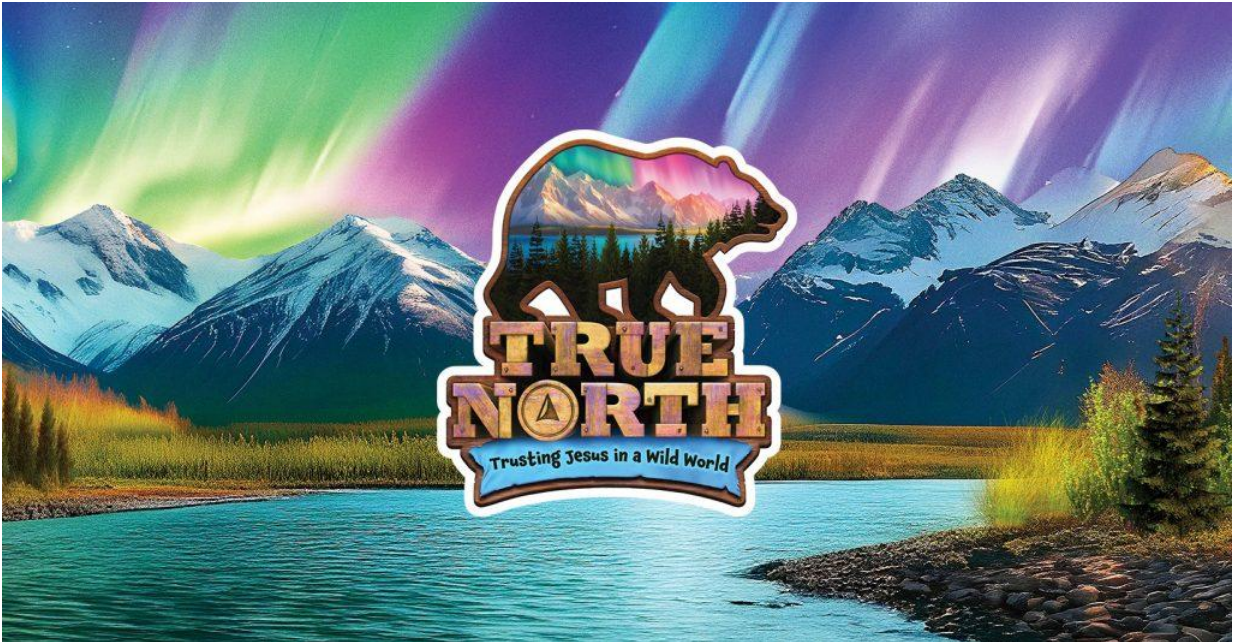


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THE MESSENGER

June 2025



From Pastor Maggie

Beloved Community,

Grace and peace to you all and blessings on the start of summer! This summer we will have one Newsletter that will go out in June, the next Newsletter will go out in September.

Summer is a beautiful time to connect with our creator God and with one another. Those who spend the winters down south are here to join us in person for Worship and for Fellowship. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will blast off on Sunday, June 22 as we head true north! I look forward to that special and fun-filled week. Thank you to all the volunteers and all who have signed up to donate food for the kiddos.

I hope this summer will bring you plenty of whatever it is you need, and that this summer will usher in an abundance of what your spirit is craving. May the light of the sun remind you of the light of God's son, the light of our life, the light of the world.

As we read in Psalm 36, "How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light."

This summer, when you need times of rest, may you find comfort in the shadow of God's wings. When you are thirsty, may you be filled with nourishment and delight from the river of God. And may you always see one another's light in God's light.

May this summer be a time of growth, and a time of togetherness within our St. John's community. Thank you for being the light of Christ in our world.

*With Love & Gratitude,
Pastor Maggie Westaby*

“Council Corner”

Karen Ohrmundt

Well, it's almost Summer. The students are looking forward to summer beginning and parents are going to be counting the number of weeks till school starts. There will be lots of fun for all.

The past month has been very busy. We had a wonderful Easter Breakfast, a great Sunday of Bingo, and our visitors from Immanuel Lutheran. We also welcomed all of our new members. St. John is such a special place. We are blessed.

I hope if you have not yet, you will soon take a look at our new sign. It is such a wonderful addition to our church. I really love the design (the bell tower). Thank you to the memorial committee and the memorial funds of our loved ones, who made this sign possible. Next the kids will be able to enjoy VBS. So, if your kids are not signed up yet you still have time.

So, there are two things on my plate at this time. The first one is that our Church Council is still in need of someone to fill the Education position. So, may I ask, if there is someone who is thinking they may be interested in the position, to call me or see me after Church some Sunday? Remember there are a lot of people who are willing to help you navigate the position. My second item is Immanuel Lutheran Church looking for a church to merge with. They are reviewing St. John and two other Churches in the Wausau area. They are hoping to finalize their quest in the next few months.

