

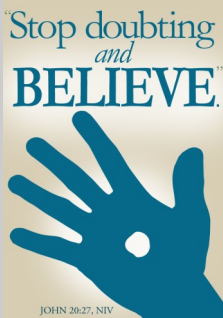


St. John's Lutheran Church

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.

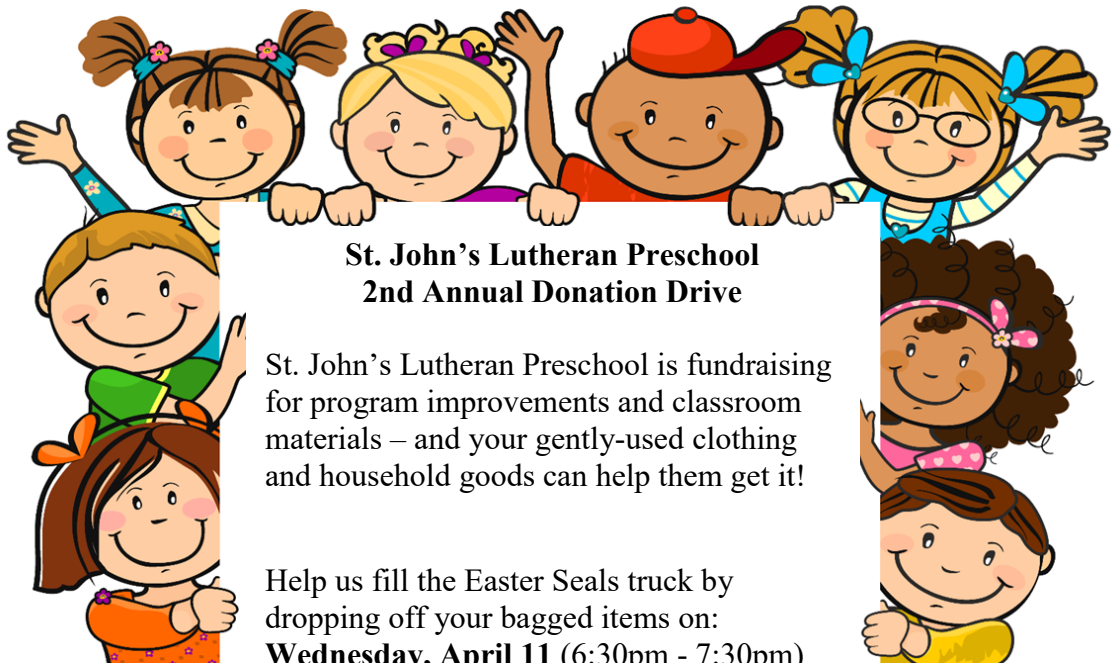
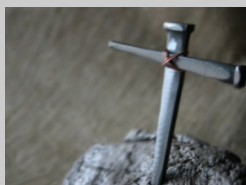
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ **Preschool Donation**
- ◆ **Financial Report**
- ◆ **Easter Message**
- **Calendar**
- **Council Minutes**



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St. John's Lutheran Preschool 2nd Annual Donation Drive

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!

Help us fill the Easter Seals truck by dropping off your bagged items on:
Wednesday, April 11 (6:30pm - 7:30pm)
Thursday, April 12 (7:30am – 2pm)
Friday, April 13 (7:30am – 2pm)



***We are collecting: clothing, shoes, jewelry & Accessories, & Linens**

St. John's Lutheran Preschool
 1403 Newman Street, Bloomer
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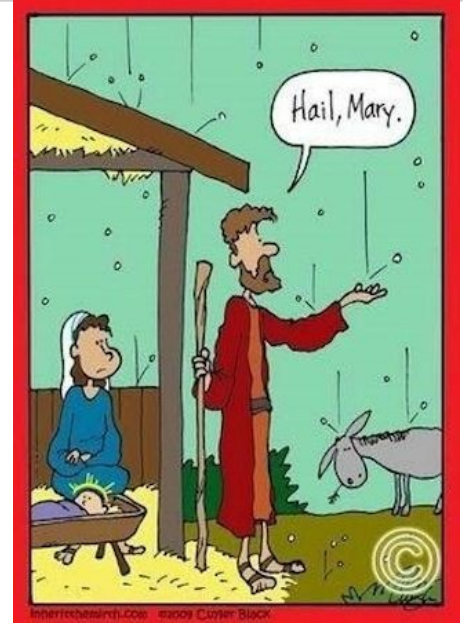
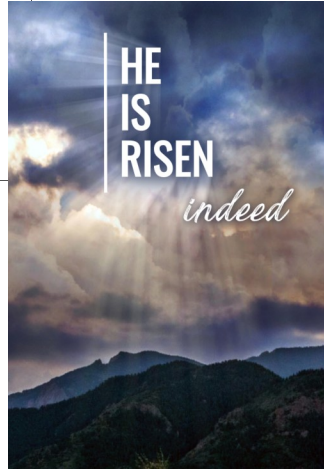
St. John's Website: www.Stjohns-bloomer.org

Church News

WELCA meeting will be held on April 12th at 1:30 p.m. in the dinning hall.

