



# St. John's Lutheran Church

**Proposed Mission Statement:** "Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!"

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**Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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Dear Friends of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to serve as your bishop. For the last 4.5 years I've served as the Director of Evangelical Mission/Assistant to Bishop Rick Hoyme and before that for 28 years, I was a parish pastor in Windom, Slayton, St. Cloud and Pelican Rapids, MN. I am excited and hopeful about the future! The Holy Spirit is moving and working among us in new and exciting ways challenging us to go deeper in our faith and moving us outside our comfort zone. Paying attention to where the Spirit is calling us and learning to GO and DO in Jesus' name is an important part of my work as Bishop. I encourage the people of our synod to not only GO to Church but to BE the church in the world.

A little bit about me: My husband Randy and I both graduated from Luther Seminary in 1986. He is the pastor of Christ Lutheran in Menomonie. We have three adult children. Andrew (30) is married to Kristina. They live in Appleton and are expecting our first grandchild July 18. Matthew (27) is engaged to Emily Ewen. They are getting married August 18. Anna (24) graduated from St. Kates and works in Occupational Therapy. I love to garden and help things grow. I enjoy cooking and entertaining family and friends. When I have time, I like to bike, canoe or kayak.

I look forward to getting to know you and your congregations. You are all invited to attend the official installation of the bishop worship service on August 25, 2018 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Highlands, Hudson, WI. I hope to see you there.



Bishop-elect Laurie Skow-Anderson

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# Church News

Is anyone interested in a coed softball team? Please sign up in narthex. Contact Tom Buchner if have any questions.



The last performance at the state theatre in Eau Claire will be *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up if you are interested in attending. If there is enough interest then we could rent a bus. Sign up in the narthex.



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 @ THE NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR GROUNDS

**SAT. JULY 28TH & SUN. JULY 29TH**

Please join us for quilting on Tuesday, July 24th. We meet from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National Youth Gathering 9:00 AM Worship Service	2 National Youth Gathering 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	3 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	4 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 6:45 PM Worship	5 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study	6	7 Synod Assembly @ UWEC
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# Church Council Meeting

## June 12, 2018

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

**Opening Devotion:** by Suzi McInnis – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 15.

**Amend and Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Barb Ross, to amend the agenda to add Item F “Miscellaneous” under New Business. Motion carried to approve the amended agenda.

**Approval of May meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Janice Naset, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### Council Comments:

Discipleship Committee was commended for the New Member/Volunteer Appreciation Meal. Question as to why Free Will offering basket wasn't there, as decided at last meeting. Some people left donations, which were deposited into Discipleship fund.

Question about what happens to money that was paid to Luther Park for VBS, since it was cancelled for this summer due to lack of response. Payment will be rolled forward for VBS for next year. Consensus is to book with Luther Park for next year ASAP. Suggestion to look at options in August or consider holding VBS in the evening.

### Congregational Comments:

List of new members wasn't in bulletin. Hard to put names with faces. Maybe use name tags in the future.

Would have been nice to have bios posted before church instead of after.

Wondering why Senior High Recognition isn't held on Sunday. Bus was late getting back so students missed the Wednesday service. Date is voted on by seniors and their families.

June newsletter still hasn't been received in the mail.

### Financial Report:

Discussed how to deal with issues staff is having with QuickBooks. Will consult Tracey.

Question concerning supplies on expense report. Kathy will check with Tracey.

A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Phil Skaar, to move \$1549.13 from Wednesday meal fund to Undesignated Memorial fund, to replace funds used for purchasing copier in March of 2018. (This leaves a balance of \$500.00 in Wednesday meal fund for start-up in the fall.). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Rod Johnson, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

#### Discipleship Ministry:

New Member/Volunteer Appreciation Meal went well.

#### Fellowship Ministry:

None

#### Property Committee:

Will meet at the end of June.

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## Social Ministry:

St John's is delivering Meals-On-Wheels in July. Look for sign up information in the bulletin and on screen during services. Delivery usually takes about an hour and volunteers are welcome to enjoy lunch at Senior Civic Center after delivering.

## Worship/Music Ministry:

Next meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth/Family Ministry:

Recapped recent events including: Senior High Recognition; Celebrate Children; Sundae Sunday; Confirmation Retreat; Fed & Forgiven.

Brat Stand profit is \$1557.52. Coffee and donuts didn't go over well.

Plant Sale profit is \$3081.00

VBS has been cancelled due to low response.

National Youth Gathering is June 25- July 2. Paperwork is still missing from some participants, which has been an ongoing issue with youth/families.

Confirmation Orientation will be Sept 5. Faith Formation Orientation will be Sept 12. It is very important for parents to attend, since there are changes. Help spread the word! Rally Day is Sept 19, to give families time to get back into school routine.

Discussed holding some type of Halloween event at church, since Oct 31 is a Wed.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 20 at 5:30.

## Dream Team:

Will look at St John's Constitution to see how to implement new Mission Statement: **"Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!"** For now, will use it informally.

## Preschool:

None.

## Council President's Report:

Received a "Thank You" from Bloomer High School/Musical participants for placing an ad in the program.

Would like to make revisions in wording in church Constitution and bylaws. Any changes would need to be approved at Annual Meeting.

Discussed using a form for Council Review, similar to how we do staff reviews. Consideration will be made after viewing the type of questions on the form.

Received a letter from Tom Buchner, resigning his position on council.

Reminder to submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting. Next meeting will be July 10, 2018 at 6:30.

## Pastor's Report:

### Membership Update:

*Baptism:* Madden Schimmel; Kimberly Korn.

*Transfer in:* Brett, Tianna, Benton and Greta Huber.

*Transfer out:* Gregg, Julie, Lizzie and Katie Anderson.

*Transfer to Church Triumphant:* George and LaVerne Webb.

A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve membership update. Motion carried.

## Old Business:

None.

# Church Council Meeting

## New Business:

A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Barb Ross, to go into closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lisa Prill, seconded by Barb Ross, to return to open session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to correct starting wage for Custodian to \$11.00 per hour, with back pay, until 3-month review, at which time pay will be revisited. Motion carried, with Tyler Halverson abstaining.

Seeking a substitute custodian, specifically for week that present custodian will be out of town. Will ask Pastor to announce in church. Pay will be \$10 per hour.

Discussed reviewing current policies. Will revisit Wedding Policy at the July meeting. Current wedding coordinator will be consulted for input on policy.

A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to ask the next highest vote-getter from council election held at this year's Annual Meeting to finish out term vacated by the resignation of Tom Buchner until the election at the next Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Rod Johnson, to move forward with implementing the "Tithe.ly" app. Motion carried, with Tyler Halverson voting no and Kathy Tozer abstaining.

Discussed softball opportunity.

Tyler will see how many have signed up for "Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat" matinee performance and look into getting tickets if there is enough interest.

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to pay the Wednesday Meal Coordinator a wage of \$10.75 per hour, beginning in September, to be revisited in June during annual reviews.

Discussion of acquiring a Kitchen Aid mixer for the kitchen.

Discussed financial commitment of 3-year pledge to Synod. Decided to work on fulfilling yearly benevolence goal. Discussed ideas to fund benevolence. Will continue discussion.

Tabled council-member-of-the-month type of display for future meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:08 PM by Suzi McInnis, with a second by Phil Skaar. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Tyler Halverson.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

**Present:** Tyler Halverson, Philip Skaar, Rod Johnson, Janice Naset, Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Lisa Prill, Pauline Stertz, Suzi McInnis, Isabelle Hillman. **Absent:** Pastor Martin.





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