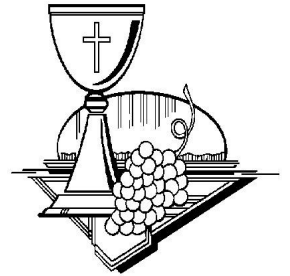




St John's Lutheran Church

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Holy Communion



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Agnes Table
- St. John's Music Fundraiser
- Building Blitz
- Youth Events
- Financial Comparison
- Easter lily donation

The following students have taken a series of instruction classes to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion. Thanks to Janelle Yeakey who helped provide instruction alongside Pastor Martin!

Taylor Buchholz
Josh Ciolkosz
Dalton Grambo
Rebecca Johnson
Trent Tozer
Kelly Yeakey

Mitchell Calkins
Cayce Grambo
Nicholas Halom
Cole Michaelson
Kianna Turner

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Social Ministry Committee Event

Agnes' Table is a meal sponsored by local businesses, churches, or other groups. This free meal is served at the Trinity Methodist Church in Chippewa Falls and offered to anyone in our community who wishes to attend. *St. John's* is reaching out to those in need by serving Agnes' Table on

Thursday, April 4th

Volunteer Opportunities

2:30-5:30 Prepare meal

5:30-7:30 Serve meal/clean up

A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church.

Questions? Please contact Art Klingenberg at 237-249



Pastor's News

GRACIOUS WORDS OF WELCOME

One of the Sunday routines that I try to emphasize each week is when I reiterate,

“A special welcome to those of you who are guests with us this morning. All who are baptized are welcome to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion later on in the service.”

Many of you will recognize this invitation as part of my opening remarks. This is a practice that stems from what we call *open table*, a practice that the ELCA embraces and distinguishes us from several other Christian denominations, including other Lutheran denominations. That is why we have a variety of ages that receive communion.

This past month I have been co-teaching first communion classes along with Janelle Yeakey (for whom I am thankful) to some of our youth, primarily those in the fifth grade. This has been a St. John's tradition for many years. As I mentioned before, however, there are several children younger than fifth grade that receive communion.

In my former congregations, I have taught first communion classes for a variety of ages and teach it according to their ages. I would like to continue that practice here, so that is why I want families to discuss the following proposal:

1. If you would like your child to receive communion, please contact me so that I can help your whole family understand and appreciate the sacrament more.
2. If your child is already taking communion, but never received instruction, do likewise.
3. If anyone in your family would like a refresher course on communion, again, please let me know!

If there are enough families that have children of similar ages, we can consider larger classes. If not, I've done special instruction for individuals and families as well. Classes would be scheduled according to the participants' availability.

Why are the baptized invited? In the waters of baptism, the seed of faith is planted. One analogy I use for communion is that it helps that seed of faith grow, which is why we offer it every week.

If you are wondering if your child is “ready”, they are as ready now as any point in their life because the power of forgiveness and healing is not dependent on our understanding. It is simply a gift, a gift that can be appreciated more the more we know about it!

Peace,

Pastor Martin



FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT ST. JOHN'S MUSIC

Sunday May 5th at Noon St. John's will put on a Pot Luck followed by a performance of the local gospel, bluegrass band "**THE SEEGER BOYS**"!!

We are looking to establish a fund that will, hopefully, be the seed money that supports the return of the Praise Band to our weekly worship service. Of course we need your help so, in addition to marking your calendar to come eat and listen, **please volunteer** to help in one of the following ways:

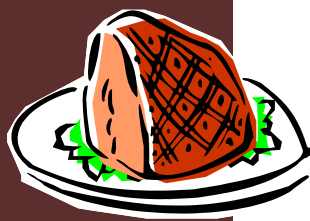
- ****bring a food dish or other pot luck item****
- ****distribute posters around the area communities****
- ****come forward with other fundraising ideas****

SPREAD THE WORD!!!

