



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Church News - Calendar

Letter from Pastor Halom

Confirmation Faith Statements



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A LASTING LEGACY

It was surprising, yet not really. When I got a call from the executors of Darlene Hass to meet, I was left in a curious state. When they arrived at my home on a Friday morning with a check made out to St. John's Lutheran Church totalling \$82,000, my jaw shattered on my driveway, only to be stepped on as I gave a heartfelt thank you hug. What a surprise, especially since it's been nearly 18 months since Darlene's celebration of life service! And yet, if you know anything about Darlene, it's not really a surprise.

I got to know Darlene best during our Monday morning bible studies. As a retired teacher, she valued learning and it showed. As a sister-in-Christ, she valued close friends and it showed. When she contributed with her insightful thoughts, we all were blessed. When we offered our thoughts, we were heard. Those relationships were important to her and yet we were the ones who were blessed. That's because she was deeply rooted in those relationships.

You see, we were a significant part of Darlene's family. That's why she included us in her estate planning and left it up to the church council to determine its use as an undesignated gift. You may not know that the church council has a Gift Acceptance Policy. It was approved six years ago anticipating gifts like Darlene's. You can find it on the homepage of our website at <https://www.stjohns-bloomer.org/>. This policy was developed so that we could be ready to receive legacy gifts and have a process ready to go.

If Darlene's story inspires you, I'd be happy to speak with you about the value of leaving St. John's in your estate planning. I'd also encourage you to discuss this with your family as well as a financial advisor and/or attorney as you plan for end of life decisions. Estate giving is a tremendous opportunity to bolster our mission and further our outreach, so give it some thought!

Darlene's thoughtful gift may very well inspire others to remember St. John's. It's a great reminder of how generosity can inspire generosity, which ultimately feeds right into that mission statement we declare on a weekly basis:

Grow disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!

Pastor Martin

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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

Arlene Christianson; Kyle Ruffedt; Renee Grambo; Julie Chojnacki; Chloe Schulze; Maggie Olson; Austin Summerfield (nephew of Jenn Larson); Bob Kerckhove; Shelli Rogge; Kelly Custer; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Steve Trubshaw.

Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman,
Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of August 7th: Janie and Robert Jacobson; Matthew, Samantha and Graham Jandourek; Karen and Rod Johnson; Heather, Robert, Ava Kasperek; Haley Keller; Heidi, Jamie, Jordyn and RyAnna Keller.

Prayers for the week of August 14th: Jeanie, Justin, Kelsey and Wyatt Kettner; John, Tami, Cicely and Dayne Kiecker; Joseph, Trista, Gauge Klemish; Art Klingenberg; Darren, Leanne, Kristine and Nicole Knutson.






Prayers for the week of August 21st: Laurie, Ethan, Hunter, Josh and McKenna Koehler; Dustin, Erica and Jordynn Kragness; Janet Krenz; Kari, Scott, Dawson, Kailee and Zackary Krenz; David Kressin.

Prayers for the week of August 28th: Jason, Kelsey, Bentley and Kendall Kroening; Ricky, Victoria, Amanda, Tina Krueger; Brenda, Trent LaGessee; Brenda, Ryan, Lily, Mason LaGessee; Brian, Kerena Gerrits, Isaac and Ty LaGessee.

AUGUST 2022 CALENDAR

Faith Statement

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 ONEFEST Vacation Bible School 9:00am Worship Service	1 Vacation Bible School	2 Vacation Bible School	3 Vacation Bible School 9:30am Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor 6:45pm Worship Service	4	5	6
7  Heart for Luther Park- Art, Craft & Quilt Auction 9:00am Worship Service	8	9	10 6:45pm Worship Service	11 10:00am Pastor's Conference	12	13
14  9:00am Worship Service -Baptism Luca Robert Kramschuster	15 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	16  1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group	17 6:45pm Worship Service	18	19	20
21 9:00am Worship Service	22  4:30pm - 6:30pm Preschool Open House	23	24  4:30pm - 6:30pm Preschool Open House 6:45pm Worship Service -Installation Service	25	26	27
28 9:00am Worship Service -Installation Service Preschool Staff	29  First Day of Preschool	30	31 6:45pm Worship Service	1 5:00pm Preschool Committee Meeting	2	3

FAITH STATEMENT

When I was in middle school I had dark times. Bad enough that it affected my mental health. Until one day the person next to me at school wanted me to do her homework. I froze and thought "Okay um no." But got nervous after like five to ten seconds I stuttered out "um no?" Then she starts begging me and called herself 'dumb' and 'stupid'. So I gave in and said "fine I won't do it, but I'll help you!" Because I would wish that if I was her, and if I didn't help that person I wouldn't have gotten an amazing gift from God...my best friend.

Now if I could look at God I would say "Thank you for believing in me." Because the relationship I have with God is not where I only believe in him, but where he believes in me.

I trust God and I thank him for every gift he gives me.

Bible verse; PSALM 86:5

"For you, Lord. are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon you."

Church News

ST. JOHN'S FACILITY PROJECTS - HELP STILL WANTED!

- Sanctuary projects:** Dust the carillon (hanging chimes on wall) Paint balcony wall where repaired
- Dining Hall projects:** Wash Windows Clean all tables (incl. those leaning on the wall)
- Miscellaneous throughout the building:** Post AED location signs
- Clean dry erase boards (Windex works well!) Wash windows to west side entrance area

If you would like to help out with any of the remaining projects, please contact Pastor Martin so that plans can be made to follow through, including making sure you have access to the church.

Thanks for your partnership!

NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!



Amanda



Open Enrollment

We still have plenty of spots available for our enrollment. Children have the opportunity to participate in MWF classes or TTH classes.

Tuition costs are: MWF classes from 8:00 am - 11:30 am, \$200 per month (September - May) and TTH classes 8:00 am - 11:30 am, \$150 per month (September - May).

The children's placement in classes will depend on the number and age of children enrolling this school year. Classes offered are subject to change, to allow for all children enrolled the opportunity to attend. We will verify class placement with you once registration is closed.

To reserve a spot for your child, please fill out a registration form along with the \$50 registration fee and \$25 for supplies.

Jamie



Welcome back!

The first day of the 2022-2023 academic year is **Monday, August 29th, 2022**. Amanda Ritchie and Jamie Nelson have been working hard to prepare their classrooms for a successful year at St John's Lutheran Preschool. Our families from past years may note some changes that have been made to the program. We now allow families to do an early drop-off and later pick-up within our program hours. Children enrolled may be dropped off as early as 7:15 am, with instruction beginning at 8:00 am. Pick-up will run from 11:30 am until 12:00 pm. If a child is dropped off between 7:15 am and 7:45 am the parents will need to supply a nutritional breakfast for their child. Examples will be provided in the welcome packets at Open House to satisfy such nutritional needs.

Open House

We are excited to open our preschool back up to families in the Bloomer area and surrounding communities. Kicking off our 2022-2023 academic year we will be hosting an Open House on Monday, August 22nd, and Wednesday, August 24th from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm. This will allow our families to meet the staff and familiarize themselves with the classrooms.

Installation Services

After Open House on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:45 pm and on Sunday, August 28th at 9:00 am there will be an installation service welcoming Amanda Ritchie and Jamie Nelson to St John's Lutheran as the preschool staff and leaders in our beloved community of Bloomer.

Many thanks go to our new preschool staff: Amanda Ritchie and Jamie Nelson. Many thanks also go out to the preschool committee: Sara Shadick, Sarah Wittrock, and Janelle Yeakey.

Quilting Group

Will be meeting on
August 16th
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!!

	Month of	Year to Date	
	JUN 2022	JAN -JUN	
INCOME	\$ 18,861	\$95,120	Financial Update
EXPENSES	\$15,900	\$100,875	
Difference (loss)	\$ 2,761	(\$5,755)	Current Balance on Line of Credit
Line of Credit	Princ Paid Jun \$482	Princ Paid YTD \$1,881	
			\$22,760

Deadline for September 2022 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 25th.**

Thank You!!

Church Council Minutes

July 18, 2022

Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm by Adam Anderson, Council President

Approval of Agenda – a motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried.

Giving Opportunity – Sandra Score presented information on Phelisanong and asked the council to consider holding an event to donate money to Phelisanong. See more details in new business below.

Opening Devotion – Pastor Martin led the council in a scripture discussion. The council read Luke 24:13-32 and answered the questions: What do you notice?, What do you wonder about?, What is God calling you to do in this text?. Pastor then led the council in prayer.

Approval of Minutes – a motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the minutes from the June 13th, 2022 meeting, seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Financial Report – At the moment the Church needs to pay the quarterly taxes and insurance in the amount of approximately \$4800. Weekly giving this week should cover the cost of taxes and insurance. July tends to be a slow month for income. Questions were asked about the negative value for payroll liabilities and the money in the misc funds - other account. Table below shows through end of June

	Year to Date(Jan 2022—May 2022
Income	\$95,120.00
Expenses	\$100,874.72
Difference	\$-5,754.72
Current SFB Line of Credit	\$22,760.07 decrease of \$482.68

A motion was made by Marcy Trubshaw to approve the financial report. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Old Business –

- Preschool Hires- New staff is preparing for the beginning of the new school year. Pre-school Committee treated the new staff to a welcome dinner. Enrollment opened June 5th, currently there are 11 students registered.
- Youth Director Position- committee is continuing to advertise for candidates and interview those who apply. Youth Committee will be meeting on July 19th to determine next steps to prepare for Fall.
- Elevator – continuing to look at quotes from Schindler and Otis.

