



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:

- ♦ Church Council Minutes
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2017-18 LSM Cont Ed

We have repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery! Now what?

Our synod is one of the 18 synods that passed a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and memorialized the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to do the same, which it did last August! **It is one thing to pass a resolution. It is another thing altogether to live into it.**

Our LSM board is taking the four resolves of these assembly resolutions seriously (they call for study and engagement). Representatives of the LSM board, and members of our Synod Women's Organization Racial Justice Advocates team, went to Chicago to meet at our church-wide office with Gordon Straw, Prairie Rose Seminole and Inez Torres Davis. Their goal was to map out what 9 sessions, 6 hours each, would look like. Based on that conversation, the LSM board has planned an entire year of "study and engagement," led by American Indian and other scholars, including time spent on the reservations of American Indian nations in our synod listening to elders.

That work is done, and the course is ready for your congregation's LSM graduates to participate. Personally invite them to sign up (forms can be found on the home page of the LSM website). Remind them that your congregation can help with the cost, and that the LSM also provides scholarships.

To see the list of faculty, and the topics they will be discussing with the class, click on this link:

<http://layschoolofministry.org/LSMContinuingEducation.html>

I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to encourage your Lay School graduates to attend and for being part of the effort in our synod to live into our assembly resolution.

Blessings on your ministry,

Bishop Hoyme



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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



Church Council Meeting July 11, 2017

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:30p.m.

Agenda amendment: A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Rod Johnson – motion carried to amend the agenda to move Old Business F (Bloomer Fair Parade) to top of agenda.

Approval of amended agenda: Motion made by Nic Zakrzweicz to approve amended agenda, seconded by Barb Ross. Motion carried.

Old Business-Topic F ‘Bloomer Fair Parade’: Guest- Discussion was held with Janelle Yeakey(Pre-School) in regard to combining the presence of St John’s Lutheran Pre-School and St John’s Lutheran Church in the Bloomer Fair Parade via a float. The float theme is ‘Dr Suess’ combined with ‘Come and See.’ Janelle asked council if volunteers from the congregation could help in the preparing of float material and the assembly of the float. Parade walkers will also be needed to help hand out St John’s information flyers/candies.

Rod Johnson made a motion that council assist with the cost of up to \$200 in the cost of candy and fliers (funds will come from council fund), seconded by Pauline Stertz. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lynette Pank to approve June minutes, seconded by Nic Zakrzweicz. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion was made by Janice Naset to transfer funds over \$500 from Wednesday Meal Account to Property Committee Account to assist in paying for new stove and refrigerator, seconded by Nic Zakrzweicz. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rod Johnson to accept Financial Report, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry:

Mission Statement “Building to Share, Together to Serve”.

Working on the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Committee meeting is scheduled for July 28th

Updating member handbook

Property Committee:

The installation of new stove and refrigerator are in progress. Gas line needs to be installed for stove.

Sacristy project is in progress.

New security system (Tru-Lock Security Systems) will be installed in the church before the start of pre-school.

Social Ministry:

St John’s delivered Meals-On-Wheels in the month of July

Social Ministry Committee will be meeting on July 23 at 10:00a.m. in the church library

St John’s will be hosting Agnes Table August 24th

Having envelopes made up to put into pews for scheduled special collections Social Ministry outreach opportunities

Accepting suggestions for outreach programs that members of the congregation would like to see

Picked hymns through October.

Next meeting scheduled for September 24th

Church Council Meeting

Worship/Music Ministry:

Service at Luther Park evaluation: suggested to do retreat Friday and Saturday with a Saturday night worship open to everyone and then have regular scheduled Sunday worship.
 September 6th – Wednesday ‘Rally Day’, September 6th and 10th ‘Backpack Blessing’,
 October 15th ‘Pet Blessing’, October 29th ‘Reformation Sunday, November 5th ‘Commitment Sunday’
 Discussion of Wednesday worship style compared to Sunday
 Discussion on adding percussion to some songs
 Changed congregation picked songs on 5th Sunday in October to 4th Sunday due to Reformation Sunday being on the 5th Sunday of month
 Picked hymns through October.
 Next meeting scheduled for September 24th

