

St. John's Lutheran Church

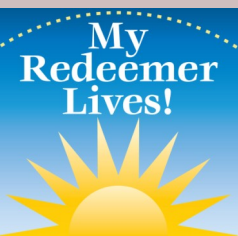
St. John's Lutheran Church is a community of people united to God and to each other by faith in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Love of witness, proclamation, nurture, service, and outreach at home and abroad will occur through faithful use of the scriptures, the sacraments, and prayer. We are motivated by our gratitude to God for his abundant gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Bloomer MEMORY CAFÉ

COFFEE • CONVERSATION • COMMUNITY

A Memory Café offers a safe, comfortable, engaging environment for those with early stage memory loss and their caregivers. It's a way for you to have fun and socialize with others in an informal, relaxed environment. You will experience peer support, laughter, new friends, and delicious refreshments all at no charge.

When: First Tuesday of each month*

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Main Street Cafe
1418 Main Street
Bloomer

Expect: Social connections with others having a similar experience

An informal, relaxed environment

Laughter

New friends

Delicious refreshments

Cost: Free

2017 Dates

- Feb 7
- Mar 7
- Apr 4
- May 2
- Jun 13*
- July 11*
- Aug 1
- Sep 5
- Oct 3
- Nov 7
- Dec 5

* Second Tuesday

For more information call
the ADRC at
(715) 726-7777



Office number: 715-568-5446

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St. John's Website: www.Stjohns-bloomer.org

Dear Saints of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

By the time you read this, one major event in our synod will have been completed and the next one will be just around the corner. The completed one will be “Walking Together” when 400+ folks will have gathered to learn, to laugh and to walk together toward a new future. The “around the corner” event will be our annual Synod Assembly in April. But, both events will be tied together by the theme: “**BOLDLY Invite...ONE More!** With the symbol of a big RED door, emblazoned with Luther’s seal, we will be challenged to get the word out about Jesus!

But, here’s the Easter connection. When we were picking a theme verse for the events the verse we chose was from Mark 16:15. In this verse, Jesus says "Go into all the world.." And, seemingly, the women and even some men did just that!

As we were picking this verse, we also were laughing, because it comes from what is called “The Longer Ending of Mark.” The ending of Mark that is from the oldest manuscripts says this, “So they (the women) went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; *and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*”

I often refer to this last verse as the “Lutheran Ending” of the gospel of Mark. “They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”

We are Lutheran, and we need no longer be afraid! We live in a culture where our neighbors are hungry for good news, they are hungry for life, and they are hungry for love. Our churches can give them all of those things. The day is over when we can silently leave the empty tomb at Easter and tell no one. So this is my Easter challenge to every one of you who takes the time to read these words: “**BOLDY invite...ONE more!**

This year, before Easter, you, and everyone in your family, invite one person to come and worship with you. If you have family who live somewhere else, but who do not have a church, encourage them...”I sure hope you can find a church for this Sunday!” Be BOLD. What’s the worst that can happen? Let the *amazement* overcome the *fear*.

We have the amazing privilege of getting up on that Sunday morning and worshipping the God of Easter! I for one will make sure I share that with not just one person, but I commit to sharing it with everyone that will give me the opportunity. What’s the worst that can happen????

BOLDLY, Invite...ONE More!

Bishop Rick Hoyme

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA



Church Council Meeting March 14, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion and prayer: by Lynette Pank.

Amend and Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Rod Johnson to amend the agenda to add Building Use by Cub Scouts under New Business. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ellyn Hudacek, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Febuary meeting minutes: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Nic Zakrzewicz, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Election of Council Officer: Vice President: Tom Buchner nominated Phil Skaar, seconded by Barb Ross. There being no more nominations, a vote was taken and carried.

Council and Congregational comments: There was concern over delay in March newsletter. Minutes from February Council Meeting were missing from the newsletter. These will be included next month. Discussion on how to increase interest and attendance at Annual Meeting. Many members do not understand the importance of the meeting.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Nic Zakrzweicz, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry: Working on Giving Campaign. Commitment Sunday will be late fall. Volunteer Appreciation Meal/New Member Meal will be May 21.

Fellowship Ministry: February Bingo was attended by 55 people. Easter Egg Hunt is April 15th. Easter Breakfast menu will be same as last year.

Property Committee: Bids have been received for commercial gas 6 burner stove.

Social Ministry: The last special collection for the clothes closet will be held on March 26 and March 28. The bathtub is being installed in the community outreach bathroom project.

Worship/Music Ministry: The sacristy has been painted and cleaned and banners put away. A donation was received to pay for water heater. A separate chalice will be used along with the gluten free wafers.

