

## From Pastor Dan

Once again summer is upon us and once again Pastor Dan has a couple of friendly reminders to share with the St. John flock.

1. I understand that summer presents tempting and plentiful possibilities to get out and about; especially in a place where it snows six months out of the year. I also understand that as you take advantage of those opportunities you may find yourself on a summer Sunday morning somewhere other than sitting in a pew in St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Village of Maine. Yet, I also understand (based on my life and pastoral experience), life is richer when you take time to intentionally connect with God in Jesus Christ. As I have said to the point of possibly being annoying; if God is the creative power of love in the universe, then intentionally spending time meaningfully and honestly connecting with that power only makes logical sense. You can accomplish that by attending another worship service when out of town, by spending time in prayer or Bible study, or at the very least by being on the intentional lookout for God in Jesus alive in your world.
2. We still need your financial support. Yes, I am going to talk about money. I don't do it often so just chill out. Actually, the business and ministries of St. John do not take a summer vacation. Young people are still involved in activities: Confirmation Camp, the National Youth Gathering in Houston, and Vacation Bible School. The worship opportunities double with the addition of a Wednesday evening service. Food pantries continue to be supplied, community ministries continue to be supported, and the gospel good news continues to be preached to a world desperately in need. So, if you trust that St. John makes a difference in this community and even in this world then I ask you to please continue to make a difference at St. John through your generous financial support.

If you heard my sermon on May 13, you heard me tell the story of a native Inuit elder from the movie, *Never Cry Wolf*. Upon observing a rather expansive scientific process on the part of a visiting zoologist and after hearing a rather lengthy explanation of same, he paused and acknowledging the scientists sensible approach succinctly responded, "Good idea!"

Yes, summer is here with all its increased activity which often takes you away from being in church and thinking about the ongoing ministry of St. John. However, I earnestly ask you, despite the distractions of summer, to continue your faithful connection to God in Jesus and to continue your faithful connection to St. John. Doing so is indeed a “Good idea!”

God’s peace be with you,

Pastor Dan

**Council Members.** Here is a list of Council Members. Please contact them with any concerns or issues you may have. Council meets once a month and welcomes input from the congregation.

President: Randy Trulen – 715-675-4091; rtrulen@gmail.com

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**Mission Statement:** “We are called to serve God; serve each other; serve the community; serve the wider church.”

**Serve God** through worship, prayer, and the dedication of our lives to His kingdom.

**Serve Each Other** by mutual care and support to encourage everyone to fulfill their God-given potential. **Serve the Community** by making known the good news about Jesus

and the love of God by word and deed. **Serve the Wider Church** through prayer and practical support to help spread the good news about Jesus throughout the world.

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*Worship Schedule*

**9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings**

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evenings (5/30 - 8/29)**

*Please join us as we worship our Lord!*

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**Homebound Parishioners.** The following parishioners are no longer able to consistently attend worship services. I visit them to remind them that they are loved by God and loved by their community of faith, St. John. Sometimes it is helpful to hear those reminders from someone in addition to me.

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**Financial Report for April, 2018**

<b>Income Received</b>	<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>\$13,467.78</b>	<b>\$14,211.62</b>	<b>(\$743.84)</b>	<b>\$13,600</b>

<b>Year-to-Date</b>			
<b>Income Received</b>	<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>\$47,425.58</b>	<b>\$54,631.21</b>	<b>(\$7,205.63)</b>	<b>\$54,400</b>

*Attendance Report*

	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>Average Weekly/April</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>183</i>
<i>Average Weekly/Year-to-Date</i>	<i>149</i>	<i>146</i>

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**“The one who graduates today and stops learning tomorrow is uneducated the day after.”**

**-----Newton Baker**

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**Thank You.** The families and staff of Maine School wish to give a big thank you to St. John congregation for their generosity in providing food and provisions for the Maine food bank. You have provided essential food items to struggling families in these hard times. You may stop giving at this time as the end of school is within sight. They would like to see the stock on the shelves go down over the summer. Once again, thank you for your generosity. Any further gifts will be delivered to one of the area nonprofits. (See letter below.)

Good morning Duane,

I wanted to send a sincere thank you for all you've done for our families at Maine Elementary. We have provided balanced meals for some of our most neediest families and would not have been able to do that without your support. As the school year is winding down, I think our shelves are set. Any additional items that you collect in the future can be shared with another pantry. Thank you for being so generous and thoughtful in your partnership with the Maine Elementary food pantry. Thank you for unofficially adopting families who are not members of the church but are members of our community. Thank you for being the community members that we are working to have our Maine graduates become.

