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THE MESSENGER

August 2024



God's Beloved,

Blessings for the month of August. This month we will spend time dwelling in the Gospel of John and will focus much of our attention on Jesus, the Bread of Life. Unique to the Gospel of John, there is no Passover meal/Last Supper like we find in the Synoptic Gospels.

Rather, the Gospel of John focuses on how Jesus is the Bread of Life. A theology that is deeply rooted in Jesus' life, God's abundance, and sustenance. As Jesus points out in the Gospel of John, it was God who provided manna in the wilderness; and it is God who continues to provide for us today through Jesus, the Bread of Life.

However, trusting that God will provide is easier said than done. Because when we are provided for, we instinctively want to cling to it, trying to prolong its comfort, warmth, and nourishment-just like the Israelites did. As God told them to gather just enough manna for a day, but they did not listen. Instead, they gathered more than they could eat and stashed away the left overs. And when morning came, any left-over manna had become wormy and rotten...Thankfully, God continued to provide for them, and outside their tent each morning was fresh manna, fresh bread from heaven, because God is faithful.

There are so many lessons in this short narrative. I hope you are able to join us this August as we unpack just a little bit of this. I hope you are able to find time in prayer and reflection, pondering what it means for Jesus to be the Bread of Life. What it means to trust that God will provide, each and every day, for you. What it means to trust in the Lord's Prayer and that God will give us our daily bread. Amen.

With Love & Gratitude,

Pastor Maggie Westaby

STEWARDING ST. JOHN

Here are some opportunities to further stewardship support for St. John.

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall. Help support St. John when buying groceries, gas, or getting your car washed at Kwik Trip!



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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Worship: Randy Knapp – 715-581-5558; rknappeoj@gmail.com

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	Glen & Marlene Opichka 2434 Nesting Lane Kronenwetter, WI 54455
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Harley Goetsch Rennes Health/Rehab Ctr. 4810 Barbican Avenue Weston, WI 54476	Jim & Barbara Leffin 214 N. 12 th Avenue Wausau, WI 54401
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Attendance Report

	2024	2023
Average Weekly/June	62	80
Average Weekly/Year-To-Date	106	104

August Birthdays

8-1 Glen Hoenisch
8-2 Kaitlin Goslin
8-2 Ann Ohrmundt
8-3 Mike Poeske
8-3 Kyle Rosenau
8-5 Dawson Hein
8-6 Tammy Landrath
8-7 Devin Bahr
8-7 Carol Fitzke
8-7 Hannah Kudronowicz
8-7 Nikki Oelke
8-7 Phyllis Seubert

8-9 Nancy Voelker
8-10 Shawn Bahr
8-10 Wyatt Hirn
8-10 Nick Maley
8-12 Christine Doede
8-12 Maya Grudznske
8-15 Sheila Gumz
8-16 James Leffin
8-16 Tim Sann
8-17 Abby Kufahl
8-17 Christopher Ohrmundt
8-17 Scott Treu
8-18 Terry Ugoretz
8-20 Anne Ohrmundt
8-20 Marlene Stubbe
8-21 Bailey Frostman
8-22 Diane Trulen
8-24 Bryce Eno
8-25 Eugene Dehnel
8-25 Rick Nevers
8-26 Bruce Cohrs

August Anniversaries

8-4 Matt & Marla Harris
8-9 Eric & Barb Paulsen
8-13 Bruce & Jill Cohrs
8-14 Larry & Kay Berens
8-15 Mike & Michelle Bolz
8-15 Justin & Madeline Grueneberg
8-15 Craig & Kari Heil
8-18 Nick & Heidi Teske
8-19 Mitch & Tammy Landrath
8-19 Brian & Connie Nowak
8-20 James & Barbara Leffin
8-20 Andy & Ashlee VanDerGeest
8-21 Mike & Heather Gallenberg
8-26 Tim & Amy Mielke

(August Birthdays Cont'd)

8-27 Pamela LeDuc
8-28 Eli Pergolski
8-29 Kay Berens
8-29 Edward LaVake

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 4 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, August 6 – 6:30 p.m. – Adult Study, pages 45-61 from “A is for Alabaster...”

Sunday, August 11 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Wednesday, August 14 – 6:00 p.m. – Council

Thursday, August 15 – Monday, August 19 – Pastor Maggie @ Continuing Education

Sunday, August 18 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Thursday - August 22 – Pastor Maggie at First Call

Saturday, August 24 – Pastor Maggie @ Synod Council

Sunday, August 25 – 9:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 26 – 6:30 p.m. – Book Club – “Ordinary Grace”

Monday, August 26 – Noon – Newsletter Articles due to Church office

August 27 – September 4 - Pastor Maggie taking vacation

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 8!

10:15 a.m.

Confirmation Classes begin Wednesday, September 11!

6:30 p.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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