



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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LETTER FROM PASTOR HALOM

JUST BREATHE

In biblical times, life and death was defined by one's ability to breathe. Nowadays, doctors look for a heartbeat and brain activity. Clearly things have changed! But there's a big part of me that clings to the notion of how important breathing is.

When I first started band at Luther College, my conductor Fred Nylind taught those of us with wind instruments how important our breathing was when playing our various instruments. Truly, it's the foundation that sustains our music! That lesson has most definitely lasted with me ever since then.

One of my favorite bible verses is the following: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:10) Even though breathing is not directly addressed, I still use this verse while breathing deeply to calm myself or to enter into a deeper meditative state. Breathing is still foundational.

The Hebrew and Greek words for Spirit (Ruach and Pneuma) both can be translated as wind or breath. When God gave Adam and Eve life, God breathed the Holy Spirit into them. This was the start of humankind. Likewise, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit flew around those gathered in the upper room and gave them new life 50 days after Jesus rose again. This was the start of the Christian church. In both stories, breathing is central.

I've been spending some time reflecting on the stresses of this past year and breathing has helped me regroup. As I think about what the future holds for our church family, what God has in store for us now that we worship both in person and at home, I've been praying that the Holy Spirit will breathe new life into us once again. And to be completely honest, I've found the answers to my prayers in our church leadership, both staff and elected leaders.

Just yesterday I spent three hours with Katie thinking about what youth ministry will look like this year, especially after a year like last year. As we dreamed together and considered new ideas and challenged old traditions, I left with a renewed sense of hope and life (and a very tired brain!) Last week, our new preschool staff and dedicated committee met for the first time which resulted in a conversation filled with passion for children and a hopeful future after a year's break. Yes, God answers prayers by breathing new life through the Holy Spirit.

There are others of you who have also been an answer to prayer in both big and small ways for which I am thankful. When I see people commit to ministry opportunities because you care for our God and our church, I smile thankfully. Keep it up my friends and don't forget to just breathe!

Pastor Martin

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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:

Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Lucy Anderson; Arne Windsor; Arlene Christianson; Maggie Olson; Brennan Anderson; Carolyn Bergh; Russ Dachel; Kelly Custer; Steve Trubshaw; Margueritte Werner; Rod Martin; Merv Marquardt; Clyde Shipman; Donna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Tom Buchner; Ilene Pingel; Clyde Shipman.

Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Jacob Dachel, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens,
Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of August 1st: Anna & Christopher Hilger; Joseph, Kathleen, Eric, Lucas & Mitchell Hilger; Jason, Laurice, Abrina, Gabe & Isabelle Hillman; Amanda & Aubree Holm.

Prayers for the week of August 8th: Candi & Gregory Homme; Brett, Tianna, Benton & Greta Huber; Ellyn, Jim, Jeffry & Joy Hudacek; Janie & Robert Jacobson; Matthew, Samantha & Graham Jandourek.

Prayers for the week of August 15th: Karen & Rod Johnson; Heather, Robert & Ava Kasperek; Heidi, Jamie, Haley, Jordyn & RyAnna Keller; Jeanie, Justin, Kelsey & Wyatt Kettner.

Prayers for the week of August 22nd: John, Tami, Cicely & Dayne Kiecker; Joseph, Trista & Gauge Klemish; Art Klingenberg; Darren, Leanne, Kristine, Nicole Knutson; Laurie, Ethan, Hunter, Josh & McKenna Koehler.

Prayers for the week of August 29th: Dustin, Erica & Jordynn Kragness; Janet Krenz; Kari, Scott, Dawson, Kailee & Zackary Krenz; David Kressin; Jason, Kelsey, Bentley & Kendall Kroening.

AUGUST 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship Service	2	3	4 6:45 PM Worship Service	5 Bloomer Community Fair	6 Bloomer Community Fair	7 Bloomer Community Fair
8 Bloomer Community Fair 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Heart for Luther Park	9 7:00 PM COVID Task Force Meeting (Zoom)	10 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom) 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	11 6:45 PM Worship Service	12 6:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship Service 1:00 PM Youth In Action (tentative)	16	17 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group	18 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Preschool Open House 6:45 PM Worship Service	19 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Preschool Open House	20	
22 9:00 AM Worship Service	23	24 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom)	25 6:45 PM Worship Service	26	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship Service		31	1 6:45 PM Worship Service	2	3	4

Church News

WANTED

St. John's Library needs some help; we are looking for a volunteer to paint the library walls.

It's time for some sprucing up to give us a fresh look.

If interested please contact Kathy Geissler at 715-568-1782 or email

Geissler @ bloomer.net

by Wed. August 4th.

Neighbor
To
Neighbor



A new
ministry
of the
Northwest
Synod of
WI

Details can be found on
bulletin boards at both
church entrances.

Quilting Group

Will be meeting on
August 17th
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!!



Wanted

Care of Creation leaders!
This is the social justice issue
that was selected and we can
start saving our planet now!
Please contact Pastor Martin
if interested or for further
questions.

