



Parish Profile – 2021

Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

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For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5

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Our Transition Prayer

God our Creator: During this transitional period in our congregation, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit, and help us to discern your call. Guide each of us to realize our importance in the process. Help us to identify and use our individual spiritual gifts to develop the purpose and mission you have entrusted to us in your love and mercy. Sustain us as a vibrant, welcoming, and patient community that is ready to invite a new priest to share our journey. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist in Wausau, Wisconsin. We are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac. The Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter is our bishop. Our building is located in historic downtown Wausau, a city that is centrally located in Wisconsin, with easy access to Madison, Minneapolis/St. Paul, and Green Bay, as well as Milwaukee and Chicago.

We hope that this document will help you become familiar with the warm, dedicated people of St. John the Baptist. For several years, we have been in transition. Following the retirement of a long-serving rector, in 2019 we called a rector who served with us for almost two years, most of which coincided with the Coronavirus pandemic. As has been true for every Episcopal church, life at St. John's has been disrupted significantly by the pandemic. We were proud of our ability to sustain Sunday worship, weekday Morning Prayer, and Children's Formation throughout the pandemic. Many – though not all – of the non-liturgical ministries highlighted in this document have been paused since March 2020. The information contained within this profile was gathered when we held focus groups and individual interviews with adults, youth, and children. We asked congregants to share their fondest memories of SJB, as well as ideas about our parish's strengths, challenges, and visions. Our narrative reflects the areas that we have prioritized in the past, and intend to prioritize in the future.

Many of our members have had long – even life-long – relationships with this parish; others have more recently claimed St. John the Baptist as their church home, drawn by its members' commitment to discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us in Wausau and the world.

We hope you will want to learn more about our parish. Please contact the Rev. Meredyth Albright, Transition Ministry Officer for the diocese, whose contact information can be found at the end of this document.



Our Strengths

The parish of St. John the Baptist (referred to hereafter as "SJB") has many strengths: committed members and leaders; a consistent choral music program; active study groups; a willingness to communicate respectfully about challenging issues, and to seek outside help when we do not possess the resources necessary to heal on our own.

Members of our parish consistently describe our welcoming, friendly, and hospitable atmosphere as our greatest strength. This welcoming personality manifests in many ways. On Sunday mornings following our

second service, parishioners take turns hosting coffee hour. People linger for a considerable time to socialize and connect, which enhances our relationships with one another. In addition, children are invited to participate in all aspects of ministry at SJB. They serve at the altar, set tables for monthly Community Lunches, and assist with watering flowers in the courtyard. Members of the congregation also offer one another support in difficult times.

At SJB, we place significant emphasis on ritual. The Eucharist and Sacraments are central at SJB. Baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials are celebrated with appropriate dignity. At the same time, we are not particularly formal. Our custom for many years has been to hold Sunday Eucharist in our church courtyard in summer months. This allows us to enjoy the beauty of God's creation and our region's best weather. On Palm Sunday, we have gathered at



Wausau's 400 Block where we opened the service with another downtown congregation (and a donkey!), and then processed to our respective places of worship. (The 400 Block is a downtown park that hosts numerous events each year including summer concerts, ice skating, and many festivals.) In addition, we have incorporated prayers from *Enriching Our Worship I* in our services.

Our location in downtown Wausau affords us a strong presence in the community, and we feel called to help address food insecurity and poverty. We have a long tradition of collecting food items for local food banks, and hosting a monthly Community Lunch for our downtown neighbors. During the pandemic, we hosted several successful supply drives: personal items for The Women's Community; diapers and formula for The Neighbor's Place; and school supplies for the United Way's Fill a Backpack Fill a Need program.



In the past, we have enjoyed working with other downtown churches (including First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Stephen ELCA, First Universalist Unitarian, and the Roman Catholic Church of the Resurrection) and would welcome a rector who could help reestablish relationships with these faith communities. We see potential for working together on issues related to social justice and outreach, and on developing the shared elements of our faith. For example,

there is support for reinstating the “Traveling Stations of the Cross” during Holy Week. Our sense is that many of these churches have small youth programs, and we wonder if there is an opportunity for an ecumenical youth group drawn from several of these faith communities.



Our beautiful courtyard also provides us with a “porch” both for SJB members taking their faith into the world, and a gate inward for others seeking a spiritual refuge. During the warmer weather months, our courtyard offers tables and chairs for visitors to the downtown area to use for rest and solace, and serves as a potential entryway to the church for them.