All are Welcome!

Women of the **ELCA** 



FINANCIAL REPORT-2018

	2017	2018	BUDGET 2018
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,399.00	\$2,302.00	
Income 1/1/ - 12/1	\$192,990.00	\$48,750.00	\$230,286.00
Expenses 1/1 - 12/1	\$199,642.00	\$54,324.00	\$230,286.00
Balance	(\$2,253.00)	(\$3,272.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$61,138.00	\$61,138.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$10,000.00	\$9,500.00	Gen. Fund



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

March 2018

Dear Saints of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

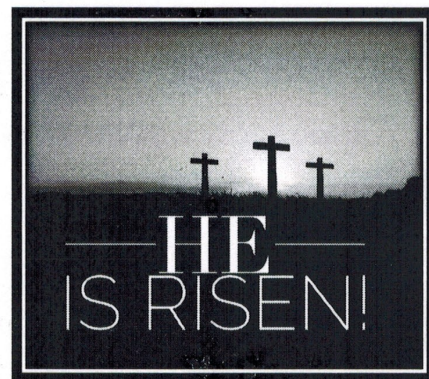
This week I was honored to preach at the funeral of a 37 year old pastor who died too young and left behind a wife and a two year old daughter. It was an honor, but also just plain hard work. Not just for me, but everyone who sat in the overflowing sanctuary. But what would have been inestimably harder would have been doing that work without Easter...doing that work without Jesus. But I was able to stand in that pulpit and proclaim as clearly, and with as much certainty as I could muster, that death does not have the final say. I said these words: "Jesus died, and Jesus rose again, for a day just like this." Yes he did.

I often tell pastors, deacons and Synodically Authorized Ministers: "There are three high holy days in the year - Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day. And don't ever forget Mother's day!" All three of these days celebrate the gift of new life. Each, in its own way, celebrates Jesus bringing new life into a world that can be dragged down by the fear and the reality of death.

So, what about Easter? First of all, I hope that everyone who reads these words takes/makes the time to go to church on Easter. Secondly, as you sit there in the lily scented church, surrounded by light and the sound of beautiful hymns, try to imagine your most difficult collision with death without the belief that Jesus really did rise from that tomb. Imagine burying a parent, or a child, or a spouse or a friend without that promise. Imagine. I cannot.

I cannot imagine, because I don't remember a day in my entire life when I didn't have that promise folded into me. It has strengthened me on days when it was all I had. The promise that "Jesus died, and Jesus rose again, for a day just like this." It is an awesome gift and one for which I am grateful.


This Easter, go to church. But don't just go there. Imagine someone who hasn't received the gift of that promise. If you can't think of anyone, well, you may need to get out and make some new friends! Because what you have been given, is too precious to hang onto by yourself. All of us, if we live long enough, will experience a "day just like this." It is inevitable. And we have a promise that will make a difference to someone who just cannot do that plain hard work by themselves.



They need Jesus. They need the promise of Jesus. They need the hope of Jesus. They need what you have been given. Please...share it. It is an honor.

Bishop Rick Hoyme
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p>  <p>6:30 AM Sunrise Easter Worship 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Easter Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 7:30 PM New Auburn Community Choir</p>	<p>2 No Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>5 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM Music & Worship Com. Mtg. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>10 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>11 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>12 1:30 PM WELCA 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Connor Sundberg 10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p>16 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>17 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting</p>	<p>18 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>19 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>
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Church Council Meeting Special Meeting of Church Council March 13, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: by Lisa Prill – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 12.

Amend and Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Barb Ross, to amend the agenda to add “Easter Egg Hunt” to New Business. Motion carried to approve the amended agenda.

By Unanimous Consent: Item C under Old Business (Copy Machine Offer) moved to top of agenda.

Old Business – Item C. Copy Machine Offer. Office Manager Tracey McCann presented a quote from EO-Johnson for one machine to replace three of the existing machines. The quote is for a refurbished machine and service contract.

A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to purchase the refurbished Lanier MP C5502 color copier from EOJohnson for \$4750, using funds from Undesignated Memorials. Motion carried. Any balance left in the Maintenance Budget and Office Supply Budget at the end of the year can be placed in Undesignated Memorial Fund.

*(Remaining balance from Wednesday meal fund could also be placed in Undesignated Memorial Fund in June.)

Approval of February meeting minutes: A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Rod Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Comments:

- ◆ Discussed creating a Funeral Policy.

