for more information.



**Are You a B.A.G. Lady?**  
(Blessed And Gifted)

Fall Retreat in the main lodge at Crossways -  
Imago Dei Village  
W8160 Cloverleaf Lake Rd  
Clintonville, WI 54929



Saturday, September 18, 2021  
Registration begins at 8:00am  
Fun filled program 8:45am-4pm

Retreat Leader – Reverend Judy Deckert  
She discovers extraordinary treasures in rosemaling,  
writing and exercising imagination as she tends to  
ordinary things in Kimberly

Registration Form:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/.../a3cfd3bc-ed21-4f83...>



The Thrivent Choice Program allows Thrivent Financial members to choose where Thrivent distributes its charitable outreach grant dollars.

Thank you to all who have listed St. John as a recipient! Remember to contact Thrivent to indicate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. For questions, more information, or to start designating Choice Dollars, please contact Thrivent directly 1-800-THRIVENT or at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

# Hospitality & Celebration

Congratulations to the following students who received a scholarship from the St. John Trust Fund for the 2021 fall semester:

Gracie Destiche, Emma Feldhausen, Jessica Geurts, Melissa Nordwig, Lauren Nordwig, Isaiah Robinson, Emma Schepp, Alyssa Tobisch, Stephen Tobisch and Max Zuege.



## PLEASE JOIN US.....

### Sunday, September 12, 2021

## St. John Lutheran Church Annual Picnic

1700 Lost Dauphin Road De Pere

[www.stjohndepere.org](http://www.stjohndepere.org) 920.336.1082

### All are welcome



**9:30 am** Set Up    **10:30 am** Outdoor worship service    **11:15 am** Food, music, and Kids games

## Worship

**ADULT CHOIR**

“Due to COVID-19 variant, we will be unable to hold Adult Choir rehearsals until further notice. We will be continuing our Tone Chime choir. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, October 7th at 6:00pm in the sanctuary. All skill levels and ages are welcome! Come join and share your gift of music!

Please contact Cassie Tingo at 715-965-2220 or [cassie.tingo@snc.edu](mailto:cassie.tingo@snc.edu)



**PRAISE BAND will be leading worship on SEPTEMBER 12TH, For the church picnic!**

## WORSHIP AT HOME



**CALL TO WORSHIP** † *Make the sign of the cross.* Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. Amen. Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

### **DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE *PSALM 146***

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

*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.*

### **†SEPTEMBER 5th - 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Mark 7:24-37**

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

**SING PRAISE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #858**

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### **SEPTEMBER 12th - 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Mark 8:27-38**

*This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*

**Prayer of the Day** O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**SING PRAISE Great is Thy Faithfulness ELW#733**

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# Worship

## DWELLING IN SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

### †SEPTEMBER 19TH - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

#### Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SING PRAISE Children of the Heavenly Father ELW#781  
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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.**

### †SEPTEMBER 26TH - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Mark 9:38-50

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.*

#### Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SING PRAISE Change My heart O God ELW #801  
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#### OFFERING

God calls us to give generously of our hearts and gifts. How will you live and give today? Visit [www.stjohndepere.org](http://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.



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW#858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

### Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW#733

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

#### *Refrain*

### Children of the Heavenly Father ELW#781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

### 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.



## Faith Formation

### FAITH FORMATION FORMS

for 3 yr olds - 8th grade are available on line  
@[www.stjohndepere.org](http://www.stjohndepere.org) or in the narthex.  
Questions about Sunday School this year?  
Please contact Tammy Lewis.  
[sundayschool@stjohndepere.org](mailto:sundayschool@stjohndepere.org)  
Questions about Confirmation?  
Please contact Kristin Bouchard.  
[kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org)



# Faith Formation



## **TEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR PICNIC GAMES!**

Ready for some fun?!? On **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** St. John will be holding its annual church picnic! After worship, the kids will have the opportunity to play carnival games to win prizes. And we need our teens to help out with the games!

**Volunteers will run the games from 11:30-12:30 p.m.** If you're interested and available, please call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045 or email her at [kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org). Thank you!!

## **Youth build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace**

On **Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>** teen volunteers are needed to help Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization consisting of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.

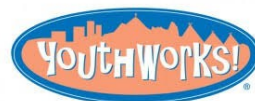
**The build starts at 8:00 a.m. and goes until 12:00 p.m. Come for the whole morning, or for an hour or two - what a great opportunity!** Below are links about the organization and pictures of previous builds on Facebook. Interested in helping out? Please contact Kristin at 920-360-6045 or [kristin@stjohndepere.org](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org).

<https://www.shpbeds.org/>  
<https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/wi-de-pere>

<https://www.facebook.com/shpdepere/>



## **Mission Trip 2021 reunion and announcing the 2022 mission trip!**



One of the traditions of each summer's mission trip is hosting a reunion for teens and adult leaders before school starts. On Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> the group got together at the Bouchard's house for swimming, yard games, a campfire, pizza and time together.



It was a blast to have the group together again! We also announced the dates and locations for the 2022 mission trip...

