



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 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.

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Congratulations to our recent 9th Grade Confirmands!

Hunter Anthony Alman
Bible Verse: John 3:16

Julia Marie Johnson
Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9

Autumn Dawn Knoepke
Bible Verse: Isaiah 41:10

Gabriel Ryan Mawby
Bible Verse: John 3:16



Jenna Anne Ruff
Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9

Rebekah Hope Sarauer
Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6

Will Bryan Vanis
Bible Verse: Philippians 4: 13

Nicodemus Michael Zakrzewicz
Bible Verse: John 15:5



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Pastor's News

STARVIN' MARTIN

Even though the season of Lent is still a month away (thank goodness!), I wanted to let you know about another meaningful opportunity that will help us all enter the Lenten season with the right frame of mind.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, our normal meal will feel quite abnormal for us. We will continue to gather at 5 pm, but you can come at your availability and still eat. We will not have the "Learning Hour", but we will all experience an education that night. Our kitchen and dining hall crew will consist of mostly confirmation students. This one time, reservations will be necessary to eat. And oh yeah, the menu will be quite different.

You see we live in a diverse world with a wide variety of menus. We in America as a whole eat far better than most of the world. That is why we're hosting a hunger awareness meal – to help us better understand how others in third world nations eat. Here's the breakdown:

About 5-10% of those who make reservations will be randomly selected to experience a first class, multi-course meal with personal servers, fine dining, and a high class evening.

About 20% of those who make reservations will be randomly selected to experience a typical middle-class meal that will be served family style.

The remaining 70-75% will be randomly selected to experience a meal consisting of beans, rice, and water. They will also sit on chairs without the benefit of a table.

This is a typical meal for people in third world nations, but it probably is their only meal for the day. The rationale behind the random selection is because when you really think about it, our lot in life is quite random as well. Why are we the ones fortunate enough to live in America while others eat with their hands in unsanitary conditions? Why do we get chairs, tables, utensils, and food options when others are happy when they get even one meal each day? These are troubling questions, but questions that can help us respond.

I'd like to close with a challenge. This educational meal will help many of us experience what it means to leave the table hungry. I hope it will also help us become hungry to help. The ELCA has a ministry called World Hunger. World Hunger helps these third world countries in many ways. The net profit of this meal will be sent to World Hunger. But here's the challenge I offer you. If you raise \$500 or more prior to Ash Wednesday, I will fast for the entire day. I promise to be strong enough to lead worship (I'll still drink water throughout the day), so please don't worry about that part!

Reservations will be accepted after worship from Feb. 9-26. The cost of your reservation will stay the same as it is on Wednesdays (\$4/person or \$15/family) unless you elect to donate more toward World Hunger. It is possible that families will be split up as each person will be treated individually, so if it is important for entire families to be seated together, we ask that they remain together for the 3rd world meal. Participants will find out at the door on Ash Wednesday which meal they will receive.

If you have any questions about this experience, please find me and I will help as best as I can. So let's enter this season of Lent centered on Christ and the needs of the world and make a difference utilizing the ELCA World Hunger ministry!

Pastor Martin



How much do you know about St. John's Lutheran Church worship?

Worship Wonderings

Jan. 5

The Lord's Prayer, as we know it, can be found in

- a) Matthew
- b) Mark
- c) Luke
- d) John
- e) Matthew and Luke
- f) None of the above

1 Chronicles 29:11 Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Jan. 12

We begin the Lord's Prayer with "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." What does *hallowed* mean?

- a) Treat as holy, hold in reverence
- b) To empty it and make it hollow
- c) It's simply God's first name! (Hal for short)
- d) None of the above

It is true that God's name is holy in itself, but we ask in this prayer that it may also become holy in and among us.

Jan. 19

Which of the following is true regarding "Your kingdom come"?

- a) We are praying for the kingdom of heaven after we die
- b) We are praying for the end of this world so that God's kingdom can be restored
- c) We are praying that God's kingdom will break into our world in the here and now
- d) We are praying for our spot on the royal court as princes and princesses

Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through the Holy Spirit's grace we believe God's Holy Word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Jan. 26

Jesus taught "your will be done" to the disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. When did Jesus pray this himself?

- a) Just before he called his disciples
- b) In the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest
- c) From the cross
- d) When he cleansed the temple

^{NIV} **Matthew 26:39** Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

In fact, God's good and gracious will comes about without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come about in and among us.

