

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:

- Pastor's News
- Church Council Minutes
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JULY

PRIVILEGES

Last month I, as your called pastor, attended the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly. It's theme was simply called *The Generosity Project: Generous Hearts, Generous Minds, Generous Lives*. When I attended a workshop about the Generosity Project, I learned that of the 65 synods across the ELCA nationwide, only five have participated in this new initiative offered by the ELCA. It has been developed by the Rocky Mountain Synod as they were the first to receive a grant to fund the Generosity Project and develop it. Former assistant to the bishop, Linda Staats, designed this workshop to teach about God's generosity throughout the church, with particular attention given to the various generations that our churches experience each week. This cross-generation project is designed to help us all understand how God has been generous to us at various points in our lives and help us to respond accordingly.

Laurie Skow-Anderson, one of our synod's assistants to the bishop, has applied and was granted the funding to make our synod the sixth to join the efforts. And this is where things get even more exciting. Of the 199 congregations in our synod, she has approached St. John's to pilot this workshop for our synod!

I have spoken with leadership from our discipleship committee and church council and we have decided to pursue hosting this event, which will be held later in the fall. This will be a fantastic opportunity to once again show our community and synod that we are alive and well! If you are wondering why St. John's was offered this privilege, it's really quite simple:

1. We are centrally located in the synod.
2. I have worked closely with Laurie with regard to other similar workshops in our synod.
3. Most importantly, we have all generations actively involved at St. John's!

You will hear more about the Generosity Project in the coming months. It is my hope that we learn right along with the other congregations that will come in for this conference. It is also my hope that God will inspire us to provide one of our best attributes – hospitality. The Spirit is indeed moving!

Pastor Martin

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Bible Basics



June 7

The bible states that there is an unforgivable sin.

- True
- False

Mark 3:29 "...but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"

June 14

Today's gospel lesson is about the parable of the mustard seed, which Jesus compares to which of the following?

- A. Kingdom of Heaven
- B. Kingdom of God
- C. Both
- D. Who cares – I don't like mustard!

Matthew 13:31 The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

Mark 4:30-31 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed,"

June 21

When Jesus calmed the stormy sea while with the disciples, what did he say?

- A. "Silence!"
- B. "Peace, be still!"
- C. "You of little faith, check this out..."
- D. "Abba, Father, would you please just relax?!"

JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship Service	29 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	30	1 4:45 PM Summer Stretch 7:00 PM Worship	2	3	4
5 9:00 AM Worship Service	6 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	7 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	8 4:45 PM Summer Stretch 7:00 PM Worship	9	10 6:00 PM Mullen/Ashland Rehearsal	11 2:00 PM Nate Mullen and Kayla Ashland Wedding
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Dream Team Meeting	13 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	14 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	15 Eccumenical worship at the park (Time-TBA) 4:45 PM Summer Stretch	16	17	18
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Council Meeting June 9, 2015

Meeting called to order: by President Rod Johnson at 6:30p.m.

Opening Devotion and prayer: given by Pastor Martin

Agenda Amendment: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to add guest, Nadine Bresina (Property Committee) and Nylah Gust (Synod Assembly/Walking Together) to agenda, seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to approve amended agenda, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes for May meeting: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to approve minutes, seconded by Janice Naset. Motion carried.

Council member concerns: N/A

Congregational concerns: Cost of bathroom renovation/remodel

Committee Reports:

- ◆ **Youth and Family** – Summer Stretch Program (high school and confirmation ages), six week program starting June 10th. Vacation Bible School dates June 22nd – 25th. Eighteen youth have registered for Summer Camp in July at Luther Park so far.
- ◆ **Discipleship** – Generosity Project.... Motion made by Tom Buchner to pursue further information of the program and seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried.
- ◆ **Worship & Music**- Wednesday evening service time to change to 6:45p.m. starting September 2nd. Motion made by Lynette Pank to accept change in Wednesday service start time, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried. Rally Sunday date, September 13th.
- ◆ **Fellowship:** Book Club is going well.
- ◆ **Social Ministry** - St. John's delivers Meals-On-Wheels for the month of July.
- ◆ **Property** – Nadine Bresina (Property Committee) presented the projected costs of the bathroom renovation/remodel that was collected from various contractors. List includes contractor names and their projected cost. Copies of the bids will be in office.

