



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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WAITING AND PLANNING!

Since Pastor/Bishop-Elect Martin is embracing his new role permanently on August 1, I'm happy to fill-in for as long as needed as a small part of a bigger team.

Synod minister, Reverend Randy Olson, is working with our congregation in this process of waiting and planning as he guides, mentors and informs us in the call of a new pastor. Remember that "synod" means "walking together" and he is a true blessing for us as we maneuver all the steps.

If you are seeking pastoral care for homebound visits, hospital visits, individual or family needs, etc., you can contact me at 715-568-4653 (home) or 1-715-829-4653 (mobile). Having the mobile phone with me at all times is a challenge, but I'm learning!

Two synod pastors have offered to be available to our church when there is a call for a funeral need: Pastor Dale Horner and Pastor Vern Weeks. One of them will help with your funeral service planning and will officiate at the service. I will be with them every step of the way to support you as you gather to plan and worship.

My second responsibility is to provide pulpit supply for August and then, if needed, on Sundays in the following months.

We are toward the end of phase 1: determining supply pastors for worship services (Sunday's, funerals, baptisms, etc.). Then the next step-phase 2- begins when we have an Interim Pastor in place.

The congregational council has many responsibilities to handle and I know you are being updated by Dorene Turner, council president, every Sunday in worship and online announcements.

As we walk and work together...

Deacon Martha

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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

Kelli Jackson; Betty Enyeart; Wayne and Nancy Zogleman (Amanda's grandparents); Richard Mohr; Edith Fleming; Kristi Swartz; Carolyn Bergh; Pat Prill; Carson (family friend of Kristine Mickelson); Sarah Wittrock; Julie Wittrock; Arlene Christianson; Steve Trubshaw; Arne Windsor; Renee Grambo; Art Klingenberg; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter).

Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of Aug. 4th: Donald, Lisa, Aaron, Derek, Jacob and Elijah Prill; Pat Prill; Kerry, Arianna and Isabella Rauscher; Loraine Reetz; Rosanne Reid; Amanda, Gavin and Grant Richardson.

Prayers for the week of Aug. 11th: Betty Rihn; Emily, Kort and Owen Rihn; Eva Rihn; Janell and Mark Rihn; Jason, and Jean Rihn with Leo and Wyatt Mayer; Jeff and Brandi Rihn; Joyce Rihn; Patti and Tyler Rihn.

Prayers for the week of Aug. 18th: Rosella Rihn; Andrew, Chassy, Cora and Corbin Roggenbuck; Daniel and Suzette Rosenbrook; Casey, Corey and Stella Rosenbrook; Barbara Ross; Dennis and Val Rubenzer; Kyle, Michelle, Jenna and Mikayla Ruffedt.

Prayers for the week of Aug. 25th: Ashley Sarauer; Gina and Michael Sarauer; Gregory, Nichole and Theodore Sarauer; Barry, Melissa, Alexander and Morgan Sarauer; Erin, Bella and Christina Schell; Josh, Tara, Briggs, Connor and Reid Schemenauer.

AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR

Church News

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Worship Service 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School (At Our Savior's Lutheran Church)	29 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School (At Our Savior's Lutheran Church)	30 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School (At Our Savior's Lutheran Church)	31 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School-North Park	1	2	3
4 9:00am Worship Service	5 8:30am Bible Study 5:30pm Youth Committee Meeting	6	7 2:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Preschool Committee Meeting	8	9	10
11 9:00am Worship Service	12 8:30am Bible Study 5:45pm - 6:30pm Pre-school Family Fun Night	13	14 2:00pm Bible Study	15	16	17
18 9:00am Worship Service	19 8:30am Bible Study 4:30pm - 6:30pm Pre-school Open House 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	20 1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group 4:30pm - 6:30pm Pre-school Open House	21 2:00pm Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:00am Worship Service	26 8:30am Bible Study	27	28 2:00pm Bible Study	29	30	31

Quilting Group
Will be meeting on
Aug 20th
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

SEW CUTE!