Council Meeting January 21, 2014

Committees

WORSHIP

-Janice Naset
Chair/Liaison
-Lisa Goettl
-Janet Helgeson
-Kathy Geissler
-Janelle Yeakey

FELLOWSHIP

-Lyn Pank
-Pauline Stertz
Liaison
-Sue Zwiefelhofer
-Sue Seibel
-Nylah Gust
-Heidi Morning

SOCIAL

-Art Klingenberg
Chair
-Pauline Stertz and
Jordyn Keller
Liaisons
-Heidi Keller
-Jeff Cole
-Gregg Anderson

YOUTH & EDUCATION

-Adam Ewings
Liaison
-Michelle Ruffedt
-Kelly Custer
-Marla Paulson

DISCIPLESHIP

-Kathy Faschingauer
and Alice Zinsmaster
Liaisons
-Michelle Gasper
-Alice Zinsmaster
-Sue Nehring
-Carrie Anderson
-Terri Bohl

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

-Tom Buchner
Liaison
-David Lane
-Stub Naset
-Pete Zeman
-Val Rubenzer
-Dennis Rubenzer
-Nadine Bresina
-Rod Schmidt
-Shelly Lane

President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pastor Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

- ◆ **Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Lynette Pank to approve agenda.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Pauline Stertz to approve the e-mailed December meeting minutes.** Motion carried.

Council Input: Church activities should be put in the Bloomer Advance.

Congregational Input: Would like to see memorials in the newsletter/bulletin.

Old Business:

- ◆ **Youth & Education**-17 youth to Luther Park, backpack trip to Colorado Bible camp this summer discussed, no learning hour 1/26/14, Winterfest 1/29/14. VBS penciled in for 6/22-6/27/14. Acolyte training to be held Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Hunger Awareness Meal to be held Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, with proceeds to go to the World Hunger Organization.
- ◆ **Discipleship**-Time & Talent surveys done
- ◆ **Worship & Music**-Hymns picked through March, Lenten services discussed, new liturgy discussed. Cranberry hymnals purchase discussed at \$22.50 each, approx. 250 needed. Library Board to pledge \$1,000.00 to hymnal purchase. VBS promo service discussed for 2/19/14.
- ◆ **Fellowship**-Card/Game Day for March discussed.
- ◆ **Social Action**-None
- ◆ **Property Management**-None
- ◆ **Annual Meeting**-Pastor Martin, Pat Prill & Lynette Pank to meet 1/23/14 to finalize. Parliamentarian to be contacted by Pat Boettcher.
- ◆ **Commitment Update**-\$190,000.00 in commitments & current giving trends.
- ◆ **New Bible Study**-to be called "Faith Formation & Friends"
- ◆ **Pictorial Directory**-128+ family units to have pictures taken.

Chair Report: Council meeting should be on calendar in newsletter, financial secretary should be at the annual meeting, quarterly fund raising appeals need to be defined.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **Membership Update**-None
- ◆ **Wed. Night Dinner**-12 meals, served 800 people, \$2,776.10 brought in, food cost is \$1,430.05, labor \$463.00, profit \$883.05.
- ◆ **Parent's Nite Out**-Try on a Friday night in February.
- ◆ **Imagine Together**-written report from Jill Gengler, youth ministry is a focus, discussion of mentors to help build congregational relationships.
- ◆ Laptops need to be upgraded to be compatible with the office computers.
- ◆ Request for speaker from "Teamwork Africa" to present at a worship service. Declined, after discussion, as we already have a synod partnership with Malawi.
- ◆ Things needing attention are: office furnaces not functioning & are 20 yrs. old, 2 a/c units in the sanctuary need repair, bathrooms, look into new main entry church door replacement & new cranberry hymnals.

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-Rod Schmidt
-Shelly Lane

Financial Report:

- ◆ **Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to accept Financial Report.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Budget-None
- ◆ Audit-Completed January 10, 2014 by Kathy Tozer and Kathy Geissler.

New Business:

- ◆ Agenda set for Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Shelly M. Lane, secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Pat Boettcher, Pauline Stertz, Lynette Pank, Janice Naset, Alice Zinsmaster, Kathy Faschingbauer, Tom Buchner, Rod Johnson and Shelly Lane

Annual Meeting January 26, 2014

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President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Pastor Martin opened the meeting with prayer.

A quorum of 70 voting members were present.

