



# 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.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## A LENTEN JOURNEY TO THE EASTER VIGIL

Twice in my life have I participated in a service called the Easter Vigil. This unique service is normally scheduled for the night before Easter. The first time I experienced this amazing service was while I was in seminary. As part of the Luther Brass, I was fortunate to witness a truly amazing worship service that was planned and executed by staff from Luther Seminary and Central Lutheran Church, once one of the largest Lutheran churches in the country. The cathedral architecture allowed for remarkable majesty to be seen, including 20 foot tall animal puppets found in the story of Noah's ark! I will never forget this three-hour worship service that culminated in several people getting baptized, which is one of the hallmarks of the Easter Vigil.

Most congregations do not get to experience this service, but this year, St. John's will get a taste of what it looks like. We will offer five of the Old Testament stories that are included in a typical Easter Vigil service during our midweek Lenten services.

February 21	Creation
February 28	Flood
March 7	Deliverance at the Red Sea
March 14	Salvation freely offered to all
March 21	Deliverance from the fiery furnace

As usual, these special worship services will be different from the prior Sunday during Lent. They will still follow our soup/sandwich suppers (4:45-5:30) and faith formation (5:30-6:30). This will be a great opportunity for you to experience the power of these stories without having to endure a 3-hour Easter Vigil worship!



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# Church News

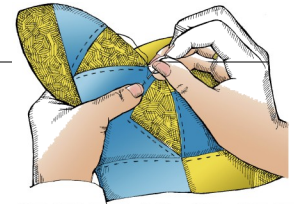
## Congratulations to the 2018 council members!

- \*Tom Buchner (current council member)
- \*Sue McInnis
- \*Kathy Tozer
- \*Isabelle Hillman (youth)



## Quilting

Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



QUILTING GROUP

Please join us for Ash Wednesday worship on February 14, 2018 at 1:00 & 6:45 p.m.



Please join us for the ecumenical choir practice every Monday at 4:00 p.m. We will be in the chapel area. Please contact Tom Buchner if you have any questions.  
715-568-2778



Due to the transition in the financial secretary position please feel free to contact the church office if you notice discrepancies in your giving statement. 715-568-5446

For the month of February we will be supporting the Bloomer Food Pantry. Donations of money and/or soap will be collected. Any kind of soap including shampoos, laundry detergent, dish soap, and body wash/bars are needed to stock the shelves. These items can be placed in the boxes labeled food pantry at the back of church or by the office doors. Monetary donation can be designated for the food pantry and placed in the offering basket. Thank you for your generosity.



Confirmation  
NEWS

# FINANCIAL REPORT-2018

	2017	2018	BUDGET 2018
<b>Beg. Balance - Jan. 1</b>	\$ 4,399.00	\$ 4,497.00	
<b>Income 1/1 - 12/1</b>	\$ 192,990.00	\$ 13,332.37	\$ 230,286.00
<b>Expenses 1/1 - 12/1</b>	\$ 199,642.00	\$ 11,718.61	\$ 230,286.00
<b>Balance</b>	(\$2,253.00)	(\$2,883.24)	
<b>Loan - Security Financial</b>	\$ 61,138.00	\$ 61,138.00	Bld. Fund
<b>Loan - Security Financial</b>	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00	Gen. Fund

## Church News


### ARMED INTRUDER TRAINING AVAILABLE

Safety at St. John's is always a priority. We background check anyone working with children. We have installed a new security system for the safety of our preschool, staff, and anyone else utilizing our facility. But there are still times when our doors are open and thus we are vulnerable.

St. John's has already offered two trainings to help our leadership understand how to proceed if an armed intruder ever enters our facility or property. If you would like to attend the next training or would like to brush up on what you've already learned, we'd encourage you to come on Sunday, February 25 after church, starting around 10:15. The session will begin in the sanctuary and further conversation will follow in the dining hall. We will also practice running a couple of live scenarios. A free lunch will be provided for all participants. The event will conclude around 1:30 pm. Please notify Marla if you plan to attend so that we can make sure we have enough food for everyone! Many thanks to officer John Beyer (St. John's very own!) for providing this important training.



**FEBRUARY 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:00 PM Pastor's Theological Conf. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p><b>29</b> Pastor's Theological Conf. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>30</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>31</b> 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p><b>1</b> 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 AM Pizza Prep</p>
<p><b>4</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Fat Tuesday Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Valentine's Day 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b>  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool Valentine's Day 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service and Distribution of 1st Gr. Bibles 10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>20</b> 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting</p>	<p><b>21</b> 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship Service and Distribution of 1st Gr. Bibles</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM - 12:45 PM Armed Threat Presentation 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Ecumenical Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>27</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b> 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship and Children's Voices</p>	<p><b>1</b> 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>

## Church Council Meeting Special Meeting of Church Council January 9, 2018

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

**Opening Devotion:** by Pastor Martin – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 10.

**Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Rodney Johnson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of December meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Ellyn Hudacek, seconded by Lynette Pank, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Council Comments:** The slats in the belfry are looking good.