Finally, our people are a significant strength. We are an agile congregation that has largely stuck together during this extended transitional period. Our church is blessed with dedicated and talented individuals who lead in many ways. Our parishioners demonstrate wisdom, commitment, and good communication, and these have sustained and strengthened us through various transitions. That a church of our size, with the array of programs we offer, can thrive during sustained transition (and a global pandemic) is a testament to our dedication to SJB and its mission. Most members contribute meaningfully to parish life, and dedicate significant time to Christian formation, altar guild, fellowship, music, service, maintenance, and other ministries.

Our Challenges

The departure of our rector in February 2021 exposed cracks in our congregation’s foundation. To help us remain cohesive and faithful, Bishop Gunter recommended that our parish work with ChurchWerkes, LLC to understand the various concerns and dynamics at work at St. John’s and to give members an opportunity to reflect on where we are and who we hope to be. This work is ongoing. The ChurchWerks team has prioritized working with our Vestry to develop best practices in governance, and with the whole congregation to craft a congregational covenant that will help us discern how we are Christians together in community.

“Everyone who spoke with us shared how much they have loved this congregation: you are a community that has sustained one another in faith. Through the years, St. John’s has enriched lives with a variety of ministries, both within and beyond the parish. There are deep and abiding friendships here.”

*-from A Report to Members of Church of St. John the Baptist from ChurchWerkes
June 13, 2021*

The persistent challenges we face at SJB are not especially unique. Like most Episcopal Churches, our congregation is somewhat homogenous. Like every church, we seek to attract more families, more millennials, and more diverse members.

“I hope our next rector has a strong vision, but inspires others to own and enact that vision.”

– Jason Chan, parishioner

One barrier to retaining families with children is that our small membership in this demographic makes it difficult to provide meaningful Christian Formation programs, especially for middle-school and high-school aged youth. In addition, a sizable number of people have mentioned that they would like more adult Christian Formation specifically about Episcopal identity.

At SJB, we also seek to regain our pre-pandemic cohesiveness and vitality, which is essential to our Christian mission; to find ways to make change more comfortable; to make sure those who wish to serve in various liturgical and non-liturgical ways are welcomed to do so and receive sufficient training to do so well; to learn to handle disagreements productively; and to discern where the Spirit is leading us outside our walls, while continuing to take care of our church family.

Goals and Priorities

The people of SJB have identified the following as priorities for the future:

- Maintain our current membership while attracting new members so that we can widely share the Gospel in Wausau and the world.
- Celebrate the Holy Eucharist in a broad-church style, while remaining flexible and open to incorporating more contemporary practices.
- Discern and develop our purpose and mission as a “downtown church.”
- Develop and enhance Christian formation for members in every age group, with emphasis on middle- and senior-high youth.



Vision for our next priest

At SJB, developing relationships - with God, each other, and members of our community – is a priority. In the words of our children, we want our rector to “feed” and “lead” the church. Thus, we seek a warm, devout, and spiritually-grounded rector who:

- listens well, and values effective communication, particularly synchronous communication.

- interacts with and ministers to all members of the congregation.
- exercises patience as we enter into ministry together.
- respects our congregation's traditions and customs, and can help us imagine and enact new traditions that allow us to further develop our mission as God's people.
- welcomes the laity's contributions, helps us discern our gifts, and inspires us to lead.
- has previous ministerial experience as a rector or deacon.

Our next rector must value and welcome children and adults who are diverse in every way. Our children expect our next priest to "be kind," even if she or he is strict. It's important to our children that our rector is "relatable," remembers them by name, and will play games – including snowball fights – with them.

We seek an energetic, prayerful, and spiritually-grounded rector whose sermons will nourish our minds and hearts, and will help us apply scripture and contemporary theological thinking to living as Christians.

History

Early History

The first Episcopal services in Wausau were held in the Assembly Room of the Forest House on March 12, 1854. The congregation took several years to organize. Land was deeded to the Diocese of Wisconsin so that a home for the new parish could be built in 1857, and on September 22, 1858, the vestry officially voted to incorporate and become a parish. The lots were given by Walter McIndoe and St. John the Baptist has occupied them for 160 years. Construction of the church building was halted when the workers were called to serve in the Civil War, and the partially constructed building was destroyed by a windstorm. After the war, the Rev. Thomas Greene became rector and the church was rebuilt in 1867. In 1873 the church was consecrated by Bishop Armitage and named St. John's in the Wilderness. In 1886 the church was moved to the corner lot where a cellar and stone foundation were built, and improvements were made to the wooden church.



