



# St. John's Lutheran Church

St. John's Lutheran Church is a community of people united to God and to each other by faith in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the love of God and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Love of witness, proclamation, nurture, service, and outreach at home and abroad will occur through faithful use of the scriptures, the sacraments, and prayer. We are motivated by our gratitude to God for his abundant gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Old & New
- Pastor's News
- Council Minutes
- Synod Assembly
- Financial Report
- Youth and Family

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## DANCING THE BALANCE BETWEEN OLD AND NEW

July will bring us into a new chapter as we introduce the cranberry hymnals into our pews. Because of your generosity, over \$5,000 was committed to this new worship resource. As your worship leader, I am thankful for this generosity because from my point of view, worship cannot be stagnant, lest our family become stagnant. That's what newness brings – vigor, excitement, and wonder.

What's ironic about the new hymnal is that it's a blend of old and new. Two of the three settings from the green hymnal can be found in the cranberry hymnal, both of which are familiar to St. John's. These two settings are in addition to the eight new settings, of which St. John's is now accustomed to two of them. There will be new music right alongside the old familiar music in both the liturgy and the hymnody. I also appreciate this because the old brings value too – predictability, familiarity, and stability.

Last month I completed our annual staff reviews. We are blessed with our staff and I cannot underscore that enough. It's a great balance between our new staff (Kathy, Nancy, and Tracey) and our veteran staff (Dennis, Marla, Michelle, Pat, and Val). *Note: "veteran" staff, not "old" staff!* As a newcomer myself, I appreciate the balance that we have as we introduce new customs and changes, yet still have the opportunity to listen to our history as we retain important traditions. Even though it can be hard work balancing the old and the new, it's important work to navigate our way through that tension. That's why we are blessed with a staff (and our church council too!) that is open to new change and yet has the capacity to help us newcomers know the history.

As we enter these summer months, those of us in leadership roles will continue to reflect on our past as we ponder our future. New changes are still likely to come! That is to my liking as your pastor so that our family of faith does not become stagnant, but instead will continue to thrive and grow as we embrace what God has in store for us!

*Isaiah 25:1 O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.*

~Pastor Martin

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# Pastor's News

## **WEDNESDAY MEAL COORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE!**

Last fall, we reinstated an old tradition – to have a meal provided on Wednesday evenings so that families will not need to squeeze in yet one more thing during a busy week. On average, 55 people were served (not including Lent), several from the apartments as well as youth and their families. This made for a great beginning to a lively night of learning and worship!

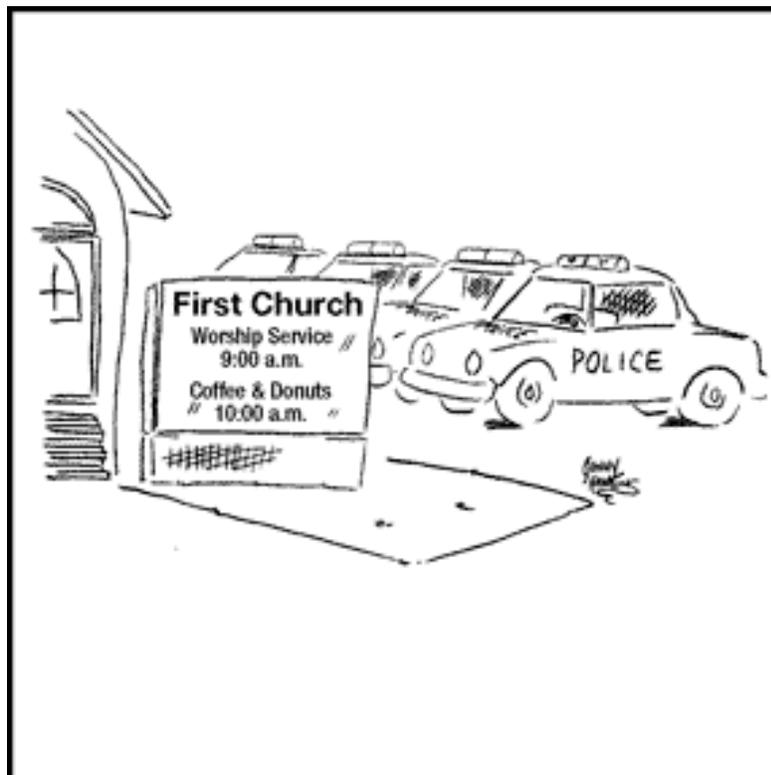
Val Rubenzer served as the primary coordinator and we owe her many thanks for her service to this church. She has decided to step back from this role, which now opens this opportunity for someone new! If you feel called to serve in this coordinating capacity, please see Pastor Martin or Tracey in the office to pick up a position description. The following qualifications are what we are looking for –