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Gregg or Julie at 568-3328. Note: for those of you that are not bluegrass fans The Seeger Boys are a family group consisting of father, Nick, 2 sons and 2 daughters. They play AWESOME bluegrass and it is a joy to see the kids (ages 13 to 21, I think!!) They have played at many of the Bluegrass festivals in Western/Central Wisconsin and are regulars at the Acoustic Café in E.C.

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."

— Martin Luther



Ham Loaf Dinner

Bake Sale * Crafts * Quilts * Fine Dinner
Adults - \$8.50 Children (5-12) - \$3.50

When: Tuesday April 16, 2013

Time: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Where: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1300 Mansfield Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Caregivers Wanted

Visiting Angels of Eau Claire is looking for a few more angels (caregivers) to assist the elderly at home. Prefer 2 years' experience or CNA licensure.

Please call 715-861-5546 or email
kherbison@visitingangels.com



Quilting will be April 13th from 9 a.m. to Noon.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Attention Thrift Sale Shoppers: It is getting to be that time of year again when the weather gets warmer and people start putting out their used items. As you are out shopping around, please consider the quilters are looking for these donated items.

-Sheets

-Baby Care Kits

Kits are distributed as part of emergency and relief efforts, but they are also given out as part of LWR health initiatives to encourage women to seek prenatal care. This program helps more babies in rural, poor areas receive a healthy start in life.

Items in the kit include:

- t-shirts and socks
- gowns or sleepers without feet
- receiving blankets
- jacket, hooded sweater/sweatshirt, baby cap
- hand towel, dark color recommended
- bath-size bars of gentle soap
- cloth diapers, diaper pin/large safety pins

Kits are put together by Janice Naset and Lisa Goettl.

Council Meeting March 12, 2013

Committees

Worship

-Janice Naset
Chairman
-Lisa Goettl
-Janet Helgeson
-Kathy Geissler
-Janelle Yeakey

Fellowship

-Lynette Pank
Chairman
-Sue Zwiefelhofer
-Sue Seibel
-Nylah Gust
-Heidi Morning

Social

-Art Klingenberg
Chairman
-Heidi Keller
-Pauline Stertz
-Jeff Cole
-Gregg Anderson

Youth & Education

-Tom Ewings
Chairman
-Tasha Baker
-Brian Mawby
-Teri Henneman
-Michelle Ruffedt
-Kelly Custer
-Brad Ruff
-Marla Paulson

Discipleship

-Kathy Faschingbauer
Chairman
-Michelle Gasper
-Alice Zinsmaster
-Sue Nehring
-Carrie Anderson
-Terri Bohl

Property Management

-Shelly Lane
Chairman
-David Lane
-Stub Naset
-Pete Zeman
-Val Rubenzer
-Dennis Rubenzer
-Nadine Bresina
-Rod Schmidt,r.

Vice President Tom Ewings called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

Lynette Pank opened the meeting with prayer.

Congregational Input: None

Staff Reports: None

Old Business:

Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Lynette Pank to accept the February meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Shelly Lane to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Youth & Education -VBS to be held June 23 thru June 28, completed grades 1-5 eligible throughout the community. Confirmation to be held in January 2014.
- Discipleship -Time & Talent survey to be done.
- Worship & Music -Kids bulletins to be available, Holy Week & Easter services discussed.
- Fellowship -Upcoming events include Volunteer Recognition Sunday & Easter Breakfast. Lynette reserved the North Park pavilion for 6/30 & 9/8/2013. WELCA booklet available for members.
- Social Action -St. John's will serve at Agnes Table on Thursday, April 4. Feed My People lunch box program to wrap-up 5/5/2013.
- Property Management -Self-inspection checklist presented, Archiving Guide presented.

Pastor's Report:

- **Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to acknowledge membership changes.** Motion carried.

Baptisms-Levi Edin, Jack Beyer, Isabella Buchner, Kylee Neuenschwander, Braelyn Rego.

Transfers to Church Triumphant-Levi Edin, Norbert Ludwigson, Donovan Baier, Sylvia Fehr, Ila Madison, Lewis LaGessee, Delores Madison.

