



St. John's Lutheran Church

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AT OUTDOOR WORSHIP

On June 30, worship moved from our church building to our church community, the Bloomer North Park. On that day, Owen Thompson, son of Joseph and Millie Thompson, was baptized and welcomed into the family of God as well as the family of St. John's. In fact, the entire family was welcomed into the family of St. John's as new members along with many others! Here is the complete list of new members since my arrival last October:

Baptisms

1. Aiden Anderson
2. Jack Beyer
3. Isabella Buchner
4. Kylee Neuenschwander
5. Braelyn Rego
6. Harper Bohl
7. Mason LaGessee
8. Paige Widiker
9. Arianna Pecha
10. Gwendalyn Nemitz
11. Owen Thompson
12. Karter Chevriier
13. Hazel Shadick

Transfers/New members

1. Martin, Nicholas, Jaden & Dylan Halom
2. Luke, Ashley & Levi Edin
3. Bill & Annie Bleskacek
4. Eric, Katie, & Genevieve Telschow
5. Jeff, Doreen, Alicyn, & Morgyn Turner
6. Jill, Kevin, Allison, & Madilyn Widiker
7. Dick & Jean Marquardt
8. Jason & Kylie Rego, Christine Hanson
9. Bryan, Courtney & Zachariah Lewis
10. Kayla Gunderson & John Bohl
11. Amanda & Desiree Jump
12. Joseph, Millie, Aiden & Owen Thompson
13. Sara Gehrig & Heather Tranko
14. Sindy, Isaiah, Nicodemus, & Alexandria Zakrzewicz
15. Kyle & Stephanie Chevriier



Through Marriage

1. Sara Shadick (Josh)
2. Nicole Neuenschwander (Derek)
3. Mary Mohr (Brian Boese)
4. Josh Schemenauer (Tara Peterson)



As you can see, St. John's is thriving once again with over 60 new members and ready to move into the fall with so many wonderful disciples that God has blessed us with. Please welcome them and let's continue to build up the body of Christ!

Pastor's News

GROWING IN FAITH

Just yesterday I opened up the Halom home for the first time to conduct church business. We were delighted to receive the 9th grade class into our living room where we talked about what faith is and looked at models of faith from the Bible and our lives. As part of the exercise, I spoke about my journey of faith and helped us all realize how difficult it is to trust in others when we're not in control. For example:

- ◆ I entered Luther College hoping to work at a high rise building with a window crunching numbers as an accountant or actuary. I left Luther College hoping to become an ordained camp director.
- ◆ After a year of working part time in a church as a youth director and part time at camp as a program resource, God changed my mind once again and I entered seminary hoping to work in a church.
- ◆ I entered the call process hoping to live in WI or MN. My first call landed me in IL (seemingly the deep south for this Midwestern boy!).
- ◆ I moved to MI having had no prior experience there and little experience in campus ministry (seemingly the far east for this central time zone boy!).
- ◆ I then accepted a call as a solo pastor here at St. John's, despite ALL of my prior experience having worked with another pastor.

Every time I think I have a good idea of where my life is leading, God laughs and introduces me to another plan!

Marla asked a very pertinent question yesterday, "Pastor, how do you know if it's God's plan?" At seminary, we talk about inner call and outer call. The inner call is that little voice inside of you. The outer call comes from people you trust that offer perspective. God speaks to us in many ways. For every example above, God spoke to me directly and through others, which is why those decisions become easier to make.

I hope that our youth understand that they have live models of faith. You could be one of them. We also let them know that they can be live models of faith for their friends. As we move forward as a church, let's all listen to that small voice inside of us and work together in conversation to see where God is leading this church. I'm not going to set the direction on my own. I know better because God has laughed at me before!

Pastor Martin



Council Meeting July 16, 2013

Committees

WORSHIP

-Janice Naset
Chair/Liason
-Lisa Goettl
-Janet Helgeson
-Kathy Geissler
-Janelle Yeakey

FELLOWSHI

-Lyn Pank
Chair
-Pauline Stertz
Liason
-Sue Zwiefelhofer
-Sue Seibel
-Nylah Gust
-Heidi Morning

SOCIAL

-Art Klingenberg
Chair
-Pauline Stertz and
Jordyn Keller
Liason
-Heidi Keller
-Jeff Cole
-Gregg Anderson

YOUTH & EDUCATION

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

DISCIPLESHIP

-Kathy Faschingbauer
and Alice Zinsmaster
Chair/Liason
-Michelle Gasper
-Alice Zinsmaster
-Sue Nehring
-Carrie Anderson
-Terri Bohl

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

-Tom Buchner
Chair
-David Lane
-Stub Naset
-Pete Zeman
-Val Rubenzer
-Dennis Rubenzer
-Nadine Bresina
-Rod Schmidt

President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

- ◆ **Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to amend agenda to add approval of e-mailed June meeting minutes.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Janice Naset to approve agenda.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Adam Ewings to approve the e-mailed June meeting minutes.** Motion carried.

