

# 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:

- Pastor's News
- Church Council Minutes
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## GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

When I was in campus ministry, one of the greatest opportunities we celebrated each year was our spring break service learning trip. But there was one thing that intrigued me regarding each trip. Why would poor college students be willing to pay several hundred dollars to go on a trip to serve others? Okay, I get it – I just answered my question. They got to go on a trip. They got to get away and while they were away, they chose to make a difference and do something that they will always remember. Part of why I loved those trips so much was due to the fact that these young adults were willing to *sacrifice*.

Those students sacrificed their time in order to work for strangers. They sacrificed time with other friends who did more typical spring break trips. They sacrificed time to rest and relax and they sacrificed their autonomy to create their own schedules. These trips helped them learn about the importance of sacrifice.

The importance of sacrifice is not just a lesson for college students. Sacrifice is something that God calls us to do. Personally, I have found that when I make sacrifices, I experience joy. When I feel that I've made a difference for someone else, that does my heart a whole lot of good.

Friends, as we move into a time where we make improvements to our facility by renovating our two gender specific lower level bathrooms, I hope that you can prayerfully consider making a financial sacrifice for the sake of the hospitality that St. John's provides. I realize that we are all at different places financially where some cannot afford to offer any financial help, yet others of us simply can. The funding for these bathrooms is important, but so is the continued ministry that we offer and financially support through our normal spending. My prayer is that we all consider making sacrifices to support both.

Could you consider any of the following sacrifices for our bathroom renovation fund?

- ◆ Eat out less this month or summer
- ◆ Travel less by car and more by bike or walking to save gas
- ◆ Cool your home less with air conditioning
- ◆ Get a less expensive movie rental instead of going out to the movies

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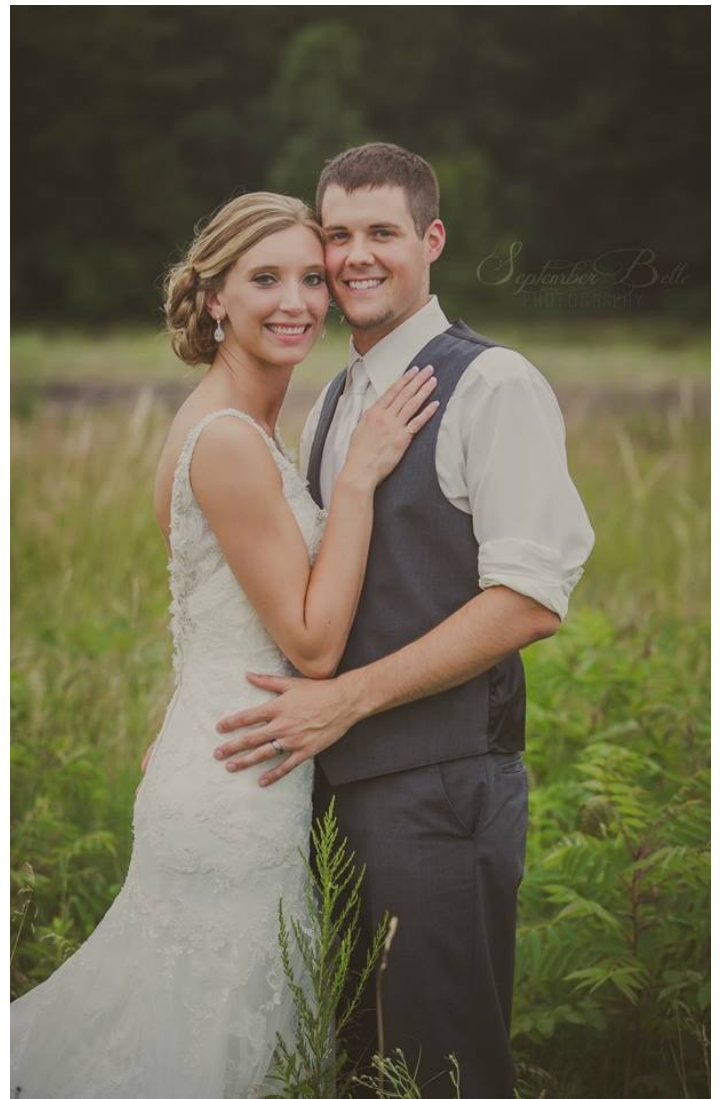
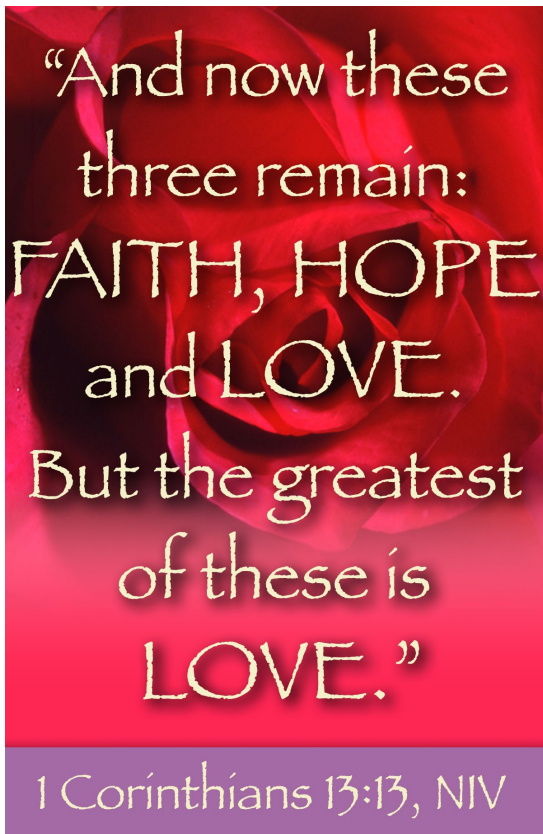
These are but a few common ways to sacrifice for the sake of your church. And these ideas can help you still afford to make your normal offering to the church while still helping out with the bathroom renovation.