Chair Report: N/A

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **Membership Update:** Membership by baptism; Scarlett Telschow, Lucy Anderson. Transferred to Church Triumphant; Ferne Turner. Motion made by Janice Naset to approve membership update and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried.
- ◆ **Visitations:** Hospital, Colfax and several families that have lost loved ones.
- ◆ **Synod Assembly:** Nylah Gust (guest at meeting) and Tom Buchner accompanied Pastor Martin to Synod Assembly and Walking Together. Nylah and Tom both reported that they very much enjoyed and recommend other members to take the opportunity to attend in the future.
- ◆ **Dream Team:** Together at Twilight gathering at North Park, Sunday June 14th at 5:00p.m.

Council Meeting

Financial Report: Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster to accept report and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- ◆ **Personnel Handbook:** Motion made by Lynette Pank to approve Handbook and seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Second motion was made by Kathy Faschingbauer to amend first motion to have Handbook list holidays (New Year's, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day), to specify those holidays that fall on Monday through Friday will be paid holidays and that the Handbook take effect January 1, 2016. Motion was made by Alice Zinsmaster to accept motion with amendment and seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried.

New Business:

- ◆ **Risk Insurance:** Terrorism coverage...discussion was held and council felt it was not necessary at this time to carry the coverage/cost.

Motion made by Janice Naset to adjourn meeting and seconded by Tom Buchner.
Meeting adjourned and closed at 9:00p.m. with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin

Pauline Stertz, Secretary

Meeting attended by: Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Tom Buchner, Alice Zinsmaster, Trey Baker, Pat Boettcher, Janice Naset, Lynette Pank, Kathy Faschingbauer, Pauline Stertz. Guest: Nylah Gust & Nadine Bresina. Absent: Adam Ewing, Ellyn Hudacek.

**2015 RETREAT AT LUTHER PARK- Chetek, WI.
August 26th-27th, 2015**

Theme: We are Christian Women.

Presenter: Barbara Swant & Ruth Anderson – Authors of Mary's Story

Music with Jeanette Tobiason

Each Person must fill out a form and prepay. Please return the form and your check to WELCA by 8/15/2015. Retreat begins at 1 P.M. on Wed 8-26-15 and concludes at 3P.M. Thurs. 8-27-15.

Early Bird Registration \$50 by 7/31/2015. \$55 after 8/1/15

Registration: Wed. 12:00 pm Fireside room of the Chapel (lunch on your own) OR Thurs. 7:30 am.

Please bring personal items, towels, pillows, bedding or sleeping bag, flashlight, Bible, pen, notepad, swimsuit, snacks, a cushion to sit on, (those benches are hard).



Brycen Charles Fetting was baptized on Sunday, June 21st.

Fetting family:
(Jackie, Monty, Addison, and Brycen)





Issayah John Zakrzewicz was baptized on Wednesday , June 17th.



NORTH PARK GOES ECUMENICAL!

On Wednesday, July 15 the Bloomer Clergy Association cordially invites you to attend a night of fellowship at the North Park. The evening will feature potluck (of course!), live music, as well as games for the kids for real and kids at heart. The last time the Bloomer Clergy Association offered this event two summers ago it was a blast as we came together, showing our unity, and enjoyed each other's company.

I still remember teaching the crazy game of Norski Softball and watched pastors, parents, and children alike making fools out of ourselves as onlookers laughed at our various attempts at cartwheels, summersaults, and crab walks. Obviously this is not your normal softball game! It will certainly be worth your while to either watch or participate in this extreme foolishness.

We encourage you to bring a dish to pass as well as your own tableware. The meal and live music will be in the gazebo area so a shaded area will be provided. See further details regarding the start time in upcoming bulletins and Facebook posts.