### **Qualifications**

1. Knowledge of and experience providing meals for large groups.
2. Understanding of food safety issues.
3. Punctuality and reliability.

A timetable will be forthcoming with regard to an application deadline, interview process, and date of hire. This position will pay \$10/hour and will likely start in September for the school year.

~Pastor Martin



## How much do you know about St. John's Lutheran Church worship?

# Worship Wonderings

### June 1

We say "Amen" several times throughout our worship. What does it mean?

- A. Let it be so
- B. The end
- C. Nobody really knows
- D. It has many meanings depending on its context, kind of like "Uff da!"

### June 8

Today is Pentecost Sunday, also known as the birthday of the Christian Church. Did this festival originate in the Old or New Testament?

- A. Old Testament
- B. New Testament

Pentecost is an Old Testament harvest festival called the "festival of weeks" celebrated 50 days after the Passover. Christians now observe this festival 50 days after Easter!

### June 15

This week we celebrate the festival Holy Trinity. Which of the following books marks the first reference to the word, "Trinity" in the Bible?

- A. Genesis
- B. Psalms
- C. Romans
- D. Revelation
- E. None of the above
- F. It depends on which translation of the Bible

Even though the word *Trinity* does not appear in the bible, the concept of the trinity is found throughout, starting in Genesis 1 and found in our lessons today!

### June 22

During worship services that do not feature a baptism, we begin our worship with confession and forgiveness. Why?

- A. It's Pastor Martin's favorite part of worship
- B. To wipe the slate clean so that we are free to worship without guilt or shame
- C. The book of Acts reveals to us that the early Christian church began with confession during worship
- D. B and C
- E. None of the above

## Council Meeting

June 10, 2014

### Committees

#### WORSHIP

-Janice Naset  
Chair/Liaison  
-Lisa Goettl  
-Janet Helgeson  
-Kathy Geissler  
-Janelle Yeakey

#### FELLOWSHI

-Lyn Pank  
-Pauline Stertz  
Liaison  
-Sue Zwiefelhofer  
-Sue Seibel  
-Nylah Gust  
-Heidi Morning

#### SOCIAL

-Art Klingenberg  
Chair  
-Pauline Stertz and  
Jordyn Keller  
Liaisons  
-Heidi Keller  
-Jeff Cole  
-Gregg Anderson

#### YOUTH & EDUCATION

-Adam Ewings  
Liaison  
-Michelle Ruffedt  
-Kelly Custer  
-Marla Paulson

#### DISCIPLESHP

-Kathy Faschingauer  
and Alice Zinsmaster  
Liaisons  
-Michelle Gasper  
-Alice Zinsmaster  
-Sue Nehring  
-Carrie Anderson  
-Terri Bohl

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

-Tom Buchner  
Liaison  
-David Lane  
-Stub Naset  
-Pete Zeman  
-Val Rubenzer  
-Dennis Rubenzer  
-Nadine Bresina  
-Rod Schmidt  
-Shelly Lane

President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.  
Jordyn Keller opened the meeting with prayer.

- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to amend agenda.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster to approve amended agenda.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to approve the e-mailed May meeting minutes.** Motion carried.

**Council Input:** None

**Congregational Input:** Bell tower slats need straightening. Waiting for hydraulic lift.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- ◆ **Youth & Education**-Brat Stand made \$770.40 before expenses.
- ◆ **Discipleship**-Hope to have booklet done by fall.
- ◆ **Worship & Music**-An outdoor worship will be held at the church 6/29 at 10:00 A.M. followed by a potluck dinner and games for the kids. Cranberry hymnals to be ready to use at 7/6 worship service.
- ◆ **Fellowship**-Potluck dinner after 6/29 service. Movie & ice cream to be held for apartment residents.
- ◆ **Social Action**- Meals on Wheels in July.
- ◆ **Property Management**-Discussion of stoves/ovens, water pitchers and confirmation picture display ideas. No action taken. **Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Lynette Pank to use undesignated memorial money to replace south facing window in west entry.** Motion carried.

**Chair Report:** None

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- ◆ **Membership Update**-**Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Pauline Stertz to accept membership of Nancy Schindler and Brian and Amanda Holm.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **God's Work-Our Hands**-Discussion for fall event.
- ◆ **Staff Reviews**-Going well, one left. **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Jordyn Keller to approve changes in staff job descriptions.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Review of Nominating Committee members.
- ◆ Pastor Martin's vacation and continuing education schedule presented to Pat Boettcher.
- ◆ **Continuing Education**- "Rethinking Stewardship" 7/28-7/30 and Mission Leaders Training 7/30-8/2.

#### **Financial Report:**

- ◆ **Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster and seconded by Shelly Lane to accept Financial Report.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Audit**-None

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#### Old Business:

- ◆ Pictorial Update-256 directories available
- ◆ Synod Stewardship Presentations-Pastor Martin to present in Superior in June.
- ◆ Bequest-None
- ◆ Membership Letter/List Update-Postcard proofed before mailing.

#### New Business:

- ◆ Devotion assignments to remain the same with any new council members replacing outgoing members.
- ◆ Synod Assembly report by Alice Zinsmaster and Pastor Martin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. with the Lord's Prayer.

Shelly M. Lane, secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Pat Boettcher, Pauline Stertz, Lynette Pank, Alice Zinsmaster, Kathy Faschingbauer, Jordyn Keller, Adam Ewings and Shelly Lane.

# 2014 Synod Assembly

*Faith* + SHARING =  
EVANGELISM



The theme was “walking and working together.”  
“For we are ‘Gods’ servants, working together,  
you are ‘Gods’ field, ‘Gods’ building.”  
(1 Corinthians 3:9).

Each of us were given choices of the workshops  
to attend. My first choice was ‘Relax, Your Life  
Depends on It’. It was presented by Father  
Putfall, parish nurse from Ashland. We were  
created by God to work and to rest as he himself  
did on the Sabbath. If we don’t relax and de-  
stress, we are not able to do ‘Gods’ work. We  
must learn to listen to our bodies and just  
“Breathe.” Our bodies are Gods temple. This  
was a very interesting session. Stress causes  
many diseases and so we must “Relax.”

~Alice Zinsmaster

The second session that I chose was “Mission  
Strategies.” It was presented by Rev. Laurie  
Skow-Anderson who is DEU and assistant to Bishop  
Hoyme.

Each church needs to have a vision, “for without a  
vision, the people shall perish.” (Proverbs 29:18). She  
talked about forming a cooperative between churches  
and not just Lutheran churches. People attending this  
session talked about their cooperative with other  
churches around them, including Methodist,  
Congregational, and Presbyterian churches that shared  
ideas, plans and staff. We are all working for God and  
all people. They were able to form a cooperative  
ministry. ‘Gods’ love never changes. It is the same yes-  
terday, today and tomorrow for all!