Transfers In-Eric, Katie & Genevieve Telschow

Transfer Out-Josh Dachel

- Support for Food Pantry discussed.
- Nominating Committee- Nylah Gust, Joe Lewis, Heidi Morning, Pat Prill, Lanna Michels and Kathy Tozer.
- Reviewed terms of current council members.
- *Walking Together*- details finalized for 3/16/2013.
- Gregg Anderson's fund raising proposal OK'd.
- Church Directory- Tabled.

New Business:

- ELCA Malaria Campaign- A child dies from malaria every 60 seconds. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is in a unique position to provide mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care and education to end this deadly disease. Goal is 100% participation by synod congregations.
- Synod Assembly World Huger Offering- Second offering to be taken on May 12 to be presented at Synod Assembly service.
- Council meetings will be Sunday, April 14, 2013 and Sunday, May 5, 2013 both at 6:00 P.M.

Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Motion carried.

Shelly M. Lane, secretary


Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Lynette Pank, Tom Ewings, Janice Naset, Kathy Faschingbauer

**Schedule of Events for
April 1st—6th**

- } 4/1 No Bible Study
- } 4/2 11:15 a.m.
Staff Meeting
- } 4/3 1:30—3:30 p.m.
Sr. High Pizza &
Faith Talk
- } 4/3 5:45 p.m.
Learning
- } 4/4 1:30 p.m.
Friendship Circle
- } 4/4 6:30 p.m.
Preschool Brd. Meeting

APRIL 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**Schedule of Events for
April 7th—April 13th**

- } 4/7 9:00 a.m.
Worship
Baptism for Harper Bohl
- } 4/7 10:00 a.m.
Learning
Pre K- 3rd Gr.
- } 4/7 Can Camp Donation
- } 4/8 Bible Study
- } 4/8 Pastor Martin will be gone
- } 4/10 5:45 p.m.
Learning
- } 4/11 1:30 p.m.
Meeting
Women of ELCA
- } 4/12 - Youth Middle School
4/14 Gathering in the Dells

**Schedule of Events for
April 14th—April 20th**

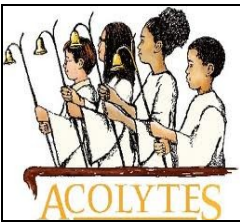
- } 4/14 9:00 a.m.
Worship
- } 4/14 10:00 a.m.
Worship Committee Meeting
- } 4/14 10:00 a.m.
Learning
- } 4/14 6:00 p.m.
Council Meeting
- } 4/15 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study
- } 4/15 3:30 p.m.
Pie & Talk at Main St.
(Sr. High & 8th Gr. Gals)
- } 4/17 11:15 a.m.
Staff Meeting
- } 4/18 Pastor Martin is gone
to Conf. in Menomonie
- } 4/20 8:00 a.m.
Church Blitz

**Schedule of Events for
April 21th—April 27th**

- } 4/21 9:00 a.m.
Worship
- } 4/21 10:00 a.m.
Learning
- } 4/21 10:00 a.m.
Church Thrift Sale
- } 4/22 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study
- } 4/23 No Learning
- } 4/27 Shadick/Fransway
Wedding

**Schedule of Events for
April 28th—April 30th**

- } 4/28 8:30-9:00 a.m.
10:00 -10:30 a.m.
Bake Sale
- } 4/28 9:00 a.m.
Worship
- } 4/28 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Walk the Halls
- } 4/29 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study
- } 4/30 11:15 a.m.
Staff Meeting



Communion & Acolyte



Date of Service	Communion Assistants	Acolyte
April 7	Will Vanis	Will Vanis
April 14	Masen Miller Payton Dachel	Masen Miller
April 21	Autumn Knoepke Aaron Price	Autumn Knoepke
April 28	Rebekah Sarauer Trey Baker	Rebekah Sarauer

The worship committee has requested that acolytes be at church by 8:45am and light candles at 8:50am.

