

“Council Corner”

Shelley Kufahl, Council Secretary

At work, I was recently asked, “Where are you on the Mood Elevator?” The word “Grateful” is at the top of the chart and other words in descending order are: wise, creative, resourceful, and ending in words such as impatient, irritated, worried, and others. I don’t remember the answer I gave, but I remember being encouraged to think of ways to elevate my mood to grateful. Later, as I was writing this, I realized I am grateful for the people of St John and their perseverance through these trying times. And even though these are trying times, we have had exciting things happening at St John.

Traditional communion was restarted in February. For those who prefer individual communion (no waiting in line), we will continue to offer the choice to receive communion individually in the pew.

Along with traditional communion, fellowship following the service has restarted. Please feel free to stop in after service and get a cup of coffee and enjoy a chance to visit with one another. I’m sure there will be yummy treats to go along with the coffee!

We also were able to get somewhat back to normal in that we were able to have the St John’s “Cabin Fever” Chili and raffle. Thank you to Brian and Connie Nowak for your time in making the chili and jarring it up so that we could enjoy it at home. At some point, we hope to get more back to normal and enjoy St. John’s chili in the parish hall.

Thank you also to our outgoing council members, Sue Cooley and Scott Oestreich, for your service during these trying times.

Thank you to the many people who serve St. John without a lot of recognition: Sunday School teachers, Confirmation teachers, Organists Linda and Tammy, administrative assistant Mary, fellow church council members, our many worship assistants including lectors, ushers, bell-ringers, video-streamers, communion assistants and many, many more I haven’t named.

Thank you to our call committee as you will be selecting our new pastor.

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: Jennifer Schwede – 715-432-6079; jenniferschwede@aol.com

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

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Financial Report for January, 2022

	January	Year-to-Date
Income Received	\$9,552.89	\$9,552.89
Expenses Paid	\$7,622.14	\$7,622.14
Difference	\$1,930.75	\$1,930.75

Attendance Report

	2022	2021
Average Weekly/January	50	143
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	50	143

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.

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
Weston, WI 54476

Harley Goetsch
Rennes Health/Rehab Ctr.
4810 Barbican Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401

Charles & Joanne Zahn
3001 Westhill Dr.
Room 208
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

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 to everyone that purchased chili, donated items for the prize drawings and purchased tickets!! We raised \$547 from chili sales and \$390 in prize ticket sales! Thank you to Brian and Connie Nowak for cooking and bottling that chili along with Linda Graveen for organizing the drawings. Thank you!

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!!

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13, 2022!