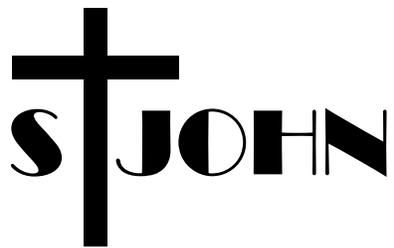


GOOD NEWS FROM ST JOHN



November
2019

Pastor's Ponderings



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00am

Sunday School
9:15am—10:00am
(during the school year)

Holy Communion
1st & 4th Sunday

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Items for print MUST be submitted by the 20th of the preceding month.

Jambo, Rafiki! (Greetings, Friend!) We're back from our safari, but I left part of my heart in Kenya. Of all the journeys and trips and voyages in all my years (and there have been many!), this is the one that has touched me most deeply and stirred my heart to return.

We went to see the multiplicity and creativity of God's creatures, and we saw far more than we even knew existed. On our first of eight "game drives" we passed a broad plain where there were giraffes and zebras. (A group of giraffes, if walking, are called a *journey of giraffes*; if they're eating, they're called a *tower of giraffes*. And a group of zebras is called a *dazzle*.) We begged our driver to stop so we could get pictures, but he laughed and said we'd see so many of them, we'd get tired of taking their pictures. He was right in one way: we never ran out of those two; but he was also wrong, because we snapped photos of them every time we passed them. During our 10 days on safari, I took over 600 pictures. Never fear, I printed only 400, and I promise I'll weed them out so only the best will be offered for you to look at!

We visited 4 national parks, each known for its special collection of critters. We missed the peak of the massive wildebeest migration, but we did see several herds in motion. (The wildebeest is known as the animal God created out of "leftover parts." He has the horns of a buffalo, head of a locust, body of a cow, tail of a lion, and legs of a goat. One strange-looking creature, but we found him quite endearing.) We saw lions (at least 5 times) and cheetahs (at least 4 times); warthogs (called "Poombas," which means "stupid" in Swahili—they're said to have a memory of about 1 second!); Cape buffalo (the meanest animal on earth) and hippos (the most dangerous animal on earth); rhinos; hundreds of elephants; mongooses; hyrax (memorialized in Psalm 104 in some translations!); secretary birds, fish eagles, crowned cranes, a huge owl, vultures, ostriches, pelicans, flamingos, and dozens of others I can't recall. Our driver/guide located a leopard; these big cats are rarely seen, so that was a real treat. There were impalas, waterbucks, elands, Thompson's gazelles and Grant's gazelles. We saw a bunch of mudfish, which looked like huge finned snakes roiling the waters of a large pond.

Our lodgings were all comfortable, modern, and safe. We slept under mosquito nets every night, drawn into place and sprayed with Deet. After dinner each night, there were men with sticks and flashlights to walk us back to our cabins. "Wild animals" were on the loose everywhere, and we appreciated the accompaniment—especially when a hippo wandered through the garden paralleling our path, just 20' from where we walked! Sadly, we missed the local giraffes, who came after we fell asleep. (Continued on next page...)

Pastor's Ponderings

All our meals were buffets, and all contained the same types of food: largely vegetarian (with meat/fowl/fish available at every meal) with all sorts of combinations of roots and plants. A Kenyan specialty is "Makumo," a mash-up of potatoes, stinging nettles, corn, and peas. Soups were mostly pureed but really tasty. There were so many selections that we could have very different meals at lunch and dinner, all from the same buffet.

In one dining room a young man with a guitar serenaded us while we ate. He sang "This land is your land, this land is my land, from Kilamonjaro to the northern frontier; from Lake Victoria to old Mombasa, this land belongs to you and me." I think this was the point at which Rose and I realized how much at home we felt in that far distant place. We had ceased to see "blacks" and just saw people. We had stopped comparing "our" ways with "their" ways. We had responded to the true warmth of the Kenyans, for whom tourism is a major source of income; and we had been touched by the obvious Christianity of these brothers and sisters in Christ—70% of Kenyans are Christians, and even though there are many different branches of the Church, we saw and felt a strong sense of faithful living.