Congregational Comments:

- ◆ Suggestion to replace wax candles with LED on Christmas Eve was met with negative feedback. Requested that we continue using wax candles.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry:

- ◆ New Member classes, open to anyone, will begin in April.
- ◆ A catered Volunteer Appreciation and New Member Meal is planned for **May 20th**.
- ◆ “Did You Know...” slides may be added during offering, sharing where our donations go.

Fellowship Ministry:

- ◆ Volunteers are needed to assist with Community Easter Egg Hunt which will be held at St John’s on Saturday, March 31st.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help with Easter Breakfast, which will be served from 7:30-9:00 on Sunday, April 1st.
- ◆ Mel Crisp has volunteered to direct St John’s Choir. All are welcome!

Church Council Meeting

Property Committee:

- ◆ A bid was approved from B&B Electric for \$1625 to replace lights in Chancel area with LED lighting.
- ◆ There is an issue with one of the two boiler units. We are operating with one boiler. Waiting to hear from Gene's Heating about our options.
- ◆ Key fobs have been reprogrammed, because of an update, with a few bugs being worked out.
- ◆ Property Committee came up with a guideline for acquiring bids: Expenses \$500 and under will not require a bid; Expenses under \$2000 will require at least one bid; Expenses \$2000 and over will require at least two bids.

Social Ministry:

- ◆ None

Worship/Music Ministry:

- ◆ None
- ◆ Next meeting is April 8.

Youth/Family Ministry:

- ◆ Upcoming Events:
 - ◆ Walking Together is March 17 at UWEC Davies Center.
 - ◆ Brat Stand is May 4 & 5 at Shadick's.
 - ◆ Confirmation Retreat is May 4 & 5 (Fri/Sat instead of Sat/Sun)
 - ◆ Senior High Recognition in May TBD.
- ◆ Community Egg Hunt will be held at St John's on March 31. Need to form a committee and need people to help. Plan to give books instead of toys for prizes.

Dream Team:

- ◆ Working on updating St John's Mission Statement
 - ◆ Reviewed regional Mission Statements for inspiration
 - ◆ Shorter/simpler is better
 - ◆ Collecting data from members for common theme
 - ◆ Index cards dispersed and collected in March with ideas
 One sentence statement defining what St John's is about
- ◆ Goals for 2018
 - Community Outreach
 - Social Ministry
- ◆ Next Meeting Sunday, April 15th

Preschool:

- ◆ Working on budget for next year.

Council President's Report:

- ◆ 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 April 10, 2018 at 6:30.

Church Council Meeting

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **CELEBRATING:** EPIC council retreat; Ideas for New Member/Volunteer Appreciation; Work/Plan for new Mission Statement.
- ◆ **ENCOURAGED:** Mary Trubshaw joining Discipleship committee; Driah Z attending Walking Together.
- ◆ **GO DEEPER:** Forwarding emails from Leading Well for further thinking.
- ◆ **WORKING ON:** Holy Week worship; New member classes in April; ELCA Annual report.
- ◆ **LEARNING AND EXPLORING:** Electronic giving; Better social media uses.
- ◆ **PRAYERS/HELP:** Community Easter Egg Hunt.
- ◆ **Additional Comments:** Sanctuary lights installed on Thursday; Tru-Lock fixing alarm system
- ◆ **Membership Update:** New Member: Keenah Gingras. Transfer to Church Triumphant: Wally Rihn.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Rod Johnson, to approve membership update. Motion carried

Old Business:

- ◆ Recap of EPIC council retreat. Discussed creating/revising funeral/wedding policies.
- ◆ Financial Secretary has completed three month trial period. Discussed options for pay increase or other benefit. Tabled until next meeting, with increase retroactive.
- ◆ Lifetouch is scheduled to take photographs this fall for St John's Pictorial Directory. Dates have been scheduled for photo sessions: September 20, 21, 22 and October 4, 5, 6. **A team of 3-5 people are needed to help facilitate this project and would meet in June/July to get project started.**

New Business:

- ◆ A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lisa Prill, to revise Financial Secretary Job Description as follows: under "Bookkeeping Duties; 4;" delete the phrase "every two weeks" referring to pay-checks. Motion carried.
- ◆ A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Tom Buchner, to allow the Gideons to come to St John's and collect a special offering. Motion carried.
- ◆ A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Barb Ross, to create a separate line account for Community Easter Egg hunt under church miscellaneous accounts, to keep track of donations for this purpose. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:17 PM by Tom Buchner, with a second by Barb Ross. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Guest – Tracey McCann; Pastor Martin, Philip Skaar, Tyler Halverson, Rod Johnson, Janice Naset, Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Tom Buchner, Lisa Prill. Absent: Pauline Stertz, Suzi McInnis, Isabelle Hillman.