Youth/Family Ministry: Fat Wednesday was well received. Pseudo Lock-In was held March 10, attended by 26 middle school youth and 3 high school Youth-In-Action members. Lock in for middle school and high school youth will be held April 6-7, staffed by Luther Park counselors. A bake sale will be held April 19. Paint Party fundraiser will be held April 23. Six boys and four girls will attend Youth Encounter at Wisconsin Dells. Brat stand fundraiser will be held May 5-6 at Shadicks. Plant sale will begin May 10. Sundae Sunday will be held on Mother's Day, May 14 after church.

Dream Team: None

Preschool: Clothing drive to be held during Holy Week.

Chair Report: Need to update information at bank for authorized signers.

Church Council Meeting March 14, 2017

Pastor's Report: Baptism counseling with Shadick family and Stern family. New member visit with Roggenbucks. Thrivent presentation was held March 12 after church. Invited Gabe Mawby, high school youth, to play trombone at Easter services. Clarified roles for small group method. Sacristy improvement project is done. High school youth were given leadership opportunities at Pseudo Lock-In. Mission trip meetings are ongoing. Funeral was held for Cora Quimby. Pastor will record footage at installation of bathtub in the community outreach project. Membership update: New members: Pastor Deborah Nissen; Chassy, Andy, Corbin and Cora Roggenbuck. Baptism: Adam Patrick Shadick. Death: Cora Quimby. Motion by Rod Johnson, seconded by Nic Zakrzewicz, to approve membership updates. Motion carried.

Old Business: Committees will report back with ideas for website. Discussion of putting together a new directory through Lifetouch Photo. Discussion about volunteer hour tracking. Discussed devotion books. A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Tom Buchner, that council will purchase one devotion book. Motion carried.

New Business: Walking Together will be attended by Pastor and Marla Paulson on Saturday, March 18. Cub Scouts are looking for a venue to hold monthly meetings, and would like to use the church basement. This is a good example of community outreach which also exposes families to our church space. A Building Use Form will need to be filled out by a responsible adult.

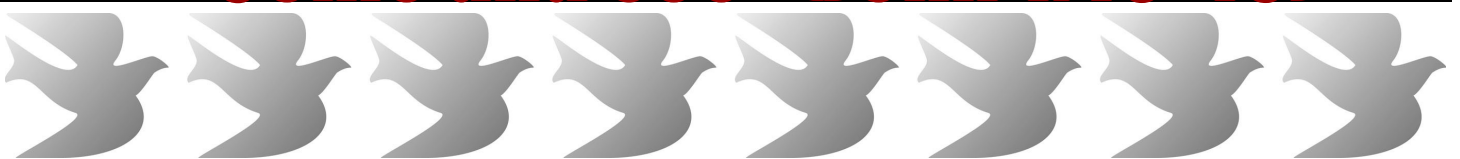
A motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 PM by Ellyn Hudacek, with a second by Nic Zakrzewicz. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Philip Skaar, Lynette Pank, Ellyn Hudacek, Nic Zakrzewicz, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Janice Naset, Barb Ross, Lisa Prill. Absent: Pauline Stertz

Financial Report-2017

	2016	2017	BUDGET 2017
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,465.00	\$4,399.00	
Income 1/1 - 3/15	\$38,853.00	\$45,478.00	\$52,126.00
Expenses 1/1 - 3/15	\$ 47,371.00	\$51,513.00	\$52,126.00
Balance	(\$4,053.00)	(\$1,646.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$71,754.00	\$63,294.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$4,844.00	-0-	Bathrooms
Loan - Security Financial		-0-	Gen. Fund



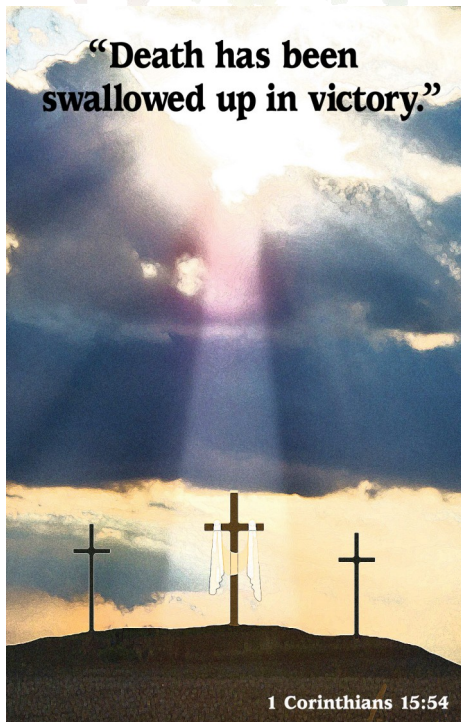
Church News

WELCA

Thursday, April 20, 2017



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**“Death has been
swallowed up in victory.”**

