

St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

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Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2020

Delaney Lynn Zwiefelhofer	Madalaine Olivia Larson	Tyler James Berlin
Dominick Lee Meisner	Evan Philip Nitek	Ryanna Marie Keller
Abrina Grace Hillman	Kylee Robin Heintz	Dylan Edwin Halom
Zoe Lorraine Pielhop	Jensyn Rae Skaar	Cicely Jean Kiecker
	Joshua Quinn Koehler	

February 9th Grade Faith Statements (another on page 11)

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Proverbs 17:22

Jesus was the son of God and our Savior. He died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we can go to Heaven. If I hadn't become a Christian I probably wouldn't know most of this or have understood what this would mean for me. It helps me see that I was created for a purpose even though I might not know it yet. My parents are the ones who have encouraged my faith. They were the ones who started me on the path of Christ.

Going to camp had made my faith grow the most. It's where I learned a lot about Jesus in my first few years of being part of the church. Being confirmed means I'll be able to let my faith grow even more and be able to meet new people from church. I want to commit myself to following Jesus because I'll be able to know someone is there for me when I really need it.

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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, call the office at

715-568-5446, or email the information to:

stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net



Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Donna Kerckhove, Rene Kerckhove, Tom Buchner, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Kari Skaar, Tim Loew, Laurie Koehler, Maggie Olson, Mike Rufledt, Dick Gladitsch, Connie Stertz, Merv Marquardt, Brian Bleskacek, Alice Zinsmaster.

Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette, Caleb Reischel, Ryan Heiss, Jacob Johnson

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of February 2ND: Judy Weissinger; Margueritte Werner; Lon, Pat, & Eric Wilson; Arnold & Marlene Windsor; Sharon Winfield

Prayers for the week of February 9TH: Jeanette Wolf; Brent, Janelle, Blaine, Canryn, & Kelly Yeakey; Randy & tami Yeakey; Steve, Sindy, Zayah, & Driah Zakrzewicz; Pete, Stacie, Page, & Kendall Zeman

Prayers for the week of February 16TH: Alice Zinsmaster; Amanda, Jeremy, DeLaney, & Dyllon Zwiefelhofer; Garret, Kari, Skylar, & Trey Zwiefelhofer; Suzette Zwiefelhofer

Prayers for the week of February 23RD: Hunter and Rebecca Alman; Adam, Liz, Emmitt, Henry & Lucy Anderson; Bill, Carrie, Aiden, Brennan and Calum Anderson.

Church News

Quilting

Please join us for quilting.
February 18th 1:00-4:00

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Another EASTER SEASON is around the corner. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is Feb. 26th. Wednesday Meals on this night will be at 5:30—6:30 p.m. and devoted to **Hunger Awareness**. Please make special plans to participate in this eye-opening, heart-warming event.

St. John's Preschool is currently accepting registration applications for January 2020



Parents may enroll their children by contacting;

Beth Cullen, (715) 497-2739 – or st.johnspreschool.bloomer@gmail.com

Classes will be offered to fully potty-trained 3 yr. old kiddos. Open enrollment will continue through February 14.

We'd love to have you join us for a fun and exciting school year!

Warmly, Your Preschool Staff,

Mrs. Beth, Miss Courtney and Mrs. Lambert

BINGO

Sunday, February 16th is our next fun-filled B-I-N-G-O ! Each 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. come and enjoy this light-hearted activity with us. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:45 p.m.

St. John's opens their doors to **ALL** for fellowship and delicious meals!

Expected Menus will be announced at Worship Services each week.



Soup-er Bowl Sunday

February 2 after Worship Service, which will be 10:00 on this day.



There will be prizes, fun and fellowship! Bring a Crockpot of your favorite soup or bring dessert. A free-will offering will be taken for Hunger Awareness and leftovers will be offered to take home for a donation as well. Sign ups will be at the welcome Center.



Help is ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!



Deadline for March Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than Feb. 24th of the month . Thank You!!

Library Corner

"St. John's Best Kept Secret"



Recently added series to St. John's Library:

The American Odyssey Series is by Gilbert Morris. The 6 book series spans the time from 1900 to 1960, telling about the lives of the Stuart family. The series includes "A Time to be Born", "A Time to Die", "A Time to Laugh", "A Time to Weep", "A Time of War" and "A Time to Build."

