



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement: "Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!"

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Please Join Our Church Family

In Prayer



As we enter the month of February, 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 lists please stop by the church office, or call the office at 715-568-5446

or email the information to:

stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net



Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Marian Shipman, Donna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter), Dean Hontz, Tom Buchner, Steve Stumm (friend of Krissy Mickelson), Harry Loew, Nylah Gust, Jane Schmock, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Edith Fleming, Zayden Blandin (Kathy Geissler's great-grandson), Elda Marvin (Kathy Tozer's Mother), Alice Zinsmaster

Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of February 3rd: Liz Bohl, Adam, Emmitt, Henry, and Lucy Anderson; Bill, Carrie, Aiden, Brennan, and Calum Anderson; Karen Anderson; Kay and Richard Anderson; Doug, Shellie, Tayler, and Zachary Asher; Karli Asplund

Prayers for the week of February 10th: Matt and Penni Asplund; Justin, Stacey, Bentley, Journey, and Riley Babbitt; Kathleen Badzinski; Kay Baier; Yvonne Baier

Prayers for the week of February 17th: Greg, Tasha, Trey, Ava, Brodie, and Dylan Baker; Bruce, Karen, Jay, and Jon Barlow; Jerome, Kristie, Alicia, and Ryan Benson; Carolyn Bergh; Jill, Mark, Karsten, and Madi Bergh

Prayers for the week of February 24th: Matthew, Melissa, Claire, and Tyler Berlin; Brittany, John, Jack, and Laikyn Beyer; Dale and Rita Bitney; Albert, Merlene and Mark Blaha; Lydia, Steven, Chase, and Reagan Blaha

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

Church News

Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than the 23rd of the month .
Thank You

BREAKING NEWS

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP

CHETEK, WISCONSIN

RECHARGE 2019

FIRM FOUNDATION

March 1-2, 2019

WHERE: Luther Park Bible Camp, 944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek, WI 54729

WHO: 3rd -12th Grade

COST: \$80.00 includes programming from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday, meals, lodging, and Recharge t-shirt.



REGISTER ONLINE @ www.lutherpark.org

Please join us for Bingo!

February 17, 2019

At 1:00 in the Dining Hall

All are Welcome!

Altar Guild



The Altar Guild is looking for more members. This fellowship is responsible for decorating the church for the liturgical seasons and setting up and cleaning up for communion and baptism services. It is a meaningful and 'behind the scenes' way of serving our church. Most of us work together in teams: i.e. with a friend, a spouse, or your children. We need helpers for our Sunday and Wednesday services.

Please talk to Pastor Martin or call, text or email Sue Nehring: 715-933-0181 suenehring@bloomer.net

Thank you!

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.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 9:00 AM Worship Service with Baptism for Micah Mohr 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>31 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Book Club, Church Library</p>	<p>1 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 EPIC</p>
<p>3 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>5 4:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>7 5:30 PM Pre-School Board Meeting</p>	<p>8 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>11 8:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>12 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 1st Grade Bibles 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 First Grade Bibles 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Worship Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Faith Formation 1:00 PM Bingo</p>	<p>18 8:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting, Dining Hall</p>	<p>19 Opioid Workshop - Luther Park 4:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Children Sing 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>25 8:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Children Sing Fat Wednesday 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>1 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p>

Church Council Meeting

January 8, 2019

St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
January 8, 2019

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

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Item 10.B) Preschool Discussion:

Present on behalf of St John's Preschool: Janelle Yeakey, Catelyn Faschingbauer, Crystal Erickson.

Discussed options concerning Preschool Tax ID number.

It was mutually decided that going forward, St John's Financial Secretary will take care of St John's Preschool payroll (paid from Preschool account, as usual.) This way, St John's will have accurate payroll/tax records on file, and Preschool will remain under the same Tax ID number. St John's Church will bill St John's Preschool at year end for payroll services. St John's Preschool Treasurer will continue all other duties concerning Preschool finances.