Shelly Lane opened the meeting with a prayer.

- ◆ **Council Comments:** Kathy Faschingbauer brought forth a concern about a monetary donation for the Food Pantry from our congregation. Second offering or loose change offering suggested.
- ◆ **Congregational Input:** None
- ◆ **Committee Reports:**
Standing Committees: None
Audit Committee: Need three members appointed by the council.
Mutual Ministry: Discussion
Devotion schedule: No changes

- ◆ **Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Rod Johnson to accept Financial Report.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Old Business:**
- ◆ **Pastor's Report:** Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Lynette Pank to accept membership to St. John's of: Brian, Courtney & Zachariah Lewis, Kayla Gunderson, Harper & John Bohl, Joseph & Mellissa Thompson family, Sindy, Isaiah, Nicodemus & Alexandria Zakrzewicz, Mary Mohr, Sara Fransway, Kyle & Stephanie Chevrier family, Sara Gehrig & Heather Tanko, Jason Rego, Christine Hanson, Kylie, Braelyn Rego, Amanda Jump, Kylee, Derek & Nicole Neuenschwander, Josh Schemenauer, and Gwendalyn Nemitz. Motion carried. Council member contact information reviewed.
- ◆ Property Committee, Youth & Education Committee and Preschool board to discuss security issues.
- ◆ Pastor Martin to be at Luther Seminary afternoon of July 21-July 25.
- ◆ **Chair Report:** Internet motion to purchase Board/Directors Insurance passed with the majority votes by a count of eight (8) in favor of Option #2 (\$1m coverage), one (1) in favor of Option #1 (\$100,000 coverage), with Jordyn Keller away on a mission trip and the Chair not voting.
- ◆ Monthly updates by committees to be put in the newsletter.
- ◆ Michelle Gasper & Janelle Yeakey will be at our September council meeting for a Preschool update.
- ◆ **Motion made by Adam Ewings and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to accept St. John's Mission Statement.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Membership list: Needs editing, congregational input to be requested.
- ◆ Fall Retreat: Discussion with possible available dates.

- ◆ **New Business:**
- ◆ Preschool Contract: Between St. John's & the Preschool. Committee should be Michelle Gasper, Janelle Yeakey and two (2) council representatives. Will revisit early 2014.
- ◆ Discussion of future changes to continuing resolutions.
- ◆ Office Manager Conference: **Motion made by Kathy Faschingbauer and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to have Tracey McCann attend Soul Support 9/30-10/1/2013.** Motion carried.

Motion made by Rodney Johnson and seconded by Lynette Pank to amend previous motion to allow funding from undesignated memorials to pay for conference. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Shelly M. Lane, secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Pat Boettcher, Lynette Pank, Adam Ewings, Janice Naset, Kathy Faschingbauer, Pauline Stertz, Tom Buchner, Alice Zinsmaster, Rodney Johnson, Jordyn Keller and Shelly Lane.

Announcements

A message from the Council:

Your church council has been installed and is working diligently to be responsible to each of the members of the congregation. To that end we have added a permanent item on our agenda titled "Congregation Comments". At each council meeting (on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.) held at the church we encourage any member of the congregation who has comments, concerns, and/or ideas to come and speak directly to the council. Please contact any council member or Pastor Martin— not for permission but only so that we make arrangements for space and to meet and accommodate guests. As always, the congregation and six standing committees (Fellowship, Discipleship, Property, Worship and Youth) who welcome any member who can share their time, talents, treasures, and serve. Periodically Pastor Martin will call members to serve on special committees and we pray that members of the congregation will step and be active contributors to the life of St. John's. St. John's is blessed to have both young and older members who have differing backgrounds, education, and skills. Please consider sharing them to further the mission of St. John's and make our congregation strong in God's Word.