**Congregational Comments:** None.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Phil Skaar, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

- ◆ Books were audited on January 8, 2018 by Debbie Gillette and Kathy Tozer.

**Committee Reports:**

**Discipleship Ministry:**

- ◆ Kathy Faschingbauer resigned. Will be looking for a replacement.

**Fellowship Ministry:**

- ◆ Tom met with ecumenical choir people on January 8, 2018.

**Property Committee:**

- ◆ Slats and water damage have been repaired.
- ◆ Someone came and checked the stove.
- ◆ Lights in preschool area almost done.

**Social Ministry:**

- ◆ Results of Social Ministry survey were reported. A “Calendar of Monthly Focus” was developed considering the results of the survey.
- ◆ A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lynette Pank, to approve the 2018 Calendar of Monthly Focus. Motion carried.

**Worship/Music Ministry:**

- ◆ None

**Youth/Family Ministry:**

- ◆ Thirteen ninth-graders were confirmed on January 7, 2018.
- ◆ Youth sang Christmas carols and brought cookies to area nursing homes.

**Dream Team:**

- ◆ None.

**Preschool:**

- ◆ None.

## Church Council Meeting

### Council President's Report:

- ◆ Encouraged everyone to attend Annual Meeting on January 21, 2018,
- ◆ Final meeting for outgoing members. Thank you to Lynette Pank for her time spent serving on church council as treasurer.
- ◆ Next meeting in February will be election of officers. Council members should consider the opportunity of serving as an officer.
- ◆ Reminder to submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting. Next meeting will be February 13, 2018 at 6:30.

### Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **CELEBRATING:** Preschool lights completion; Confirmation; Increased 2017 attendance (broke 9,000 barrier).
- ◆ **ENCOURAGED:** Tom Buchner/ecumenical choir; Youth musicians – Kaitlyn Bohl, Kelsey Kettner; Youth readers – Kaitlyn Bohl.
- ◆ **GO DEEPER:** Social Ministry conversation regarding quarterly fundraising.
- ◆ **WORKING ON:** Tracey's transition as Financial Secretary and Gregg's transition as janitor; Lent; Re-convening Dream Team.
- ◆ **LEARNING AND EXPLORING:** Walking Together song contest (Elvis song.)
- ◆ **PRAYERS/HELP:** for Walking Together invitations.
- ◆ **Membership Update:** Baptism: Sara Davis.
- ◆ A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve membership update. Motion carried

### Old Business:

- ◆ Discussed Ecumenical Choir.
- ◆ Discussed Annual Meeting Planning
  - ◆ Discussed Parliamentarian.
  - ◆ Barb, Janice and Rod volunteered to count ballots.
  - ◆ Other duties were discussed.

### New Business:

- ◆ A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Lynette Pank, to purchase a new office chair at a cost up to \$300, paid from Council Funds. Motion carried.
- ◆ EPIC Council Training given by Synod on February 17, 2018 for interested council members. Cost is \$10 individual, group of six or more \$50. Email with more information will be sent out.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 PM by Ellyn Hudacek, with a second by Barb Ross. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill (per Janice Naset) Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Philip Skaar, Lynette Pank, Tyler Halverson, Rod Johnson, Janice Naset, Ellyn Hudacek, Barb Ross. Absent: Tom Buchner, Pauline Stertz, Lisa Prill.

# Youth and Family

## ARMED THREAT WORKSHOP

**WHEN:** Sunday, February 25

**WHERE:** St. John's Lutheran Church

**TIME:** 10:15 AM-1:00PM Lunch included

**WHO:** All Members

**TO REGISTER:** Email name of person attending to [stjohnsl-marla@bloomre.net](mailto:stjohnsl-marla@bloomre.net) by 5 pm Wednesday, February 21

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Sr. High Lock In

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

When: 7 pm Friday, Feb. 23-7 am Saturday, Feb. 24



FRIENDS WELCOME

## 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, Feb. 18 @ 9 am worship

Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:45 pm worship



## LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS



February 14, 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21

Enjoy delicious soups, sandwiches, & desserts made by St. John's youth & parents. Meal served from 4:45-5:45 pm. Monetary donations of your choice will help support all youth activities. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## 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.

## Happy Valentine's Day



1 John 4:16

## CHILDREN'S VOICES



SUNDAY, FEB. 25 & WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28