Council President Report:

Via e-mail vote....Motion was made by Lisa Prill to accept proposal from Tru Lock Security System. Seconded by Phil Skaar. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report:

Premarital counseling
 Continued working with Discipleship Ministry Committee
 Engaging member participation
 Elderly visitations: Merv and Ruth Marquardt, Jeannette Wolf, Gloria Lambert, Sharon Knoepke, Sue Zwiefelhofer, Marquerite Werner, Parkview apartments meeting, Funeral planning meeting with member/s
 Attended ordination of Luci Sesvold in Chippewa Falls, Kay Flint burial, Howard Weber funeral, Pastor Huget funeral, Staff reviews in progress
 New members: Brad and Kim Schulze. Motion was made by Ellyn Hudacek to accept membership update, seconded by Rod Johnson. Motion carried.
 Upcoming plans/dates of vacation

Old Business:

Discussed Council Covenant
 Discussed update active/inactive member list
 Website update – Pastor recruited a couple to view website rough draft and come back with opinion/suggestions. Website update in progress.
 Pastoral Annual Review: Council discussed and reviewed in closed session Pastor’s completed annual review questionnaire. Pastor returned and further discussion was held on.... Prioritizing items, delegating with direction, educating new members on opportunities for involvement.
 Discussed Task Force for Reformation Sunday and God’s Work Our Hands.

New Business:

Discussed process/timeline for filling upcoming vacancy (Book keeper).

Council to do list: Book keeper job description, Covenant, communication survey, interview team

Motion was made at 9:20p.m. by Philip Skaar to adjourn meeting, seconded by Tom Buchner. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the ‘Lord’s Prayer’

Acting Secretary/ Pauline Stertz

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

Financial Report-2017

	2016	2017	BUDGET 2017
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,465.00	\$4,399.00	
Income 1/1 - 7/14	\$109,512.00	\$108,214.00	\$128,101.00
Expenses 1/1 - 7/14	\$120,416.00	\$112,293.00	\$128,101.00
Balance	(\$6,439.00)	\$320.00	
Loan - Security Financial	\$71,623.00	\$62,623.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$3,365.00	-0-	Bathrooms
Loan - Security Financial		\$10,000.00	Gen. Fund



AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service with guest preacher Peter Bredlau	31 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	1 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting	2 6:45 PM Worship Service with guest preacher Jennifer Larson Larue	3	4 5:30 PM Beres & Ludvigsen Rehearsal	5 3:00 PM Beres & Ludvigsen Wedding
6 9:00 AM Worship Service	7 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	8 6:30 PM Church Council	9 6:45 PM Worship	10	11 Newsletter Article Deadline	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM Preschool Carnival	14 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Youth in Action 6:30 PM Youth Gathering Meeting	15 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting 5:30 PM Preschool Open House	16 6:45 PM Worship	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship Service with guest preacher Martha Libersky	21 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	22	23 6:45 PM Worship Service with guest preacher Martha Libersky	24	25	26
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FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Sunday Faith 5: 10:15 am-11:30 am

Growing in God's Garden: Preschool: Ages 3 (by Sept. 1), 4 & sometimes 5 & Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Wednesday Faith 5: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Preschool: Ages 3 (by Sept. 1), 4 & sometimes 5

Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Confirmation: 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

Sr. High Youth: 5-7 pm Second & fourth Monday of each month

WEATHER ALERT!

SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH!

STAY HYDRATED AND DON'T FORGET THE SUN SCREEN



PARENT ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION PRESCHOOL-8TH GRADE

SEPTEMBER 10, 10:15 AM IN DINING HALL

SEPTEMBER 13, 5:45 PM IN SANCTUARY



SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 6: RALLY DAY

4:45-6 PM

YOUTH & ADULT
ACTIVITIES



MEAL 4:45-5:45 PM



FOOD, FUN &
FELLOWSHIP

"COME & SEE"



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 bible stories with pre-school through 8th grade youth on Sundays & Wednesdays. For more info or to volunteer contact Marla at 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email

stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.



