



St. John's Lutheran Church

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

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Council Member for the Month of July

Melissa Sarauer

A bit about me and my family: I have been a life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church. I am fortunate enough to say I was married in the church 13 years ago and blessed to baptize our two children, Morgan (10) and Alex (8) in the church.

Years served on Council: Currently serving year one.

Committees involved with currently and over the years: Church Council, Youth Committee, Chamber Easter Egg Hunt, Funeral Group, Fellowship – specifically BINGO.

An important duty of Council that some people might not realize is: A lot of thought and deliberation goes into each Action Item we discuss.

Why others should consider joining St. John's Church Council: Council is not always about "Business." We have fun too. Meetings have been a great opportunity to get to know others as well as help make decisions for the future of our church. Being part of an innovative team like council makes you understand the decision-making process and why things might be different from what we are traditionally used to!



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Please Join Our Church Family

In Prayer



As we enter the month of July, 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 lists 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

Donna Kerckhove & Rene Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughters), Dean Hontz, Tom Buchner, Harry Loew, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Zayden Blandin (Kathy Geissler's great-grandson), Kyle Ruffedt, Jase Bresina (St. John's pre-school student), Matthew Berlin

Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of July 7th: Brenda LaGesse and Trent Michaels; Brenda, Ryan, Lily and Mason LaGesse; Brian, Kerena (Gerrits), Isaac and Ty LaGesse; Daniel and Diane LaGesse; David and Dawn LaGesse

Prayers for the week of July 14th: Deborah LaGesse; Sam and Wendy LaGesse; Dale Lambert; Gloria Lambert; Dave and Michelle Lane; Brennan Lane; David Lane

Prayers for the week of July 21st: Edward, Lori, Sam and Joe Lanzer; Nicole Lanzer; Ed Lanzer; Kathy, Ross and Madi Larson; Bob and Jean LaTour; Bryan, Courtney, Gabriella, Zachariah (Rogge) and Tessa Lewis; Debi, Eric, Charlie, and Taylor Lewis

Prayers for the week of July 28th: Deanna Lewis; Daniel and Joann Lewis; Martha Libersky; Amanda, Eric, Aaron, and Evan Lierman; Harold Loew

Church News

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP VBS 2019

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6: 10

WHEN: JULY 15-18

WHO: JUST COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

WHERE: ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH

TIME: NOON-5:00PM

TO REGISTER: Email child's name & age & parents name & phone number to stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net

ALL CHILDREN & FRIENDS WELCOME



Please join us for quilting.
July 16th 1:00-4:00 p.m.

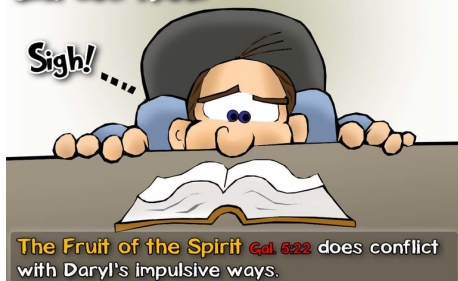
REMINDER:

Pre-school registration for Fall 2019 is in progress and now open to non-members. For more information & registration forms, contact Crystal Erickson at (715) 563-6281.



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, and.. Self Control!??
SELF CONTROL??



Volunteer Opportunities Presented to St. John's Members

St. John's often receives a "call for volunteers" from various organizations throughout Chippewa and Eau Claire Counties. We extend these invitations knowing that at any time, there may be someone longing for a way to demonstrate the love of Jesus through not just words but through their actions. To those who answer this call, a resounding "THANK YOU" is extended to you from not just those receiving your assistance, but from St. John's for your representation of our faith in Christ and his mission on earth.

Two such opportunities presently on our radar (And on our bulletin boards) are as follows:

***New Freedom Transportation Program** needs Volunteer Drivers
(800) 288-3287

***The Community Table** needs people to help serve meals to the poor, 365 days per year. volunteer@thecommunitytable.org or
(715) 835-4977 Ext. 7

Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than the 24th of the month .

Thank You

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service	1 8:00 AM Bible Study	2	3 11:00 AM Funeral for Marian Shipman, Meal to Follow	4 OFFICE CLOSED - in observance of Independence Day	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship Service	8 8:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM F.I.N Meeting- Conference Room	9 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	10 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Ecumenical Picnic at North Park	11	12	13
14 9:00 AM Worship Service	15 8:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School 5:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting	16 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School	17 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:45 PM Worship	18 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School	19 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School	20
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Church Council Meeting

June 11, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 by President Suzi McInnis.