Old Business:

- ◆ **Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Rod Schmidt, Sr. to amend agenda to add Worship Committee report, by Janice Naset, on the cranberry hymnal.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Victoria Trinko and seconded by Mel Crisp to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2013 Annual Meeting.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Financial Report: 196 giving units with 95 giving on a regular basis of at least 1x/month. We have \$190,000.00 in commitments and current giving trends.
Motion made by Rod Schmidt, Sr. and seconded by Nylah Gust to accept 2013 Financial Report. Motion carried.
- ◆ Approval of 2014 Budget: **Motion made by Rod Schmidt, Sr. and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to accept proposed budget for 2014.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Introduction of current council members.
- ◆ Other Business: None

New Business:

- ◆ Worship Committee: Janice Naset reported on the cranberry hymnal fund raising. They will combine the green LBW and the blue WOV hymnals. Hymnals are \$22.50 each, we need 250 for a total of \$5,625.00. Contributions of \$1,000.00 from the Library Board and \$500.00 from the Music Fund have been made to this fund to date. Order forms for “in memory of” and “in honor of” are available on the Welcome Desk.
- ◆ **Motion made by Nylah Gust and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to accept the Annual Report/Committee Reports as a whole.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Alice Zinsmaster and Art Klingenberg have volunteered to be St. John's voting members at the 2014 Synod Assembly held in Eau Claire, WI on June 7-8, 2014.
- ◆ President Pat Boettcher appointed Eva Newton, Mel Crisp and Marie Weideman, along with three outgoing council members to the Nominating Committee for 2014.

Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Rod Schmidt, Sr. to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Pastor Martin closed the meeting with prayer at 10:35 A.M.

Shelly Lane, Secretary

Council Updates

A message from the Worship Committee:

The Worship & Music committee met in January, we picked hymns for the month of February and March. We incorporated a couple more of the contemporary songs in to worship.

It is hard to believe but Lent and Easter will be upon us sooner than we know, so we discussed with Pastor Martin, what type of services to have.

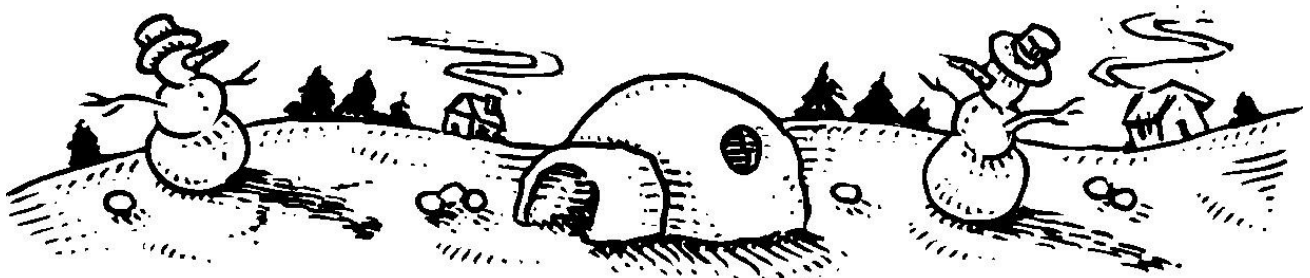
We talked about incorporating a new liturgy after Easter, next time we meet we will check out a couple of options.

Our goal for 2014 is to purchase the new cranberry hymnal, we will check the price and figure out how many we need and bring it to the church council for approval.

Janice Naset
Chairman/Council Liaison

Financial Report – January 2014

	2013	2014	Budget 2014
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1st	\$23,002.00	\$7,453.00	
Income – January	\$12,691.00	\$11,326.00	\$14,352.00
Expenses – January	\$23,253.00	\$12,753.00	\$14,352.00
Balance	\$12,440.00	\$6,026.00	
Loan – Peoples State Bank	\$114,000.00	\$92,420.00	



Church News

QUILTING
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

*EVERYONE WELCOME
NO SPECIAL SKILLS NEEDED
REFRESHMENTS SERVED*



February Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday, February 5, 2014

Hot dogs, Potato Salad, Chips, Beans, Dessert, and Beverages

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

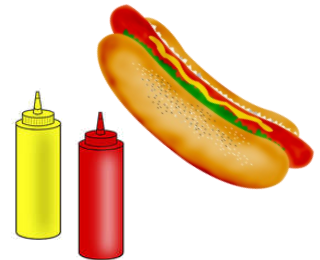
Tater Tot Hotdish, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Beverages

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Fat Boys Pizza, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Hot Ham Sandwiches, Chips, Relish Tray, Dessert, and Beverages