Regards,
Pat Boettcher
Council Chair

A message from the Worship and Music Committee:

Did you attend the worship in the park? We are planning another worship in the park in September along with rally Sunday.

The worship committee is looking for helper's for Sunday but especially Wednesday service. We need readers, communion helper's, ushers, and someone to run the power point. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church.

If you would like to join our committee our next meeting is August 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Janice Naset
Committee Chair

A message from the Fellowship Committee:

God Bless all the hands that made June 30th, Worship in the Park a great success. Beautiful weather, great attendance, wonderful service and worship music, quirky games and of course plenty of good food!

Next big event, mark your calendars for September 8th, Rally Sunday. If anyone would like to share their time and talents, the Fellowship Committee is for you. The committee meets on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (after service). You are welcome to join the meetings to see what it is all about. "Many hands make light work."

Pauline Stertz
Committee Liason

Announcements

A message from the Social Committee:

A BIG THANK YOU to all who have and continue to give their time and talents to making Agnes Table and Meals-On-Wheels possible through the year. If you are interested in getting involved with the planning of St John's involvement in the community we invite you to stop in and see what it is all about. The committee meets on the second Sunday of the month at 10:00 am. (after service). St John's will be preparing and serving the meal for Agnes Table on September 3rd.

"Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Pauline Stertz
Committee Liason

A message from the Discipleship Committee:

We as a committee have numerous projects to complete this coming year.

1. We will complete a booklet of our church organizations. This will be helpful to our new members.
2. We will also be putting together a time and talent survey.
3. A new pictorial directory is in the works for this fall.
4. Lastly, we will have a stewardship committee plus our discipleship committee. This new committee is established to see the needs and growth of our church.

Anyone is welcome to join these two committee's. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please contact one of the committee members for more information.

Sincerely,
Kathy Faschingbauer
Committee Chair

A message from the Property Committee:

South Landscaping Project-Anyone interested in contributing to the final landscaping project on the south side of the church can do so by making your envelope/check "landscaping" and hopefully we can finish up this fall yet. Thank you!

Shelly Lane
Committee Liason

Financial Comparison

January thru July 23, 2013

	2012	2013	Budget 2013
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1	\$ 4,915.00	\$ 20,826.00	
Income – Jan. 1 – July 23	94,961.00*	106,288.00	131,791.00
Expenses – Jan 1 – July 23	96,809.00	127,116.00	131,791.00
Balance	\$ 3,067.00	\$ -2.00	
Loan – Peoples State Bank Balance Due 7/1	\$ 115,512.00	\$ 98,184.00	
*Includes Loan of \$6,000			



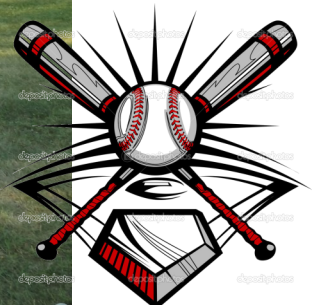
Quilting will be August 17, 2013
from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend .



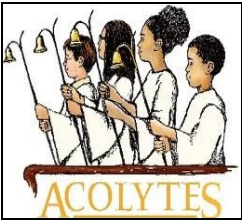
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Communion & Acolyte



Date of Service	Communion Assistant	Acolyte
August 4	Will Vanis Gabriel Mauby	Will Vanis
August 11	Jenna Ruff Julia Johnson	Jenna Ruff
August 18	Chloee Swartz Jessica Gengler	Chloee Swartz
August 25	Cole Michaelsen Rebecca Johnson	Cole Michaelsen

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

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.





AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31



<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>End Time</u>
8/1/2013	Bloomer Fair		
8/1/2013	Friendship Circle	1:30 AM	
8/2/2013	Bloomer Fair		
8/3/2013	Bloomer Fair		
8/4/2013	Bloomer Fair and Parade		
8/4/2013	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
8/5/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
8/7/2013	Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
8/11/2013	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
8/11/2013	Fellowship Committee Meeting	10:00 AM	
8/11/2013	Social Committee Meeting	10:00 AM	
8/12/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
8/13/2013	Council Meeting	6:30 PM	
8/14/2013	Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
8/17/2013	Quilting	9:00 AM	12:00 PM
8/18/2013	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
8/18/2013	Property Committee Meeting	10:00 AM	
8/19/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
8/21/2013	Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM
8/25/2013	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
8/26/2013	Bible Study	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
8/26/2013	Youth Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	
8/26/2013	Preschool Parent Orientation	6:00 PM	7:30 PM
8/27/2013	Preschool Parent Orientation	6:00 PM	7:30 PM
8/28/2013	Worship	7:00 PM	8:00 PM