I'm thankful for your generosity. I'm also mindful of the sacrifices that God makes for us, most notably the sacrifice of his beloved son for the sake of our salvation. Sacrifices bring joy. Sacrifices honor God's gift to us. Sacrifices deepen our faith.

Peace,  
Pastor Martin

The Social Ministry Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers who took time to deliver meals to the shut-ins in Bloomer. Your generosity allows them to have a hot meal daily, and contact with another person as well. This means a lot to our shut-ins. Thank you to our July volunteers. We will be delivering again in January. It takes about an hour of your time from 11:00am to 12:00 noon each day and you can have free lunch with the seniors at the senior center when you are done. Please consider volunteering next January!

*Nate and Kayla Mullen  
exchanged their vows on  
Saturday, July 11, 2015.  
Congratulations!*





# Bible Basics



## July 5

In today's gospel lesson, Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth. What sort of welcome did he receive?

- A. They took offense because they were skeptical of his abilities
- B. They killed the fatted calf and threw a party because he had been gone for so long
- C. They called him names and mocked him like the soldiers did just before he died on the cross
- D. They went to find his family to notify him of his arrival

**Mark 6:3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

## July 12

Of the 27 New Testament books, how many are claimed to have been written by Paul in their introductory verses?

- A. 4
- B. 10
- C. 13
- D. 23

Stay tuned until next week when we'll find out how many were actually written by Paul!

## July 19

Of the 13 New Testament books attributed to Paul, how many are definitely written by Paul according to most scholars?

- A. 4
- B. 7
- C. 10
- D. 13

Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, 1 Thessalonians, Philemon.

**AUGUST 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<b>27</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>28</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<b>3</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<b>10</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Preschool Orientation/ Open House	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Preschool Orientation/ Open House 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Foundation Committee Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<b>17</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>18</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Gavin Michael Richardson	<b>24</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service	<b>31</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>1</b> First Day of Preschool 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 11:00 AM Pastor attending Bloomer Clergy Meeting 7:00 PM Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	<b>5</b>

## Council Meeting April 14, 2015

**Meeting called to order:** by President Rod Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

**Opening devotion and prayer:** given by Ellyn Hudacek

**Approval of agenda:** Motion made by Pat Boettcher, seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes:** Motion by Kathy Faschingbauer, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to approve the minutes of the June 9th meeting. Motion carried.

**Council member concerns:** None

**Congregational concerns:** Nice to see a memorial in the bulletin and hope this can continue, and also be put in the newsletter. A concern from the last funeral group, that there was no toilet paper and paper towel in the bathroom.

### Committee reports:

- . **Discipleship** – The new member booklet is completed and copies are on the welcome center in the narthex. Actively looking for new members to serve on sub committees for the Generosity project.
- . **Fellowship** – None
- . **Property:** The bathroom project is moving right along, cement should be poured this week. Discussion was as to whether or not to do a fund raiser for the bathroom project. A security mirror for the entrance by the office is here, it just needs to be installed.
- . **Social Ministry:** Baskets of Promise- WELCA gave money to purchase more supplies Agnes Table will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. Meals on Wheels schedule are full for this month.
- . **Worship/Music:** None
- . **Youth/Family:** Summer Stretch is completed, there will be 16 youth going to summer camp, fall schedule, Rally Day, Fundraisers, Mission Trip-Youth Works, Generosity Project-15 youth needed, VBS-40 students attended, parent asked if there would be something for them to do on Wednesday night while their children are at Faith Formation, next meeting will be August 24<sup>th</sup>
- . **Dream Team:** Together at Twilight event- 30-40 adults plus children attended, Pastor Martin and Martha Libersky met with community members

**Chair report:** none

## Council Meeting

### **Pastor's report:**

- . **Membership Update:** Membership by baptism; Issayah Zakrzewicz, Brycen Fetting. Transferred to Church Triumphant; Wayne Pingel. Motion by Kathy Faschingbauer to approve membership update and seconded by Tom Buchner. Motion carried.
- . **Visitations:** Colfax area, several in Bloomer
- . **Staff Reviews:** completed  
Consideration of pulpit switch with First Lutheran in Barron  
Pastor will be on vacation in August – Martha Libersky will cover worship in his absence

**Financial report:** A motion was made by Pat Boettcher, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

### **Old Business: Generosity project – November 6 & 7**

Has it been decided who will buy the kitchen supplies; Pastor Martin will be talking with the ladies.

### **New Business:**

- Pastor review:** Rod handed out a review sheet and is due back at our August meeting.
- Mutual Ministry Committee:** Pastor Martin and the president will appoint members.

Motion was made by Alice Zinsmaster to adjourn, seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned and closed at 8:05 with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Janice Naset, acting Secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Trey Baker, Tom Buchner, Alice Zinsmaster, Pat Boettcher, Adam Ewings, Lynette Pank, Kathy Faschingbauer, Ellyn Hudacek, Janice Naset.  
Absent: Pauline Stertz

# Financial Report - June 2015

	2014	2015	Budget 2015
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$7,513.00	\$3,150.00	
Income – July	\$113,322.00	\$120,756.00	\$138,004.00
Expenses – July	\$115,512.00	\$129,727.00	\$138,004.00
Balance	\$5,323.00	-\$5,821.00	
Loan – Security Financial Bank	\$87,747.00	\$75,754.39	

## FALL PLANT SALE

Fall is the perfect time of the year to divide and plant perennials. I have had many requests to let people know if I will be having a perennial sale. I have decided to take request by appointment so you can request what you would like reserved for you. The sale will probably be in late September. Please watch the bulletins or next months newsletter for dates and times.