Please trade with any 6th, 7th or 8th grade youth, if there is a conflict with the date you are scheduled. Let me know by Saturday evening who will take your place so that I can inform the adult ushers who are serving. You may contact me by email at stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net or phone 715-568-5446 ext.12.

Thank you for your patience as dates and schedules change. I appreciate your commitment to St. John's as we work to provide worship and learning that is meaningful for all families.

SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER PARK

Programs for 5K through Sr. High, Family Camp, Grandparents/Kids and more. Brochures available at Welcome Station & counter outside Main office. Get complete camp info at www.LutherPark.org. Enjoy a great week where faith is nurtured through Holy Play.



CAN CAMP DAY

8th GRADE FUNDRAISER

SAVE, BAG, BRING
YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY,
APRIL 7

Set bags inside fenced Preschool play area. Money used for 8th grade retreat. Thank you in advance!



Weather Alert



Parents and youth— the rule of thumb for St. John's Lutheran: when school is cancelled due to bad weather all learning events, scheduled (preschool, elementary, middle school, & Sr. high) are cancelled as well



**WALK THE HALLS
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
10:00-11:00 AM**

- ◆ St. John's Preschool Info & registration
- ◆ Learning & Room Displays Open House
- ◆ Meet & Greet Teachers & Children
- ◆ Children's Music at 9 Am Worship

All Members, Families, & Guests Welcome

BAKE SALE

**Sunday, April 28
Before & after worship**

**Cookies, Bars, Snack Mix,
a variety of sweet treats
Mix & Match for a donation of your choice
Sponsored by St. John's Youth**



LEARNING SCHEDULES

**Sunday, April 7, 14, & 21 @ 10 am
Preschool through 3rd Grade**

**Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 @ 5:45 pm
Preschool through 3rd Grade, 4th Grade
Connect, 5th Grade Bible 101,
6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation**

**Wednesday, April 24
No elementary learning (Preschool
through 4th Grade) scheduled**



CHRIST'S CORE SENIOR HIGH

**Early Release Pizza & Faith Talk
Wednesday, April 3
1:30-3:30 pm**

**Monday, April 15 at 3:30 PM
Please join us at Main Street Café
for Pie & Talk Time**



All Senior High & 8th Grade Gals & Their Friends Welcome

Preschool News

Our school year is speeding by so quickly! It's hard to believe we will soon be entering the month of April. We're looking forward to beautiful spring weather, and the opportunity to enjoy the playground and walks around town.

It's also time to think about the upcoming school year. We are still accepting registrations for children who will be at least three years old by Sept. 1st. We ask for your help in spreading the word about our program. We have a beautiful new banner, donated by Damian & Sara Prince (Chippewa Valley Excavating) that announces our presence. We have advertised in the Bloomer Advance and hung posters at area businesses. But the best form of advertisement is word-of-mouth. So we truly appreciate it when someone recommends our program.

We are also searching for a new teacher's assistant for the upcoming school year. Karen Bukovich, one of our current teachers, is moving on to a new chapter in her life. Our current assistant, Heather Philipps will be stepping up to fill the teaching position. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the teacher's assistant position, please speak with Michelle Gasper at the Preschool (715-568-1060). Anyone who enjoys working with young children and is available during morning hours (7:45 - 11:15) is welcome to send or drop off their resume.



Financial Comparison

January thru March 20, 2013

	2012	2013
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1 st	\$ 4,915.00	\$ 20,826.00
Income – 1/1-3/27	38,874.00	39,067.00
Expenses – 1/1-3/27	39,137.00	-47,383.00
Balance	4,652.00	12,510.00
Loan – Peoples State Bank Balance Due 3/27	\$174,365.00	\$ 105,340.00

NEW LIFE IN A NEW TIME

On the weekend of April 20-21, the community of St. John's will enter a new era in our life together.