1 Corinthians 15:54

Sunday, April 9	9:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship
Thursday, April 13	11:30 am	Golden Ager's Dinner
	1:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
	6:45 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 14	1:00 pm	Good Friday Ecumenical
	6:45 pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, April 16	6:30 am	Sunrise Easter Worship
	7:30-9:00 am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00 am	Easter Worship

Galatians 5:5 NIV

*But by faith we eagerly
await through the Spirit
the righteousness for
which we hope.*



Library News!

Please come join us for another St. John's "Book Club" get together on Thursday, April 6th at 1:00 P.M. In the Church Library. Come to share a good book you've recently read or just to listen to recommendations from others in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship! A tasty treat will also be served. Hope to see you there!

Mark Your Calendar

Feed My People's Open House & 35th Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off

Thursday April 6th from 4:30-6:30 P.M.

2610 Alpine Road, Eau Claire

2017 marks Feed My People's 35th Anniversary. Continued community support over the years has helped FMP to reach a greater number of low-income children, families and seniors with the food that they need to live healthy and productive lives. Please join us in celebrating the generous community that we are all a part of.

Church News

Quilting

Tuesday, March 18, 2017
1-4 p.m.

All are welcome to join us!



Pancake Breakfast

St. John's Lutheran Church
1403 Newman Street
Sunday, April 30th
8:00am - 11:00 a.m.

Menu: pancakes, sausage, applesauce, bananas, coffee, juice, milk, and water

Suggested Donations

Adults: \$5.00

Children: (11 and under): \$3.00



The funds will benefit the 4th grade girls volleyball team to purchase new volleyball equipment.

**Don't forget the Easter Breakfast on
April 16 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**



Thank you for the record setting year of Bingo. This last time we had 81 people in attendance. We will resume with Bingo this fall but please watch your newsletter and bulletins for fun Summer activities.

~Tom Buchner



FUNERAL GROUPS

We are looking for anyone (male or female) that would be interested in being on a funeral group. We also want to start a funeral group for only nights or weekend funerals. At the present time, we have 3 rotating funeral groups.

What does it mean to be on a funeral group? You would get called from the chairperson of your group to make either a salad or dessert, and also to work. If you can come, you would help set up, serve, or clean up.

If you are interested, please contact Eva Rihn, president of the WELCA and she will get you on a group. Lisa Goettl & Wendy LaGessee will be heading up the night/weekend group. Please contact either one of them if you are interested.

Eva Rihn 715-568-5141 or erihn@bloomer.net

Lisa Goettl 715-288-6170 or tgoettl@centurytel.net

Wendy LaGessee 715-456-8351 or wmlagesse@yahoo.com

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 Youth Encounter Retreat 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>27 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>28 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29 4:45 PM Soup and Sandwich Formation 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:30 PM Fundraising/Summer Camp 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>1 For all Women of the Church! Day of Renewal 9:00 AM Church Council Retreat</p>
<p>2 No Faith Formation 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Music and Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Darkness to Light Training</p>	<p>5 9:30 AM Bloomer Clergy Meeting 4:45 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:45 PM 5th Gr. Fed & Forgiven 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>6 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>7 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM Sr. High & Confirmation Lock-In</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Sr. High & Confirmation Lock-In</p>
<p>9  Bake Sale 9:00 AM Worship Service, Mission Moment & Children's Voices 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>10 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>11 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM Easter Seals Fundraiser Event 3:30 PM 5th Gr. Fed & Forgiven 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Easter Seals Fundraiser Event</p>	<p>13  9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Easter Seals Fundraiser Event 11:30 AM Golden Ager's Dinner 1:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 6:45 PM Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>14  No Women's Bible Study 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM Easter Seals Fundraiser Event 1:00 PM Good Friday Ecumenical Worship 6:45 PM Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>15 10:00 AM 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p>16  6:30 AM Sunrise Worship 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Worship Service</p>	<p>17 No Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Healthy Living With Diabetes Class 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM 5th Gr Fed & Forgiven 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>20 1:30 PM WELCA Meeting 7:15 PM Discipleship Com. Mtg</p>	<p>21 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation 2:00 PM Paint Party Fundraiser for the Mission Trip 4:00 PM Mission Trip Meeting</p>	<p>24 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action 7:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>25 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Healthy Living With Diabetes Class 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship and Fed & Forgiven 7:45 PM Fed & Forgiven Reception</p>	<p>27 Preschool Field Trip 7:00 PM Foundation Committee Meeting</p>	<p>28 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM Synod Assembly</p>
<p>30 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 4th Gr. Volleyball Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>1 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Healthy Living With Diabetes Class 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>4 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Brat Stand @ Shadicks 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM End of the Year Confirmation Retreat 10:00 AM Brat Stand @ Shadicks</p>

Your Ticket
Healthy Living
Forever



Registration is open for two FREE Healthy Living Workshops coming to Bloomer and Chippewa Falls. Plan to live a healthier lifestyle starting now.