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so: Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Public Domain

A familiar children's hymn that we sing today, often brings back memories of days gone by when we were children. One memory that comes to mind for me is the person who I encountered as a 7th grade confirmation student. I did not attend Sunday school on a regular basis as a child. When my parents dropped me off for confirmation, I felt like a fish out of water. The kind heart and love that was given me by my teacher encouraged me to keep coming. The seed of faith that was planted at my baptism began to grow. As a high school youth, I often stayed in Bloomer with my Grandma on weekends and discovered the desire to walk to St. John's for worship on Sunday. Today, it is a privilege to share my faith with anyone who comes in to my space. It's that time of year when we focus on fall learning opportunities. I encourage you to look back at your own faith journey and discover the people who were mentors for you. Please consider sharing your faith with the young people at St. John's by giving your time to be a faith mentor in one of many

learning environments. It's sometimes scary to step into an unknown space. Don't worry; God will walk along side of you. There are numerous resources, (people & lesson plans) available as well. Stop by my office, send me an email, or call me if you would like more info, or if you are interested in sharing your time and faith with children and youth.

Sharing Christ with others brings lots of unexpected blessings. Marla



VBS



helpers

Rally Day.....

Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.



Worship at the North Park followed by games and activities.



Charcoal Chicken Dinner will be served.

We will provide the chicken, paper plates, utensils, and beverages.

Bring your favorite dish to share!

All Members, Families, and Guests are welcome!!

SAVE THE DATE

Youth & Ed Committee Meeting:
August 26 @ 5:30 pm in the dining hall

Committee Members

- Adam Ewings: Council Rep.
- Tasha Baker
- Michelle Ruffledt
- Kelly Custer
- Brian Mawby

Your input is valued! Contact committee members with your questions and/or concerns.



Wanted: Adults and Senior High Youth to join the Youth and Family Committee

Do you enjoy brainstorming and planning activities for children, young adults and adults who are young at heart? If your answer is yes, contact a committee member for more info. You'll be glad you did!

WEATHER ALERT!

Summer fun in the Sun can be harmful to your health!
Stay hydrated and don't forget the sunscreen.



REGISTRATION/LEARNING SCHEDULES

Registration for Preschool through Sr. High Sunday & Wednesday learning is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 from 4-7:00 pm and Thursday, August 29 from 4- 7:30pm in the chapel.



Preschool News

Plans are underway for the 2013-2014 school year. We have 36 children registered so far, and we're looking for 4 more children to fill the enrollment. Those interested are welcome to call Michelle Gasper at 715-568-1060.

Please see the following information regarding an exciting grant opportunity. If you are an eligible Thrivent Financial for Lutherans member, we encourage you to contemplate directing your Choice Dollars to our St. John's Lutheran Preschool.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Grant Opportunity – Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recently launched a limited time campaign to give Lutheran educational institutions the opportunity to receive one of five \$2,500 grants.

- ◆ **Grant opportunity number 1** – Any Lutheran educational institution that has Choice Dollars directed to them between May 1 and Sept. 30, 2013 will have the opportunity to be randomly selected to receive a grant.
- ◆ **Grant opportunity number 2** – Any Lutheran educational institution that has eligible members direct Choice Dollars to their organization for the *first time* during this campaign, will have the same opportunity to be randomly selected to receive a grant.

Our own St. John's Preschool program is one of the institutions able to receive Choice Dollars from eligible members. If you would like more information regarding designation of Choice Dollars there are two ways to do so:

- ◆ **Call 800-847-4836** and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice". When prompted again say "Choice Dollars". A representative will be available to assist you.
- ◆ **Log on to: www.thrivent.com**. Sign in with your user name and password, or register for an account. Choose the "member benefits" tab, then "Thrivent Choice", then "Choice Dollars". If you are searching for a specific organization, such as St. John's Preschool, just typing "John" for the name, and then the city and state should lead you to us.

If you have questions or run into difficulties, the representatives at the number shown above are very knowledgeable and helpful.

We appreciate the Choice Dollars we've received in the past, and would be very happy to receive them during this limited time campaign as well. Thank you for your continued support!





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Worship in the Park