The 20th Century

Like at many churches, the women at St. John's did a great deal of fundraising for the church and in 1912 a new pipe organ was purchased for \$1,800 by the St. Martha's Guild. In the summer of 1914, pledges of \$25,000 were collected for a new stone church; its cornerstone was laid on October 19, 1914, and five months later, in March 1915, services took place in the new church. It was consecrated by Bishop Weller on May 12, 1915 and renamed St. John the Baptist since Wausau was no longer considered the wilderness. At the same time, the old wooden church was moved and turned into the Guild Hall. The latter 20th Century saw additional changes to the physical building. The 1914 pipe organ was replaced by a new one

in 1971 (at a cost of \$25,000). In 1975, Bishop Brady dedicated the newly remodeled guild hall, kitchen, classrooms, and library. The guild hall was renamed “Memorial Hall” to commemorate those who had previously worked on the project, and to express appreciation to donors, artists, builders, and others. In the 1980s and beyond, St. John the Baptist, other churches, and community agencies sponsored Hmong refugee families and assisted with helping them adjust to life in America and the Wausau area.

Recent Past

As the 21st Century approached, St. John the Baptist began to look beyond its walls and place greater emphasis on its role in the community, specifically the downtown community. SJB organized with many neighboring churches to share in worship, ecumenical studies, and outreach, while still claiming its own unique place in the community. For the past two decades, we have frequently focused on being good stewards in our community. We serve monthly meals to our neighbors, and have opened our courtyard and chapel to the public for relaxation, meditation, and solitude.

Current Programs and Ministries

Worship and Music

Sunday Morning

On most Sundays, we celebrate two services of Holy Eucharist from *The Book of Common Prayer*. Both services use Rite II. The 8 AM service is a quiet service in the chapel. The 10 AM service in the church includes music. The choir sings about twice per month. On other Sundays, the 10 AM service includes hymns which come primarily from *The Hymnal 1982*.



On the first Sunday of each month, SJB celebrates a single service of Holy Eucharist at 9 AM. This service unites the two fairly distinct groups of worshipers in community with one another. In addition to melding the two groups of worshippers, there has also been an effort to meld the worshipping styles. A 9 AM service, for example, might include hymns, but the *Gloria* and *Sanctus* might be spoken. Typically, from Memorial Day through the second Sunday in September, we also hold a single 9 AM service; this service has been held in both the church and outside in the Courtyard.

We employ a part-time Choir Director who also serves as the accompanist for worship. The Choir – which describes itself as “small but mighty” – contributes to worship by singing diverse styles of music. Anthems have ranged from traditional, sacred music to spirituals and contemporary arrangements of classic hymns.

“I value our liturgy and coming together around the table. Our focal point is the Eucharist.” – Vickie Richmond Hawkins, parishioner

Morning / Evening Prayer

In our recent past, SJB has held weekly services of Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel, several times per week. During the pandemic, lay readers have led Morning Prayer every weekday via Facebook Live. During Lent, we typically have a Friday Evening Prayer service in the Chapel followed by an opportunity for fellowship at traditional Fish Fry dinners at various local restaurants.

Our custom has also been to hold a midday service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, following the weekly Adult Bible Study. We hope to restore a service schedule that includes weekday Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Holy Eucharist, when we have called our next rector.

Service and Outreach

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

St. John the Baptist has an active ECW ministry that includes all women members of the parish. We hold two dinner meetings per year, one in the fall and one in the spring, at which we socialize and conduct business. Special meetings are sometimes called by the Executive Board. Our purpose is to provide fellowship, work, study, prayer, and service, and to that end, ECW has four significant functions:

- hosting receptions for special occasions, bishop visitations, and funerals
- maintaining the kitchen and Memorial Hall
- providing opportunities for fellowship
- bringing women together in prayer and for spiritual growth

ECW hosts an annual Lenten Quiet Day at church and several Saturday morning gatherings each year during which women gather to contemplate how to live a life in the Spirit.

ECW has its own budget and provides financial support to more than 10 missions annually. These include The Women's Community Shelter, Boys and Girls Club of the Wausau Area, The Neighbors' Place (a local community center), Wausau Warming Shelter, Salvation Army, and more. The ECW also coordinates the UTO in-gathering. Many years ago, the UTO provided a grant to the Neighbors' Place which allowed it to purchase a van for its facility; this remains a satisfying accomplishment.