Come in and check them out along with many of our other interesting and entertaining reads.

STOP IN SOMETIME!!

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Pastor's Conference 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Property Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Faith Five 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action	27 Pastor's Conference 8:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Bloomer Women's Club	28 (Pastor Martin's Bday)	29 2:00 PM Bible Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meals 5:30 PM Confirmation- Faith Five 6:30 PM Youth Quake Meeting 6:45 PM Worship	30 1:00 PM Book Club Meeting in Church Library	31 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study	1
2 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Souper Bowl, after Worship 12:00 PM Special Church Council Meeting	3 8:00 AM Bible Study	4 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Pre-School Board Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bloomer Cub Scouts Meeting	5 Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor 2:00 PM Bible Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meals 5:30 PM Confirmation- Faith Five 6:30 PM Mission Trip Meeting 6:45 PM Worship	6	7 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study	8 Luther Park Annual Meeting
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Church Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020

“Growing Disciples who eagerly share Christ’s Love”

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Vice President Melissa Sarauer.

Financial Report:

A motion was made by Lydia Blaha, seconded by Barb Ross, to move \$34.46 from Council Fund to Fellowship Fund to eliminate negative balance. Motion carried. The transaction will be reflected in the 12/31/19 balance sheet.

Property Committee approved paying the \$2343 cost for replacing the mechanical door to TruLock from Property Fund.

Lydia provided a written summary of the 2019 Internal Audit.

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lisa Prill, to approve the financial report.

Motion carried.

Devotion: Dwelling in the Word.

Discussed how we can open our hearts and listen for God’s word; to go outside the walls of St. John’s and follow our mission.

Prayers: Prayers of sympathy for the Dahl family (friends of Lydia) on the passing of their baby; prayers of comfort and healing for Brian Bleskacek; and one year old Ashton, going through second round of chemo; Lisa’s mom’ health issues; all those suffering from cancer/illness/disease; prayer of joy and thanks for Henry and all those participating in the Jump Rope Contest; prayers for our incoming council members and for a thoughtful, productive, faithful council.

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

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

Issues/Information

Committee Reports: (Attachments: FIN, Pastor)

Fellowship: Reminder of upcoming Soup-er Bowl Sunday event on February 2, 2020.

Bring your favorite soup to share after 10:00 worship. Free will offering to benefit Hunger Awareness. Prizes and games. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Pastor’s Report – Membership Update:

Baptism: Henry Rihn

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Newly Confirmed Members: Tyler Berlin; Dylan Halom; Kylee Heintz; Abrina Hillman; Cicely Kiecker; RyAnna Keller; Josh Koehler; Madi Larson; Dominick Meisner; Evan Nitek; Zoe Pielhop; Jensyn Skaar; Delaney Zwiefelhofer.

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lisa Prill, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 19 at 10:00. Melissa and Lisa will provide bars.

Church Council Minutes (Continued)

Church Council Candidates: for three council positions and one youth representative:
Tyler Halverson, Pat Prill, Lisa Prill, Driah Zakrzewicz (youth.)

Special Council meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2 at noon to elect officers. Discussed progress on Staff Handbook revisions. Pastor will meet with Suzi and Lisa to make progress prior to next month's council meeting.

First Communion/Maundy Thursday will be discussed by Worship/Youth committees. Committees/groups will be invited to share their information/displays/sign-ups in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, before and after worship, and Wednesday evenings during the dinner hour, as well as having the opportunity to present a Mission Moment. Pastor will provide email information for committee chairs. Look for a Sign-Up Genius invitation with a link for online sign up schedule.

Tentative date for **St. John's Annual Charcoal Chicken Sale** is Sunday, April 26, 2020. Barb will check with Shadick's to reserve the date. Helpers are needed!! More information to come!

A raffle could be held in conjunction with the Chicken Sale. Anyone interested in putting together items for a raffle, please contact Pastor or Lydia Blaha for more information.

Quarterly giving reports should be back on track in 2020.

Anyone interested in joining a church **Dartball** team is encouraged to attend a meeting at United Congregational Church on January 25. See Pastor Martin for details.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 by Barb Ross, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Martin.

A Special Meeting to elect officers will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at noon.