Opening Devotion: By Suzi McInnis – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 25.

Discussed how forgiveness affects our church.

Prayers: Prayers of thankfulness for summer growth; successful eye surgery and gifts individuals are blessed with for vocations; protection from near accident; healing for those dealing with illness, especially Lyme’s disease; for Luther Park campers, counselors and staff.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Lisa Prill, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of May meeting minutes: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Pauline Stertz, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Issues/Information

Committee Reports: (Attachments: Fellowship, Youth, Pastor)

FIN (Formerly Dream Team)

Tom and Pastor met with coordinator Erin at Luther Park.

“Doing something is better than doing nothing.”

Pastor will order 8 copies of “The Agile Church” for FIN members to be passed on to Council after they have finished using them. Funded by Pastor’s education allowance.

Fellowship committee

Planning a photo contest open to all members of congregation. Entries due by September 29th.

Congregation will vote on 12 favorite photos which will be published as a 2020 St John’s calendar. Proceeds from calendar sale will go to Mission Well fund. More details will be provided in July newsletter and bulletins.

Fall Festival is being planned for October 26/27 as fundraiser for Mission support of a well in Africa. Funds would come from meal, possibly dumpling sales, quilt/basket raffles. Leaders are needed to guide others making potato dumplings on 26th, for pork meal on 27th, providing baskets for raffle and selling tickets, and to help with meal/events including Trunk or Treat event in the afternoon. If you are interested in being on the Fall Festival Committee, contact Pastor, Suzi, or Lisa.

Property committee

Sign in front of church will be replaced by Jan Ruffedt. Thank you to Deanna Lewis and family for funding the project in memory of Tim Lewis.

Retaining wall by creek needs to be repaired.

Pastor’s report:

Working on Administrator/Director for St John’s preschool.

Asking for help promoting VBS July 15-18.

Church Council Minutes (Continued)

Membership Updates:

Transfer In: Luke, Jennifer, Morgan and Kayden Walta.

Transfer to Church Triumphant: Sharon Knoepke.

A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Lydia will check on getting remote “read only” access to Quick Books, so she is better able to oversee financial reports to answer questions and present to Council in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lisa Prill, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Action Items

Accepted resignation of Council Member Terri Smith. Praying for her family members.

Mission Fair is being planned for September 15th/18th to showcase opportunities for congregational involvement. All committees/groups are encouraged to create a display. Punch cards will encourage members to visit all displays. Discussed offering food/meal as well. Egg bake and donuts Sunday morning, Fat Boy’s pizza on Wednesday.

Council evaluations are due ASAP. Lisa will scan and forward completed evaluations.

“Annual Staff Review Form” will be used for reviews. Pastor will have his form by June 26th for Council to review at July meeting.

Council has received Marla’s detailed Youth Director position description. Youth committee will make recommendations to council about job description within next four months for budget consideration. Will ask Marla for a calendar guideline. Discussed position options.

God’s Work, Our Hands: Pastor will contact clergy about working together. Would envision a committee with members of each church working together to decide on project(s) including a potluck meal and kickball tournament and Ecumenical service at park or fairgrounds.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:38 pm by Barb Ross, seconded by Melissa Sarauer. Motion carried. The meeting closed with “The Lord’s Prayer” led by Pastor Martin.

Next Council meeting is July 9th at 5:30.

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO AUGUST 6TH

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Suzi McInnis, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Barb Ross, Kathy Tozer, Tom Ewings, Adam Anderson, Pauline Stertz, Lisa Prill. Absent: Driah Zakrzewicz.

Youth Committee Notes

Youth Committee Meeting Minutes May 20, 2019

Attendance: Melissa Sarauer, Kathy Tozer, Marla Paulson, Lisa Prill, Pastor Martin

Review

- Celebrate Children – First wed in May, good turnout.
- Sr. Recognition – Half of the graduating class attended baccalaureate service.
- Sunday Sundae - Decline in number from previous years, estimation of attendance: 25–30 people.
- Flower Sale – Need to have a sellers permit in place, (This comes from the City Hall, cost is \$25.00) Anita Sikora owns the lot across from the Catholic Church (ask permission from her in order to sit in that open lot). Total Profit \$3,860.00

Concession Stand – Waiting to hear from Tiana and Liz on the outcome of the profits.