Because we value our collective churches coming together, worship will be canceled that night so that we can represent St. John's well. Come and see!

Financial Report - June 2015

	2014	2015	Budget 2015
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1 st	\$7,513.00	\$3,150.00	
Income – June	\$95,119.00	\$101,335.00	\$116,824.00
Expenses – June	\$102,600.00	\$101,943.00	\$116,824.00
Balance	\$32.00	\$2,542.00	
Loan – Security Financial Bank	\$88,420.00	\$76,750.00	

Property Committee:

All of the bids for the Bathroom Remodeling Project are in and have been presented to the Property Committee and the Church Council. The council voted to accept the bids and demolition/construction will begin on July 6th or 7th. A copy of all of the bids will be available in the church office for anyone who would like to look at them.

As of June 14, 2015 there is \$7578.00 in the Bathroom Remodeling Fund. There is also the potential of using money from the Undesignated Memorials in the amount of \$4,161.47 and money raised from the Wednesday meals in the amount of \$1000.00 for a total of \$12,739.47. The total bid for the project came in at \$32,913.00, which is less than we had anticipated at the annual meeting. Any donations to this project will be greatly appreciated.

Please pardon the mess as the work begins and thank you for your support of this project.

Nadine Bresina
Property Committee Chairperson

Social Ministry Committee:

"Meals-On-Wheels" has been one way that St. John's Lutheran Church over the years has been involved in the Bloomer community. We are in need of volunteers to help us continue this involvement, to help deliver these meals in July. Are you or someone you know looking for a small way to get involved? A sign up sheet is available in Narthex of church or contact Art Klingenberg (715-237-2498) or Pauline Stertz (715-828-5714)

Pauline Stertz
Committee Liaison



Property Committee:

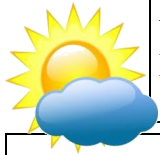
WANTED!!! IDEAS!!! Very soon you will see the suggestion box back in the narthex of our church. Several church members have recently asked for a way to submit suggestions or ideas about things they would like to see happen at St. Johns so we have decided to open the suggestion box back up for your use. Please note there will be a form to fill out located on or near the suggestion box that will ask you for your contact info., this is only in case we need to contact you to fully understand what you are asking or suggesting. We hope that you make use of this simple tool. We want to know what you are thinking!!!

Gregg Anderson
Committee Member

SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER PARK

OFF TO CAMP WE GO

Camryn Yeakey, Alicyn Turner, Trent Michels, Ryanna Keller, Dylan Halom, Jaden Halom, Kelly Yeakey, Nicholas Halom, Alexandriah Zakrzewicz, Jensyn Skaar, Jacob Skaar, Violet Hyke, Alex Hyke, Jordyn Keller, Dylan Baker, Addison Pecha, Morgan Sarauer, Madi Larson and Autumn Knoepke are spending time at Luther Park this summer.



2015-2016 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Watch the newsletter and worship announcements for information concerning dates and times for fall Faith Formation.



WEATHER ALERT!

Summer fun in the sun can be harmful to your health. Stay hydrated and don't forget the sunscreen.

FAITH MAKES THINGS POSSIBLE NOT EASY

Children's Art Work

Available for pick up from island in fellowship area lower level July 5th through 10th. All left behind artwork will be discarded after July 10th.



“Why fit in when you were born to stand out!”

Can you guess who wrote this quote? Ask a middle school or Sr. High youth who has attended Summer Stretch. They will know the answer!

Middle School & Sr. High 9th -12th Grade SUMMER STRETCH



Food, Fellowship, Conversation
(topic determined by youth)

Time: 4:45-6:45 pm

July 1, 8 & 15

Friends Welcome

Lost & Found

Missing a dish, your favorite crock pot or cake pan, clothing item, jewelry, or child's favorite toy?

Stop by the island in the fellowship area July 5 through 10 to claim your treasure. All left behinds will be used in appropriate areas of St. John's or taken to Goodwill after July 10.

Call 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net for more info.

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.



**“It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.”
e.e. cummings**

Can you guess what the topic of conversation was at Summer Stretch?

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