

From Pastor Maggie

God's Beloved & Members of St. John,

Grace and peace to you all. I hope you all were able to enjoy Christmas, and that you were able to feel God's love, joy, and peace. Now a new year is upon us, so let us pray.

Renewing God, with hearts of gratitude, we give thanks for the start of a new year. A time when possibilities seem endless, when life shimmers with anticipation and hope. A time of blessings, peace, and joy. Cultivate your Spirit in our midst. Make this a year filled with reflection, prayer, stewardship, and love for all our neighbors. May Christ be our light, guiding our way. Amen.

The new year can bring a range of emotions, aspirations, goals, and a lot of cold weather for us Wisconsinites. Yet, the start of the new year also brings more sunlight each day. Light that reminds us of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

And as a community of faith, we hold the Light of Christ together, in our hearts, in our prayers, in our words, and in our actions. So, if you are having a hard time finding light this new year, know that St. John is holding you in prayer and in the light of Christ. As it is together, in Christ, where we find peace, love, and eternal life.

As always, if you ever need any one to talk to, I am here for you. Please feel free to call or text me (608)-345-9616 or send me an email pastor.maggie.westaby@gmail.com. Or if you would simply like to meet up for coffee, tea, or a walk, I would love to share that time with you.

With Love & Gratitude,

Pastor Maggie Westaby

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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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.

Financial Report for November, 2022		
	November	Year-to-Date
Income Received	\$16,109.52	\$125,284.77
Expenses Paid	\$11,345.33	\$107,785.66
Difference	\$4,764.19	\$20,499.11
Attendance Report		
	2022	2021
Average Weekly/November	90	60
Average Weekly/Year-to-Date	82	75

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.

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

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

Joanne Zahn
4905 Falcon Dr.
Wausau, WI 54401

Don & Carol Prochnow
3402 Terrace Court
Room 141
Wausau, WI 54401

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Winter Warmth

O God, you give the winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous rays. You warmly in your love enfold, and keep us through life's wintry days.

---Samuel Longfellow

Empowered

The One who calls you to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature is the One who by your consent, goes into all the world and preaches the Gospel to every creature through you!

---W. Ian Thomas