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
Aug. 25th.
Thank You!!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2021

PROMOTING POLICE-COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS AND
NEIGHBORHOOD CAMARADERIE

Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5-8 p.m.

Oak Street between the Ambulance & Fire Dept.

Activities include: Tours, inflatables, free hotdogs, learning hands only CPR, meet Rocky the K-9, meet members of police, ambulance & fire departments.

Special appearance from the Life Link III Helicopter Crew

(weather permitting)

FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of July 30, 2021

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$126,209.54
Other Raised Funds	<u>17,570.26</u>
Total Received	\$143,779.80
- Expenses	<u>\$-124,844.34</u>
Total remaining after expenses	\$ 18,935.46

NOTE

"Other raised funds" now includes all preschool funds that were merged into our committee accounts (\$9,825.54) and recent youth fundraising totals (\$5,632.50). Removing these totals leaves a net income of **\$3,477.42** for the church. Please also note that we have needed to borrow \$12,000 year-to-date to cover church expenses.

Church Council Minutes (via Zoom)

July 12, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: Prayer by Pastor Martin, with special prayer requests for Janelle's family on the loss of her grandfather; Terri's sister-in-law's family on the loss of their brother; Sierra's family on the loss on her father; high school students and chaperones participating in Colorado mission trip.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda amended to add Financial Report; under New Business: Item B, Email vote from June 16, 2021, and Item C, Bloomer parade on August 8. Motion made by Janelle Yeaker, seconded by Adam Anderson, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2021: Motion made by Adam Anderson, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee:

- One ceiling fan in the church doesn't operate properly. Cost for three new fans is approximately \$2,000-\$3,000.

Worship/Music Committee:

- Returning to pre-COVID music selections.
- Hymnals will be returned to the pews.
- Discussing the possibility of adding a Praise band.
- Returning to pre-COVID Communion.
- Offering will be brought forward from narthex during offering song.
- Children's Sermon will return in the fall with the possibility of Katie leading.
- Sharing of the peace will return but in a non-contact form.

Youth and Family Ministry:

- VBS will be July 25-28 at North Park 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Meal will be provided. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family.

Preschool:

- Will be operating at half capacity because there is only one teacher.

President:

- Will set regular meeting time at August council meeting.

Pastor's Report:

- Release of membership: Clifford Romfoe. Motion made by Tyler Halverson, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Church Council Minutes *(continued)*

Old Business:

- Pastor Martin's annual staff review. Motion made by Marcy Trubshaw, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to go into closed session at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marcy Trubshaw, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to go back into open session at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried.

- COVID Task Force met June 28. Determined funeral meals and eventually Wednesday evening meals could be offered again. People will be serving meals instead of self-serve. There will be 6 chairs per table, and tables will be spaced out as much as possible. Current safety protocols remain in place. Motion made by Janelle Yeakey, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk, to return to having funeral meals. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Luther Park golf outing fundraiser is August 12. Pastor Martin will put notice on Facebook and send emails to known golfers to get a team together.

- Church Council special meeting held via email on June 16, 2021. Motion made by Janelle Yeakey to offer the Preschool Teacher/Administrator/Director position to Christina Simon, and to offer the Teacher Assistant position to Krissie Jacobsen. Seconded by Melissa Sarauer. Motion carried.

- Bloomer parade is August 8. Discussed having a presence for St. John's Preschool in parade.

Financial Report:

Discussed benevolence payments and money in Undesignated Memorials fund. Motion made by Terri Smith, seconded by March Trubshaw, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:43 p.m. by Janelle Yeakey, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw. Motion carried.

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

Next regular council meeting will be August 10, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Terri Smith, Secretary

Present via Zoom: Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Adam Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Janelle Yeakey, Kaitlyn Bohl, Marcy Trubshaw, Terri Smith. **Absent:** Lydia Blaha, Melissa Sarauer, Pat Prill.

Youth Announcements

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

THANK YOU!!!

On July 10-16, 9 youth and 3 chaperones spent the week in Loveland, Colorado and it was a major success!! We had one group working hard to transform a playground from a weed garden back into a playground, and another group repainting homes and staining decks for various Loveland community members. We learned so much about not only each other and those we were around, but also about ourselves. This week would not have been able to happen without each of you. We thank you for all of your donations, your encouragement, and your prayers.

Stay tuned over the next few months as we hear from those who went on the mission trip throughout church, on Facebook, and in our newsletter.



YOUTH IN ACTION



Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth

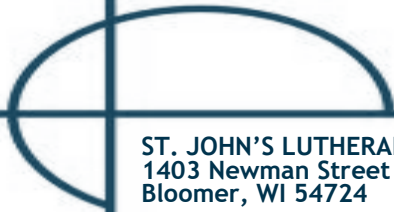
When: Sunday, Aug 15th @ 1:00 p.m. (tentative)

Where: Leaving from St. John's to go to Luther Park

Join us as we head to Luther Park to do their **HIGH ROPES COURSE!!!** Whether you want to be up in the trees or down on the ground, there is a space for everyone! Katie will send out more information once she finds out more.

MISSION TRIP TO LOVELAND, CO





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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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