

“Council Corner”
Barb Paulsen, Vice President

We are called to serve.

“Choose for yourselves this day to whom you serve.” Joshua 24:15

As the time of our annual meeting approaches and we think of the year to come, I want to thank our present council members for all of their hard work. This past year was challenging especially with Pastor Dan retiring. Our church has continued to thrive with the help of our current members and the willingness of our volunteers.

Currently up for re-election are the following: president, trustee, treasurer, evangelism chairperson and worship chairperson. If you are interested, please contact Barb Paulsen at 715-845-9884.

John 21:16 “Do you love me?.....Tend my sheep.”

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; scottsmachinelle@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.

Carol Fitzke
237227 N. 120th Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401

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

Charles & Joanne Zahn
Applegate Terrace
3001 Westhill Dr.
Wausau, WI 54401

Florian Kolbe
540 E. Thomas St.
Apt. 108
Wausau, WI 54403

Don Prochnow
235775 N. 80th Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401

Laurie Prochnow
4602 Barbican Ave.
Apt. 105
Weston, WI 54476

Vern & Marlene Bahr
238456 N. 84th Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401

Carol Prochnow
Wausau Manor
3107 Westhill Dr.
Wausau, WI 54401

IMPORTANT DATE: Our Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022, after the worship service. The Cemetery Association meeting will follow the annual meeting.

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!

Financial Report for December, 2021

Income Received	December \$19,929.25	Year-to-Date \$146,650.75
Expenses Paid	\$6,921.94	\$113,333.92
Difference	\$13,007.31	\$33,316.83

Attendance Report

	2021	2020
Average Weekly/December	151	159
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	81	104

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.

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!!

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)