Community Lunch

For at least 20 years, SJB has hosted a lunch on the final Saturday of each month for members of our community. At its core, this lunch allows members of SJB to meet and interact with diverse members of the community. SJB members contribute various elements of the meal which are then shared with our guests. We also share a verse from scripture with our guests and pray with them for their needs, and ours. One guest, Susan, regularly shares poems she has composed. Over the years, our guests have become friends with one another, and have brought new friends. The number of guests has grown over time, and in the months leading up to the pandemic, we regularly hosted about 40 people.

For most of its history, this monthly lunch was called the “outreach” lunch. Although this meal is certainly a way that SJB serves others, we have become uncomfortable with the term “outreach” and the implied power disparity. As a result, we renamed this gathering the “community” lunch and hope we find balance between serving and engaging in fellowship with our guests. Like so many food-based ministries, the Community Lunch has been paused since March 2020. We have recently begun to consider restarting it as guidelines allow.



Courtyard Ministry

One of SJB’s most important assets is our beautiful Courtyard. During the growing season, this space overflows with abundant flowers which are lovingly maintained by the congregation. People who work and visit downtown frequently eat lunch or enjoy coffee and conversation at our patio tables. We set out bottles of water for humans, and a water bowl and treats for dogs, as a sign of welcome. The courtyard has also provided a concert venue for local jazz artists, the South Beach Chamber Ensemble, and others.

Our Courtyard features a prayer box/lending library that was designed, built, and donated by a parishioner. The structure holds both books and materials on which people can write prayers that may be submitted to an embedded compartment.

On Tuesdays in August, we hold a brat fry over the lunch hour. In recent years, parishioners have donated the food supplies so that free will offerings can be dedicated to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund.

Our children are clearly learning to be generous stakeholders in the community. When Wausau’s beloved Monk Botanical Gardens experienced vandalism two summers ago, children – some affiliated with the parish, and some not – wanted to help. They held an art and bake sale (their own creations) during the Brat Fry and donated their earnings to help fix the damage at Monk Gardens.



Christian Formation

Adult

A book study group meets on Wednesday mornings. For many years, this group met without clergy and chose its own book; in recent years, clergy was invited to participate more. Participants read assigned pages between each meeting.

On Sunday mornings, there is a study group between the two worship services, and the rector has been an important member of this group. Typically, this group discusses the day's lectionary readings.

Occasionally, adults engage in book study and discussion outside of these groups. For example, a few years ago, members representing Vestry, Mission Team, Cursillo, and adult study read and discussed Dwight Zscheile's *The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age*.

Children

Children's Formation for elementary age children is held during the 10 AM service with children returning to the service in time for The Great Thanksgiving. The children's program is lay led, with adults typically rotating teaching duties. We have used various curricula including the Deep Blue (Abingdon Press) "One-Room Sunday School" curriculum, the Spark "All Kids" curriculum, and, during the pandemic, a lectionary-based curriculum from Illustrated Ministry. Since March 2020, elementary-age met weekly at 9 AM via Zoom for a 25-minute lesson.



For as long as anyone can remember, the early service on Christmas Eve has featured a Children's Nativity Pageant. Holiday travel commitments and a small cohort of children has encouraged us to be creative; the pageant has become a family affair with many adults assuming silent roles. 2020 stretched our creativity even further! We executed a pageant via Zoom that was pre-recorded and shared with our congregation via video link on Christmas Eve. The Zoom Pageant featured children and parents, and allowed us to incorporate more of the children's musical offerings than we are typically able to include.



Fellowship

On first Sundays of the month, we hold a potluck brunch after the 9 AM service which allows us to build relationships with one another. On other Sundays, the 10 AM service is followed by a popular coffee hour.

Monthly intergenerational Fellowship Dinners – which include both eating and learning together – are important to our congregation. These dinners have taken various forms, and offer an opportunity for informal and formal instruction. For example, one year we held a picnic at Monk Botanical Gardens after which we read the creation story and held a scavenger hunt that allowed us to explore the bountiful world

God created. One particularly memorable Fellowship Dinner engaged the children in cooking for their parents and others. They prepared spaghetti and meatballs, bread, and salad. This meal became the basis for an instructed Eucharist. Other dinners are more focused on fun: in October, we typically decorate pumpkins, and in November we hold a “Friendsgiving” dinner so that everyone can dust off their favorite Thanksgiving recipes to share with our church family. Tying blankets to donate to local nonprofits is another tradition we love, as is decorating “Alleluias” to lock away for Lent!

