

“Council Corner”

Lane Bahr, Evangelism

June brought laughter, smiles, games, crafts and so much more to St. John, with Rocky Railway VBS!! Where Jesus’ power pulls us through!! TRUST JESUS!!

This year we had no clue what VBS would look like, but we ended up with a total of 24 youth attending!! Including Junior & High School youths that worked as leaders, teachers, and actors!!

At Rocky Railway, kids discovered through life’s ups and downs that Jesus’ power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sang catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, engage in fun snack-eating experiences, took part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and created amazing crafts. Plus, kids learned to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concluded with the Rock Wrap-Up that got everyone involved in living what they’ve learned. We concluded our week of fun, with a special game time and ice cream treats!!

It was completely AMAZING to hear the laughter of the kids, to hear them singing songs, to see them gathering to learn more about Jesus! And when we were told that a young boy asked if he could go to VBS every night? Well, that just warmed our hearts!!

Great job to all the volunteers – we couldn’t do this without you!! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make 2021 VBS a success!!

2022 VBS will be the return of the classic, kid tested, Mr. Tim approved, SCUBA VBS!! Staring the original Chatter!! Watch for more details to come!! And remember, who loves you?? JESUS!!

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.

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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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed! Our program is in need of two new Sunday School teachers, one for the 1st-3rd graders and another for the 4th-6th graders. The commitment is typically one Sunday a month during the school year. Lessons are pre-determined and leader books and lesson leaflets for the students are already provided. Please let Kim Landwehr know if you're able to help! kamootz@gmail.com

Worship Committee. Are you interested in being on a committee that would be involved in planning worship services? This would include outdoor, special services etc. Please bring new ideas and suggestions as we move forward in 2021. Please contact Sue Harris, worship chair, at 715-551-6282 or email smae53@gmail.com.

Thank you

In-Home Care Needed. Laurie Prochnow is looking for in-home care. If you are interested, contact Laurie at 715-573-2674.

Reminder! Our church service on August 15 is at 10:00 a.m. followed by a potluck lunch celebrating Pastor Dan's retirement.

Help Needed. Help is needed Saturday, August 14 at 4:00 p.m. to set up tables under the tent in the parking lot for Pastor Dan's retirement celebration. Help is also needed in placing the potluck lunch on the serving tables and help to serve the lunch. Lastly, we will need help in cleaning up. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

Correction – Pastor Dan's Celebration. On August 15 we are having a chicken potluck luncheon for Pastor Dan. In the previous information, you were asked to bring a dish to pass, which is still the case. However, special dessert is now going to be provided so we don't need desserts as your contribution. Thanks in advance for whatever yummy dish you decide to bring. Thank you!

Journal. To celebrate Pastor Dan's retirement a journal to write your good wishes to him is located in the narthex. The journal will be presented to Pastor Dan at his retirement celebration on August 15.

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 June, 2021

Income Received	June \$10,996.50	Year-to-Date \$74,145.88
Expenses Paid	\$6,652.56	\$70,913.69
Difference	\$4,343.94	\$3,232.19

Attendance Report

	2021	2020
Average Weekly/June	43	54
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	93	114

Friends with Binoculars

At a beautiful outdoor wedding reception in the Colorado foothills, a group of us noticed a family of black bears on the next hill. We were so excited because we'd never seen them in the wild! When some friends grabbed binoculars from their car, however, we realized the creatures were merely grazing cows.

Now I tell this story whenever I'm asked what exciting wildlife I've encountered in the mountains. It gets a good laugh but also reminds me that I desperately need friends with binoculars. Instead of surrounding myself with people who automatically agree with me and don't challenge my perceptions, I need friends in my life who search with me for answers, accuracy and truth. Let's all be on the "lookout" for friends with binoculars!

---Janna Firestone

VISION FOR ST JOHN

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Village of Maine, Wausau, WI is a country church with an average Sunday worship attendance of about 100 folks. We are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Yet, more than numbers or affiliations, we are a congregation which welcomes all who seek meaning and hope in their lives through all the possibilities of a connection to the love of God in Jesus Christ. At our core, we value and nurture relationships.

We Value and Nurture Relationships With our God

- “He (Jesus) said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’” (Matthew 22:37 NRSV)

We Value and Nurture Relationships with Each Other

- “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10 NRSV)

We Value and Nurture Relationships with our Community

- “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34 NRSV)

We Value and Nurture Relationships with Ourselves

- “For this reason...we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...” (Colossians 1:9 NRSV)

August Birthdays

8-1 Skip Hoenisch
8-2 Kaitlin Bronsteatter
8-3 Mike Poeske
8-3 Kyle Rosenau
8-5 Dawson Hein
8-6 Tammy Landrath
8-7 Devin Bahr
8-7 Carol Fitzke
8-7 Hannah Kudronowicz
8-7 Nicki Oelke
8-7 Phyllis Seubert
8-9 Nancy Voelker
8-10 Shawn Bahr
8-10 Nick Maley
8-11 Lynn Tesch
8-12 Christine Doede
8-15 Sheila Gumz
8-16 Tim Sann
8-16 Pam Zahn
8-17 Abigail Kufahl
8-17 Christopher Ohrmundt
8-17 Scott Treu
8-18 Terry Ugoretz
8-20 Anne Ohrmundt
8-20 Marlene Stubbe
8-21 Bailey Frostman
8-22 Diane Trulen
8-24 Bryce Eno
8-25 Eugene Dehnel
8-26 Bruce Cohrs
8-27 Pamela LeDuc
8-28 Eli Pergolski
8-29 Kay Berens
8-29 Edward LaVake

August Anniversaries

8-9 Eric & Barb Paulsen
8-13 Bruce & Jill Cohrs
8-13 David & Patricia Spangler
8-14 Larry & Kay Berens
8-15 Mike & Michelle Bolz
8-15 Justin & Madeline Grueneberg
8-15 Craig & Kari Heil
8-18 Nick & Heidi Teske
8-19 Mitch & Tammy Landrath
8-19 Brian & Connie Nowak
8-21 Mike & Heather Gallenberg