One more thing. Since I am the spokesperson for the St. John quilters, I want to thank everyone for your donation to our quest of making quilts. We are going to continue through the summer. With a few weeks off now and then.

I wish everyone a fun filled and safe summer. God bless you all.

Your Vice President Karen Ohrmundt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. John Cemetery Association needs your help! The association is also looking for lawn care help weed whacking (about 4 hours/5 times per summer, \$10/ hour cash if interested please contact Sara Stubbe. Cell: 715-571-2584 Email: [mskr.stubbe@gmail.com](mailto:mkr.stubbe@gmail.com)

St. John members, if you have family or friends buried at our cemetery, we could use your support. We have many fallen down stones that require perpetual care, please reach out to Sara Stubbe for details on how you can help. If you know of non-St. John member with family or friends buried here, please share this request.

Kwik Trip Gift Cards Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or on our Website! Help support St. John when buying groceries, gas, or getting your car washed at Kwik Trip! Visit our website <https://stjohnwausau.org/fundraising/>

Upcoming Events

Summer Raffle! Tickets are in and ready to be purchased. **To purchase a ticket please reach out to Jennifer Schwede 715-432-6079 or McKenzie Cottrell 715-432-9492.**

Only 150 tickets sold, prizes range from First \$2500 to Fifteenth \$100. Odds of winning are 1:15 if all tickets are sold. Need not be present to win.

- Only 150 tickets sold
- Tickets are \$100 each
- **Drawing will be held on July 12th at the Maine Lions Shelter**

For everyone purchasing a ticket, they are welcome (with a guest) to come to the drawing. Light snacks and beer will be provided.

There will be some side raffles available as well that you can enter. Stay tuned for updates!

Please note: This is not just for St. John members, sell to your friends, family, neighbors, etc. All tickets need to be accounted for, a member of the fundraising committee will sign tickets out to members to sell. If you are only interested in one ticket for yourself you can purchase this way as well.

Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. The Book Club will discuss *Songs of Willow Frost* by Jamie Ford.

Vacation Bible School Registration is open! VBS will be Sunday, June 22 – Thursday June, 26. Register on our website
<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

Vice President: Karen Ohrmundt – 715-370-0645; tkohrmundt@frontier.com

Treasurer: Perry Kufahl – 715-675-1383; 715-409-0524; pnskufahl@outlook.com

Secretary: Rick Nevers – 715-574-0288; rlnevers57@gmail.com

Trustees: Scott Oestreich – 715-675-4360; scottsmachinellc@gmail.com

Ryan Landwehr – 715-212-3540; ryanlandwehr@aol.com

Evangelism: Connie Nowak – 715-675-1577; bcdenowak@gmail.com

Fellowship: Jeanne Klinger – 715-675-9939

Education:

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.

Attendance Report

	2025	2024
Average Weekly/April	144	77
Average Weekly/May	102	89
Average Weekly/Year-To-Date	97.8	115.2

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. 120th Ave.
Wausau, WI 54401

Marlene Opichka
Renaissance Sr. Living
4602 Barbican Ave. #105
Weston, WI 54476

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

Jim & Barbara Leffin
214 N. 12th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401

Fritz Poeske
Waterfall Health of Wausau
1010 E. Wausau Ave.
Wausau, WI 54403

Mary Anne Klinker
Renaissance Sr. Living
4602 Barbican Ave. #112
Weston, WI 54476

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 Tucker Borrero
6-5 Chuck Eno
6-5 Dale Gauger
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
6-9 Lisa Parsch
6-10 Jason Mueller
6-13 Leslie Ugoretz
6-14 Jack Graveen
6-14 Gregory Grudznske
6-16 Marlene Opichka
6-17 Randy Kopp
6-17 Sarah Severson
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
6-24 Barbara Paulsen
6-25 Spencer Hoeft
6-26 James Borelli
6-26 Dean Gumtz
6-27 Kylee Sala

6-27 Crystal Zernicke
6-29 Kaylee Jo Krueger
6-29 Jan Spangler
6-29 Andy Van Der Geest
6-29 Hannah Weir

June Anniversaries

6-1 Thomas & Pamela Leduc
6-3 Kenneth & Karen Matushak
6-4 Daniel & Robin Hein
6-5 Jesse & Katie Fitzke-Pagel
6-6 Dale & Sharon Gauger
6-11 Paul & Stacey Linzmeyer
6-12 Rick & Kim Nevers
6-17 Chuck & Beth Eno
6-19 Scott & Lynn Buchberger
6-21 Brian & Nicole Anderson
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6-21 Stuart & Jody Gehrke
6-21 Ken & Lisa Parsch
6-22 Douglas & Patricia Luce
6-23 Pete & Phyllis Seubert
6-24 Scott & Cherish Oestreich
6-29 Brian & Amy Marquardt

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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