

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 and 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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2016 SYNOD ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Resolution 6: Bold Generosity – Intentional, Inspired, Impactful

This particular resolution was the closest vote of the day, which resulted in a 75% approval rate. This resolution is essentially a capital campaign for the synod that goes above and beyond what the approved budget can provide. Here are the pertinent matters.

1. Connect: Technology grants to congregations
2. Equip: Walking Together Ministry
3. Learn: Leadership Development for Rostered and Lay Leaders
4. Support: Financial Health of Seminary Graduates
5. Partner: Malawi
6. Share: 10% with the Campaign for the ELCA

Connect. The intent of this item is to help the multitude of rural churches in our synod to improve things like church websites and other computer related matters.

Equip. Walking Together has been an annual event for many years in the synod where pastors and lay people alike have shared ideas on how to prosper in our respective congregations.

Learn. There is an abundance of ways that our synod educates leaders, including professional conferences that I get to participate in, lay school of ministry, along with other opportunities.

Support. Thankfully, our synod has a fund that helps pay off the debt that our seminary graduates bring with them in their first calls. Helping in this way helps us support them both financially and emotionally.

Partner. Our companion synod in Malawi has struggled in recent years with both drought and famine, if you can imagine. These dollars help fund their needs along with travel to help us maintain positive relationships.

Share. As is the practice of St. John's, the synod also strives to give back to the greater church, including the national campaign for the ELCA at large.

If you have any questions related to this article, feel free to ask!

Pastor Martin

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

Free Labor Wanted for a Painting Project

The Altar Guild room is in the middle of a much-needed remodeling project. The old tile flooring has been removed and new tile has been installed. We removed the sticky contact paper off the walls. Lori Ruff donated a small refrigerator to store grape juice. We are looking for persons who would be willing to paint the ceiling, walls and wood cabinetry (someone who is not afraid of climbing a ladder). The Altar Guild would furnish the paint and necessary supplies. We are hoping someone will donate labor so we have enough money to replace the countertop, purchase a small under-the-sink hot water heater and a new faucet. If interested, please contact Pastor Martin or Sue Nehring.

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MORE THAN WORDS

For several months, we have started our worship service with an energetic call and response: “Welcome to St. John’s Lutheran Church, where all are invited to...” “**COME AND SEE!**” I am thankful that you have latched onto this idea with vigor and enthusiasm! It starts our welcome and worship in such a positive way.

Now that we’ve been saying it, my hope is that we can own it. Invitation is such an important part of discipleship. That’s why Jesus modeled it in his ministry. Jesus invited people into his life to show them a new way of living. Those who followed him saw amazing miracles and learned amazing lessons.

That’s how it can work here too (minus the miracles, perhaps...)! When we participate in the life of the church as disciples ready to grow closer to Christ, then we will also learn and grow together as well. Try something new this year! Bring someone with you by a simple personal invitation. Make, “Come and See!” more than just words we say at worship.

The majority of the people that have gotten involved in our ministry have commented to me that it they find it fulfilling and worthwhile. I definitely echo their comments. Give it a try and let’s see what happens in your life!

Pastor Martin

Wednesday Night Meals

Feb. 1

Pork Hot dish and Coleslaw

Feb. 8

Chicken Nuggets and Cheesy potatoes

Feb. 15

Hot Beefs on Bun and Salad

Feb. 22

Chicken and Biscuits and Fruit Salad



“This year’s Christmas Trees are given by Ty, Isaac and Trent in loving memory of their great grandparents, Lewis and Ruthie LaGessee AND Donald Falck.”



Everyone is welcome to join us for Bingo on Sunday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m.



A special collection will be taken on the last Wednesday and Sunday in January, February, and March for the clothes closet. Also, if you are cleaning your closets, consider dropping your “extras” off at the clothes closet. Helping those in need is a key function of our church. God bless you for your generosity.

Bible Basics

Jan. 1

Mary and Joseph were both told what to name their newborn baby. When did they officially name him?

