



# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement:

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

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Church News - Calendar

Letter from Pastor Halom

Annual Meeting Minutes

Faith Statement

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### GO TEAM!

#### Rose Marie Powell

Rose Marie is our longest tenured current staff member having served as our Wednesday meal coordinator dating all the way back to 2015! There are so many ways that I have been thankful for her service, but allow me to illustrate some for your benefit!

As you know, we are in the business of discipleship and she has done wonderfully in this respect as our kitchen leader. I can still recall when we had some youth come to church after school before dinner and faith formation on Wednesdays. She was actually able to utilize some of them in the kitchen, teaching them a thing or two about meal preparation, while still giving them a sense of pride and responsibility in serving their church family. Even though that is no longer the current practice, Rose Marie has still fulfilled that vision by incorporating Deanna Lewis and Karen Anderson into the mix and allowing the rest of us to benefit from their work.

In her dedicated work, Rose Marie determines the meal plan, shops for the food, and follows through with the meal preparation, service, kitchen clean up, and record keeping. I feel that the Wednesday meal has been right at the heart of our ministry for years as far as helping our families have an affordable and healthy option for dinner on Wednesdays as we clog their calendars with church activities. I know of many churches that have asked how we do it and I always emphasize, "You've got to have a leader like Rose Marie to pull it off!" Not only does she have the expertise to feed dozens of people at a time, but she clearly illustrates that she has the drive to do so. Not to mention the fact that she utilizes leftover food quite well and keeps our meal costs down too!

One of my favorite stories about Rose Marie is when we had our annual staff Christmas party, which included a white elephant gift exchange. Following the party, somewhere in her house, you can find a picture of Jesus that measures no less than six square feet that was simply dropped off at church several years ago without a place to hang it! So I gifted it and she's had it ever since! I'm grateful that she received it with a smile, but I also know that it may come back to bite me sometime in the future again! Even so, she's always revealed that personal side that can bring about laughter along with her easy-going nature. It's just been great to know that I can fully trust her in this role and never have to worry about anything food related when she's in the midst of it!

I'd really encourage you to come out for our Wednesday meals, even if you don't have children in faith formation. They are offered normally from 4:45-5:30 each Wednesday and the free will donation is a mere \$5/person or \$15/family. It's a great time to gather around the table and deepen relationships while we enjoy the fruits of Rose Marie's labor. Come and see!

*Pastor Martin*

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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](mailto:stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net)

### Prayers of Healing For Our Church Family

Family and Friends of Eric Zimmerman (cousin of Matt Larson); Pat Prill; Kyle Ruffedt; Steve Trubshaw; Emmett Larson; Shelli Rogge; Arlene Christianson; Bob Kerckhove; Renee Grambo; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Kelly Custer.



### Prayers For Our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

### Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>: Marcy and Steve Trubshaw; Dorene, Jeff, Alicyn and Morgyn Turner; Janice Turner; Melissa and Kianna Turner; Jessica, Ross, Avery and Madelyn Waldofski; Jennifer, Luke, Morgan and Kayden Walta.

Prayers for the week of February 12<sup>th</sup>: Jessica and Dehija Walters; Bob, Cathy and Nathan Weber; Carol and Tom Webster; Carol and John Weideman; Marie Weideman; Lon, Pat and Eric Wilson; Arnold and Marlene Windsor.

Prayers for the week of February 19<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Winfield; Sarah (Wittrock), Gregorie and Julie Chojnacki; Brent, Janelle, Blaine, Camryn and Kelly Yeakey; Randy and Tami Yeakey; Pete, Stacie, Paige and Kendall Zeman; Alice Zinsmaster.

Prayers for the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>: Amanda, Jeremy, DeLaney and Dyllon Zwiefelhofer; Garret, Kari, Trey and Skylar Zwiefelhofer; Suzette Zwiefelhofer; Adam, Liz (Bohl), Emmitt, Henry and Lucy Anderson.