The entire trip was a heart-changing, life-changing experience. Lots of ideas for children's time, which I hope will also be revealing for children of all ages! Kwahiri! (Good-bye)

Confirmation Class 2019

St. John Family News!



Ella Bauman and Griffin Treankler affirmed their baptismal vows on October 27th during the Reformation Sunday Service. They were confirmed in the presence of 105 family members, friends and members of St. John.

Special THANK YOU from St. John and our Confirmands to Lavone Runge, our Confirmation instructor, for her dedication to this ministry and the impact she has made on their lives!



The Sunday School Choir sang "This I Believe" under the direction of Lana Strasser in honor of the special occasion. *Thanks Lana!*

A special cake & coffee hour was held after the service to honor our Confirmands.

Our prayers go with each of you...may the gift of the Holy Spirit be stirred up in you, and may you be blessed as you continue to grow in your understanding and relationship with your Lord and Savior.



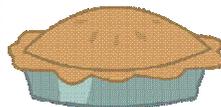
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Thanks to Naomi Treankler for sharing these photos !

S t. John ELC A Potato Pancake Brunch

**OCTOBER
13th
2019**



YUMMY!



Delicious food, warm smiles, and friendly greetings! Many hands came together to prepare, cook, bake, serve AND clean up! HUGE thanks to ALL! Around 316 people attended, \$2019.00 was received in Brunch ticket sales, and \$736 came in from the BASKET RAFFLE. Many homemade pies were purchased by those eager to enjoy them at home. Much appreciation to all who baked! Many thanks to those who created enticing raffle baskets as well as to those who bought tickets!

Winners listed on the next page...

Thanks to Dan Rosien for sharing these photo captures of the event /

2019 Pancake Brunch—Basket Raffle Winners

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| 1. Doll & Bed | Shirley Rosien |
| 2. Cart with pictures | Diane Drabek |
| 3. Quilt | Abigail Drabek |
| 4. Wine & Wine glasses | Michelle hollatz |
| 5. Kids Activity Basket | Mary Jo Werner |
| 6. Men’s Tool Bag | Janet Fergot |
| 7. Soup Basket | Phyllis Heise |
| 8. Coffee, Tea, and Me | Abigail Drabek |
| 9. Christmas Basket | Bev Umnus |
| 10. Fall Dishes | Jody Kirsch |
| 11. Packer Party | Ron Wescott |
| 12. Cooler, Fry Pan, Condiments | Susan Robers |
| 13. Women’s Group Basket | Mouse & Pam |
| 14. Fall Blessings | Sam Olmsted |

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Leadership Election Results

Elections were held at the October 20th Congregational Quarterly Meeting. Results were as follows:

- PRESIDENT: Cal Tackes (3yr. term)
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Rick Mueller (3 yr. term)
- DEACON: Mitch Mueller (3 yr. term)
- TRUSTEE: Shirley Rosien (3 yr. term)
- FINANCE COMMITTEE: (2 yr. term)
 - Marion Werner
 - Morgan Mueller
 - Mary Jo Werner
- COUNCIL TREASURER: (3 yr. term)
 - Michelle Hollatz
- PARISH ED: (1 yr. term)
 - Bonnie Bargender
 - Trish Donlin
 - Michelle Hollatz
 - Naomi Treankler
- CEMETERY BOARD: (3 yr. term)
 - Terry Borchardt
- AUDITING COMMITTEE: (1yr. Term)
 - Dan Rosien
 - Morgan Mueller
 - Naomi Sebold

Many thanks to all who created the wonderful prizes!

Much appreciation to those who agreed to accept these nominations! We are grateful for your willingness to serve in these important roles. *Let’s support them with our prayers and our timely words of encouragement!*

Thank you!

We had the joy of celebrating two Holy Baptisms recently!



The Sunday School choir sang “Welcome to the Family!” for the girls.