Approval of December meeting minutes: A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Member Comments:

Inadequate lighting in balcony on Christmas Eve caused stumbling. Suggestion to look into LED lighting on steps, or make sure to raise lighting before communion.

Congregation Comments:

Many positive comments on special Christmas music. Some complaint about volume.

Disappointment in only two Holden Evening Services during Advent. Wondering if Christmas Pageant could be held on a Sunday afternoon instead of Wednesday evening.

Financial Report:

Internal audit was performed by Kathy Tozer and Lyn Pank. Negligence had caused some late fees and penalties. Bills are current.

Victoria is setting up Quick Books program to more accurately track each fund. Some balances may not be reconciled by Annual Meeting.

Recommend dual control for all cash handling. Deposits should be counted by two people, sealed in an envelope and signed by both people across the seal before placing in the safe. Amount should also be logged by committee making the deposit to better track funds.

Kathy/Victoria will contact Tru Lock concerning changing the combination on the safe.

Annual Statements of Giving for 2018 will be forthcoming.

A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee:

Family of Tim Lewis is donating memorial money toward repairing sign in front of church.

Social Ministry:

Looking for two people to deliver Meals on Wheels the last week of January.

Youth/Family Ministry:

34 youth attended fellowship event at the Bowling Alley on Nov. 13th, which included pizza, soda and one game of bowling.

30 youth participated in the Butter Braid Pastry Sale, selling 535 pastries for a profit of \$2735.

Middle school late night was held Dec 7th, attended by 23 youth and 4 senior high helpers.

Children's Christmas Pageant was held Wednesday, Dec 19th. Attendance was 288. 16 middle schooler youth helped getting groups ready.

Happy Birthday Jesus was a success with families playing games and decorating cookies.

Youth Quake weekend in Wisconsin Dells begins January 18th and will be attended by 12 youth.

Rite of Confirmation is January 13th. Seven youth will participate. Volunteers will serve participants and families breakfast Saturday morning, at rehearsal.

VBS wasn't held last summer, due to lack of interest. This year we will look into offering it in July.

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We are blessed with new youth interested in joining Faith 5 on Wednesday evenings. Groups are currently large, so Pastor will make a plea for more volunteers to help accommodate growth.

Help is needed for Community Egg Hunt, which St John's has been hosting. Please contact Marla if you are willing to help with the Egg Hunt.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 18th at 5:00.

Nominating Committee:

Six candidates have been presented for Church Council nomination:

Adam Anderson
Lydia Blaha
Tom Ewings
Laurice Hillman
Melissa Sarauer
Terry Smith
Driah Zakrzewicz – youth representative

Photos and bios will be posted ASAP.

Discussed options for future Nominating Committees.

Council President's Report:

Thanked council and outgoing members.

Reminder that if there is a large item under your committee report, please advise ahead of time so it can be placed on the agenda and so that the council knows that it will be discussed. Please submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting.

Next meeting will be February 12, 2019 at 6:30. A Special Meeting is anticipated before this meeting to elect new officers and discuss committee appointments with new council members.

Pastor's Report:

Celebrating: New musicians for Christmas worship services; The work of Lyn Pank and Kathy Tozer in scrubbing our 2018 financial reports; A well-orchestrated and highly attended Christmas Pageant.

Resourced: Karsten Bergh – Wednesday reader.

Working on: Preparing for Annual Meeting; Confirmation Sunday; Revamping confirmation; ELCA annual report; Annual Bishop's report; Determining 2019 personal goals.

Learning & Exploring: Opioid crisis conference.

Help and Prayers: Finding additional help for Faith 5 volunteers.

Membership Update:

Transfer to Church Triumphant: Ray Ross; Tim Lewis.

A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Phil Skaar, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Planning:

Parliamentarian – Tyler Halverson

Ballot Counters – Barb Ross, Suzi McInnis; Phil Skaar

Discussed using a microphone. Decided to announce that we will repeat congregational questions so they can be heard by all.

Rod and Tyler will help set up table and chairs at the end of worship.