FEBRUARY 2014

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<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
2/1/2014	Pictorial Directory Photoshoot		2/12/2014	Preschool Open House	8:00 AM
	Preschool Registration for Members		2/12/2014	Bloomer Clergy Meeting	10:00 AM
2/2/2014	before and after worship		2/12/2014	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM
2/2/2014	Worship Service	9:00 AM	2/12/2014	Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM
2/2/2014	Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	10:00 AM	2/12/2014	Worship Service	7:00 PM
2/2/2014	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM	2/15/2014	Quilting	9:00 AM
2/3/2014	Preschool Registration for General Public		2/16/2014	Baptism for Alexa Rose Sarauer	9:00 AM
2/3/2014	Bible Study	8:00 AM	2/16/2014	Worship Service	9:00 AM
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2/5/2014	before and after worship		2/16/2014	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM
2/5/2014	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM	2/17/2014	Bible Study	8:00 AM
2/5/2014	Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM	2/19/2014	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM
2/5/2014	Worship Service	7:00 PM	2/19/2014	Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM
2/6/2014	Friendship Circle	1:30 PM	2/19/2014	Worship Service	7:00 PM
2/8/2014	Imagine Together	8:00 AM	2/20/2014	Conf. of Pastor's	9:00 AM
2/9/2014	Pastor is attending Theological Conf.		2/23/2014	Worship Service	9:00 AM
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2/9/2014	Baptism for Miles Mohr	10:00 AM	2/23/2014	Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	10:00 AM
2/9/2014	Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	10:00 AM	2/23/2014	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM
2/9/2014	Sunday Learning	10:30 AM	2/24/2014	Bible Study	8:00 AM
2/10/2014	Pastor is attending Theological Conf.		2/25/2014	Staff Meeting	11:00 AM
2/10/2014	Bible Study	8:00 AM	2/26/2014	Wednesday Meal	5:00 PM
2/11/2014	Preschool Open House	8:00 AM	2/26/2014	Wednesday Learning	5:30 PM
2/11/2014	Staff Meeting	11:00 AM	2/26/2014	Worship Service	7:00 PM
2/11/2014	Church Council Meeting	6:30 PM			

Youth and Family



2014 Recharge Event at Luther Park



RETREATS & CAMPS

- ◆ March 29: ELCA Northwest Synod of WI 6TH -8th Grade Retreat, Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake, WI.
- ◆ April 25-27: Youth Encounter Retreat, Three Bear Lodge, Tomah, WI 6TH Grade-SR. High
- ◆ Luther Park Summer Camp: Kindergarten-Adult, New Programs Added

FEBRUARY 19: INFO & REGISTRATION, TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

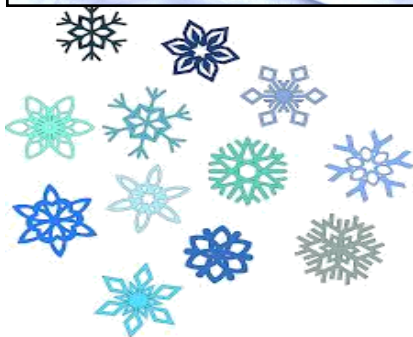


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LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS
Camp & Activities Fundraiser Sponsored by all families & children attending camp

March 12, March 19, March 26,
April 2, April 9

Enjoy delicious soups, sandwiches, & desserts made by St. John's youth & parents. Monetary donations of your choice will support camp & youth activities.



FEBRUARY LEARNING

Sunday, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23

Preschool through 3rd Grade, 10:30 AM

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 20

Preschool through 3rd Grade

4th & 5th Grade Bible 101

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation, 5:30 PM

VEGGIE TALES EXTRAVAGANZA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

5:30-6:45 PM

All Sunday and Wednesday Preschool—3rd grade and young at heart are invited



HUNGER AWARENESS MEAL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

**AN OUTPOURING OF
GENEROSITY**



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“They gave offerings of whatever they could—far more than they could afford—pleading for the privilege of helping out in the relief of poor Christians.” 2 Corinthians 8:4 The Message

Tickets on sale February 9-26, \$4.00 per person,
\$15.00 per family

Money given to ELCA World Hunger

Sponsored by Confirmation Youth & Families

WEATHER ALERT!

Parents and youth, rule of thumb for St. John's Lutheran, when school is cancelled due to bad weather all learning events, scheduled (preschool, elementary, middle school, & Sr. high) are cancelled as well.

St. John's Preschool News

Registration for the upcoming school year is underway! Members of our congregation can enroll their three or four year old child on Sun. Feb. 2nd or Wed. Feb. 5th, before and after worship. Phone-in registration for the general public begins Mon. Feb. 3rd at noon, by calling Michelle Gasper at 715-568-1060. We will hold our annual Open House on Mon. Feb. 10th, Tues. Feb. 11th & Wed. Feb. 12th from 8:00 - 11:00. Young three year olds attend classes two mornings per week, and older three year olds and four year olds attend three mornings per week. It's a great opportunity for children to enhance their social skills, get used to learning & playing in a group setting as well as developing new friendships. Our daily routine consists of art, stories, music, large & small motor activities, one-on-one learning activities and free choice in several interest areas. Feel free to give us a call at 715-568-5446 ext. 14 with any questions, or to enroll your child. We'd love to have you join us!