Nava Mae Sebold-Sullivan (Oct. 6) Parents: Jamie Sebold & Hydie Sullivan. Sponsors: Phil Krause and Stephanie Krause



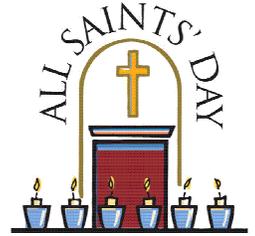
Octavia Loren Oelke (Nov. 3) Parents: Stetson & Amanda Oelke, Sponsors: Miranda Erickson, Adam Lemmer, Heather Ward, and Austin Lemmer. *Blessings to both families as they continue to grow together in the Lord.*

All Saints Sunday Remembrances

The congregation was invited to submit names of loved ones who have died and whom they would like to lovingly remember. At the beginning of All Saints Sunday worship on November 3rd, a candle was lit for each name that was submitted.

Those members of St. John that passed away in 2019 whom we honored were *John Totzke* and *Ed Kralcik*.

Other dear ones whom we honored by lighting candles in their honor were:



Anita Bauman (mother/grandmother)
Remembered by Jayne & Cal Tackes and family and Clark & Lisa Bauman and family

Leonard Bauman (husband) *Remembered by his wife Lillian*

Louie & Erna Bauman (parents)
Doug & Mary Walters (brother-in-law and sister)
Elmer Ringle (brother-in-law)
Cindy Niklinski (niece)
Jim & Dorothy Chmel (dear friends)
Remembered by Louann Miles

Robert & Shirley Bauman
Remembered by their children and their families

Kay Bonsall (daughter) *Remembered by her mother, Nancy*

Charles Goetz (brother-in-law)
Stan Gransworthy and Lori Meister (nephew and niece)
Remembered by Gerry & Barb Borchardt

Grandma Elaine Oelke
Grandma Rosetta Lemmer
Grandpa Stan Schilling
Grandpa Curly Schumacker
"Gampa Gampa" Gary Framke
Remembered by Montgomery Framke

Glen Knetter (father/grandfather)
Remembered by Morgan Mueller and family

Ed Sr. & Irene Lenard (Parents)
Remembered by Mary Jo and Herbie Werner

Leo & Virginia Literski (parents/grandparents)
Robert & Shirley Bauman (parents/grandparents)
Remembered by Ralph, Tammy, and Cole Literski

Isaac Martyn (husband) and
Leonard Leffel (dear friend)
Remembered by Lorraine Martyn

Eleanor Mueller (Rick's mom)
Fredrick Heidmann (Marianne's dad)
Remembered by the Rick & Marianne Mueller family

Phillip & Esther Rosien (Dan's parents)
Douglas & Mildred Schlichting (Shirley's parents)
Remembered by Dan & Shirley Rosien

Curly Schumacker *Remembered by his wife, Sharon*

Roland Totzke (husband/father)
Remembered by his wife Judy and family

Fritz & Hertha Werner (grandparents)
Remembered by the Strasser Family

Hilbert Werner (husband/father)
Remembered by his wife Marion and Family

Coming in November



Edgar Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship—Wednesday, November 27th at 7pm.

The worship team from the Mill Church is not able to join us this year, but we want to invite our community to join us in giving thanks for God's bountiful blessings. We will gather at **St. John** this year and YES, there will be a pie social after worship! We will need readers and acolytes for the service, so let Pastor Gail know if you are available and willing. *Thanks!*

The Sunday School children will be practicing for their Christmas Program each week during the first part of Sunday School starting Sunday, 11/10/19 through 12/15/19. Also we will be practicing **after** the church service on 12/8/19 and 12/15/19. Please make every effort to have your children attend practices. The *Christmas program will be 12/22/19 during the church service.* Thanks!

Lana Strasser



Meeting Thrivent Half-Way

A few months ago I wrote about my commitment to Thrivent for all the services and support they offer. On November 10th at St. John (after worship) and December 1st at St. Stephen (before worship) we'll have an opportunity to meet with Steve Brinkman (who brought you the gospel message while I was gone). In addition to donuts, he'll bring information about Thrivent's many products.

I connected with Steve at the Steam Show this year and asked him, sort of off-hand, if Thrivent sold life insurance. I was impressed with the process of purchasing my policy, and I want to encourage all who *don't* have life insurance to talk to Steve. FYI, at age 72 I'm paying *way* more than if I'd taken out this policy 50 years ago. I know a couple of (young) people who have a million dollars in life insurance and pay less than a dollar a day. How I wish I'd had that foresight!

