

### **From Pastor Dan**

*“And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.”* 2 Corinthians 8:10-13 (NRSV)

The apostle Paul is writing to the Corinthians encouraging them to support the ministry of the early Christian church. I am writing to you to encourage you to support the ministry of St. John Lutheran Church. This help takes many forms, one of which is money. To continue to viably engage in our ministry to this community, St. John requires your financial support. Having said that, I sincerely thank you for your past and future contributions.

Of course, your support of St. John involves more than your money. We also sincerely appreciate the giving of your time and your talents. As you know, we annually poll the congregation seeking help with all the volunteer effort required to sustain the ministries of St. John. Guess what; this is that annual opportunity!

As you consider your level of involvement with St. John, I want to again thank you for all you are doing. This year, I do not want to take your efforts for granted. Therefore, your Evangelism committee will not automatically assume that because you helped out last year you will help out again this year. We hope you will, but certainly can understand if you are unable to. Thus, approach the Time & Talent worksheet as if encountering it for the first time. (Spoiler alert! If the demand is not met by the requisite supply, expect to be pestered by Pastor Dan on a regular basis.)

Once all the names of the time and talent supporters have been compiled, we will post the results. When you are scheduled to serve in a particular function, usher as example, your name will appear on the monthly calendar which is included with your newsletter, posted on the two church bulletin boards, as well as on the website. Additionally, you will receive a reminder in the mail.

Thank you again for your support of St. John with your money, time, and talents, *“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.”*

Pastor Dan

**“Council Corner”**

**Curt Cooley**

September has seen Rally Sunday, start of Sunday school and start of confirmation classes. Chili lunch will be in a couple weeks and then Confirmation. We are starting the busy months of the church year.

Council will be preparing the 2020 budget in October (which will then be presented in January) and is looking at the various items which go into the budget. We also toured the church and parsonage examining the “big ticket” items, looking if any items are nearing the end of their lives, that we need to be prepared for. We identified a lot of small ticket items which need to be done in the parsonage. A group of people are currently working on these projects. I greatly appreciate everyone’s willingness to jump in and help.

Treasurer stuff: The expenses are slightly over the budgeted amount through August (\$104300) (\$700 over budget). We are \$5000 under the \$103600 budget on income for the year. This is a similar pattern for this church from many of the previous years.

Last year we did very well during the last quarter and increased our checking account balance to \$24,500. In 2019 it has slowly dwindled and is now at \$18,300 (off \$6200). We typically get lower income in the summer then income picks up at the end of the year.

Thanks again for your continued support of this church in all that you do.

**Beyond the Building.** The Christian does not go to the temple to worship. The Christian takes the temple with him or her. Jesus lifts us beyond the building and pays the human body the highest compliment by making it his dwelling place, the place where he meets with us.

---Ravi Zacharias

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## *Worship Schedule*

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

**6:30 p.m. Thursday Evenings September 12 - October 31**

***Please join us as we worship our Lord!***

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**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

Vice President: Jan Mueller – 715-675-9558; dmjm5455.wau@gmail.com

Treasurer: Curt Cooley – 715-675-8566; 715-571-4057; usfcool@gmail.com

Secretary: Tammi Smith – 715-581-3892; tammism79@gmail.com;  
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Worship: Heidi Teske – 715-551-4485; heidi.teske2007@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.

**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.

Ann Kieckhafer  
1347 Crystal Avenue  
Room 236-1  
Naperville, IL 60563

Harriet Wanner  
1240 Merrill Ave.  
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Wausau, WI 54401

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Wausau, WI 54401

Joan Schreiber  
1957 Kowalski Road  
Kronenwetter, WI 54455

Leona Wilde  
6550 County Road F  
Merrill, WI 54452

Harley Goetsch  
Rennes Health/Rehab Center  
4810 Barbican Avenue  
Weston, WI 54476

### **Jesus Was a Carpenter. How about you?**

We are looking for folks with carpentry skills to add another tier to our Confirmation graduates photo display in the parish hall. After adding the photo for this year's class, we will have only one space available. We intend on having a bunch more confirmation graduating classes than that. If you can help with this project, please contact your council president, Randy Trulen.

### **Eye on Local Art – Pat Plunkett**

The Riverfront Gallery in Stevens Point has an interesting fine art show running through to Oct. 20 called "Blues Effect" exhibiting juried art, any subject, with over 90% blue incorporated into the piece. It's interesting to see how the color blue can be incorporated, almost entirely on its own, into so many different works of art. Additionally, the CVA is hosting the Wisconsin Regional Art Program featuring many local artists competing to awards in this program. You will see a great variety of art and subjects. The exhibit will run from the last week in September to the last week in October. Both exhibits are open to the public and there is no admission charge.

**Financial Report for August, 2019**

<b>Income Received</b>	<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>\$9,921.09</b>	<b>\$11,557.48</b>	<b>(\$1,636.39)</b>	<b>\$12,950.83</b>

**Year-to-Date**

<b>Income Received</b>	<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>\$98,418.07</b>	<b>\$104,385.48</b>	<b>(\$5,967.41)</b>	<b>\$103,606.64</b>

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**Attendance Report**

	2019	2018
Average Weekly/August	92	90
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	114	121

**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.

**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.

**October Birthdays**

10-1 Kurt Guralski  
10-2 Kari Heil  
10-2 Jeanne Klinger  
10-2 Keegan Tesch  
10-3 Joshua Howe  
10-5 Logan Hoeft  
10-8 Kim Landwehr  
10-9 Jake Boehm  
10-9 Sophie Seubert  
10-10 Terry Kopplin  
10-10 Rod Treu  
10-10 Mike Woodmansee  
10-11 Dawn Detert  
10-13 Pat Poeske  
10-13 Cindy Preisig  
10-13 Melissa Thurs  
10-17 Draxton Howe  
10-18 Curt Cooley  
10-21 Megan Eno  
10-22 Brooke Howe  
10-23 Paul Gauger  
10-23 David Howe  
10-23 Rylee Suliin  
10-24 Kylee Pasholk  
10-25 Lucas Linzmeyer  
10-27 Keith Koenig  
10-29 Julie Schuster

**October Anniversaries**

10-2 Steve & Pam Zahn  
10-3 Nathan & Karrissa Fitzke  
10-4 David & Rebecca Voelker  
10-5 Vern & Marlene Bahr  
10-7 Guy & Nancy Frostman  
10-8 Randy & Linda Graveen  
10-8 Pete & Kelly Hirn  
10-9 Jim & Loretta Nolan  
10-20 Doug & Christine Doede  
10-20 DJ & Autumn Tesch  
10-23 Mike & Sara Stubbe  
10-27 Ron & Julie Schuster