

St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Letter from Pastor Halom

Youth & Family Announcements

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TOGETHERNESS

Have you ever noticed how much longer things take when you work alone? Yes, I realize that there are certain things in life where it's easier to do them alone, but my experience has shown that working together is normally so much more efficient and usually meaningful.

Take our care for creation initiative, for example. On my own, I can try to take shorter showers, turn off the lights more, use reusable bags when shopping. But when I know that there are others doing the same, not only are our efforts going further, I feel emboldened to try because others are trying too. When we have more people in our church family participating in taking care of God's earth, our collective impact is greater than the sum of its parts, a lesson I've retained since my college economics classes!

As we enter the month of February in yet another new year, I am more hopeful than twelve months ago when we just reopened our doors for in person ministry. That was a tenuous time where we were still figuring out how to safely gather for worship, service, and faith formation. It was an uncertain time wondering who would be willing to assemble for the collective good. But having experienced a tremendous month of December where financial giving was as generous as it's been in about five years, there is hopefulness that regardless of in person attendance, our church remains faithful to our mission.

Now as we take our next faithful step forward, I remain hopeful that we can also advance our ministry efforts in both time and financial generosity. Our newly elected church council will be participating in a council retreat led by Pastor Erin Nelson, a colleague from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin staff. We will ponder and discuss what it means to be church at this time under these circumstances. We will offer new and creative goals to work toward this year, goals that will undoubtedly involve working together – sometimes through a computer screen, sometimes standing side by side.

Please consider participating in our life together as we make advances this year. We need your help, giftedness, and energy. And I will remain hopeful that you won't regret your involvement, but instead your journey of faith will be quite fulfilling!

Pastor Halom

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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 list 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

Richard Rihn; Jennifer Evitch (Amanda Prill's mom); Shelli Rogge; Arlene Christianson; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Ilene Pingel; Maggie Olson; Steve Trubshaw; Margueritte Werner; Kelly Custer; Clyde Shipman.

Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens,
Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of February 6th: Brad, Kim & Chloe Schulze; Arlette Schuster; Sharon Schwartz; Doug & Sandy Score; Nikki, Tyler, Madison & Miles Seibel; Steve, Susan & McKinsey Seibel.

Prayers for the week of February 13th: Josh, Sara, Adam & Arianna Shadick; Matthew, Meghan, Evan, Hazel & Henry Shadick; Patrick & Sandra Shadick; Clyde Shipman; Brian, Stacy, Jackson & Madison Simmons.

Prayers for the week of February 20th: Ashley, Nathan, Lawson & Lorelei Simmons; Kim, Steve, Bryce, Emilie, Jared & Sarah Siverling; Kari, Phil, Jacob & Jensyn Skaar; Terri Smith.

Prayers for the week of February 27rd: Donald & Karen Steinmetz; Dave & Pauline Stertz; Deanna, Jordyn, Nichole & Travis Nordrum; Deanna & Vernon Stuckert; Marlin & Monica Stuckert; Charlie, Nicole, Ava & Conor Sundberg.

FEBRUARY 2022 CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service-Baptism Theodore Sarauer 10:15 AM J.A.M.	31	1 5:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting	2 9:30 AM Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Faith Formation PreK-8th 6:45 PM Worship Service	3 5:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting	4	5 10:00 AM Luther Park Annual Meeting
6 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM J.A.M. 5:30 PM Youth In Action	7	8 11:15 AM Staff Meeting	9 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Faith Formation PreK-8th 6:45 PM Worship Service	10 10:00 AM Pastor's Conference	11 Youth Quake	12 Youth Quake
13 Youth Quake 9:00 AM Worship Service	14 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	15 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group	16 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Faith Formation PreK-8th 6:45 PM Worship Service	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM J.A.M.	21 6:00 PM Care of Creation Meeting (zoom)	22 11:15 AM Staff Meeting	23 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Faith Formation PreK-8th 6:45 PM Worship Service	24	25	26
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Church News

Quilting Group
 Will be meeting on
 February 15th
 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.


Everyone is welcome!!





The Clothes Closet on Main Street serves local families in need by providing an option to receive nice, clean clothing **COMPLETELY FREE**. They are always grateful for your donations but are in especially short supply of **WATER PROOF WINTER GLOVES**

CLOTHES CLOSET THANKS YOU



CREATION CARE

TIP OF THE WEEK FOR
 Limiting your use of fossil fuels for transportation and heating will help reduce pollution in the air we breathe.

1. When considering a new vehicle, make fuel consumption a **PRIORITY**.
2. Walk or bike on nice days if possible.
3. Combine several stops into one trip.

Deadline for March 2022 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.**
Thank You!!

Neighbor To Neighbor



A new ministry of the Northwest Synod of WI

Details can be found on bulletin boards at both church entrances.