Joshua 3:1-7 Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. ² At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³ and commanded the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, ⁴ so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it." ⁵ Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." ⁶ To the priests Joshua said, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people." So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people. ⁷ The LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses.

This is what preceded the entrance to the Promised Land, when God called Joshua to claim the land that God had promised to Abraham centuries before. God instructed Joshua to be "strong and courageous" four times before their entrance, when God parted the Jordan River in the same way God parted the Red Sea for Moses. It was a new era for the children of God.

As I mentioned in the March newsletter, the facility of St. John's will experience a makeover April 20-21. There will also be opportunity to clean up the grounds of the church for those that love the outdoors. We will need your help to cleanse our facility and create this new era. The following day, our church will host a Thrift Sale where the proceeds will go toward our debt reduction.

But that is not all! On Sunday, we will learn a new setting from the most recent hymnal that the ELCA distributed in 2006. We will use this new setting for six consecutive weeks through the month of May so that we can learn it better. It is a service with a familiar order for those of you who desire consistency, but also provides music that will be a refreshing change for others of you. Some of the liturgy is provided by Dakota Road, a contemporary Christian group that has blessed many people at retreats, camps, conferences, and youth gatherings for several decades. The good news is that we can utilize this "cranberry" hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship – ELW) without even purchasing them!

As we continue to move forward in this new era, let's focus on God's instructions to Joshua and be "strong and courageous". A strong family is one that holds together. A courageous family is one that tries new things. May St. John's reflect both!

With God leading the way, new eras can provide the invigorating feeling that we desire as we journey through this life of faith.

Pastor Martin

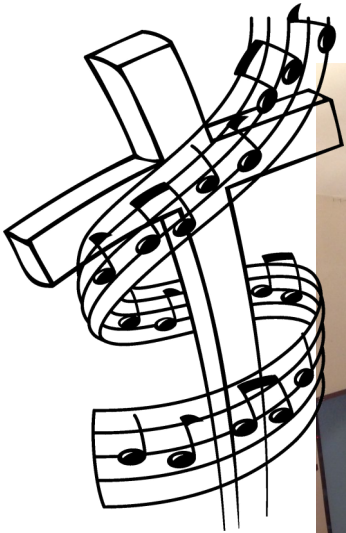
Easter Lily Donation

Donated by:	In Memory of:	In Honor of:
Denny & Lyn Pank	Miles, Lorraine, & Merle	Gertrude
Stub & Janice Naset & Family	Leon & Ruth Naset and Marvin & Gladys Schroetter	
Jane Peterson	Bill Peterson & Bryan Peterson	
Robert & Darlene Hass	LaVern & Violet Hass	
Randy, Anita, Chris, & Naomi	Dawn Lueck & Kelli Meyer	
Anonymous	Marie & Robert Barlow	
Alice Zinsmaster	Quentin Zinsmaster	
Anonymous	Harold & Florence Lueck	Douglas & Lois North
Josh & Sara Shadick	Joan LeBarron	
John & Margaret Hagen	Our Parents	
Their children & family	Jake & Doris Stuckert	
Rod Schmidt Sr.	Mrs. Shirley Ann Schmidt Mr. & Mrs. Otto E. Schmidt Mrs. Charlotte Schultz Mr. Roy Luedtke	Our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
Bill & Annie Bleskacek & family	Levin Edin Mary Olson	
Samuel & Wendy LaGesse, children, and grandchildren	Lewis LaGesse Ruth LaGesse	
Don & Kathy Geissler		
Scott, Stephanie, and Rhett Naset		Janice Naset
Tom & Terri Smith	Don Stanek, Thaia Heidtke, & Cath- erine Smith	
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Ray and Lanna Michels	Ray & Ruby Ellison Herbert & Dorthy Michels Joanne Parrish Charles Ellison	
Butch & Sue Nehring	Howard & Nadine Nehring Ernie & Joyce Delegard	Our children and grand- children



Palm Sunday

“Victory Chant” sung by St. John’s youth.



St. John’s celebrates Palm Sunday.



Hosanna