New Business

Giving Opportunity – Discussion was had on giving opportunities. Council will create a process to request donations. Events, such as chili cook off, charcoal chicken dinner

Church Council Minutes *(continued)*

Preschool Committee Minutes July 20, 2022

b) Gift/Donation- The estate of Darlene Hass remembered St. John's with a generous gift of \$82,000. Per the gift policy guidelines of St. John's, "undesignated monetary gifts and proceeds from the sale of gift items shall be placed in the church council fund until the council decides how to use said funds." The council discussed possible ways of utilizing the donation. The council will continue to explore how to best allocate the gift. The gift policy guidelines can be found on St. John's Lutheran Website.

c) Pastor & Council Review

A motion was made to go into closed session by Terri Smith. Seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried. **A motion was made** to leave closed session by Terri Smith. Seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

During closed session the council evaluated the goals that were set in March. Due to time, Pastor's review will be continued at the August meeting.

Reports –

Pastor Report – a painting party will be held in August to freshen up areas of the church that need painting.

A motion was made by Terri Smith to approve the membership in by baptism of Blakely Hilger and Bonnie Corbin and the membership transfer to the church triumphant of Jane Peterson and Ilene Pingel. Seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried

Additional items and Announcements

None

Next regular meeting: August 15th at 5:30 pm

Adjournment – a motion was made at 8:05 by Marcy Trubshaw to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried.

Members Present: Janelle Yeakey, Sarah Wittrock, Pastor Martin Halom, Alicia Bonczyk, Jeff Cole, Pat Prill, Terri Smith, Katelyn Bohl, Adam Anderson, Marcy Trubshaw

Members Absent: Jamie Keller

Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2022

Present: Pastor Martin, Sarah W., Jamie, Amanda, Janelle, Sara Shadick

REGISTRATION

Will add when parents would like to drop off their child and pick up their child to registration forms.

Registration will be posted by July 5!

Email will be sent out to verify paperwork is correct and ready to post on website!

Sara will contact all people on the waiting list once registration is open

Breakfast/snack

Talked about offering to pay for all food, just add a registration fee to cover the cost.

Amanda is going to get an estimate on cost

Sara is going to see if the food program allowance is enough to cover the cost of snack

Next up

Email chain for all updates

Schedule next meeting

Property Committee & Care for Creation Faith Statement

COME JOIN THE PAINTING PARTY!

The property committee would like to cordially invite you to help us care for the exterior of our facility. You may have noticed that our sanctuary doors are in need of a new coat of paint, the fence surrounding the play area that will soon be utilized by our preschool kids is also in need of some attention, and we could use your help to freshen these projects up a bit!

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, we will have the paint and supplies on hand to tackle this project. If the weather gets bad, we'll reschedule to Aug. 16. You are welcome to come at your leisure, but there will for sure be a group of us at 4:30 ready to spruce things up around here! Come on out and let's show our new preschool staff that we support their efforts and get the playground looking great!

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

The Care for Creation team is now concluding our yearlong emphasis and want to take the month of August to celebrate. And what better way to celebrate than to focus on food!

In place of a tip of the week, we will instead ask you to submit a favorite or UNIQUE recipe focusing on the following weekly pairings:

August 7: Blueberries or Zucchini

- August 14: Grapes or Green Beans
- August 21: Plumbs or Herbs (you choose!)
- August 28: Apples or Tomatoes

Simply email me at pastormartin@bloomer.net the recipe by the date listed above and I'll post it to our website and Facebook page!

After worship, we'd love to have you stick around and share your advice in making such a treat, along with how you process the produce. Do you can it, peel it, freeze it, squish it? We'd love to hear what equipment you might use and take this opportunity to teach!

FINALLY, we'd also love you to bring any excess produce from your garden that you'd love to share at church. An announcement will be made so that others can come to your vehicle for distribution after worship and we can feed the world (or at least our valued worshipping community). So if you want some free food, make sure to bring a container of sorts to bring it home! I've said for years that it pays to come to church and this is proof!

FAITH STATEMENT

My faith began to grow when I went out to Colorado for A mission trip. I was glad to be able to go out to Colorado and help people I didn't know. When we got to Colorado I was nervous then I felt god's presence there with me the whole time I was in Colorado. My faith continues to grow as I share my faith with the younger kids while teaching Faith Formation. Each day my faith continues to grow and I feel the presence of God during difficult and good times.

Bible Verse: "So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." Hebrews 10:35-36

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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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HEART FOR LUTHER PARK
Art, Craft & Quilt Auction

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9:30 Worship
10:00 Viewing of Quilts
11:00 Lunch
12:00 Auction Begins



Luther Park Bible Camp 944 24 1/4 St. Chetek, WI



This wonderful event is Luther Park Bible Camp's largest and most substantial fundraiser. The **2021** Heart for Luther Park raised over \$36,000. Many hard working people donate these wonderful works of art to support the mission and ministry of Luther Park.