FINANCE UPDATE
 Year-To-Date as of Jan. 30, 2022

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$ 11,970.43
Other Raised Funds	- 520.80
Total Received	\$ 11,449.63
- Expenses	\$- 12,355.63
Total remaining after expenses	\$ - 906.00

***Our current balance on our Line of Credit is \$23,990 and the principal balance on our building loan is \$47,150.*

Church Council Minutes

January 10, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Acting President Adam Anderson.

Opening Devotion: Prayer by Pastor Martin, with special prayer requests.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – December 13, 2021: Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kaitlyn Bohl, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Terri Smith, to accept the financial report. Motion carried. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to make a one-time payment of \$150 divided equally between Luther Park, Lutheran Social Services, and Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Social Ministry:

- Care for Creation ministry for January is reduce, reuse, recycle plastic.

Preschool:

- Preschool has been cancelled for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be reimbursed for unused tuition. Janelle and Pastor will be meeting with Christina after annual meeting to discuss parental concerns. Hoping to be up and running again in the fall.

Old Business:

- 2022 budget will be adjusted for decrease in income and expenses for preschool.
- Will be making efforts to secure volunteers for custodian duties.

New Business:

- Discussed 2022 annual meeting. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer at 8:20 p.m. to go into closed session. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer at 8:32 p.m. to return to open session. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

- Annual meeting January 16, 2022, will be in person and by Zoom. Child care will be available.

Mel Crisp will be asked to be the parliamentarian.

- COVID update: Will continue protocols in place and will review monthly.

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. by Terri Smith, seconded by Melissa Sarauer. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Martin.

Terri Smith, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Adam Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Janelle Yeakey, Jeff Cole, Kaitlyn Bohl, Marcy Trubshaw (by Zoom), Melissa Sarauer, Pat Prill, Terri Smith, Tom Ewings.

Church Council Minutes

Special Meeting, January 24, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Pastor Martin.

Opening Devotion: Prayer by Pastor Martin.

Elections: Pastor Martin spoke about the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Pastor Martin also described each of the committees.

President: A motion was made to nominate Adam Anderson as President. Adam accepted the nomination. Sarah Wittrock made a motion to close nominations and approve Adam Anderson as President. Seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried.

Vice-President: A motion was made to nominate Jeff Cole as Vice-President. Jeff accepted the nomination. Marcy Trubshaw made a motion to close nominations and approve Jeff Cole as Vice-President. Seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

Secretary: A motion was made to nominate Janelle Yeakey as Secretary. Janelle accepted the nomination. Alicia Bonczyk made a motion to close nominations and approve Janelle Yeakey as Secretary. Seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made to nominate Pat Prill as Treasurer. Pat accepted the nomination. Alicia Bonczyk made a motion to close nominations and approve Pat Prill as Treasurer. Seconded by Jeff Cole. Motion carried.

Committees: Discussion was had on council members joining the church committees.

Discipleship - Pat Prill

Property- Jamie Keller

Worship - Jeff Cole

Youth - Alicia Bonczyk

Fellowship - Adam Anderson & Janelle Yeakey

Social Ministry - Marcy Trubshaw

FIN - None (currently not meeting)

Preschool - Janelle Yeakey (until Fall) and Sarah Wittrock

Council Retreat: Pastor Martin discussed the possibility of a Council Retreat to set goals and vision for the year. Suggestion was made of having the Council go to Luther Park and have Pastor Erin Nelson help with the retreat. Dates of March 13th, 20th, or 27th were possible dates. An attempt will be made to hold the retreat on March 13th.

Meeting Dates: Meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm

Next Meeting: Monday February 14th at 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

A motion was made at 7:35pm by Alicia Bonczyk to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Members Present: Adam Anderson, Marcy Trubshaw (via Zoom), Pastor Martin, Jeff Cole, Pat Prill, Jamie Keller, Janelle Yeakey, Alicia Bonczyk, Sarah Wittrock (via Zoom)

Members Absent: Terri Smith, Katelyn Bohl

Minutes Submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary

Youth Announcements

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

JESUS & ME (JAM)

Who: Pre-K – 5th Grade
When: Sunday @ 10:15am & Wednesday @ 5:30pm

Join us in the sanctuary on either Sunday or Wednesday for Jesus & Me (aka JAM)! Your kids will learn about a new Bible story each week, play some fun games, and grow in their faith with their peers.

YOUTH IN ACTION



Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth
When: February 6th & 27th @ 5:30pm

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and FOOD! All are welcome (yes, even friends)! It's bound to be a good night for all.

CONFIRMATION

Who: 6th-8th Grade
When: Wednesday @ 5:30pm

This year our confirmation students are learning about the 10 Commandments. Join us as we grow with our peers to explore our faith, ask great questions, and have a lot of fun together!

Youth Gathering

Who: 8th-12th Grade
When: July 24-28, 2022

The Youth Gathering will be here before we know it, and it's not too late to sign up! If you are interested, please contact Katie ASAP to register. Registration fees go up again on January 22nd, so the earlier you register the better.

QUAKE MEETING

Who: 6th-12th Grade Families
When: February 11-13, 2022

A friendly reminder about Quake in the Wisconsin Dells! More details will be sent out via email for those attending.



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