



St. John's Lutheran Church

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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St. John's Library

With the Christmas rush over and a long winter ahead, consider stopping into the Church Library and pick out a good book or two. This past fall the Library Board was very busy revamping the shelves to make it easier for you to find a good book. We removed many of the older books, sorry to say some had never been checked out. Now the shelves are neater and easier to look through. We are always adding new books and we have many series by good authors. Stop by and see for yourself, we would like to have you join us.

Library Board Members – Karen Anderson, Kathy Geissler, Alice Zinsmaster, Karen Johnson and Marlene Windsor.

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Church News

BREAKING NEWS

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP CHETEK, WISCONSIN RECHARGE

2018-2019

FIRM FOUNDATION

January 4-5, 2019

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

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.



SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 13, 2019

9 AM

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP

9th Grade Confirmands:

Leah Bleskacek

Tylor Calkins

Anya Dinger

Gunnar Grambo

Zachary Pielhop

Alexandriah Zakrzewicz

Issayah Zakrzewicz

QUAKE
YOUTH ENCOUNTERING THE GOSPEL

DIVERGE

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:2

January 18-20, 2019

Wilderness Territory Resort

45 Hillman Road

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

Annual meeting

Sunday, Jan. 20

Items of importance include:

- + St. John's Preschool bylaws changes
- + St. John's Foundation bylaws changes
- + Election of Church Council
- + Approval of 2019 spending plan
- + Vote on new mission statement

Come and See!

Church News

Luther Park Bible Camp News

Annual meeting - Saturday, Jan. 26 at 10 am

- † St. John's is allotted 3 voting members. Please speak with Pastor Martin if interested!

Volunteer opportunities:

- † Interior painting/exterior staining
- † Bathrooms (plumbing, counters, baseboards, etc.)
- † Window and wall washing
- † Dock installation
- † Much, much more!



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!

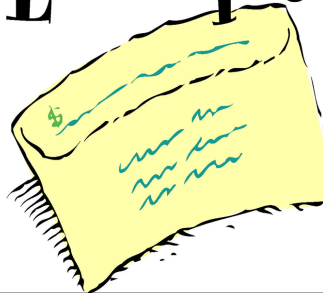
January Quilting

Please join us for quilting on January 15th at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome!!



Offering Envelopes



2019 Offering envelopes are in! Please pick yours up today in the chapel area!

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service	31 No Preschool	1 No Preschool	2 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action	7 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	8 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	9 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship	10	11	12
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Church Council Meeting

December 11, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: by Phil Skaar – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 19.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

Approval of November meeting minutes: A motion was made by Pauline Stertz, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Member Comments:

- RE: Trend in decreasing attendance: Noticed by other area congregations as well.
- “Thank You” from Hudacek family RE: Prayers for daughter Jill, who is back on US soil.

Congregation Comments:

- Many positive comments on how beautiful the church looks decorated for Christmas. Smaller trees are appreciated so banners can still be seen. Dining hall looks great!
- A few issues were discussed regarding photos for directory.

Financial Report:

- A motion was made by Lisa Prill, seconded by Jancie Naset, to go into closed session at 6:45pm. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Barb Ross, to return to open session at 7:18pm. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Suzi McInnis, that the motion carried at the November 13, 2018 meeting to use \$8650 from the Boiler Fund for Benevolence: \$1000 to Lutheran Social Services; \$1000 to Luther Park; \$6650 to the Synod, be rescinded in light of current financial situation. Motion to rescind carried. Pastor will make an announcement regarding rescinded motion at services on Wed, Dec 12 and Sun, Dec 16
- A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Youth/Family Ministry:**
 - Children’s Christmas Pageant is Wednesday, December 19th with practice on Wednesday, December 12.
 - Rite of Confirmation is January 13th
 - Next meeting will be Monday, January 7th at 5:00.
- **Nominating Committee:**
 - Committee has four candidates for Church Council positions and three “maybe.” At least five candidates are needed, seven would be preferred.

Council President’s Report:

- Shared “Thank you” from Barb.
- Donations have been requested by area organizations. Consensus is to decline to contribute at this time.
- 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 January 8, 2019 at 6:30.

Church Council Minutes

Pastor's Report:

- **Celebrating:** Installation of Victoria Prince-Silvas; Christmas decorations.
- **Resourced:** Helping the nominating committee find candidates; Youth playing for Christmas Day worship.
- **Working on:** Training our newest staff member, Victoria Prince-Silvas; Completing the pictorial directory; Completion of financial reports.
- **Learning & Exploring:** Tithe.ly and Breeze church management software.
- **Help and Prayers:** Annual reports and stirring up energy for discipleship; Meaningful Christmas worship.

Old Business:

- **Wedding Policy Update:**
 - A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Janice Naset, to approve the Wedding Policy as amended. Motion carried.
- **Annual Meeting Planning:**
 - A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek, to leave the Annual Meeting time to follow 9:00 service on January 20, 2019. Motion carried. (Phil – no.)
- **2019 Budget:**
 - Discussed budget items.
 - Proposed Benevolence for 2019: \$50/month to Luther Park; \$50/month to Lutheran Social Services; \$100/month to Northwest Synod.
 - A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Rod Johnson, to increase staff salary by 2% for 2019. Motion carried.
- **Directory Update:** Pictorial directories should be available by Easter.

New Business.

- **Pastor Housing Allowance:**
 - A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Barb Ross, for Pastoral Housing Allowance of \$24,000. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve an 80/20 split for Pastoral Health Insurance as done in prior years, with St John's paying 80% and Bethel paying 20%. Motion carried.
- **Annual Reports:** Please turn in ASAP.
- **Insurance Company Considerations:** Discussed upcoming informational meeting with Lutheran Trust Insurance on January 3 at 10am for quote regarding property insurance.

Additional Items:

- A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Rod Johnson, to remove Tracey McCann from accounts at Security Financial and authorize Victoria Prince-Silvas to access information on said accounts. Motion carried.
- Council agreed by unanimous consent to present Sindy Zakrzewicz with a gift card and Thank You for the wonderful work done organizing the office and records!
- Wondering if there is any interest in some kind of display by St John's at the North Park Christmas display? Will present idea to Youth in Action.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:15 PM by Barb Ross, 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, Pauline Stertz, Rod Johnson, Suzi McInnis, Ellyn Hudacek, Tyler Halverson, Barb Ross, Isabelle Hillman.



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