New Agenda

- Town Hall Follow up
 - o Orientation for proper church etiquette
 - o Develop group covenants (this was done this last year)
 - o Facebook post updates about talking points on what children learned in the classroom each Wednesday and Sunday session. Parents will need to comment on the post in order for the child to get credit for what happened in class. I do not have this in my notes and am wondering how we would go about giving children credit. This could be discussed at our next meeting in June.
 - o Disciplinary policies
 - o Have a conversation to parents that they do have authority to talk to children that are not doing things appropriately. "Running in church, throwing things, etc." This should be part of parent orientation.
 - o Have structured activities after kids finish meal. This would ideally help keep order with kids and keeping the chaos down.
 - ✦ Crazy camp songs
 - ✦ Pew battle ships
 - ✦ Games
 - ✦ Crafts/hobby's
 - ✦ Music Festivals/Bus Quote – Marla is waiting on one more quote on the bus... Will send out information once that quote comes back.
 - ✦ VBS – deadline by June 15, will determine if VBS is happening after June 15 based on how many kids are signed up.
 - ✦ Sindy & Driah H. Faith – Tabling discussion until we can determine how faith formation will look more to come in the June meeting.
 - ✦ Youth Fundraising Budget/Financial Policies –
 - o Any fundraising done in the church (even if it is not specifically a youth fundraising event will count as the 2 minimum requirement kids need in order to receive half priced activities. This includes any type of pre work and after work.
 - o Guide/Mentor Evaluations:
 - o Will be sending them out via email soon.
 - o Park Display – Target people in the congregation, Marla to pull together a meeting with high school group.
 - o Flat Jesus – Slowly taking off
 - o Eighth Grade Kidnapping – This happened on May 22, will follow up with how things went at June meeting.

Other—Kathy makes a motion to give One Fest \$250 donation. This money is to be taken from the youth account. Lisa seconds the motion. All are in favor

Youth Committee News (continued)

Pastor Martin's Monthly Report

Table discussion:

June:

Financial policies

Discipline policies

Follow up on Background checks – Marla

Follow up on information from Insurance Company on who would need to have a background check to work with kids in spaces. - Martin

Guide/Mentor Evaluations

Curriculum

Next meeting Date is: June 24th 5:00 – Melissa to provide supper

I CELEBRATE

1. The faith formation town hall meeting that was informative, reflective, and civil.
2. New worship experiments
 - a. Pentecost – multi language Lord's Prayer
 - b. "Now the Feast and Celebration" as monthly canticle of praise
3. Successful 8th grade kidnapping experience welcoming them into the high school Youth in Action.

People I've encouraged and RESOURCED

- 1.

Ways I've helped us GO DEEPER with our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

1. Attending the initial Faithful Innovations Network meeting with the other participating churches.

I'm currently WORKING ON

1. Annual staff reviews.
2. Identifying new Administrator/Director for the St. John's preschool.
3. Filling out the FIN team.
4. Developing the process to fill the Youth Minister position.

I'm LEARNING & EXPLORING

I could use your HELP with and your PRAYERS for

1. Promoting our Vacation Bible School July 15-18.
2. Preparing for our discipleship fair as we promote our various ministries amongst our committees and groups.
3. Walking the parade along with the St. John's preschool float.

Additional comments

1. Membership updates:
 - a. Deaths: Sharon Knoepke
 - b. Transfer in: Luke, Jennifer, Morgan, and Kayden Walta
2. Summer office hours changes
 - a. Victoria will be working 7:45-11:45 Monday-Thursday in the office and 8:30-2:30 on Fridays.

Youth and Family Ministry

Luther Park Bible Camp



VBS 2019

Where All are Blessed:
The Kingdom of God

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

Church: St. Johns Lutheran

Dates: July 15-18, 2019

Times: Noon to 5 PM

Bus transportation from summer school provided by Kobussen Bus

TO REGISTER: EMAIL CHILD'S NAME & GRADE JUST COMPLETED BY JUNE 5 TO

Stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net

REGISTRATION & HEALTH FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO ST. JOHNS BY JUNE 15



Luther Park Bible Camp • 944 24 1/4 Street Chetek, WI 54728

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SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER PARK

OFF TO CAMP WE GO!

Programs available for Kindergarten through Sr. High Youth as well as Family Camp. Weeks are filling up quickly. Visit www.lutherpark.org for more info.

To register your child, contact Luther Park or complete registration forms online.