Insurance Company Considerations:

Current insurance has already been renewed, so no new quotes will be considered.

Additional Items:

Email Vote: On Thursday, January 3, 2019, a motion was made (by email) by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the 2019 budget. Motion carried by Unanimous Consent.

Closing Devotion: by Kathy Tozer – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 20.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 PM by Janice Naset, with a second by Rod Johnson. Motion carried. The meeting closed with the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Philip Skaar, Janice Naset, Kathy Tozer, Lisa Prill, Rod Johnson, Suzi McInnis, Ellyn Hudacek, Tyler Halverson, Barb Ross, Isabelle Hillman, Marla Paulson, Janelle Yeakey, Catelyn Faschingbauer, Crystal Erickson. Absent: Pauline Stertz

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2019

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 10:11 by Church Council President Tyler Halverson.

Attendance: 57 voting members.

Parliamentarian: Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: By Pastor Martin Halom.

Approval of Minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting: A motion was made by Alice Zinsmaster, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Introduction of Church Council Candidates: Rod Johnson presented the candidates for five council positions and one youth representative:

Adam Anderson

Lydia Blaha

Tom Ewings

Laurice Hillman

Melissa Sarauer

Terri Smith

Driah Zakrzewicz (youth)

Thank you to the nominating committee: Rod Johnson, Janice Naset, Clyde Shipman.

A motion was made by Tom Buchner, seconded by Vicki Trinko, to close nominations for church council. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Nominating Committee for 2020: none at this time.

Synod Assembly Voting Members – May 4th at Trinity Lutheran in Eau Claire: Jan Helgeson volunteered to attend. Still need a male representative.

St. John's Preschool bylaw revision: A motion was made by Eva Newton, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek, to accept the proposed changes to St. John's Preschool bylaw. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Current wording: C14.02.c.03 “The voting membership of the Pre-School Board shall consist of a member of the Ministry Committee, a parent representative, and four members elected at large. Any voting member of this congregation may be elected subject only to the limitations on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. The Pre-School director shall be ex officio member of the Board with voice but not vote. “

Revised Wording: C14.02.s.03 “The voting membership of the Pre-School board shall consist of a member of the Youth and Family Committee, a parent representative, and at least four members elected at large. Any voting member of this congregation or parent/guardian of a preschool student may be elected subject only to the limitations on the length of continuous service permitted in that office. The Pre-School director and/or administrator shall be ex officio member of the Board with voice but not vote. A minimum of three members of the Preschool Board will be members of St. John's Lutheran Church.”

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St. John's Foundation bylaw revision: A motion was made by Rod Schmidt, seconded by Kathy Ludwigson, to accept the proposed changes to St. John's Foundation bylaws. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

St. John's Lutheran Church Mission Statement: A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Zach Bohl, to adopt: "Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love" as the Mission Statement of St. John's Lutheran Church. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Financial Report:

Question about financial statements: Will be forthcoming and up to date in 2019

Question about budget report numbers only going through October 2018: Actual numbers are on Profit/Loss statement

Question about "flow-through" on profit/loss report: Refers to fundraiser monies

Question about "paid off" amounts: The loan has been taken over by St John's Foundation, so has been paid off at the bank

Question if there are outstanding bills: Bills are all current

Question if a new balance sheet will be made available once audit is complete: Yes

Question if Roy Meier's donation to Youth fund has been exhausted: Pastor believes it has

A motion was made by Vicki Trinko, seconded by Lon Wilson, to approve the financial report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Presentation of 2019 Budget: Council President Tyler Halverson presented the Budget. A motion was made by Karen Johnson, seconded by Kay Anderson, to approve the 2019 Budget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Declaration of Election Results:

Adam Anderson

Lydia Blaha

Tom Ewings

Melissa Sarauer

Terri Smith

Driah Zakrzewicz

A motion was made by Lon Wilson, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek, to destroy the ballots. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Karen Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Martin closed the meeting with a prayer at 11:00 AM.

Submitted by Lisa Prill

St John's Church Council Secretary



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