



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

"Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's Love!"

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Pastor Halom

Youth & Family
Announcements

9th Grade Faith
Statement

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Grade Faith Statement

To me God has always been a part of my life. Being raised to know and love God has always made things different. Having both your parents, a grandparent, and a great uncle being pastors, and other important people, makes it so I have God in every part of my life.

To me God is the creator of everything, and loves each and every person God has created. In this world, there are lots of bad things, and I believe, if you want to get out of those situations, and you let God help, God will. There have always been sacrifices that have needed to be made, but God has sacrificed the most out of everyone. God has sent his only Son to be crucified. Jesus has done so many things to prove that he is God's son. Some of my favorites are, feeding 5,000 people with some random kid's lunch, turning jugs of water into wine, walking on water, making a blind man see again, and most importantly dying on the cross, and coming back to life three days later.

God has blessed me with an amazing life. I have a nice house, an amazing family, and great friends. I don't know what I would do without God in my life. God has given me a thoughtful mind, a healthy body that is in good enough shape to play sports, and an outgoing personality that is willing to talk to people. God has helped me through my life so far, and I believe that He will keep helping me through the rest of it. I hope that I can keep growing in my relationship with God, and that I will become something more than I am now.

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

Please Join Our Church Family In Prayer



As we enter the month of August, please join our church family in prayer. Below you will find a list of those who we will be praying for. If you or someone you know would like to be added to one of the list please stop by the church office, call the office at 715-568-5446, or email the information to: stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net



Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Donna Kerckhove & Rene Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughters), Tom Buchner, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Maggie Olson, Merv Marquardt, Arlene Christianson, Steve Trubshaw, Ramsey Dahmer, Rod Martin, Evelyn Ferstenou, Clyde Shipman.

Prayers for our Active Military

Jacob Dachel, Jacob Johnson, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of August 2nd: Art and Karen Klingenberg; Darren, Leanne, Kristine and Nicold Knutson; Laurie, Ethan, Hunter, Josh and McKenna Koehler; Dustin, Erica and Jordynn Kragness.

Prayers for the week of August 9th: Janet Krenz; Kari, Scott, Dawson, Kailee and Zakary Krenz; Dave Kressin; Jason, Kelsey, Bentley and Kendall Kroening; Ricky, Victoria, Amanda and Tina Krueger.

Prayers for the week of August 16th: Brenda and Trent LaGessee; Brenda, Ryan, Lily and Mason LaGessee; Brian, Kerena, Isaac and Ty Gerrits; Daniel and Diane LaGessee; David and Dawn LaGessee.

Prayers for the week of August 23rd: Deborah LaGessee; Samuel and Wendy LaGessee; Dale Lambert; Gloria Lambert; Dave, Michelle and Brennan Lane; Edward, Lori, Joe, Nicole and Sam Lanzer.

Prayers for the week of August 30th: Kathleen, Ross and Madie Larson; Bob and Jean LaTour; Bryan, Courtney, Gabriella, Tessa and Zachariah Lewis; Deanna, Robin and Timothy Lewis.

Church News

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2020

If you are interested in registering your child for preschool, please download the child health report & registration packet on the St. John's website under "PRESCHOOL" tab. If you have any questions, please contact **Beth Cullen at (715) 497-2739.**



A REQUEST FROM OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is in need of egg cartons. If you have extras headed for recycle center or the "circular file" please ... **DIVERT THEIR DESTINATION!** Please spread the word.

THANK YOU!!