~Alice Zinsmaster

My third session was “Servant Evangelism.” This was also presented by Rev. Laurie Skow-Anderson.

Evangelism is a Greek word, we are to be evangelists and bring people to know God. She stress that you do not have to go knocking on doors there are countless other ways to reach out to others. They gave us resources to take back to our churches. The synod is offering a \$250 to \$1,000 grant for outreach and evangelism projects in our church. We need to apply and submit for the grant, if we wish. Our mission field is here in Bloomer and all must be valued for this to work.

I would like to thank St. John’s Lutheran Church for sending me as a representative. It was so great to be among all the churches in our synod. I truly enjoyed the experience and learned so much - God has truly blessed St. John’s.

Sincerely,  
Alice Zinsmaster

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## LAPPWHAT NOW?

In this session, we were informed that the ELCA has a Lobbyist at our State Capitol. This person talks to our elected officials about the problems we have in our state concerning Hunger, poverty and the need to ensure our children are getting proper nourishment and medical care. We need to make our government accountable for their health and wellbeing. Hunger effects our children's performance in school and in society. Hunger leads to low performance in school and trouble in general. It is difficult for a child to develop good skills if they are always hungry. We need to help change State policy to impact more people in good ways.

~Art Klingenberg

## LIVING WELL

We need to live healthy lives with what God has provided for us. We need to go back to using the food that we produce in more healthy ways. We can do this by eating much less processed food and more food in its natural state.

We need to go back to more spiritual and emotional ways of slowing down. We need to find ways of dealing with worldly problems that do not upset us. When life changes, how well do we accept these changes and move on. We need to ask God to strengthen us and help us.

We need to find compassion and put it in action to serve others in the name of Christ.

~Art Klingenberg

## ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN IN THEIR FAITH JOURNEY

We need to get our young men more active in our churches. We need to start when they are very young. Give them things to do that will make them feel needed and then follow through with praise for a job well done.

Make young men comfortable with what they are doing. Encourage them to get involved with Christian Men's groups when they are in High School and Collage. We need, as a church, to understand the struggles they face and respond proactively. There is no "One size fits all" approach to Ministry with our young men.

~Art Klingenberg

# Financial Report - July 2014

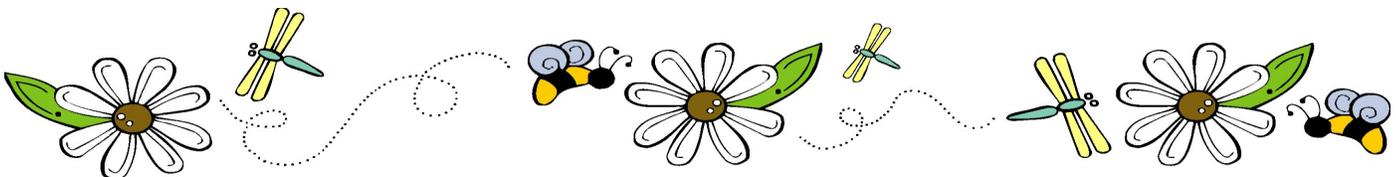
	2013	2014	Budget 2014
<b>Beginning Balance – Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	\$23,002.00	\$7,513.00	
<b>Income - July</b>	\$113,347.00	\$100,241.00	\$139,100.00
<b>Expenses -July</b>	\$127,691.00	\$107,667.00	\$139,100.00
<b>Balance</b>	\$9,658.00	\$87.00	
<b>Loan – Peoples State Bank</b>	\$100,184.00	\$87,420.00	

## The Perks of Being Over 60..

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run - anywhere.
4. People call at 9:00 p.m. and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 4: 00 p.m.
9. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
10. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge
11. You quit trying to hold your stomach in - no matter who walks into the room.
12. You sing along with elevator music.
13. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
14. Your joints are more accurate than meteorologists on the national weather service.
15. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
16. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable sizes.