Please bring all the Thrivent t-shirts you have, and we'll find our stashes of unused t-shirts. Let's get a photo of everyone in the congregation wearing a Thrivent shirt that day. (I know I wrote last spring about meeting half a dozen people on our Panama Canal cruise who were wearing Thrivent shirts of various colors. It's one way of recognizing a kindred spirit.)



A Glimpse Toward December

ADVENT begins December 1st. It's time to begin planning those **Advent/Christmas Windows** that help us to anticipate with joy the Christmas Season, keeping our focus on the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel (God with us). Remember, if your window, or an item in it, has special significance to you let Rose know. With your permission we'd like to share that special information to increase our understanding of your unique window. *Thank you!*



Adventures of the Church Mice

Hi, this is Timothy, your youngest Church Mouse. All of us are breathing a huge sigh of relief, because Rose and Pastor Gail didn't bring home any more mice from their trip! (Don't tell the older mice, but I really enjoy being the youngest, and I don't want to share with any new mice.) It sounds like they saw a whole lot of animals but I don't think they said anything about mice. I got to watch them sort through pictures in the office and some of it sounded pretty strange. There was this 1 lodge where there was a huge watering hole out back and they had floodlights on it all night, and everyone got to sign up to be waked up if certain animals came during the night. "The girls" signed up for everything, but the only thing they got to see was a bunch of buffalos. Pastor Gail said something about a zebra at 3:30, I guess Rose thought she saw a zebra and woke Pastor Gail, but it wasn't really a zebra.

They got to see some orphaned elephants that were being fed bottles of "formula" whatever that is. Each baby got 2 big bottles every 3 hours day and night and their feeders slept with them, so they didn't even realize they were orphans. {This is Tully, your oldest Church Mouse. I just have to interrupt to say Jesus said something like that, he said he wasn't going to leave his disciples orphaned because he would always be with them. But that's pretty cool about the elephant feeders spending all their time with the baby elephants.} Now it's Timothy again. I get to tell you that the elephants stay in the orphanage till they're 3 years old and then the feeders go out into "the bush" with them and watch over them till they're 8. That's a pretty big commitment! And yes, Tully, I know, Jesus watches over all of US forever, not just till we're 8!

Women of the ELCA

Every woman that is a member of St John's is a member of the women's group. All are WELCOME and encouraged to participate in our activities. Each women of St John's is assigned to a funeral group. Each one's help is vital to help serve in the time of need.

Next combined Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, November 12th at ST John's 1pm in the dining room.

Next General Meeting: March 1st, 2020 following the service

News from the last month:

Thank you to the donors and recipients of the Pie Sale. We had many pies donated and received \$147.00 in sales.

The Quilting group is going strong and we will have a Quilt Blessing held on Sunday Nov 17th.

Upcoming Projects:

Every year we receive the **THANKSOFFERING** envelope - Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received and we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings. Your generous Thankofferings help support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization, including our triennial conventions, the work of your elected churchwide board, the annual conference of synodical presidents, our communications ministries, justice and advocacy work.

Operation Christmas will include supporting 2 local families and Homme House. The Homme House list is below and the local family list will be available very soon. Please watch the Bulletin Board and Sunday Bulletin.



Thank you for being a Christmas Angel

Homme House Requests:

Population: Boys ages 10 thru 18 New Clothing sizes: M through XL

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| Legos for ages 10+ | Remote Control Cars | Tech Deck toys | Badger/Brewer/Bucks items | Games | Socks |
| Winter Jackets/ Snow Pants | Snowboots sizes 8-11 | Wallets | Sledding Gloves | Stocking caps | Desk Organizers |
| Sweatshirts | Basketballs/Footballs | Bike Helmets | Fishing Gear / Tip Ups | Craft kits/models | Word Find/Crosswords |
| Watches | Mind Puzzle Books | Towels/Beach Towels | Mens/Teen Boys Necklaces | Young Teen Cologne | |
| Teenage/Adult Coloring Books | Children's & young adult books <i>(age appropriate books-no violence or sexual content)</i> | | | | |

Wrapping paper and ribbon are always welcome, but please leave gifts unwrapped.