Past Practices and Future Possibilities

As noted elsewhere, the extended transitional period and Covid pandemic, along with changes in lay leadership, has meant that some ministries that have been important to St. John the Baptist in the past are not currently active. With a new leader, we will need to discern the role of these in our future.

Cursillo

Many SJB members have participated in the diocesan Cursillo Ministry which helps church members to understand their individual callings. After attending a three-day weekend retreat, Cursillo participants are invited to meet weekly in congregation-based “Reunion Groups.” SJB has typically held a weekly reunion prior to the Wednesday book study group, but the group is not currently active.

Mission Team



Within the last five years, SJB commissioned a Mission Team that was active for about two years. The group was initiated when Church of the Intercession in nearby Stevens Point, Wisconsin, could no longer afford the upkeep of its building and had to grapple with what a church without a building looks like. This led us to think more broadly about what it means to “be church.” These questions remain relevant as all churches will have to grapple with post-pandemic realities. The team’s central goal was to think about our mission as a people of God, within the Wausau community.

Building Use by Outside Groups

Prior to the pandemic, SJB welcomed several groups – some with ties to SJB, and some without – to use our facilities. We hope to have an opportunity to welcome these groups, or others, back into our building as guidelines permit.

- Several community choirs, led by the SJB Choral Director, have used the building for rehearsals and concerts. Among these choirs is Voices, a choir for students with special needs. All choirs are free; students pay only for the cost of music which they keep.
- SJB has hosted Boy Scout Troop 416 for many years, and a Girl Scout troop has used the space to host a potluck supper for families and occasional troop meetings.
- SMART Recovery (an addiction support program) and NAOMI (North Central Area Congregations Organized to Make an Impact) have also used our meeting and office space in the past, but are not currently.

In many ways, our Chapel has been central to our identity as a downtown church. For years, our chapel was continuously open: we felt called to offer our holy space to all those seeking a place to connect with God. Some rather serious, ongoing acts of vandalism called us to make the difficult decision to lock the chapel doors except when it is in use for worship; we hope this will not be a permanent decision.

Building and Grounds

As previously noted, our church is a historic treasure. Within the past 15 years, we have made significant improvements ranging from cosmetic to structural. For example, the carpet was removed, the hardwood floors refinished, and a runner installed down the church's middle aisle. In addition, the interior walls were painted, and the finish renewed on the pews and kneelers. These cosmetic improvements have enhanced the beauty and musicality of our sanctuary.



We have a building-wide system for smoke, fire, temperature, and security. In another measure to provide security for our building, the hardware on all the exterior church and chapel doors has recently been restored, and the windows in the Parish House and Memorial Hall have been replaced.

In recent years, we have also installed an ADA compliant elevator system, refurbished the sound system, and restored our organ. Our church's 100-year-old roof was replaced in 2019 by Krause Konstruktion, a nationally recognized company that specializes in church restorations. The roof project was started and finished while we were between rectors; the roof project is an excellent example of our members' dedication, organization, and financial stewardship.

Governance and Financials

SJB has a typical vestry structure with Senior and Junior Wardens, and six to nine additional members who serve staggered three-year terms. It meets monthly to oversee the church's ministries, operations, and finances. The Treasurer is not a voting member of the Vestry. Our Annual Meeting is held in January.

The membership roles at SJB reflect slight increase in members over the past 5 years. Average weekly attendance, pledging units, and pledged income have decreased since 2018 which coincides with the

retirement of a long-serving rector. Presently, some members have returned to worshipping in person, while others tune in to the livestream of the service.

St. John the Baptist Membership

<i>Parish Numbers</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Total Members	161	182	194	174	177	180
Average Sunday Attendance	76	74	75	56	54	57
Baptisms	2	2	1	1	0	0
Received by a bishop	2	0	5	0	0	0

In addition to financial resources, the people of SJB are extraordinarily generous with their time. From leading Sunday School to serving on Altar Guild to planting flowers and maintaining the landscaping to preparing meals for receptions and Community Lunches, the people here contribute resources beyond pledges and dedicate countless hours each month to the life of this parish.