Email a copy of completed forms to Marla at stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Watch the newsletter and worship announcements for information concerning dates and times for fall FAITH FORMATION



SAVE THE DATE

Youth & Ed Committee Meeting: July 15 @ 5:30 pm in the dining hall

Committee Members

- Lisa Prill
- Kathy Tozer
- Tyler Mickelson
- Melissa Sarauer
- Beth Halverson

Your input is valued! Contact committee members, or Pastor Martin and Miss Marla with your questions and/or concerns.



SUMMER PICKS

- Camp in your backyard
- Spend the day at the lake
- Watch fireworks
- Stargaze
- Add something that makes you smile and share it with a friend.

Blessings, Marla



**Wherever you go,
No matter what
The weather,
Always bring
Your own Sunshine**

Youth Announcements



**LIFEST THE NATIONS LARGEST CRRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL IN THE NATION
TRAVEL WITH ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURH ON SATURDAY, JULY 13 TO OSHKIOSH WI. HEADLIN-
ERS: SKILLET, SIDEWALK PROPHETS, DANNY GOKEY, JEN LEDGER. PASSION MUSIC & MORE
(OVER 100 ACTS ON 7 STAGES)**



**ONEFEST 2019 NORTHERN WISCONSIN STATE FAIR GROUND, CHIPPEWA FALLS WI. ,
JULY 26-28, HEADLINED BY NEWSBOYS, FRANCESCA BATTESELLI, BUILDING 429
BOTH FESTIVALS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE @
www.one-fest.com/tickets or www.lifest.com/tickets**

Fellowship Committee Report & 2019 Devotion Schedule

Fellowship Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2019. 10:15 AM

“Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ’s love.”

Present: Pastor Martin, Marla Paulson, Tom Ewings, Lisa Prill.

Photo/Calendar Contest:

Quotes for 2020 month by month, 12 photo calendar, 8.5 x 11 finished size:

DigiCopy in EC: \$6.50 per calendar for 100, 1-2 week turn around time.

Sharp in EC: \$7.95 per copy for 100 calendars, couple days turn around time.

Fed Ex in EC: \$9.26 for 25 calendars (waiting to hear back for 100).

Online sources were significantly more expensive.

All would require photos to be on flash drive or SD card.

Lisa will compose information flyer for Photo Contest to be put in July newsletter and bulletin.

Contest is open to all ages.

Limit of 5 photos per person.

Photos will be emailed to Victoria, will ask her to keep a file of the photos. Depending on how many are received, photos will be printed weekly or monthly to be displayed.

Photos could be shared on Facebook page. Lisa will look into a page where members can submit

Deadline to submit photos is September 29th.

Congregation will vote on photos using “Penny Jars”. 12 photos with most \$ are winners.

Money jars need to be brought out/put in Pastor’s office each Wed/Sun for safekeeping and will be totaled at end of voting.

Last day to vote will be October 20th.

Winners will be announced on October 27th at meal after worship.

Calendars will be ordered to have for sale by mid-November. Winners receive a free calendar. Proceeds from Calendar go to.....? Mission support? Synod project? Will ask Council for input.

Meal – October 27th:

Discussed having a Fall Event. Saturday, October 26 is church clean up. Would like to incorporate an inter-generational potato dumpling making session Saturday morning led by congregation members for anyone interested including youth. Tom will check with Nadine to see if that is okay.

Discussed having a pork steak or pork roast with dumpling meal. Ask Blaha’s about pork.

Pre-sell tickets for meal to know how much to prepare. Offer carry outs.

Ask Jimmy Koehler about food service license/permit requirements for meal.

Would like to have a Polka Service, live music after service as well? Worship Committee?

Have outdoor activities? Tent? Tables outdoors? Games?

Include basket raffles?

Have “mingling” activities planned for after worship. Human scavenger hunt. Table tents. “Generation stickers” for table groupings?

Trunk or Treat:

Is planned for that afternoon. Meal could lead up to Trunk or Treat.

Devotion Schedule for 2019 from “Called by God to Serve”:

July – Tom Ewings, Chapter 26

Aug– Driah Zakrzewicz, Chapter 27

Sept – Melissa Sarauer, Chp. 28

Oct – Pauline Stertz, Chapter 29

Nov – Lydia Blaha, Chapter 30

Dec – Adam Anderson, Chapter 1

Jan – Kathy Tozer, Chapter 2



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PASTORAL/ CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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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