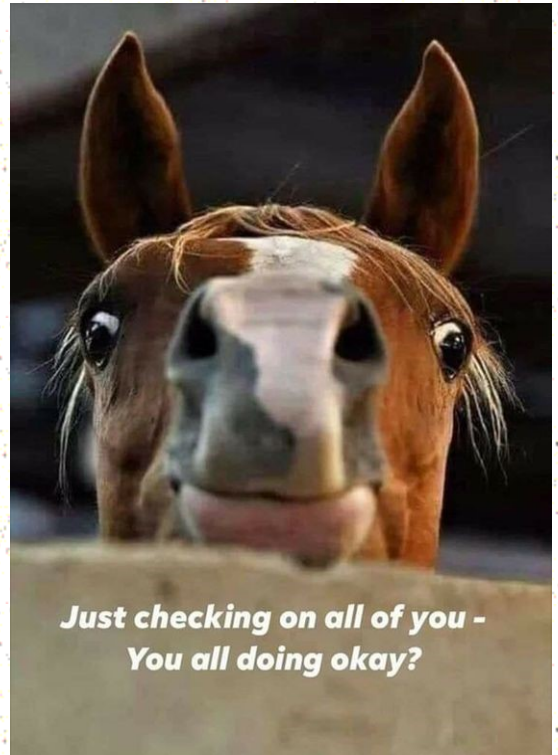
St. John's is assisting our local Food Pantry with making sandwiches for our local youth this summer. Those who wish to help, please meet at the Church Dining Room on **Monday, August 3rd & August 17th at 7:00 p.m.**

THANK YOU!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020

Mitchell Calkins	Isabelle Hillman	Kianna Turner
Cayce Grambo	Charlie Lewis	Morgan Walta
Dalton Grambo	Josh Prill	Kelly Yeakey
Nicholas Halom	Trent Tozer	

May God bless your futures with great joy in your endeavors!



*Just checking on all of you -
You all doing okay?*

FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of July 27, 2020

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$125,595.50
Other Raised Funds	10,246.32
Total Received	\$ 135,841.82
- Expenses	\$-136,474.92
Total remaining after expenses	\$ - 633.10

Deadline for September Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than

August 24th .

Thank You!!

AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action	27	28 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	29 6:45 PM Worship Service- Senior Recognition, North Park Pavilion	30 Bloomer H.S. Graduation Ceremony	31	1
2 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines 10:00 AM Worship Committee Meeting	3 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Sandwich Making	4 5:30 PM Pre-School Board Meeting- TENTATIVE	5 6:45 PM Worship Service- Parking Lot	6	7	8
9 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines 2:00 PM Baptism 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action	10	11 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	12 9:30 AM St. John's Foundation Meeting 6:45 PM Worship Service- Parking Lot	13	14	15
16 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines	17 5:00 PM Youth Committee (tentative) 7:00 PM Sandwich Making	18	19 6:45 PM Worship Service- Parking Lot	20 6:30 PM F.I.N. Meeting - Via Zoom	21	22
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Church Council Minutes *(via Zoom)* July 14, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, June 12, 2020: A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property:

A string trimmer is needed. Tom is checking with Shadick's Hardware.

May need to purchase a machine for waxing floors.

Al will address the issue with the light in the sanctuary.

There is a sinkhole in the parking lot that will need to be repaired.

Suggestion to replace grass in play area with woodchips.

Social Ministry:

Random Act of Flowers project is in the works. Donated flowers from local gardens or left after weddings/funerals will be repurposed to distribute to residents in area nursing homes. A refrigerated place is needed for storing flowers.

Youth and Family Ministry:

Youth in Action members participated in a service day at Luther Park on July 14.

Work included moving furniture in cabins and cleaning in chapel.

Senior High Recognition will be held Wednesday, July 29. Tentative location is North Park. Cupcake and ice cream reception will be held afterward.

2021 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis dates are June 29-July 3.

Council President's Report: Reminder to submit action items for the agenda ASAP.

Pastor's Report:

St. John's has received two grants that will cover the cost of the digital video camera and purchase of four laptops for staff and council use.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to go into closed session at 7:13 PM. Motion carried. Returned to open session at 7:43 PM.

Old Business

Council Terms/Seats: Tabled until August meeting.

COVID Situation Update: In person attendance is around 20 on Sundays, less than 10 on Wednesdays. Online worship will continue indefinitely.

Council Retreat: Postponed indefinitely.