# FEBRUARY 2023 CALENDAR

## Faith Statement

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am - 11:00am Worship Committee Meeting	<b>30</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednes- day Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am Luther Park Annual Meeting
<b>5</b> 9:00am Worship Service 2:30pm Preschool Com- mittee Meeting	<b>6</b> Preschool PJs and Movie Day 8:00am Bible Study 11:30am - 1:00pm Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4:00pm - 6:00pm Parent/ Teacher Conferences 5:15pm Youth Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> Preschool PJs and Movie Day	<b>8 NO PRE- SCHOOL</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednes- day Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>9 NO PRE- SCHOOL</b> 9:30am Pastor's Conference	<b>10 NO PRE- SCHOOL</b> Youth Quake- Wisconsin Dells	<b>11</b> Youth Quake- Wisconsin Dells
<b>12</b> Youth Quake-Wisconsin Dells 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Fellowship Committee Meeting 5:30pm Youth In Action	<b>13</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!</b>	<b>15</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednes- day Meals-Fat Tuesday Dessert Cook-Off  6:45pm Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00am Worship Service  2:00 p.m. Harry Potter Bible Study	<b>20</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>21</b> 10:30am Preschool- Smiles in Motion Guest Speaking 1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group  	<b>22</b> ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00am Preschool-Smiles in Motion Guest Speaking 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednes- day Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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### FAITH STATEMENT

A year and a half ago, in June of 2021, my brother Brennan had open heart surgery in Rochester, Minnesota. It was a very scary time for me and my family as it was a very big surgery. I believe God helped with his surgery and helped Brennan recover quickly. I also believe our family was helped by God, who helped Brennan. I felt God's presence during the days Brennan was in Rochester and beyond.

If I were to describe Jesus to a friend I would tell my friend that Jesus is a Savior and a helper in my life.

**Bible Verse:** "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

# Church News

## St. John's Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes—January 22, 2023

**Call to Order** – meeting was called to order at 10:21 am by Adam Anderson, Council President. 56 church members were present, 46 in person and 10 online.

**Opening Devotion** – led by Pastor Martin

**Approval of Agenda**—A motion was made by Jan Helgeson to approve the agenda, seconded by Ellen Hudacek. Motion carried.

**Approval of 2022 Minutes**—A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting, seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

### Elections

The nominating committee, represented by Janice Naset, presented the candidates for 3 council positions and youth representative: Kyle Prill, Dorene Turner, Pat Prill, Kaitlyn Bohl – Youth Representative  
A motion was made by Sarah Wittrock to accept the nominations and declare a unanimous ballot, seconded by Nancy Schindler. Motion carried.

### Reports

**Written Reports:** A motion was made by Kathy Tozer to approve the written reports, seconded by Judy Nimtz. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Nancy Schindler to approve the financial report, seconded by Jan Helgeson. Motion carried.

**Approval of Budget:** Question was asked about payment to the Foundation, currently \$42,000 remaining, paying \$500 per month. Suggestion made of creating a project in memory of Darlene Haas to recognize the gift. Question asked about how the council has used the \$82,000 gift.

Council paid about \$22,000 to the line of credit, benevolences, remaining money is currently in the council fund, discussions continue on how to use the money. A motion was made to approve the 2023 budget by Zach Bohl, seconded by Art Klingenberg. Motion carried.

**Declaration of Election Results** – see elections above

**Adjournment**—Question was asked on preschool enrollment, currently 21 students total. Thank you for all the work of the outgoing council members Adam Anderson and Marcy Trubshaw. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 am by Barb Ross, seconded by Kathy Tozer. Motion carried.

**Closing Prayer** –  
Pastor Martin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Fat Tuesday  
**Dessert Cookoff!**

**When:**  
- Wednesday **February 15th**  
- During Dinner **Before** Faith Formation

**Prizes:**  
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd  
- People's Choice

**Sign Ups Available For:**  
- Dessert  
- Judges  
- Volunteers



**Quilting Group**  
Will be meeting on  
**February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
*Everyone is welcome!!*

**Deadline for March  
2023 Newsletter**  
If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than **January 26th.**  
*Thank You!!*

**WEDNESDAY MEALS**  
Every **Wednesday** from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. come and join your friends and family at St. John's for a **DELICIOUS** meal!  
Cost is \$5 per person **OR** \$15 per family



# Youth & Family Announcements

## Youth in Action

We are still looking for high school families to host for one YIA gathering each month. If you would be interested in learning more about that, please contact Amanda Ritchie - mobile (715)279-6962 or email [amanda\\_stjohnspreschool@aol.com](mailto:amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com).