God is love!

MEET & GREET FAITH FORMATION PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE

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

Wednesday, Sept. 20 @ 5:30 pm in Sanctuary

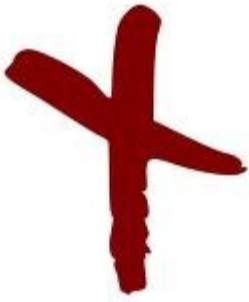
Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 10:15 am in fellowship hall lower level



AUGUST

Children
are
A gift
FROM THE
Lord.
THEY are
A reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING



**2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
JUNE 27-JULY 1 HOUSTON TEXAS**

THE GATHERING BELONGS ON THE TIMELINE OF YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

WHO: 8TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE YOUTH, PARENTS AND INTERESTED ADULTS

WHAT: PREPARE FOR ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 14 @ 6:30 PM

WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, DINING HALL

The Gathering seeks to be a place, an event where young people can encounter God in new ways and grow in their faith. All 8th through 12th grade youth are invited to come and see and experience how The Gathering will change everything!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEK OF HOPE MISSION TRIP

At 9 am on Saturday, June 24, six Sr. high youth along with one adult chaperone, suitcases, air mattresses, sleeping bags, and snacks (can't go on a mission trip without snacks) boarded the bus for the journey to Cincinnati Ohio. Some of us napped, some of us read, some of us watched movies, played games or sent texts to friends and family left behind as we traveled to Urbana Illinois, stopping for food (snacks aren't quite enough) along the way. We arrived at St. Matthews Lutheran church after 6 hours of travel time, just in time to attend the evening worship. Next stop after worship, Monical's Pizza for the best pizza in town, and then back to St. Matthews for some talk time, games and a quick shower before lights out. Wake up time at 7 am on Sunday, June 25 and ready to board the bus at 8:15 am to finish the journey to Cincinnati, arriving at Trinity United Methodist Church, our home away from home in Covington, Kentucky, after a mere 3 hours of travel time. Youth groups from a variety of places began to arrive as well. We were about to become a part of a larger family consisting of 58 youth, 10 adult chaperones, and 6 Group staff members. The frenzy began as everyone unpacked vehicles, found sleeping spaces, took suitcases etc. to sleeping spaces and got acquainted with new roommates in time for the 5 pm meal, then free time to play until worship at 7 pm. Work crews were formed after worship and then it was time for sleep before wakeup call at 7 am. Each youth from St. John's was assigned to a different work crew. Sites that were served are the New Richmond Boys & Girls Club, Buenger Boys & Girls Club, WCC Camp, City Gospel Mission, Nest, and Trinity United Methodist Food Mission. The daily schedule began at 7 am with breakfast followed by worship, then off to a work site until 3pm, free time until 5pm meal, free time until 7:30 pm worship, and free time until 11 pm lights out. Crew members were sent out to build relationships with the people of Cincinnati and experience God working through them at projects such as teaching dance and literature to inner-city children at the local Gospel Mission, packing and sorting supplies that will be sent to needy families in developing nations, lead activities for inner-city youth at local Boys and Girls Club, prepare food for feeding locations and interact with children coming for lunch and arts and crafts, help elderly residents at assisted living centers with activities, games, and other needs and renovate a Frisbee golf course at a camp. The long journey back to Bloomer began at 8 am on Friday. After a full day of travel, arriving at St. John's at 9 pm, we were thankful for the family we had become as we served others in need, thankful for the new friends we had met, and thankful for our families who were waiting for us with smiling faces and hugs, and with a deeper appreciation for the everyday things in life that we often take for granted knowing that we have given a piece of ourselves to make a difference in someone else's life.



THANK YOU to all members of St. John's and friends from the Bloomer Community who gave support with prayers and financial contributions to Sr. High Youth attending the Week of Hope Mission Trip in Cincinnati Ohio. We could not have done it without you!

Blessings from Tianna Buchholz, Jaden Halom, Nicholas Halom, Jessica Gengler, Dane Michaelson, Chloe Swartz and Marla Paulson.