Church Council Minutes *(continued)*

July 14, 2020

New Business

Preschool Considerations:

Preschool Staff and Board member representatives: Beth Cullen, Crystal Erickson, Courtney Erickson, Kayla Gunderson.

Preschool board would like to follow Bloomer Public School on reopening plans.

St. John's Council is responsible for building use, therefore Preschool would need approval.

Discussed safety measures, CDC guidelines, cleaning procedures, protocol for exposure.

Fall Programming Considerations: (Youth and Family Ministry Director – Katie O'Connell)

Intend to survey families to determine comfort level regarding return to in person learning.

Suggestion to go to either all in person or all online versus a mix.

Decided against Wednesday meals at this time as social distancing would be difficult.

Plan to begin learning online.

Feedback Form Discussion: Council is asked to be ready to discuss in August.

Charcoal Chicken Fundraiser:

Tentative date – Sunday, September 20 at Shadick's parking lot. Carry out only.

Lisa will apply for Thrivent Action Grant.

Melissa will check with Wendy on date. Suzi will contact Barb.

Sandwiches for School:

Dianne Boettcher contacted St John's about providing 100 sandwiches that will be distributed from a bus in Shadick's parking lot to school age children.

Members would donate supplies and put together sandwiches, approximately four times over summer, beginning Tuesday, July 21. (Assembly on Monday evening, July 20.)

Volunteers are needed for donations and assembly.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:48 PM by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Martin.

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 August 11, 2020 at 5:30.**

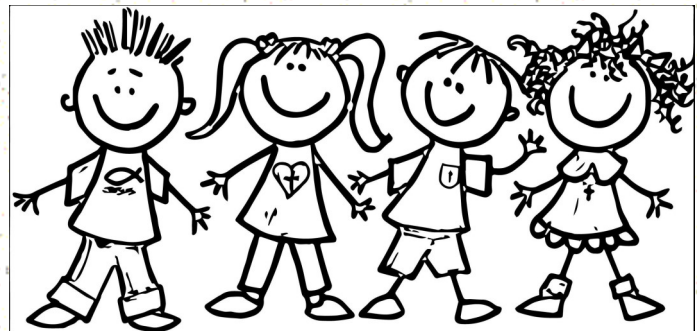
Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present via Zoom: Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Melissa Sarauer, Suzi McInnis, Kathy Tozer, Tom Ewings, Adam Anderson, Pat Prill, Lisa Prill, Katie O'Connell, Beth Cullen, Crystal Erickson, Courtney Erickson, Kayla Gunderson. **Absent:** Lydia Blaha, Marcy Trubshaw, Driah Zakrzewicz.

Youth Announcements

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE:
ELCA National
Youth Gathering



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

WE'VE GONE ONLINE!!! Head over to the
St. John's website to find the link to
register your child(ren) for Faith Formation.

FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

As we're getting ready for the Fall, we want YOUR
input of how you would like to see Faith Formation
start, your comfort levels, and your expectation.
Check your email, Facebook, or the St. John's web-
site for the link to that survey.

Who: Youth in 8th-12th grade at the time
of registration (Fall 2020)

When: June 29-July 3, 2021

Where: Minneapolis, MN

Informational Meeting:

August 30th @ 6:30pm -- More details to come

YOUTH IN ACTION

When: August 9 & 30 @ 5:30

Where: Via Zoom unless
otherwise noted at a
future date

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

When: August 26th

Keep an eye out for more information
regarding Confirmation orientation.



SENIOR RECOGNITION

Join us on July 29th at North Park to help
us celebrate our graduating seniors
during worship. There will be a cupcake

Worship Committee Meeting

May 31, 2020 via Zoom

Members Present: Janice Naset, Pastor Martin, Janelle Yeakey, Tyler Halverson, Kathy Geissler, Jeff Cole

Members Absent: Jan Helgeson, Beth Halverson

Opening Discussion: To help us determine the reason and how to re-open.

What is the purpose of Worship?

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| - Guidance | - Sources of information |
| - To be together | - Singing & Music |
| - To praise and glorify God | - Be thankful for life's blessings |
| - Holy Communion | |

Note: Church Council will determine date to re-open; Worship Committee will work to do so in a safe manner.

Decisions:

Worship services will be held on outdoors on Wednesdays (weather permitting) and inside on Sundays.

Indoor Services

- Face coverings required for indoor services. Mask will be available for those who show up without one.
- Worshippers will enter through the Newman Street entrance and exit through the back of the church. Exception will be made for those needing to use the elevator.
- Seating:
 - Pews will be 'spaced' 6 ft apart. Painter's tape will be used to block off pews.
 - People will be encouraged to sit at the end of the pews, 3-4 people to a pew (ex: 2 at each end). Families larger than 4 may sit together in one pew.
 - Capacity: 90 people
- All hymnals, pencils, etc. will be removed from the pews.

Outdoor Services

- Face coverings encouraged.
- Seating: Service will be held at the parking lot of the church. Worshipers should plan to bring their own chairs.

Online Services

The Sunday service will be recorded live and uploaded by noon.

Instructional Video

Pastor and Tyler will work to organize a video on expectations.

Service Presentation

Music – prelude, postlude, music during prayers. Possibility of adding in special music. Spoken response will be limited to approximately 3 words.

Ex: Amen, Hear our prayer

Eliminate Psalms

Sharing of Peace – no physical sharing but verbal response of “and also with you”

Offering – stations at front/back of church with hand sanitizer

Communion Suggestion

- Serve at front, potentially on the way out of the service
- Single serve cups spaced out in trays
- Wafers from Pastor
- Garbage receptacles for cups

Building spaces open

Bathrooms open—Upstairs & 2 bathrooms located off dining hall

Do not enter signs will be posted throughout the church to limit people to the entrance and exit areas, sanctuary, and open restrooms only.

Chairs and coffee will be removed from the narthex.

Letter From Pastor Martin

WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

A Journey of Faith

One of my favorite books of the bible is Exodus. When I think about how much action is contained in those riveting 40 chapters, I really get caught up in the adventure for the Israelites. As you may recall, God (in the form of a burning bush) called Moses to free them from the hands of Pharaoh. After 10 plagues had passed, culminating in the Passover when Pharaoh finally agreed to let them go, Moses and the Israelites were free people. But as the story goes, Pharaoh made one last ditched effort to bring them back until Moses parted the Red Sea for the Israelites, but not so much for the Egyptian army. But then what?

I have to believe that they had many questions:

Where are we going?
 How will we get there?
 Will we have enough supplies?
 What rules will we follow?

We, as readers, know the answers to these questions.

Israel, the promised land
 Wandering through the wilderness for 40 years
 Yes, for God provided
 How about the 10 Commandments?

The last four months, I have felt like we've been wandering through the wilderness. I've been basically thinking about those same questions. The Israelites were used to their lives as slaves living under the rules and customs of the Egyptian empire. We have grown accustomed to our lives as free people living under the traditions of the Lutheran church. But covid-19 has changed so many things.

I've learned from theologians that the 40 year wilderness wanderings were tough times for the Israelites, but at the same time they were glorious years because they realized how utterly dependent they were on God's providence. We are in a difficult time now, but if we take a page out of Exodus, we too can understand how utterly dependent we are on God's providence. Covid-19 has left the world changed. How will we as a church adapt?

Unlike the book of Exodus, our story has not yet ended. As much as I want to give you the answers to the above questions, I cannot because our story continues. But I can tell you this – God will provide – somehow, some way.

When Joshua took the Israelites into the promised land, he declared, "...but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15) Our journey of faith has shifted because the world has shifted. But our destination remains the same – Emmanuel, God with us.

Pastor Martin



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PASTORAL/ CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Need a visit? Yearning for Holy Communion? Have a problem? Want to suggest ways we can be of more help to you and your family? Feel you'd like to pray with someone?

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