Healthy Living *with* Diabetes

This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes learn skills and increase their confidence in managing their diabetes. The workshop meets for 2½ hours once a week for six weeks.

Wednesdays, April 19th-May 31st

12:30- 3:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church, 1403 Newman St, Bloomer, WI 54724

Call the ADRC to register at 715-726-7777 before April 12th. Space is limited.

Stepping On – Fall Prevention Workshop

This series is presented by local health professionals including physical rehabilitation specialists, vision experts and pharmacists to help you build confidence, gain strength and learn balance techniques to reduce falls.

Tuesdays, April 11- May 23rd

9:00-11:00 am

HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Office Building, (west of hospital)
2509 Cty Hwy I, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Call the ADRC at 716-726-7777 for more information or to register.

SPRING FLOWER SALE
MAY 10 until all are sold 2017



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

10:15 am Sunday, April 2, 23, 30
(Faith 5 will not be held on Sunday, April 9)
Preschool through 5th Grade

5:30 pm Wednesday, April 5, 19, 26
Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & 5
Kindergarten-4th Grade: Small Groups
6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation

5th Grade Fed & Forgiven: April 5, 12, 19
Monday, April 10 & 24
Sr. High Youth in Action 5-7 pm

WEATHER ALERT !



Parents and youth, 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.

BRAT STAND
MAY 5-6

At Shadick's
Grocery Store

Sponsored by: St.
John's Youth
& Parents



CHILDREN'S VOICES
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

9 AM WORSHIP

Palm Sunday



Before and After
Worship

Sponsored by: St.
John's Youth
& Parents

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LUTHER
PARK CAMP STYLE

WHEN: JUNE 19-22
WHO: KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE
WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
TIME: NOON-5:30 PM

TO REGISTER: Email childs' name & age & parents name & phone number to stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.

ALL CHILDREN & FRIENDS WELCOME

Fed & Forgiven
5th Grade Communion



When: April 5 & 19 @ 5:30 p.m.
April 12 @ 3:30 p.m.
Worship: April 26 @ 6:45 p.m.

Celebrate Children
Wednesday, May 10

Children's voices
at 6:45 pm worship

Pot luck meal at 5:30 pm for all
members to enjoy.

Hot Dogs and beverage provided.

Everyone welcome.



**TAKE A DEEP
BREATH, IT
CALMS THE MIND**



I know God has a
plan. I pray for
direction to follow it,
patience to wait on it,
and knowledge to
know when it comes.