Next council meeting is February 11, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Victoria Prince-Silvas, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Barb Ross, Kathy Tozer, Adam Anderson, Driah Zakrzewicz, Lisa Prill. Absent: Pauline Stertz, Tom Ewings, Suzi McInnis

Youth Announcements

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



Serving God By Serving Others

WEEK OF HOPE

7th-12th Grade

Mission Trip

Wednesday,

February 5 @ 6:30 pm,
next youth and parent
gathering
in dining hall.

Destination:

Denver, Colorado

SEE YOU THEN!

NEWS FLASH

LUTHER PARK

RECHARGE

APRIL 3-4

GRADES 3-12

\$80 PER PARTICIPANT

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.lutherpark.org

Join Luther Park for 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through discussion, music, friends, and activities as we celebrate our uniqueness and God's love.

1st GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, Feb. 9

@ 9 am worship

Wednesday, Feb. 12

@ 6:45 pm worship



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LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS

Camp & Activities Fundraiser
Sponsored by confirmation families & all youth attending camp

March 4, March 11, March 18,
March 25, April 1
Meal served from
4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Enjoy delicious soups, sandwiches, & desserts made by St. John's youth & parents.



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HUNGER AWARENESS MEAL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

AN OUTPOURING OF GENEROSITY

"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

Sponsored by Confirmation Youth & Families
By participating in the hunger awareness event, you will become the hands and feet of Jesus for someone less fortunate.

Pastor Martin's Monthly Report

I CELEBRATE

The great confirmation class of 2020 and celebrating their achievements.
 The conclusion of this round for the Faithful Innovation Network. Looking forward to more great experiments in 2020!
 The highly gifted musicians who shared their talents on Christmas Eve.
 The great work of our confirmation class as they visited Bloomer nursing homes, singing Christmas carols and decorating cookies.

People I've encouraged and RESOURCED

Recruiting Gregorie and Julie Chojnacki for gospel reading acolytes on Christmas Eve.

Ways I've helped us GO DEEPER with our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

Working with FIN as we move forward with plans for 2020.

I'm currently WORKING ON

Completing the staff manual for final approval.
 Youth and Family Ministry Director process, particularly posting the opening far and wide.
 Finding voting members for the Luther Park annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8.
 Improving our Sunday sermon recordings with more permanent technology.

I'm LEARNING & EXPLORING

I could use your HELP with and your PRAYERS for

Continued ideas for our various committees in trying out new things.

Additional comments

Membership updates:

Confirmed – Cicely Kiecker, Josh Koehler, Zoe Pielhop, RyAnna Keller, Evan Nitek, Delaney Zwiefelhofer, Dylan Halom, Madi Larson, Dominick Meisner, Jensyn Skaar, Kylee Heintz, Abrina Hillman, Tyler Berlin

Baptism: Henry Rihn

FIN (Faithful Innovations Network)

Saturday, December 28, 2019

Attendance: Lydia Blaha, Tom Ewings, Barb Ross, Pastor Martin, Jill Gengler

1. Results of Sermons on FB

- a. Dec 1: 122 saw, 92 views, 3 likes
- b. Dec 8: 114 saw, 1 share
- c. Dec 15: 134 saw, 8 likes, 1 share
- d. Dec 22: 12 saw
- e. We assume that the people who make up the statistics are already followers of St. John's FB page. Can we encourage a Share Campaign??

2. January 11 Retreat Presentation

- a. Start at the Beginning: ~1 minute video reenacting the experiment we had in mind the day we left the October retreat – postcards in church to collect people's thoughts
- b. First meeting after, we believed the experiment was way too inward and we need to get outside the walls, more brainstorming took place and that's the birth of two experiments. We literally had a St. John's reenactment of Acts
 - i. Sermons on FB experiment
 1. Talk through what we've done, struggles, and then offer out our FB statistics
 2. Sharing Campaign is the offspring experiment to get this to the next level
 - ii. Mass Email experiment
 1. Purpose of the communication
 2. What was said in the communication
 3. Results of the communication

3. What does 2020 look like?

- a. Proceeding with FIN 2.0
- b. PM will be connecting with Erin to get us the next steps
- c. Tom Ewings will drop off and we will identify one or two individuals to join
- d. PM to connect with Laurice and Suzi on their interest for FIN 2.0

4. Next Meetings

- a. January 5 for practice and final prep for retreat after 9:00 service
- b. January 11 retreat in Menominee