Everyone is welcome!!

If you are interested in making communion bread for the communion on the first Sunday of the month, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex and recipes in the altar guild room.



The Altar Guild is looking for members who might be interested in serving St. John's on the **Altar Guild Committee**. Duties consist of setting up and cleaning up for communion and decorating the church for holidays. If you are interested, please contact Sue Nehring. Cell: 715-933-0181 Email: SueNehring@bloomer.net

Do you enjoy planning social events for all ages?
Do you enjoy brainstorming fun events?
Fellowship Committee Needs You!
Meetings approximately every other month for 45 min

Interested or have questions?
Contact Pastor Martin or Janelle Yeakey

YOU are invited to join the synod in their Reconciling in Christ Building Inclusive Church workshop on Saturday August 17th, 2024 in Hudson, WI. <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/trainings/bic/> to register. Ask Pastor Sara at synodadvocate@nswi.org if you have questions!

Mid-Year Financial Statements have been emailed or snail-mailed recently. Please review when received and compare with your records to ensure accuracy.

THANK YOU!

Victoria Prince-Silvas
Financial Secretary

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Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President.

Opening Devotion – Highs and lows were shared.

Approval of the Agenda -A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the agenda with flexibility; seconded by Kay Anderson. Motion carried.

Approval of last Council Minutes - A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the minutes from the June 17th, 2024 meeting; seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.

Financial Report -

	Year to Date (Jan-Jun 2024)
Income	\$ 123,274.43
Expenses	\$ 124,968.41
Difference	-\$ 1,693.98

Transfers: 6/12 - \$2000 to cover payroll and Portico

CD's	\$100,000	\$200,000
Location	Security Financial Bank	Security Financial Bank
% APR	5.25	5.25
Timeframe	12 months	12 months
Expires	8-8-24	8-3-24

All money is insured through FDIC

When CD's come due, interest will need to be noted on the '23 budget and '24 budget

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk that when the CD's come due to remove \$40,000 and move it into the council fund. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Note: this transfer is being made as we currently are not meeting our expenses with the income coming in through contributions.

Kay will be going to the bank to look into an interest rate for next CD cycle, an email vote will happen as the decision needs to happen before next council meeting.

A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to accept the financial report. Seconded by Jeff Cole. Motion carried.

Old Business-

Appreciation acknowledgements –

November: Musicians - 13th

Church Credit card: Update: Credit card application was submitted, was notified we need more documentation. Victoria is continuing to work on obtaining the necessary paperwork to continue the process of applying. A motion was made on 6/22 via email by Dorene Turner to set the limit on the credit card to \$3000. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion Carried.

Farewell Celebration. A motion was made on 6/22 via email by Janelle Yeakey to change the church service time to 10 am on July 14th. Seconded by Jason Graski. Motion carried.

A motion was made on 7/6 via email by Janelle Yeakey to use up to \$600 from the council fund to purchase the 2 chairs and a table from Blue Ox Poly as a gift to Pastor. Seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.

Vacation Days – Kay will locate the staff handbook to look over vacation policy

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Church Council Minutes

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(council meeting minutes continued)

New Business –

Pastor Randy Olson from the Synod: Discussion happened about next steps for the church. Pastor Randy along with Council will work on pulpit supply for approximately the next 6 weeks (through Labor Day). During this time Pastor Randy will also work to find an on call pastor and an interim pastor for the church. A short discussion occurred on how to compensate both pulpit supply and an interim pastor. It was stressed that we will need to be flexible and patient as we move forward.

Bathroom Cleaning: online and paper signups will be created by Janelle to encourage help, information will be shared with the congregation.

Gathering - Dorene to host an outing on July 20th at her house. Activities include: campfire, cornhole lawn game, swimming pool (swim at your own risk), BINGO and Ice Cream Buffet.

Committee Reports

Appreciation Days

Pastor's Report - A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to welcome Matt Larson as a member through baptism. Seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.