- A. The day Jesus was born
- B. The day after Jesus was born
- C. A week later
- D. 8 days later

Jan. 8

Today we celebrate the Rite of Confirmation because we also celebrate the festival called *The baptism of our Lord*. Originally, John did not want to baptize Jesus. How did Jesus convince John to proceed with the baptism?

- A. Jesus wanted to model a proper baptism for other witnesses
- B. Jesus needed to fulfill all righteousness through his baptism
- C. Jesus wanted to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies
- D. Jesus desperately wanted a visit from his pet dove who was last found flying around the heavens

Jan. 15

Today's gospel lesson is from John where Jesus calls his first two disciples. After John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the Lamb of God, the two disciples start to follow Jesus. They are curious about where Jesus is staying and ask. What is Jesus' response?

- A. Come and see!
- B. The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head
- C. Prophets are not welcome in their own hometown
- D. Anywhere where they'll leave the light on for ya!

Jan. 22

According to the gospel of Matthew, who were the first four disciples called by Jesus?

- A. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- B. Peter, Andrew, James, and John
- C. James, John, Judas Iscariot, and Matthew
- D. Moe, Larry, Curly, and their other brother Darrel

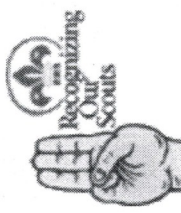



Financial Report-2017

	2016	2017	BUDGET 2017
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,465.00	\$4,399.00	
Income-12/20-1/20	\$23,181.00	\$24,352.00	\$21,529.00
Expenses-12/20-1/20	\$23,143.00	\$20,694.00	\$21,529.00
Balance	\$4,503.00	\$8,057.00	
Loan - Security Financial	\$71,754.00	\$63,792.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$11,000.00	-0-	Bathrooms
Loan - Security Financial		-0-	Gen. Fund



FEBRUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Financial Peace University 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation	30 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	31 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	1 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship	2 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting	3 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 9:00 PM Sr. High Lock-in	4 7:00 AM Sr. High Lock-in Dismissal
5  9:00 AM Worship Service and Scout Recognition 10:15 AM Financial Peace University 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation - Camp Promo 6:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	6 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	7	8 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Open House 9:15 AM Bloomer Clergy Meeting 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship	9 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Preschool Open House 7:00 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting	10 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study	11
12 Pastor attending Winter Theological Conf. 9:00 AM Worship Service, Children's Voices and Distribution of 1st gr Bibles 10:15 AM Financial Peace University 10:15 AM Worship and Music Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation	13 Pastor attending Winter Theological Conf. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action	14  11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	15 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship Service, Children's Voices and Distribution of 1st gr Bibles	16	17 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study	18 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Halverson Party
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Bloomer MEMORY CAFÉ

COFFEE • CONVERSATION • COMMUNITY

A Memory Café offers a safe, comfortable, engaging environment for those with early stage memory loss and their caregivers. It's a way for you to have fun and socialize with others in an informal, relaxed environment. You will experience peer support, laughter, new friends, and delicious refreshments all at no charge.

When: First Tuesday of each month*

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Main Street Cafe
1418 Main Street
Bloomer

Expect: Social connections with others
having a similar experience

An informal, relaxed environment

Laughter

New friends

Delicious refreshments

Cost: Free

2017 Dates

Feb 7

Mar 7

Apr 4

May 2

Jun 13*

July 11*

Aug 1

Sep 5

Oct 3

Nov 7

Dec 5

* Second Tuesday

For more information call
the ADRC at
(715) 726-7777



Council Meeting January 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by President Rod Johnson

Devotion by Adam Ewings

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Adam Ewings to approve the agenda, with a second by Tom Buchner. The motion carried.

Approval of December meeting minutes: A motion was made by Lynette Pank to approve the minutes, with a second by Nick Zakrzewicz. The motion carried.

Council and/or Congregation comments: Rod Johnson thanked Pastor Martin for a job well done greeting and explaining our service to newcomers and visitors for the Confirmation service on Sunday, January 8.

