

“Council Corner”
Perry Kufahl, Treasurer

As we move forward to find our future pastor who will guide and lead us spiritually here St. John, let's not “take the foot off the gas.” Members have done their part and are keeping us going with their financial contributions. You deserve to take a bow for allowing us to continue to operate day to day and pay our bills in a timely fashion, under some very challenging times.

When I stepped in to be the “interim” treasurer in June, things were definitely in limbo: We had a pastor who was preparing to retire and covid has continued to threaten our weekly worship in person. One of my first concerns I had when accepting the position was: Do we have to pick and choose which bills get paid and which one could we delay? The answer to this was NO! The general church checking account has stayed stable and we continue to pay our monthly bills and complete needed projects to aid the church as well. A good example of this was the recently completed bell tower project. Our finances allowed us to immediately have the funds in place to pay this.

I do not want to give you the wrong message here. We still need money coming in to allow us to function on a daily basis, whether it is paying monthly maintenance bills, keeping up our monthly commitment to pay ELCA synod dues or paying our supply pastors to preach on Sundays. There will be more projects to address moving forward. We definitely need to address the outdated bathrooms that are in need of being modernized. I am sure there will be more issues that will come up too for discussion. That is a problem for another day, however, as we again move closer to getting a permanent pastor in place which is probably the #1 concern we are concerned about right now as a team.

We are in a good place both spiritually and financially. Again, as I stated before, let's keep the contributions coming and things will fall in place. I guarantee you there are plenty of churches in the Wausau area who are just hanging on, we are not one of those!

God Bless Us All,
Perry

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.

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 September, 2021

Income Received	September \$10,449.48	Year-to-Date \$106,240.11
Expenses Paid	\$6,371.29	\$92,530.09
Difference	\$4,078.19	\$13,710.02

Attendance Report

	2021	2020
Average Weekly/September	54	84
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	80	102

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)

November Birthdays

11-1 Trent Trulen
11-4 Eric Paulsen
11-5 Jody Gehrke
11-7 Erin Randall
11-8 Charles Anderson
11-8 Seth Trulen
11-10 Lucas Cottrell
11-10 Nikole Knight
11-10 Loretta Nolan
11-10 Henry Seubert
11-10 Zach Trulen
11-12 Alene Howe
11-13 Tanya Fitzke
11-13 Lyla Klug
11-14 Nicole Melander
11-14 David Spangler
11-14 Randy Trulen
11-15 Amanda Grueneberg
11-15 Kaitlyn Paulsen
11-15 Jean Treu
11-16 Michael Pasholk
11-16 Justice Pratt
11-16 Peter Severson
11-16 Terre Swemke
11-18 Amber Frostman
11-19 Gina Graveen
11-19 Jon Schuster
11-21 Josh Grueneberg
11-21 Louise Harter
11-22 Kady Pasholk
11-24 Morgan Bolz
11-24 Linda Graveen
11-24 Elden Kopplin
11-24 Scott Oestreich
11-24 David Voelker
11-25 Kayden Chadwick

November Anniversaries

11-2 Duane & Jan Mueller
11-2 Don & Nancy Voelker
11-4 Jacob & Chelsi Knoblock
11-4 Rod & Jean Treu
11-8 Dan & Dawn Detert
11-15 Scott & Donna Treu
11-23 Elden & Shirley Kopplin
11-30 Bruce & Rita Radant

November Birthdays (Continued)

11-27 Dale Knapp
11-27 Jesse Radant
11-28 Otto Fitzke
11-28 Rose Rosenau