Discipleship – needs to be started again, looking for 4-6 people

Fellowship Minutes –

Preschool Minutes –

Social Ministry Minutes –

Property Minutes –

Worship & Music Minutes – comments were made about balcony computer issues, will try to have someone look at the computer.

Youth Minutes –

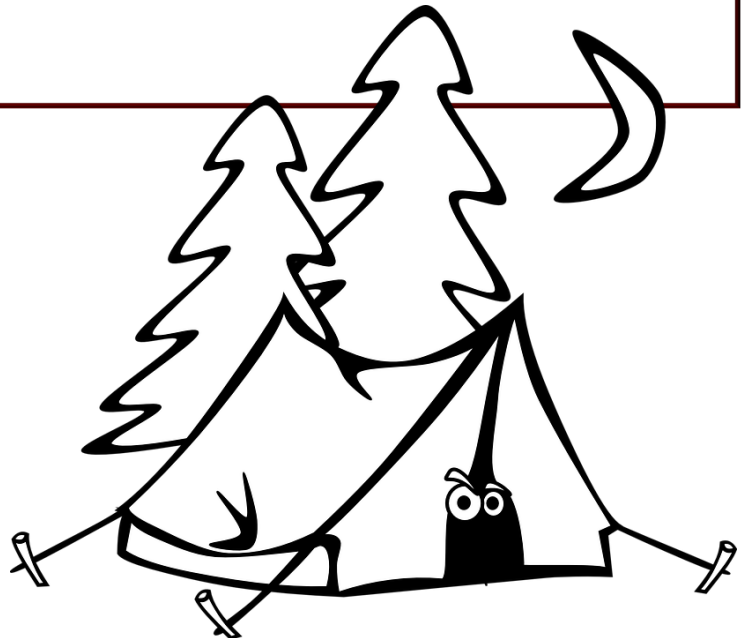
Additional Items and Announcements

Next Meeting: August 19th at 6 pm

Adjournment - a motion was made at 9:00 pm by Janelle Yeakey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jamie Keller. Motion carried.

Members Present: Janelle Yeakey, Dorene Turner, Kay Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Jamie Keller, Jeff Cole, Jason Graski. **Others Present:** Pastor Randy Olson. **Members Absent:** Sarah Wittrock, Kyle Prill, Aubrie Bohl

Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary



Youth & Family News

Summer Bible Camp Reimbursement

Reminder: if your child participated in two youth fundraisers, our church will reimburse 50% of the camp costs (does not include registration or canteen). Reimbursements will be sent out at the end of the summer unless requested sooner. Please contact Amanda Larson if you have any additional questions regarding reimbursement.

Teachers & Substitutes Needed for JAM Fall '24

We are still looking for people who would be interested in substituting or teaching on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amanda Larson for more information so we can get you on a list. Also, if there is a specific age group you want to work with or would not like to work with, please let us know that information as well.

National Youth Gathering

Our youth just got back from New Orleans, LA, on Sunday, July 21st, after being gone for a week for the National Youth Gathering 2024. The theme of the Gathering was "Created to Be" Psalm 139:14 which focused on learning how to be brave, authentic, free, and disruptive disciples.

It was a wonderful and humbling experience to participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering with 16,000 other people. God's presence was evident throughout our trip and in the city of New Orleans.

We look forward to sharing more about our experiences with this trip in the coming month.

Pizza Coupons

Coupons from our pizza fundraiser are still available for purchase. Although the fundraiser is over, you can contact Amanda Larson if you are interested in purchasing any pizzas from Fat Boys, Valley Tavern, or Harm's Way.

Youth Ministry Pictures

We are looking for pictures that anyone may have taken this year. If you have any pictures that you're able to share, whether it's from JAM, confirmation, lock-in, or a youth trip, please contact Amanda Larson. We can forward you a link to a Google Drive. Otherwise, photos can get emailed to:

stjohnslutheran.bloomer@gmail.com



Save the Date: Rally Day for JAM

I hope that everyone's summer vacation has been full of fun and some relaxation. These past two months flew by, and we are getting ready for JAM to start back up for the 2024-2025 academic year. Our first day for our Wednesday night Faith Formation will take place on **Wednesday, September 11th**.