We will begin The Yearbook update during the month of November. Please take a look at your contact information and email or call Shirley with corrections: srosien@charter.net or 715-574-3277

Women of the ELCA



JOINT Women's Bible Study; St. John & St. Stephen

Next Bible Study—Tuesday, November 12, at 1pm. (at St. John).
Every women who is a member of St. John and St. Stephen is a member of the women's group. All are WELCOME and encouraged to participate (along with family & friends).

Gather, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions and stories of comfort and challenge that help readers grow in faith and engage in ministry and action.

Fall 2019: No hard feelings? Poetry and emotions in the Old Testament

November: Stewarding the gift of joy

This series will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. Anna is a freelance theologian and proud mama to daughter, Else, and son, Karl. She works with OMG: Center for Theological Conversation (omgcenter.com) and enjoys seeing the occasional moose and bear in their woods.

Special Christmas Salad Luncheon (for all women)—Tuesday, December 10th at St. Stephen.

Luncheon will be at 12:00 NOON (bring a salad to share).

BIBLE STUDY will follow.



What is a THANKOFFERING?

Just before Thanksgiving each year, you always find a **Thankoffering envelope** in your church mailbox. The following is an explanation of what a **Thankoffering** is.

A **Thankoffering** is a *gift of money* given in appreciation for anything we are thankful for. Our suggestion is that you designate a bowl, box, can, or whatever, for your **Thankoffering bank**. Then during the next year, whenever you think of something that you are thankful for, you put money in to your **Thankoffering bank**.

In the Fall, when the envelope appears in your mailbox, put the accumulated money in it and bring it back to church. You can put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or in the church mailbox of the Treasurer of the Women's Group (*Marion Werner*).

Thankofferings are sent in to the National Women's Organization and are used for special projects that usually benefit the poorest women and children worldwide. Any questions? Contact *Shirley Rosien* or *Marion Werner*. THANK YOU!

This year we will collect on November **24th and Dec. 1**
Please make sure all offerings are in by December 1.



REMINDERS: The Sunday School Christmas Program and Cookie Walk will be on December 22. Cookie donations NEEDED and appreciated.

*On the following page is a submission from Bev Umnus regarding the topic "WI, we need to talk" presented at the Synod Women's "Day of Enrichment" in September.
Thanks Bev, for sharing this important information.*



HOW DO I IDENTIFY HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Identifying if a youth is being trafficked is not always easy. Creating a relationship with youth is the best way to understand if they may be at risk or need help. Human trafficking is often “hidden in plain sight”. There are a number of “red flags”, or indicators, which can help alert you to human trafficking. Recognizing the signs is the first step.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT HIGH RISK OF EXPLOITATION

- LGBTQ-identifying youth
- Runaway and homeless youth
- Youth with a history of child sexual abuse
- Youth living in group homes or residential treatment facilities
- Children with a history of involvement in the child welfare system
- Children living in homes with drug use, maltreatment, or extreme poverty

Find out MORE AT:

WisconsinTalks.org

Or CALL: **211**

Check the bulletin board for the fliers.

DAY OF ENRICHMENT

Our speaker for the two sessions was Lisa McCormick from Tomah. Her talk was about how her son was involved in Human Trafficking which included labor and sex.

She gave us a history of her son’s life beginning with fifth grade through high school. He died when he was only 17. It started with the bullying in fifth grade. They had recently moved from Alabama to Tomah. He did not fit in with any group, consequently the bullying. He was involved with drugs and sex trafficking in WI and outside of the state. He tried to get help but relapsed. He died from an overdose of heroin.

Lisa is on a committee that is working with the Dept of Public Instruction to implement a program in the schools called “WI, we need to talk”. To get this program in the school’s curriculum, the members of the school district need to contact the school board requesting this program. Teachers will be trained to answer questions about this program, which is set up for a five hour curriculum.

I don’t know how she could tell her story! It was a tear-jerker for all.



Reflections from Rose

*It has been so
INTENSE!*

Jambol (Hello!) from Kenya

KENYA was so intensely beautiful, chock full of LIFE, in its most simple and basic form. We rejoiced daily WITH God and FOR His awesome wonder in creativity, and His obvious presence, not only in us and His creation, but among the people there.

If you haven't seen Pastor Gail's photos yet, you need to walk down to the office wing and look at the photo collage in the hall across from her office. It's hard to believe we were RIGHT THERE! It was all around us. It was so AMAZING!



We're pictured at the right in our Land Rover (with the top UP for better photo ops).

We pretty much lived in it for 10 days! Pictured with us are 2 of our Safari-sisters, Carol Lee and Nancy. Both from Arizona. Our group of 10 became like family along with our fantastic Driver (Martin) and Tour Guide (John). They are both lay-Pastors in the Presbyterian Church (although the company doesn't allow them to talk to clients much about faith matters. They did share with us that they "Africanize" their worship times as evidenced in their music and movement. We really wanted to go to worship with them on Sunday, but we didn't get that opportunity this time. Martin said he would love to come as a guest preacher to Saint John & St. Stephen. He says it would be easier for him to get a VISA if he had an invitation and a sponsor for his stay in the U.S. I think Pastor Gail fully intends to invite him!

Less than a week after I got home, it got INTENSE again! Just when I was starting to "get a grip" after jet lag and immersion back to my everyday realities, I found myself in ICU with my husband Jeff following a car accident. The story of just what happened is still a bit unclear. He suffered a pretty severe bump to his head and a concussion. His memory is a bit fragmented, and nobody from the Sherriff's department has notified me YET!

I had gotten concerned after he was gone much longer than he should have been for the errand he had run to Athens. *I listened to a message he had left on HIS OWN cell phone, because he'd left it at home. He later told me he couldn't remember my phone # (because it's just in his contact list).*

Anyway, I was tempted to PANIC and begin calling EVERYONE begging for help to find him. But I stopped and prayed that God would help me make wise choices and direct my path. I got in my car and traced Jeff's path. I found out where he had been, but didn't find HIM. I headed back home, thinking either he would be there or maybe the Sherriff's Dept. might be there. As I was passing the Athens Fire Dept., they were just pulling a couple of EMS vehicles back into the barn. I knocked on the door and they let me in. I told them I was looking for Jeff and they told me there was a motor vehicle accident and that they had transported him to Aspirus Wausau Hospital...that's all they could tell me. So, I called the hospital and when they confirmed that information, I went and caught up with him there. It was a crazy intense few days, but he's home now and doing well. Thanks for your prayers! The accident report states he was never medically transported... what a mess of miscommunication!

I'm so glad for Romans 8: 35. It's good to KNOW that nothing separates us from the love of God. No matter WHERE we are and no matter how **wonderfully** intense or intensely difficult or confusing things may be.

Guess what I noticed this morning...I miss being surrounded by BLACK faces! Weird...

St. John the Baptist PCCW Annual Christmas Bazaar

FISH & SHRIMP FRY—Friday, Nov. 22nd 4pm-7:30pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Dining Hall. RAFFLE, Bake Sale, and Book Fair. Enjoy great food, prizes, and shop for books.

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA Vendor/Craft Sale—same location on **Saturday, Nov. 23rd**, 9am-3:30pm. Register for Door Prize. Enjoy cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice, and hot cocoa available 9am—noon.



Food for Thought :



Community Opportunities

Sponsored by ASPIRUS and WINGS (a grief Education Ministry)

“You’ve Got a Friend!—A concert with the Living River Quartet. Come find a joyous healing moment in the blessing of music and allow us to help you appreciate the season ahead. **Saturday, Dec. 7**, 4pm-6pm at *Plaza Hotel and Suites, 201 N. 17th Ave, Wausau.*

Something Old. Something New.

Something Just to Get You Through.

24th Annual—“When the Holidays Hurt” program. This program helps preserve meaningful traditions and also help find a reason for introducing something new. Included will be strategies for “something just to get you through”. Discover the three gifts of the Past, the Present, and the Future that serve as reminders that you can honor your loved ones and still find peace and joy in holiday celebrations. **Monday, Dec. 9**, 6pm-7:30pm, Aspirus Wausau Hospital-Medallion Room.



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Deadline for Dec. 2019 News



November 25th

Joint Mission Statement of St. John/St. Stephen Lutheran Parish, ELCA:

*"Saints united to be the body of Christ in the world, freed by grace
to live faithfully, witness boldly, and serve joyfully."*