St. John the Baptist Finances

<i>Essential Elements</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Pledging Units	39	38	40	44	31	30
Pledged Income	\$171,118	\$165,502	\$163,253	\$164,135	\$135,794	\$142,530
Normal Operating Income: (Plate offerings, Pledge payments, and Regular support)	\$199,326	\$177,260	\$233,338	\$164,263	\$147,441	\$158,136
All Revenues	\$452,131	\$312,708	\$424,744	\$362,349	\$225,447	\$185,349
Operating Expenses	\$194,225	\$195,389	\$205,392	\$158,003	\$219,358	\$206,686
Property Improvements	\$45,023	\$64,489	\$52,562	\$19,990	\$274,161	\$53,120
Account Balances	\$84,942	\$74,490	\$83,454	\$93,806	\$135,362	\$129,187
Endowment Fund	\$1,069,972	\$1,120,659	\$1,289,552	\$1,448,261	\$1,403,591	\$1,477,894

Wausau

The City of Wausau is a vibrant, welcoming community that boasts affordable housing, excellent schools, outstanding healthcare facilities, and institutions of higher learning. The Wausau Metro Statistical Area has a population of 135,593, with the city of Wausau accounting for the largest portion, about 40,000.



Wausau is a regional hub for recreation, culture and dining, healthcare, commerce, and industry. In Wausau, you will experience four beautiful, distinct seasons. There are many resources that provide information about Wausau (and links to get you started are below). Here are some of our favorite things to see and do in Wausau, by season.



Winter - Ski downhill at Granite Peak or cross country at Nine Mile Recreational area; watch a River Wolves Hockey game; sled at Sylvan Hill; enjoy the Wausau School of Ballet's *Nutcracker* performance; march in the Holiday Parade; drink local beer at the Winter Brew fest or local brewery; shop locally in Wausau's River District; attend programs at the Marathon County Historical Society; learn to curl at the state-of-the-art Wausau Curling Club.

Spring - Go for a Bird Walk at Monk Botanical Gardens; see a local production or national tour show at the Grand Theater; beautify Wausau with Ghidorzi Green and Clean; picnic at the Dells of the Eau Claire River County Park; take a pottery or painting class at the Center for Visual Arts.

Summer – Hear a concert at the 400 Block; select produce and other local goods at the Farmer's Market; enjoy Rib Fest, Balloon Fest, and Chalkfest; kayak on the Wisconsin River; attend a Woodchucks

baseball game at Athletic Park; watch the fireworks at Marathon Park and eat cheese curds or an elephant ear at the Wisconsin Valley fair; swim at one of Wausau's three aquatic centers; attend the WaterWalkers water ski show on Lake Wausau; order ice cream at Riverlife Park; check out a book from the Marathon County Public Library; play a round of golf at one of many area courses.

Fall - Visit the galleries at Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum during ARTrageous weekend; ride the chair lifts at Granite Peak to see the spectacular fall colors; explore Wausau's Ginseng roots at Ginseng Fest; attend a faculty recital at the Wausau Conservatory of Music; take a hay ride or pick apples at a local farm.

No matter the season, Wausau offers quality experiences for families and individuals of all ages. In addition, you will find national and local shopping and dining experiences. Wausau's people are friendly and warm. We at St. John the Baptist are proud to call Wausau home; we love living here.

Here are just a few resources that will help you learn about our region.

City of Wausau:	www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Home.aspx
Wausau Events:	www.wausauevents.org/
Wausau School District:	wausauschools.org/
Marathon County:	www.co.marathon.wi.us/
Marathon County Historical Society:	www.marathoncountyhistory.org/
Marathon County Public Library:	www.mcpl.us/
Central Wisconsin Convention & Visitor Bureau:	www.visitwausau.com

Additional Information



The Diocese of Fond du Lac is a diocese of the Episcopal Church encompassing northeast Wisconsin. The Diocese contains about 3,600 baptized members worshipping in 34 locations. Since 2014, the Right Reverend Matthew Gunter has served as its eighth bishop. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle is in Fond du Lac and the Diocesan Office is in Appleton. Bishop Matt has called the diocese to be “a people of God's mercy and delight” through vital congregations, prayer, worship, and mission. The Diocese is in a companion diocesan relationship with the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe. Learn more about who we are and what we do at diofdl.org



To inquire about this position, please contact the Transition Ministry Officer, The Rev. Meredyth Albright at meredythalbright@gmail.com.

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:8-10