After a fun night of dinner (4:45-5:15PM) and games (5:15-6:15PM), JAM students will be singing during service at 6:30PM.

*Keep your eye on your email for student registration or contact Amanda Larson for more information.



NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!

Amanda



Pre-Registration for 2024-25

Enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year is still open.

If you are looking for a high-quality preschool program, please consider enrolling your child with us this Fall. Students can be registered for our morning program Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday classes if they are between the ages of 3-5 years old. This program is a great option if your child is not old enough to enroll in 4K, but you want them to work on certain skills, if they will be attending 4K in the afternoon, or if you are waiting for them to go to school until Kindergarten.

There are still 6 spots open in our MWF group and 3 spots open in our TTH group.

For more information, you can message us on Facebook, call us at 715-568-5446 ext. 14, or email: amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com.

Giving Tree

We have a giving tree set up in the preschool shared space if anyone is interested in supporting the preschool program with some additional supplies we could benefit from. Please reach out to Amanda Larson if you have any questions about this opportunity. As always, we appreciate your continued support!

New Staff—Welcome!

We want to give Jenna Prince a warm welcome to St. John's Lutheran Preschool. Jenna will be serving in the role of a co-teacher for our program. We are excited to have Jenna's expertise and experience at our preschool.

Jenna Prince's Introduction

Hello. My name is Jenna Prince. I will be the new co-teacher for the preschool program at St. John's Lutheran. As a Bloomer native, I'm excited to serve my community and surrounding communities in this capacity. I have two wonderful children, and I just recently celebrated my three-year wedding anniversary with my husband, Tyler. We also have a puppy named Roxie.

I am passionate about working with children of all abilities and advocating for those who need it. I achieved my associate degree with CVTC with honors in 2021. Currently, I am pursuing an interest in returning to school to finish my bachelor's degree. I have worked in the education field in various positions over the past 9 years, most recently serving as a lead teacher for three years at Head Start in Colfax, WI. After teaching at Colfax Head Start, I took on a caregiving position at a group home. I am excited to see what God has in store for me as I work in this position, and I'm excited for the opportunity to get back into teaching.



Family Fun Night

We are excited to host our first Family Fun Night of the 2024-2025 academic year on Monday, August 12th from 5:45-6:30PM. We are hoping to host events like this throughout the year for our families and the community. Our goal and hope in hosting an event like this is to spread awareness of our program. You can expect this event to be geared toward families who have children 4 years of age and under (older siblings are welcome to attend), including interactive story time, music, crafts, and snacks. All families who attend will be entered for a door prize (must be present to win). Please RSVP ahead of time via Facebook or with Amanda Larson or Jenna Prince so that we can plan accordingly.

Meet the Teachers—Open House

Amanda and Jenna are excited to welcome the 2024-2025 class to St. John's Lutheran Preschool. Monday, August 19th, and Tuesday, August 20th, from 4:30-6:30PM, we will be hosting our "Meet the Teachers" evenings as an Open House. During these evenings, you can bring the rest of your child's paperwork, school supplies, and anything else from the welcome letter your child will receive in early August. If you have any questions or are unable to attend either of these evenings, please reach out to Amanda Larson at 715-279-6962 mobile or email amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com.



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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?

CALL: Pastor Martin Halom
Church # 715-568-5446, extension 11
Home # 715-568-1515
Cell # 517-505-6509
Email: pastormartin@bloomer.net

Bishop Elect Martin Halom's Installation



Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 pm
Hope Lutheran Church
2226 Eddy Lane
Eau Claire, WI

A reception will follow with light refreshments. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preach/preside over the installation.

This event is open to the public and will have a particular St. John's flavor, so come out and enjoy the festivities!