

## **“Council Corner”**

Sue Cooley, President

Judging by the questions I received in church one Sunday, it seems everyone is very interested as to the future of our church. This is what I know: The profile committee has contacted Associate Bishop Asher who will help them begin the profile process on September 26. It should be a short while later, this profile of our congregation, will be available for any prospective pastor candidates. We need to get this done before we can even start down that road. When I have talked with Pastor Asher he has assured me we will have candidates-why not? We are an amazing congregation with so many things to offer any candidate. We are not in debt, have a great group of people who want to be involved in all aspects of our church and an outstanding youth program, including Sunday School. This year has been especially tough for our Sunday School with covid-19 continuing, especially amongst the unvaccinated in our Sunday School. Hopefully by the end of next month vaccinations will be available. Until then our great staff will continue with your help. If you have a student who is sick or quarantined please keep them at home. We really all need to support this great Sunday School program. I know we can count on our shared feeling of supporting one another and doing all we can to make this program continue safely.

**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.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** The Cemetery Association wants to give a big shout out to owner Eric Zabrowski of Backyard Escape LLC for donating the time and materials for the landscaping project to beautify our cemetery sign. Thank you, Eric, for your kind gesture. It is much appreciated!

**Message from St. John Quilters.** Decorating the church pews on Sunday, September 26 were just some of the quilts made for Lutheran World Relief by St. John quilters. Fifty plus were shipped on Saturday, October 2. Thank you to the quilters: Patsy Askew, Darlene Bahr, Shirley Kopplin, Jan Mueller, Erin Randall and Marlene Stubbe. Thank you also for the many donations of material.

**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 August, 2021**

<b>Income Received</b>	<b>August</b> <b>\$11,679.88</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b> <b>\$95,790.63</b>
<b>Expenses Paid</b>	<b>\$4,106.82</b>	<b>\$85,812.65</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$7,573.06</b>	<b>\$9,977.98</b>

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**Attendance Report**

	2021	2020
Average Weekly/August	62	73
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	83	104

## **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)

**October Birthdays**

10-1 Koy VanDerGeest  
10-2 Kari Heil  
10-2 Jeanne Klinger  
10-2 Keegan Tesch  
10-3 Joshua Howe  
10-5 Logan Hoeft  
10-6 Ethan Pergolski  
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 Rylee Suliin  
10-24 Kylee Pasholk  
10-25 Lucas Linzmeyer  
10-29 Julie Schuster

**October Anniversaries**

10-3 Nathan & Karrissa Fitzke  
10-4 David & Rebecca Voelker  
10-5 Vern & Marlene Bahr  
10-5 Shawn & Chavalin Chadwick  
10-7 Guy & Nancy Frostman  
10-8 Randy & Linda Graveen  
10-8 Pete & Kelly Hirn  
10-9 Jim & Loretta Nolan  
10-15 Nick & Nicki Oelke  
10-20 Doug & Christine Doede  
10-23 Mike & Sara Stubbe  
10-27 Ron & Julie Schuster