

St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, ELCA  
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# *THE MESSENGER*

*May 2024*



## From Pastor Maggie

### *God's Beloved,*

Blessings for the month of May, a month of many opportunities at St. John.



- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is Spring Cleaning, starting at 9:00 a.m. come when you can and help out.
- Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> our 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students will have a chance to celebrate all their hard work with a bowling outing, followed by them serving the community dinner at First Presbyterian Church.
- Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> the Book Club will meet to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese.
- Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Mother's Day and all of our graduating seniors with a *Blessing of the Blankets*.
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> the Adult Study will meet starting a new summer series on *A is for Alabaster: 52 Reflections on the Stories of Scripture* by Anna Carter Florence. We will discuss pages 7—25 at this session.
- Sunday, May 19 we will officially welcome our new members, and celebrate the last day of Sunday School with BINGO and an Ice Cream Social.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped and continues to help with St. John's many ministries. It is beautiful to have these opportunities and to come together as a community. I appreciate all of your support to St. John and towards one another by offering your time, talents, and resources.

God is alive and is journeying with us in all that we do. It is such a blessing to be on this journey with all of you, finding fullness of life in Christ.

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as God, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." *Colossians 2:6-7*

*With Love & Gratitude,*

*Pastor Maggie Westaby*

## ***“Council Corner”***

Heidi Teske, Education

Hello everyone,

After worship on Sundays I’ve had some tasty desserts while chatting with fellow members and when I asked who made certain ones the answer was Tim and Ann Ohrmundt. I then asked them if I could get the recipe and Tim said that it was in the St. John cookbook, which I don’t have but I thought of an idea. With all of the newer members, since 2004, we could have a “Cookbook Revival” with reprinting and adding new recipes from our congregation. Any extra proceeds from the cookbooks could go towards the parking lot fund. With that being said, this is in the early stages but if you have any recipes you’re willing to share, please email them to me at [Heidi.teske2007@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.teske2007@gmail.com) or put a printed copy in my mailbox in the narthex.





## 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](mailto:lucylane35@hotmail.com)

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

**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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Wausau, WI 54401	

**Attendance Report**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Average Weekly/March</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Average Weekly/Year-To-Date</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>109</b>

**May Birthdays**

5-1 Brenna Ohrmundt  
5-8 Brandon Schindler  
5-9 Gavin Bahr  
5-9 Michael Haroldson  
5-12 McKenzie Cottrell  
5-13 Tim Ohrmundt  
5-13 Renner Stubbe  
5-14 Kelly Hirn  
5-14 Steven Zahn  
5-15 Ryan Landwehr  
5-15 Shane Saari  
5-16 Jarred Bahr  
5-16 Ben Bolz  
5-17 Larry Berens  
5-19 Hunter Zernicke  
5-20 Ariel Graveen  
5-20 John Ohrmundt  
5-21 Briah Landwehr  
5-21 Rev. Maggie Westaby  
5-23 Chavalin Chadwick  
5-23 Todd Mueller  
5-25 Rheta Utech  
5-26 Ray Gallenberg  
5-26 Mitch Landrath  
5-27 Matthew Haroldson  
5-28 Brody Arndt  
5-29 Levi Hirn  
5-30 Dan Arndt  
5-30 Tanner Walter  
5-31 Bev Landrath

**May Anniversaries**

5-11 Troy & Nikole Knight  
5-12 Perry & Shelley Kufahl  
5-13 Dan & Shannon Graveen  
5-15 Randy & Debbie Knapp  
5-16 Peter & Sarah Severson  
5-19 Bob & Rheta Utech  
5-22 Ryan & Kim Landwehr  
5-24 Lee & Katie Van Der Geest

## *Upcoming Events:*

*Saturday, May 4 – 9:00 a.m. Spring Cleaning*

*Sunday, May 5 – 1:30 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling*

*Sunday, May 5 – 3:30 p.m. – Community Supper*

*Monday, May 6 – 6:30 p.m. - Book Club – Covenant of Water*

*Wednesday, May 8 – 6:00 p.m. Council*

*Saturday, May 11 – 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, LC Restaurant, Marathon (Last one for Summer)*

*Tuesday, May 14 – 6:30 p.m. – Adult Study*

*Friday, May 17-18 – Synod Assembly – See Pastor Maggie for further details*

*Sunday, May 19 – 9:00 a.m. Worship – Welcome New Members*

*Sunday, May 19 – 10:15 a.m. – Bingo & Ice Cream Social*

*Monday, May 20 through Monday, May 27 – Pastor Maggie on Vacation*

*Monday, May 20 – Newsletter Articles due to Church Office*

*Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day, Church Office Closed*

*Worship Schedule*

*Sunday Mornings  
9:00 a.m.*

*Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.*

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

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