Thanks, Tom Buchner



### **A message from the Property Committee:**

I am pleased to let everyone know that the cement was poured in the bathrooms just yesterday (7-18). The next steps in the remodeling project will be to build the stud walls and then the plumbers and electricians will return to run their pipes and wires that will be hidden in the walls before sheetrock is put on. It's nice to continue to see the progress that is being made. New water pipes have been run to the street repairing a leak that has been a problem in the past. This resulted in having to remove some sidewalk, but it will be replaced soon and then the landscape fabric and rock will be put back in place.

We had some perennials that did not survive the winter and they have been replaced. Down To Earth Garden Center replaced a large rhododendron and six other perennials a few weeks ago.

Thank you to everyone that helps keep the outside of our church looking beautiful. Whether it is by planting and watering flowers or pulling the weeds that pop up in the rocks, it is all very much appreciated. We would just like to ask that if there is something you would like to do or donate, please check with the Property Committee first. It could be that what you are interested in doing has already been discussed and planned or donated by someone else.

Thank you for the bathroom donations we have received so far. It will be so nice to have welcoming bathrooms to go with all of the other welcoming aspects of our church.

Nadine Bresina  
Committee Chairperson

### FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

**Sunday Faith Formation: 10:15 am-11:15 am**

Preschool: Ages 3 (by Sept. 1), 4 & sometimes 5  
God's Garden Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Wednesday Faith Formation: 5:30 pm-6:30 p.m**

Preschool: Ages 3 (by Sept. 1), 4 & sometimes 5  
God's Garden Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Bible 101: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Confirmation: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Sr. High Youth: Time, day & place to be announced

### RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

WORSHIP @North Park

POT LUCK MEAL

(Bring your favorite dish to share)



### ACTIVITIES



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS  
SERVING OTHERS



### WEATHER ALERT!

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



### FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS

QUALIFICATIONS: Hearts filled with faith & love for children & youth

BENEFITS: Hugs, smiles, new friends & more.

**FRIENDS IN FAITH (teacher/mentors)** to share time with a group listed in FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES. Contact Marla at 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email [stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net](mailto:stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net).



### CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS & YOUTH  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Dessert: 5:45 pm / Conversation Begins: 6:00 pm



**Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.



### MEET & GREET FAITH FORMATION TEACHER/MENTORS

Parents & children, please join us in the sanctuary on dates listed below.

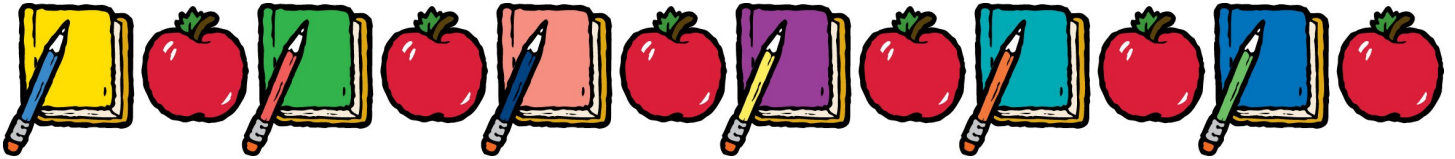
Wednesday, Sept. 16 @ 5:45 pm

Sunday, Sept. 20 @ 10:15 am



# VBS RECAP





## Calling all 3 & 4 year-olds!!

Are you ready for some learning and fun?  
 Would you like to make new friends?  
 If so - St. John's Preschool is  
 waiting for you!!

**Have Mom or Dad call 715-568-1060 today,  
 and ask for Michelle Gasper.**

- State licensed program, since 1995
- Small class size (10 children per class)
- Art, learning centers, music & more
  - Reasonable tuition rates
- Enrollment not dependent upon church affiliation
- Must be at least 3 yrs. old by 9/1/15 to attend

*\*[If your child turns three after Sept. 1st,  
 still feel free to give us a call.  
 Depending on our enrollment numbers,  
 he or she may be able to join us  
 once they have turned three].*

**P.S. We'll be hosting an orientation/open house  
 Mon. Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> and Tues. Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> from  
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. If there are still openings  
 at that time, we'll also be taking registrations.  
 Hope to see you there!**