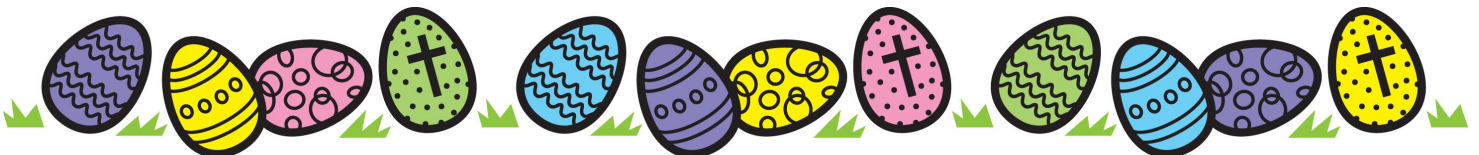


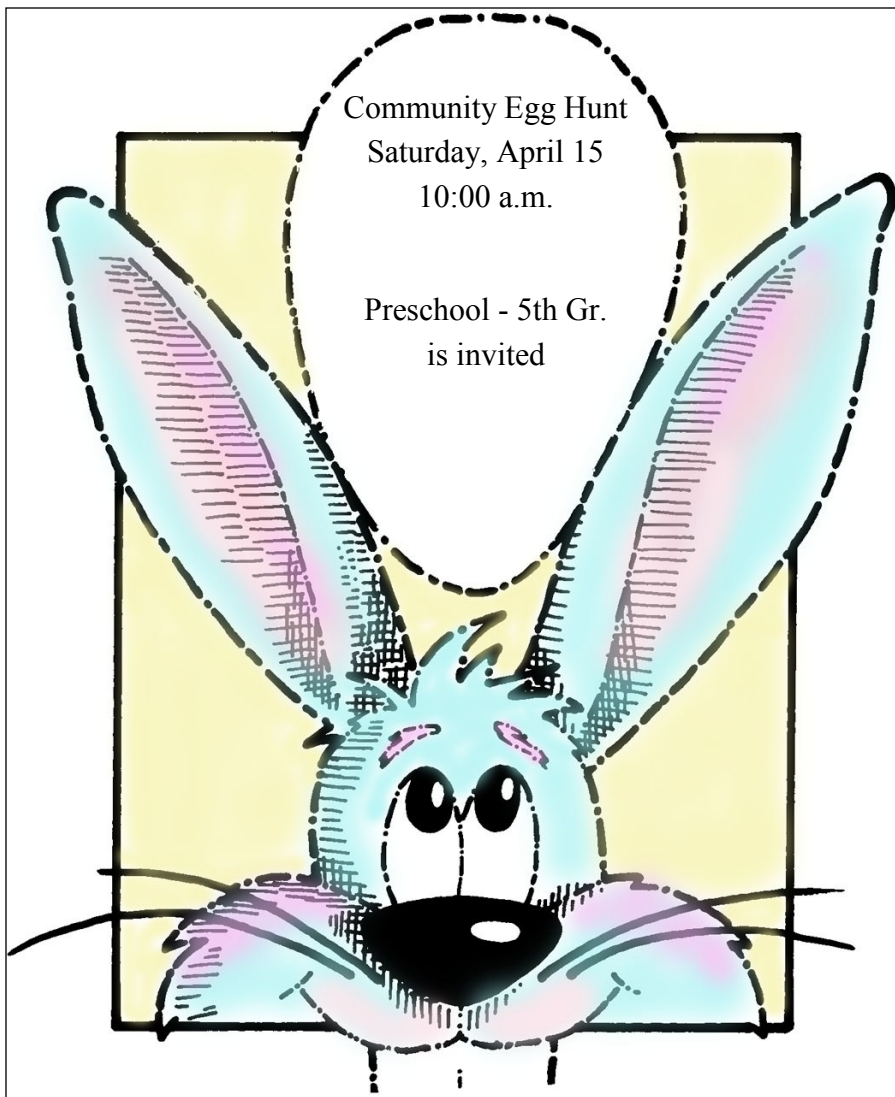
IN ACTION

WHO: SR. HIGH YOUTH
WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 10 & 24
WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP
FRIENDS WELCOME

He is
Risen!





Community Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 15
 10:00 a.m.

Preschool - 5th Gr.
 is invited



**6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE &
 SR. HIGH LOCK IN
 FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD
 Friends Welcome**

**WHEN: April 7 - 8
 TIME: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 WHERE: ST. JOHN'S**

Please bring munchies/snacks to share

Pizza & Beverages provided



**MAKIN' ART PAINT PARTY AT
 ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN IN BLOOMER
 SUNDAY - APRIL 23RD, 2017 AT 2PM**

"THE CROSS"

Register at www.makinartpaintparty.com/event-calendar

ALL ART SUPPLIES PROVIDED-FUN INCLUDED-TAKE YOUR PAINTING HOME WITH YOU

\$35 FOR ADULTS

\$25 FOR KIDS

Makin' Art Paint Party

**Kari Serum and Inez Olson
 Co/owners**





SAVE THE DATE

Donate Gently-Used Clothing, Shoes, Handbags, Jewelry, Accessories, and Linens!

St. John's Lutheran Preschool is fundraising for program improvements and classroom materials – and your gently-used clothing and household goods can help them get it!

Bring items to the St. John's Lutheran Preschool first annual Donation Drive! All items must be bagged.

Help us Fill Up The Truck!

Drop off times at are as follows:

Wednesday, April 12 **8 am to 1:30 pm & 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

(follow signs to drop location, can use elevator)

Thursday, April 13 **9 am to 11 am** (follow signs to drop location, can use elevator)

Friday, April 14 **7:00 am to 7:45 am** (St. John's parking lot)

*Items will be picked up by Easter Seals at **8:00 am** on Friday*

Acceptable donations include clothing, jewelry, fashion accessories, shoes, and linens. Your donations are tax-deductible.

The St. John's Lutheran Preschool are holding the drive in partnership with Savers, a global thrift organization. Items collected during the drive will be re-sold at local Savers stores, which benefit community partner organizations, such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Drop Off Location:

St. John's Lutheran Preschool
1403 Newman Street
Bloomer, WI 54724