Brainstorm Session Ideas List

- Next Bonfire - Decided to not have another fall bonfire. Instead, will do an afternoon fire on the ice. Aiming for February.
- Decided that our index card idea was too internal. We want to get outside the building. This idea will be tabled for now, but we want to get back to following through with this.
- Technology
 - + Broadcast service on FB
 - + Pastor's corner

FIN (Faithful Innovations Network) - *continued* Finance Update

- + Martha's bible study group on FB
- + Tithing
- + Endless list How To's (baptism, marriage, tours of different parts of our church) for info
- Youth draw/paint a picture and then we hand them out to people in our community, with the back of the picture with the child's name, their age/grade, and St. John's Lutheran Church
- Hand out free hot cocoa on a cold day, possibly aiming for a community event, to connect St. John's with our community
- Actually discuss in worship the reflection question after each session
- Live responses to the reflection questions via technology and publish the responses live at worship.
- In our experiment phase, include youth to help come up with the ideas

FINANCE UPDATE

Final Numbers for end of year 2019

Year End 2019:

Weekly Contributions	\$226,185.04
Other Raised Funds	<u>22,523.97</u>
Total Received	\$248,709.01
Expenses	<u>\$240,181.39</u>
Total remaining after expenses	<u>\$ 8,527.62</u>

Year-To-Date Numbers as of January 27, 2020

Year-To-Date:

Weekly Contributions	\$ 12,873.67
Other Raised Funds	<u>0</u>
Total Received	\$ 12,873.67
Expenses	<u>\$ 14,254.92</u>
Total remaining after expenses	<u>\$ - 1,381.25</u>

Expressions of Thanks From Pastor Martin February 9th Grade Faith Statements (cont. from page 1)

January 21, 2020

To the friends and families of St. John's,

Without your generosity, St. John's would not be able to reach out in meaningful ways and so let me offer my sincerest thanks to you for your contributions in 2019. I hope that you feel that your giving is tied directly to your relationship with God and that it is through God's generosity that you are inspired to give!

2020 will be a pivotal year. As our longest tenured staff member, Marla Paulson, looks toward retirement, know that we have been working extra hours to make plans for our next Youth and Family Ministry director. At our annual meeting, we approved the funding for making this position full time, a change from Marla's ¾ time status. We hope that there will be some overlap between Marla and the new candidate for training purposes, which obviously has financial implications.

I want to draw your attention to two new online giving options that we have on the St. John's website. If you visit <http://www.stjohns-bloomer.org/giveserve.html>, you will see a box for Tithe.ly as well as another for PayPal. In order to be better prepared for our future, we'll need to see these vehicles used, especially for those who want to be more consistent in their giving. Thank you for being an integral part of our family. May we all grow as disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!

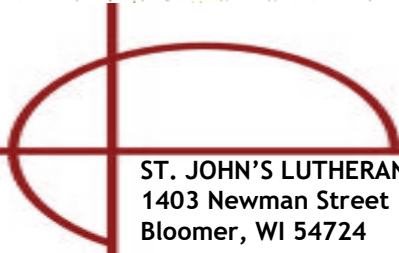
Pastor Martin

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.” Proverbs 31: 25

I believe that Jesus died on the cross so we can be forgiven and go to heaven. My faith in Jesus has made a big difference in my life. I've met a lot of people and friends who care about me through my church. I've made many memories in our church, at lock-ins, confirmation, Youth Quake and more. Church has also helped me improve my music skills, by letting me play a few times a year at the services.

Some of the people who have shaped my faith are my Mom, Marla, Beth and Tyler. If my Mom hadn't played piano for church I wouldn't have started to go to church. Beth encourages my faith because she makes church fun, and spend more time with her. I help her with the toddlers on Wednesday, and I play in the brass ensemble with her and Tyler. My most helpful spiritual growth opportunities have been Youth Quake, Luther Park, Lock-Ins, and confirmation. I still remember the speakers at Youth Quake, and the activities we did there.

I want to be a part of the church because it is like an extended family and it helps build relationships. Some of my spiritual gifts are my musical skills, I'm a helpful person, and I care about others. I can use those gifts to help those in need, and play at church to make it more enjoyable. Being confirmed is important to me because I'm excited to be a part of the church and learn more about God and the people in the church.



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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?

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