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THE MESSENGER

June 2024



From Pastor Maggie

God's Beloved,

Blessings for the month of June and the start of summer.

May the longer hours of daylight remind you of the light of the world, and how we are called to share Christ's light through our love.

May the longer hours of daylight remind you that Christ is always present, even as you venture off for summer vacations or weekend get-aways.

And may the longer hours of daylight remind you that God's love is poured out each day to you, through shimmering grace.

I hope you are able to find time to connect with our St. John community this summer—through Worship, Adult Study, Book Club, VBS, and Fellowship.

As we read in Ephesians 4:1b-6 "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one God, one faith, one baptism, one Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

And even when we cannot be together, know we are all held together in Christ. A joyful thing to share with one another—so come when you can—and share in this good news. If you have other ideas on how to cultivate community this summer, please let me know.

With Love & Gratitude,

Pastor Maggie Westaby

“Council Corner”
Tim Ohrmundt

June is upon us and my thoughts turn to the shores of Lake Superior, the Porcupine Mountains..... and VBS. Kingdom Rock. We did Kingdom Rock back in 2013. 11 years ago. I recently watched several of those kids walk across the stage at graduation and receive their diplomas. Time moves on but those kids still remembered Kingdom Rock. Children are the future of everything and St. Johns is no different. The anticipation of a week of stories, games and songs is something I know these kids look forward to. It keeps them coming back every night and every year. It is a week to be remembered. So hopefully, in 2035 when it is their turn to walk across that stage, they will hear that we are rolling out Kingdom Rock. Again. They will smile and remember the stories, games and songs. God-willing I will be there as well. Because the kids are worth the effort and the work. They will always be worth it.



Mark Your Calendars!

Our 2024 VBS will be Sunday, June 23rd – Thursday, June 27th from 5:30pm – 8pm.

All children are welcome! Students are preschool age through 6th grade. Older children are welcome to be volunteers and group leaders. Parents, we need your help, too!

Dinner will be served each night from 5:30pm – 6pm.

Join us as we discover a world “Where Kids Stand Strong for God!”

If you’d like to volunteer, contact Lane Bahr at lucylane35@hotmail.com

Sign up for VBS on our website at <https://stjohnwausau.org/education/vbs/>

Fundraising opportunity! Your help & support is needed.

Kwik Trip Scrip Cards Sign Up in the Fellowship Hall.

Help support St. John when buying groceries at Kwik Trip!

The logo for Kwik Trip, featuring the words "KWIK" and "TRIP" in a bold, italicized, white sans-serif font, stacked vertically on a solid red background. A small "TM" trademark symbol is located at the bottom right of the word "TRIP".

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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.

Live Streaming and Photography Notice. When you enter a St. John Church service or event, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording or live streaming may occur. If you prefer not to be recognized on camera, the back row inside the church is not within viewing distance of a camera and communion will typically be only on a wide shot where it may be difficult to recognize congregants. Parents, please note our children’s sermons are being recorded and live streamed. If you do not want your child to be recognized on camera, please refrain from having them participate.

St. John Quilting Wishlist. Left over fabric or never used fabric, light weight denim, cotton or flannel sheets, pillow cases, cotton curtains (unlined), cotton shower curtains. If you are interested, come join us! You can also sew a quilt top from home. Size needed is 60 x 80. They do not need to be fancy. Thank you!

Homebound Parishioners. The following parishioners are no longer able to consistently attend worship services. Pastor Maggie visits 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. 120 th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401	Joanne Zahn 4905 Falcon Dr. Wausau, WI 54401	Carol Prochnow 3402 Terrace Court-Room 141 Wausau, WI 54401
Harley Goetsch Rennes Health/Rehab Ctr. 4810 Barbican Avenue Weston, WI 54476	Jim & Barbara Leffin 214 N. 12 th Avenue Wausau, WI 54401	

Attendance Report

	2024	2023
Average Weekly/April	77	139
Average Weekly/Year-To-Date	122	116

June Birthdays

6-2 Dylan Landrath
6-2 Elijah Linzmeyer
6-2 Brendan Ohrmundt
6-2 Lee Sillars
6-3 Nicole Kudronowicz
6-3 Brayden Melander
6-3 Rita Radant
6-4 Cody Haroldson
6-5 Chuck Eno
6-5 Billie Jo Grueneberg
6-6 Karen Matushak
6-6 Shonda Stanley
6-7 Brandon Clausen
6-7 Connie Hoffman
6-7 Zayla Howe
6-7 Joshua Tesch
6-8 Rachel Ohrmundt
6-8 Violet Teske
6-10 Jason Mueller
6-13 Leslie Ugoretz
6-14 Jack Graveen
6-14 Gregory Grudzniske
6-17 Randy Kopp
6-17 Sarah Severson
6-18 Kristin Glaze
6-18 Kim Nevers
6-19 Katy Glaze
6-20 Ryker Cottrell
6-20 Randy Knudsen
6-22 Brian Marquardt
6-22 Sam Meyer
6-22 Kohin Pasholk
6-23 Duane Mueller

June Anniversaries

6-1 Tom & Pam LeDuc
6-3 Ken & Karen Matushak
6-4 Dan & Robin Hein
6-11 Paul & Stacey Linzmeyer
6-12 Rick & Kim Nevers
6-12 Del & Brenda Tesch
6-17 Chuck & Beth Eno
6-19 Scott & Lynn Buchberger
6-21 Brian & Nicole Anderson
6-22 Doug & Pat Luce
6-23 Pete & Phyllis Seubert
6-24 Scott & Cherish Oestreich
6-29 John & Louise Harter
6-29 Brian & Amy Marquardt

(June Birthdays Cont'd)

6-24 Barb Paulsen
6-25 Spencer Hoeft
6-26 James J. Borelli
6-27 Margaret Oravez
6-27 Kylee Sala
6-27 Crystal Zernicke
6-29 Jan Spangler
6-29 Andy VanDerGeest

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Pastor Maggie’s Book Club

Wednesday, June 12 – 6:00 p.m. Council

Monday, June 17 – Noon – Newsletter Articles due to Church office

Tuesday, June 18 – 6:30 p.m. – Adult Study – Pg. 26-44 of “A is for Alabaster”

Sunday, June 23 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 24 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 25 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 26 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 27 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m.

Mission Statement: “We are called to serve God; serve each other; serve the community; serve the wider church.”

Pastor Maggie Westaby

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