We are going to **Nashville, Tennessee!**

This trip will be held

**Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>!**

If you are interested in learning more, please check the youth board, or call/text Kristin at 920-360-6045.

When  
I am afraid,  
I put my  
trust in  
you.

## **ANXIETY, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS**

School is starting. For some of you this is super exciting – others, maybe not. We are here for you to ask questions, share concerns and celebrate success.

PLEASE call myself or Pastor Cindy any time 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 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](mailto:kristin@stjohndepere.org).

We are here for you!

# Faith Formation

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Please fill out and return to the church office an enrollment form for your student(s) so we can best plan for class. (Available at [www.stjohndepere.org](http://www.stjohndepere.org) under Faith Formation/Confirmation)

### 5<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

#### *Important dates Sept-Oct!*

- Wed. Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Be sure your **student enrollment form** has been sent in!
- Wed. Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Regular *weekly classes* begin for ALL 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students 6:30 pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet in the basement classroom. *5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students do not need to bring a bible.*
- 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet in the GREAT room. *7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students please bring your bible to each class.*

### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

#### *Important dates*

- Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-8pm class
- Thur. Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm class
- Thur. Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-7:30 class
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students will meet in the Youth room.

*Please bring your bible to each class.*



## **Mission Trip 2021 presentation scheduled for October...**

Thanks to the tremendous support of the congregation and greater De Pere community, 31 of us were able to serve the Duluth community this summer. Interested in learning more about what we did, and how this week impacts our teens?

Be sure to join us at the

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** worship service(s) to learn more about our trip!



## **ELCA Youth Gathering 2022** Next summer, all teens (current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited and encouraged to attend the **2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in**

**Minneapolis July 24-28, 2022!** 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](mailto:Kristin@stjohndepere.org).



## UPCOMING

### 2021-2022 YOUTH EVENTS COMING SOON!

The calendar of events for this year is being finalized...watch your email for the youth newsletter, and check out the Youth Board in the narthex. All the latest and greatest events, volunteer opportunities and more will be included!

## Mission & Service

### Celebration & Outreach

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

#### September SOUP

- |          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| October  | Canned spaghetti        |
| November | Thanksgiving Food Drive |
| December | Reverse Advent Calendar |



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS**

## MEN'S MINISTRY

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Men in Mission meets on the third Wednesday of the month. September 15th we will be meeting at 8:30am at Julies, 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.

### WE PRAY:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble". Psalm 46:1

*Please hold in healing prayer,*

Larry Armstrong,

John Grom, Michael Johaneck, Fianna Kaye,  
Jennifer Leonard, Seth Meinel, Sophia Meinel,  
Charlotte Schink, Lynda Tetzlaff and  
Bob Van Enkenvoort.

Christ Care will meet on **Wednesday, September 1st and Wednesday, September 15th @10:00am** in the LOUNGE. If you have any questions, contact Carlyn Cooper at 920-983-0327 or at clpdkcm@twc.com.

women's ministry



# 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 Dave & Lois McAllister, Janet Klipstine and Elaine Muesbeck who served the meal on Saturday, August 7th and to Lois McAllister, Janet Klipstine and Elaine Muesbeck made deserts for the shelter. 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.

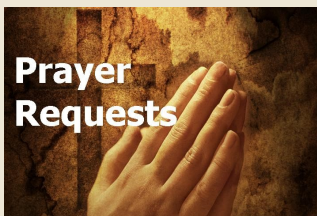


## LIVESTREAM A/V VOLUNTEERS

We have begun to build the team to run the Sunday morning livestream. 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.



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 [clpdcm@twc.com](mailto:clpdcm@twc.com). We will get your requests out to **our faithful prayer warriors.**



## MISSION SEWING



If anybody is interested in joining us for mission sewing, we meet on Thursdays from 9am until noon. If you can not make it for the whole time, come for as long as you can. Just a reminder that if you find any gently used sheets we would gladly take then off your hands, they make great backs for the quilts. We do have chocolates and a lot of laughs so come and have some fun.  
Judy Beerntsen



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			10am - Christ Care	9am - Mission Sewing		4:30pm - NEW Comm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
WORSHIP ONLINE PM 9am - Worship		6:30pm - Finance Mtg	9am - Mission Sewing			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30am - Worship 11am - Church Picnic		6:30pm - Stewardship Mtg	8:30am - Men in Mission 10am - Christ Care	9am - Mission Sewing 1pm - Book Club		8am - Youth Build
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
WORSHIP ONLINE PM 9am - Worship		7pm - Council Mtg	6pm - Faith Formation Mtg	9am - Mission Sewing		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
WORSHIP ONLINE PM 9am - Worship			6:30pm - 5th-8th Gr	9am - Mission Sewing		

Visit us on the web for weekly services!

[www.stjohndepere.org](http://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>

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

September 15, 2021

Send submissions to

[newsletter@stjohndepere.org](mailto:newsletter@stjohndepere.org)

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Church Council Members**

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Bill Lake	Worship & Music
Dick VandenHeuvel	Property



**WORSHIP TIMES**

**Join us Online Anytime**

**Sunday in the Sanctuary @9:00am**