**Looking for dedicated individual(s) to weed & neaten up the landscaping, as needed, through the end of the growing season. If this is interests to you , please let Shelly Lane or the Property Committee know. 715-568-2094 or [dmbln@bloomer.net](mailto:dmbln@bloomer.net). Thank you!**



**JULY 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship and Baptism for Declan David Stiehl 11:00 AM Potluck in the Dining Hall	<b>30</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>1</b> 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM Summer Stretch at St. John's 7:00 PM Worship and Baptism for Greyson Dennis Medina	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM Friendship Circle	<b>4</b>  Independence Day Office is Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM Summer Stretch at St. John's 7:00 PM Worship with Guest Preacher	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service with Guest Preacher	<b>14</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM Summer Stretch at Pastor Martin's home 7:00 PM Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	<b>21</b> 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM Summer Stretch (Location TBA) 7:00 PM Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Pastor attending Rethinking Stewardship 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	<b>28</b> Pastor attending Rethinking Stewardship 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	<b>29</b> Pastor attending Rethinking Stewardship	<b>30</b> Pastor attending Rethinking Stewardship 7:00 PM Worship	<b>31</b> Pastor attending Mission Renewal Conf.	<b>1</b> Pastor attending Mission Renewal Conf.	<b>2</b> Pastor attending Mission Renewal Conf.

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Water games at VBS

**Sr. High**

**9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grade SUMMER STRETCH**

**Food, Fellowship, Discussion**

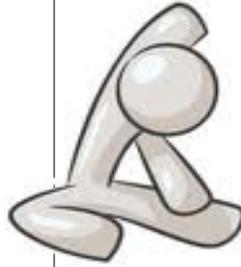
**Time: 4:45-6:45pm**

**Dates: June 18, 25, & July 2, 9, &16**

**Friends Welcome**

**Call 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email**

**[stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net](mailto:stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net) for more info.**



**LEARNING SCHEDULES**

Watch the newsletter and worship announcements for information concerning dates and times of fall learning.



**ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

**DETROIT MICHIGAN**

**JULY 12-15, 2015**

**7<sup>TH</sup> -12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**Multicultural Youth Leadership Event**

**Registration October 2014**

**More info coming soon**

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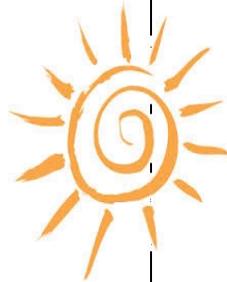
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**the weather,**

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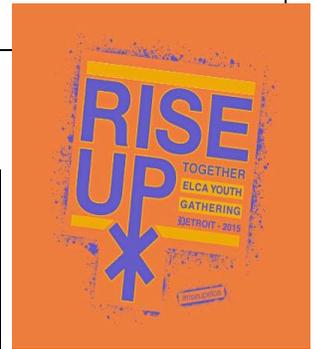
**your own**

**sunshine.**



**SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER PARK  
OFF TO CAMP WE GO**

**Camryn Yeakey, Laikyn Beyer, Nathan Weber, Harley Prill, Kennady Prill, Izibel Tozer, Alicyn Turner, Trent Michels, Ryanna Keller, Dylan Halom, Anya Dinger, Jaden Halom, Kelly Yeakey, Josh Prill, Nicholas Halom, Aaron Price and Autumn Knoepke will spend time at Luther Park in July.**



**WEATHER ALERT!**

**SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH!**

- 1. STAY HYDRATED**
- 2. DON'T FORGET THE SUN SCREEN**

**FAITH  
MAKES  
THINGS  
POSSIBLE  
NOT  
EASY**

**SUMMER PICKS**

- 1. Camp in your backyard**
- 2. Spend the day at the lake**
- 3. Watch fireworks**
- 4. Stargaze**

**Add something from your list that makes you smile & share it with a friend!**

**Blessings, Marla**





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