Our Youth in Action for February will take place on Sunday, February 26th .

## Quake

Middle and high school students, save the following date.

**February 10-12 (Wisconsin Dells)**

Quake will be happening in Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness Lodge. We are excited about this opportunity for our youth, as it has been a success before! If your child is interested in attending, if you would like to chaperon, or if any questions arise, please contact Pastor Martin or Youth Director, Amanda Ritchie.

## *Fat Tuesday*

Fat Tuesday will be taking place on Wednesday, February 15th in place of Faith Formation/JAM. Dinner will run from 5:30-6:30pm, along with a dessert bake off! It should be a fun evening with a variety of delicious treats.

## *Harry Potter Bible Study*

We are going to be hosting a Harry Potter bible study beginning on Sunday, February 19th from 2:00 – 5:00PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin. We will be showing Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire at this event. All ages are welcome! We do ask that if you have not seen the first three movies before this showing that you do catch up so that the storyline makes more sense.

**“WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS WE ARE UNITED, AS WEAK AS WE ARE DIVIDED.” -ALBUS DUMBLEDORE**

## Lenten Suppers – Soups and Sandwich Dinners

Our JAM and confirmation families will be helping with dinner during the session of Lent. February 22nd our JAM families will be helping with dinner, while February 29th/ March 1st/ March 8th/ March 15th/ March 22nd/ March 29th our confirmation groups (families) will be in charge of meal time and clean up. Dinners during Lent will be various soups and sandwiches.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

♥HAPPY  
Valentine's  
DAY♥

## NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!



Amanda



### Sneak Peek into the Program

Amanda and Jamie have a lot packed into the month of February. In this coming month, our various themes that will be explored are Groundhogs Day; Valentine's Day; Presidents Day; Dental Health Week; and Dr. Seuss Week (Read Across America). The children follow weekly focus walls that teach them their letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. As teachers, we integrate these subject areas into our curriculum plans and daily activities that the children can choose from.

Jamie



### Dates to Consider

Wednesday, February 8th through Friday, February 10th we will be closed along with the School District of Bloomer.

### PJs and a Movie Day

We will be having movie days on Monday, February 6th and Tuesday, February 7th in our theater room upstairs. Children can stay in their jammies that morning and enjoy a movie with some fresh popcorn.

### Valentine's Day Party

Tuesday, February 14th and Wednesday, February 15th we will have our class Valentine's Day parties. Children can dress up for Valentine's Day and bring in their cards and treats for their friends if they choose.

### 100th Day of School!

On Thursday, February 16th and Friday, February 17th we will be celebrating the 100th day of school. We are looking forward to focusing on a variety of things that add up to 100.

### Classroom Visitor

On Tuesday, February 21st and Wednesday, February 22nd, we will have a visitor from Smiles in Motion come and discuss dental health with our students.

### Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

We will be hosting a Read-a-Thon fundraiser from Monday, February 27th through March 3rd. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child or donating to the preschool, please contact Amanda Ritchie. This is such a fun way to promote early literacy to our students and their families, while supporting the mission of raising funds to help purchase new outdoor equipment and materials for our preschool.



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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?

**CALL: Pastor Martin Halom**  
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*(Council Meeting Minutes Continued)*

**Reports**

**Pastor Report-** North Projector in Sanctuary- lamps are no longer working

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to spend \$200 plus tax and shipping of the council fund to purchase a lamp. Seconded Terri Smith. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to accept membership changes of welcoming Elaina Rihn through baptism, releasing John, Brittany, Laikyn, and Jack Beyer and through confirmation Cal Anderson, Zach Asher, Aubrie Bohl, Tatem Mohr, Ava Prince, Nathan Weber, and Camryn Yeakey will be voting members. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

**Additional Items and Announcements**

**Adjournment** - a motion was made at 7:11 pm by Terri Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk . Motion carried.

**Members Present:** Janelle Yeakey, Pastor Martin Halom, Jamie Keller, Adam Anderson, Terri Smith, Alicia Bonczyk, Jeff Cole

**Members Absent:** Sarah Wittrock, Marcy Trubshaw, Pat Prill, Kaitlyn Bohl,

Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary