

“Council Corner”

Madeline Grueneberg, Fellowship

We have some exciting events coming up at St John’s! Fellowship is going to be starting up again after church beginning in January. We are going to be holding a “Cabin Fever” chili feed this year along with our raffle on February 20, 2022. We are asking if you have items to donate for the raffle that they are brought to church January 9th or 16th so we will have plenty of Sundays to sell tickets. We are going to have chili ready after church for those that would like to have some fellowship. If you can’t stay or just don’t feel comfortable, we are also going to offer quart size to-go containers - both will be \$7.00/bowl or to-go container. There will be a donation sign up list coming in December. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me! Blessings to you and hope to see you there!

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: Sue Cooley – 715-675-8566; cooley1512@outlook.com

Vice President: Barb Paulsen – 715-845-9884; ericbarbp@aol.com

Treasurer: Perry Kufahl – 715-675-1383; pnskufahl@outlook.com

Secretary: Shelley Kufahl – 715-675-1383; pnskufahl@outlook.com

Trustees: Curt Cooley – 715-571-4057; usfcool@gmail.com

Scott Oestreich – 715-675-4360; scottsmachinellc@gmail.com

Evangelism: Lane Bahr – 715-297-0017; lucylane35@hotmail.com

Fellowship: Madeline Grueneberg – 715-574-9095; MadelineSchwede@aol.com

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

Worship: Sue Harris – 715-551-6282; smae53@gmail.com

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.

Harriet Wanner 3107 Westhill Drive Wausau, WI 54401	Carol Fitzke 237227 N. 120 th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401	Harley Goetsch Rennes Health/Rehab Ctr. 4810 Barbican Avenue Weston, WI 54476
Florian Kolbe 540 E. Thomas St. Apt. 108 Wausau, WI 54403	Don & Carol Prochnow 235775 N. 80 th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401	Laurie Prochnow 4602 Barbican Ave. Apt. 105 Weston, WI 54476

Financial Report for October, 2021

	October	Year-to-Date
Income Received	\$9,093.87	\$115,333.98
Expenses Paid	\$7,502.59	\$100,032.68
Difference	\$1,591.28	\$15,301.30

Attendance Report

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

IMPORTANT DATES: *Our Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022, after the worship service. All reports to be included in the Annual report are due to the church office no later than 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2022!*

Offerings. All offerings you would like to be included in the 2021 financial records are **due by Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.!**

Council Positions Available! Our church council is looking for a new president, trustee, treasurer, evangelism chairperson and worship chairperson. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Barb Paulsen at 715-845-9884. It's a great way to have an impact on the future of our church!

Upcoming Sunday School Dates:

11/21 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

11/28 NO Sunday School

12/5 Christmas Program Practice 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Making Christmas cards for our homebound and elderly parishioners

12/12 Christmas program Practice 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

12/18 – SATURDAY – Christmas Program Practice 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

12/19 Christmas Program – 10:00 a.m.

2022 Offering Envelopes. The offering envelopes for 2022 have arrived – they are in your mailboxes in the narthex. Please stop by and pick them up. Just a reminder – do not start using them until after January 1, 2022.

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.

Thrivent Choice Dollars. St. John receives funds through Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members can recommend which nonprofit organizations they feel should receive charitable funding from Thrivent. If you are an eligible member, please consider us when directing Choice Dollars. Call 800-847-4836.

PRAYERS FOR ST. JOHN PARISHIONERS

Often we are busy and sometimes need gentle reminders on how to make a difference in someone's life. At St. John we have quite a few shut ins and others who are in need of healing prayers. Please consider reaching out to them by perhaps sending a card, a phone call or even a visit. Many folks could use some encouraging words and know they are not forgotten. Mary should have a list of folks on the prayer list and our shut ins are listed in the newsletters. Thank You!!

PIE AUCTION

A pie auction was held to raise money for the youth at Homme Home on November 21 following worship service. It was a great success as we raised over \$700.00! Thank you to everyone who made and donated pies for this worthy cause!!

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)

December Birthdays

12-1 Drew Detert
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12-3 Tom Ohrmundt
12-4 Robbie Haroldson
12-5 Ryder Schindler
12-5 Hudson Voigt
12-5 Jan Ziebell
12-6 Dan Detert

December Anniversaries

12-5 Tom & Karen Ohrmundt
12-6 John Czarnota & Erin Randall
12-11 Don & Carol Prochnow
12-12 Brandon & Lindsey Steinagel
12-21 Duane & Patsy Askew
12-26 Bob & Kara Rode
12-29 Chad & Tammi Walter

12-7 Sarah Sala
12-10 Laverne Grunenwald
12-10 Tari Harter
12-11 Maci Landwehr
12-12 Avery Oestreich
12-14 Levi Ohrmundt
12-14 Luke Saari
12-16 Mark Anderson
12-16 Marilyn Grunenwald
12-17 Lane Hoeft
12-17 John Rakow
12-18 Veronica Lavake
12-18 Pete Seubert
12-18 Serena Ugoretz
12-19 Andrew Harter
12-20 Braxtin Borth
12-22 Rebecca Voelker
12-23 Madison Voelker
12-24 Dan Graveen
12-24 Cherish Oestreich
12-24 Jacob Paulsen
12-25 Barbara Nass
12-27 Debra Maley
12-28 James Lavake
12-29 Sue Cooley
12-29 Alex Zahn
12-30 Jill Cohrs

December Birthdays (cont'd)

12-30 Jesse Hein
12-30 Luciana Nass
12-30 Tammi Walter