Blessings, Nicole Melander & Maine School Staff and Families.

**National Youth Gathering – Houston, Texas.** Youth from St. John will be attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas, leaving June 24, 2018 and returning July 2, 2018.

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

As young people desire and struggle to find someone to become, somewhere to belong and something to do, the Gathering seeks to be a ministry that helps define some of that or at least open up pathways of discovery. Emphasis will be placed on the promise that WE BELONG TOGETHER. Through the understanding that we are Gathered, Claimed and Sent as God's children, it is the hope that participants will gain a deeper sense that God has, indeed, claimed them, that they matter, and they have a place to belong.

Each night of the Gathering we will come together in the NRG Stadium for a time of inspiring speakers, uplifting music and more.

Our speakers will share how God's call, God's love, God's grace and God's hope changed everything in their lives.

Our house band leads us in singing each night. You will sing some of your favorite praise songs and hymns and you will learn some new favorites!

On Sunday, July 1 we will gather one last time in the stadium for closing worship and the eucharist. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preach and we will celebrate and remember that Jesus Changes Everything!

**Reminder!** If you are in the hospital and would like Pastor Dan to visit, **PLEASE CALL** and let him know. Because of privacy issues, the hospital will not notify him or the church that you are there.

**Food Pantry.** The food items collected for the food pantry will be donated to Maine School. Your donations are appreciated. If you are able to help out with delivering these items to the school, please contact the church office.

**Council Meeting Minutes.** Copies of the minutes from the most recently held Council meeting are by the mailboxes. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If more are needed, please contact the church office.

**Announcements.** If you would like to have an announcement included in our weekly bulletin or newsletter, please submit the information in writing and put it in either Pastor Dan's mailbox or the administrative assistant's mailbox located in the narthex. If it is more convenient for you, you can submit your announcements via e-mail to [stjohnwausau@msn.com](mailto:stjohnwausau@msn.com). The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday bulletin is the Thursday before by 9:00 a.m. The deadline for the newsletter is indicated on the monthly calendar.

“A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.”  
----Ziad Abdelnour

**June Birthdays**

6-2 Dylan Landrath  
6-2 Elijah Linzmeyer  
6-2 Brendan Ohrmundt  
6-2 Lee Sillars  
6-3 Nicole Kudronowicz  
6-3 Brayden Melander  
6-3 Rita Radant  
6-5 Chuck Eno  
6-5 Billie Jo Grueneberg  
6-5 Jason Tabaka  
6-6 Karen Matushak  
6-6 Shonda Woodmansee  
6-7 Brandon Clausen  
6-7 Connie Hoffman  
6-7 Zayla Howe  
6-7 Joshua Tesch  
6-8 Rachel Ohrmundt  
6-8 Violet Teske  
6-10 Jason Mueller  
6-11 DJ Tesch  
6-13 Leslie Ugoretz  
6-17 Sarah Severson  
6-20 Mike Kluetz  
6-20 Randy Knudsen  
6-21 Judy Floistad  
6-21 Clarissa Knapp  
6-22 Brian Marquardt  
6-22 Kohin Pasholk  
6-22 Kurt Rowe  
6-23 Duane Mueller  
6-24 Barb Paulsen  
6-25 Spencer Hoeft  
6-27 Kylee Sala  
6-29 Joan Schreiber

**June Anniversaries**

6-1 Tom & Pam LeDuc  
6-3 Ken & Karen Matushak  
6-4 Dan & Robin Hein  
6-6 Laverne & Marilyn Grunenwald  
6-9 Charles & Joanne Zahn  
6-11 Paul & Stacey Linzmeyer  
6-12 Del & Brenda Tesch  
6-14 Todd & Deb Maley  
6-17 Chuck & Beth Eno  
6-17 Buzz & Rose Rosenau  
6-18 Kurt & Jenna Guralski  
6-19 Scott & Lynn Buchberger  
6-21 Brian & Nicole Anderson  
6-21 Stuart & Jody Gehrke  
6-23 Pete & Phyllis Seubert  
6-24 Scott & Cherish Oestreich  
6-29 John & Louise Harter  
6-29 Brian & Amy Marquardt