Chair Report: A thank you card was received from Isabelle Schuster for the roses she received for her 100th birthday.

Financial Report:

- ◆ \$1,100 was deposited into the youth account in error. A correction will be made and deposited into the correct account.
- ◆ Two benevolence payments for the ELCA, Lutheran Services and Luther Park were not paid in 2016. The general fund checking account was showing a balance of \$4,414 on December 31st. A motion was made by Tyler Halverson, with a second by Ellyn Hudacek to pay the benevolences from those funds. The motion carried.
- ◆ Discussion was held about possibly adding other charitable giving; the clothes closet, food pantry, youth and pre-school to benevolence or to the annual report to the congregation.
- ◆ A motion was made by Tyler Halverson, with a second by Tom Buchner to approve the financial report. The motion carried.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry: The second Financial Peace University course will be offered beginning January 29, 2017. The course will be held on Sundays and Wednesdays, with Pastor Martin and Adam Ewings facilitating.

Fellowship Ministry:

- ◆ Nylah Gust's going away party will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2017, beginning at 4:00 PM. Sonja Swan will discuss Nylah's longevity in the church. Dinner will follow.
- ◆ Bingo will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017
- ◆ Tom Buchner, Phil Skaar and his son Jacob and Jacob's Boy Scout Troop served a meal at the Senior Center.

Property Committee: Kitchen improvements were discussed.

Council Meeting

Social Ministry:

- ◆ St. John's served Agnes Table on December 27, 2016. 61 people were served. We had great help there.
- ◆ Meals on wheels is being done in January and is going well.
- ◆ The special collection for the clothes closet will be held on the last Wednesday and Sunday of the month for the 1st quarter 2017. The dates are; January 25, January 29, February 22, February 26, March 26, and March 28.
- ◆ The cost of the community outreach bathroom project has been evaluated by Buck Paulson and he and Pastor are now looking for what we can afford.

Worship/Music Ministry: No updates

Youth/Family Ministry: No updates

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Membership: By transfer, Marcy Trubshaw. A motion was made by Adam Ewings, with a second by Nick Zakrzewicz to accept the membership update. The motion carried.
- ◆ Pastor Martin's Ministry goals for January and February; Promote Financial Peace University and hold discussions concerning church activity involvement with Millennials, increase member participation through follow up visits with potential members, find Luther Park annual meeting voting members, continue high school ministry by participating in upcoming lock-in, visit with families at Bloomer basketball home games, promote this summer's youth mission trip, elderly visitation and other miscellaneous goals.

Old Business:

- ◆ Committee reports need to be turned in to ensure the annual report to the congregation is ready for display on Sunday, January 15, 2017.
- ◆ A discussion was held concerning improvements or updates that could be made to the annual meeting that would create more interest and higher attendance by the congregation.

New Business:

- ◆ Council retreat-A council retreat will be held in February or March.
- ◆ Positions in 2017 Council-President Rod Johnson thanked outgoing council members Adam Ewings and Alice Zinsmaster for their service. Encouraged other members to be thinking about the goals they have for their positions on the council and the ministries they represent.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:03 PM by Tyler Halverson, with a second by Nick Zakrzewicz. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lynette Pank/Acting Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Philip Skaar, Adam Ewings, Lynette Pank, Ellyn Hudacek, Nick Zakrzewicz, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Absent: Janice Naset, Alice Zinsmaster, Pauline Stertz



SR. HIGH LOCK IN FOOD, FUN, & FRIENDS

WHEN: 9 PM FEB. 3 TO 7 AM FEB. 4

WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WHO: 9TH -12TH GRADE & FRIENDS

COST: \$10.00



Please Bring: Munchies/snacks to share Beverages provided

Movies (no R rated)

Games

Music

Youth meet at St. John's 9 pm (or as soon as game is finished)

Phone 715-568-5446 #12, email stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net or return enclosed registration form to basket on brown desk outside Marla's office by Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017