



St. John's Lutheran Church

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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FAITH STATEMENTS

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I believe in the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit...
 I believe that God created everything and always watches over me, my family, and my friends. Even though we do not know what our future is and where our life will take us, we know that God has a plan for each and every one of us. Sometimes I question his plan, especially when my loved ones leave this life too soon. My godfather was taken at a very young age, and that leaves me with questions. I have also lost many other people that are very close to me, and that is very hard to understand. I can only believe that they are in a much better place and there is a greater plan for them. This also helps me with the fear of death, because I think of all the loved ones I will be reunited with.

Jesus gave up his life for us and I am forever grateful. The way he was tortured is hard to comprehend. Jesus had his own life and his own experiences, and he still changed the lives of many people around him, and also changed the world. Jesus was a great role model. I believe he was put on this earth to guide us on a daily basis and to show us how to be the best we can be. We are taught how we all need to earn our place in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit. This spirit lives in all of us and is felt in the most significant and meaningful times in every aspect of our lives. I believe the Holy Spirit is what guides us every day.

Confirmation has been a great experience and has taught me the importance of having strong connections with people. I feel St. John's Lutheran Church is a loving community to which I can come to any time. I look forward to continue to grow and learn.

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I feel like the time I saw God impact my life was last year August 22, 2020, one of the scariest days of my life. This was the day that I attempted to take my life but I didn't, and I look back on this day all the time because I just have that feeling that he wasn't ready for me yet and he still wanted me to live. And I've been just really feeling his presence in a lot more places. If my friend asked me who Jesus is I would say he is everywhere, no matter what you do he will forgive you. And if you ever feel alone he is always there no matter what and you can talk to him whenever you want to. My relationship with God is pretty good. It's not like I go to church all the time, but I don't think going to church every Sunday or Wednesday is going to wreck your relationship with God, and I think that if you believe and talk to him that's the best connection ever, and I talk to him most of the time and I still know and believe he is there and is always with me.

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St. John's Website: www.Stjohns-bloomer.org



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 list please stop by the church office, call the office at 715-568-5446, or email the information to:



Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Carolyn Bergh; Russ Dachel; Kelly Custer; Steve Trubshaw; Margueritte Werner; Arlene Christianson; Rod Martin; Merv Marquardt; Clyde Shipman; Donna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Maggie Olson; Tom Buchner; Ilene Pingel; Family and Friends of Chris Schmidt; Clyde Shipman; Brennan Anderson.

Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Jacob Dachel, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens,
Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of July 4th: Debra and Jerry Gillette; Alan, Haley and Keenah Gingras; Dianne Goettl; Lisa and Ted Goettl; Isabel Gonzalez, Laura, Terry and Tatum Steinmetz.

Prayers for the week of July 11th: Renee, Scott, Cayce, Charlie, Dalton and Gunnar Grambo; Heidi, Jason, Brock, Emslee, Jerzei and Korclan Graski; Kayla Gunderson, Ronnie, Harper and Henry Rihn.

Prayers for the week of July 18th: Martin, Melinda, Dylan, Jaden and Nicholas Halom; Beth, Tyler, Lauren and Leo Halverson; Marggie Hansen; Christine, Jason, Braelyn and Brooks Hanson.

Prayers for the week of July 25th: Debra, Kevin, Darion and Samuel Hanson; Dorothy Hassemmer; Lyndsey, Travis, Gavin and Kylee Heintz; Jan and Rich Helgeson; Cheryl, David and Alana Helland.

Church News

St. John's offers a warm welcome to our new preschool staff!

Kristina Jacobsen

Christina Simon

Hello everybody my name is Christina Simon I'm so excited to join the St. John's team as the Administrator/Director/Teacher of the preschool. I'm originally from the Bloomer/Tilden area, my dad and uncles have Simon Brothers' farmers in the area. I'm the youngest of 5 children and my parents and other family are still in the area so I'm still involved in the community and it will always be home. I graduated from Chi-Hi in 2005 and worked in childcare for many years. In 2018 I decided to start subbing in school districts around the area and went back to school myself. I graduated this May from CVTC with an associate degree in Foundations of Teaching and I'm going back to school this fall at CVTC for my generals and then transferring to Stout to continue my education with a major in Early childhood education with a Special need add-on. I want to continue my education because I love learning and teaching and feel you can never have too much knowledge, the more I know the more I can teach your children. I'm so happy to be able to call St. Johns my home and can't wait to work with and get to know all of you. I'm big on communication so if you have any comments/questions/concerns feel free to come to me and talk.



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Hello my name is Kristina Jacobsen born and raised in Bloomer, I am the daughter of Mark and Wendy Bitney. I am a proud wife to my wonderful husband Matthew, and we have 5 amazing children together; Emma, Evalynn, Lillian, Lucille, and Jack. We embrace the chaotic life that 5 children bring to our household. We also own a small beef farm in New Auburn WI, when we are not home we are trail riding on our side by sides with our friends and their families. And wait even more I have owned my own photography business for 6 years and have been able to capture many milestones and have interacted with many families and their loved ones. I love getting to know new families and spend time getting to know all whom I have been fortunate enough to meet. I have been blessed to have been a stay-at-home mother for many years with the support of my husband, now that they are all growing up and in school for most of the year, I needed more and couldn't bare being home alone... so when many wonderful members reached out for employment I was excited to jump aboard. Growing up I didn't have a clue what life outside school held for me until I had my first daughter. Watching her grow and then her siblings to follow held a special place in my heart. I knew then I loved being around children and needed to form my life helping, teaching and caring for children as they grow. I have volunteered for St John's Luthern Preschool for the past 2.5 years and to form words to describe that wonderful venture is impossible and I can not wait to continue now working for the Preschool. Myself and my siblings went to Preschool within the church, my children have also; I am excited to make memories now working within the Preschool.



**ELCA Women's
Chippewa Valley Conference
2021 RETREAT at
Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek, WI 54728
www.LutherPark.org
August 18-19, 2021**

Worship service will be held on Wednesday
Early Bird Registration \$65
by 7/31/21. \$70 after 8/1/21

Details on bulletin boards at both church entrances.

St. John's Library we've reopened!!

Are you looking for a good book?
Come on into our Church Library
and check out a book.
We have many interesting and
entertaining books; check out a few
to enjoy while you curl up in your
favorite chair.



Stop and see!!

Deadline for August Newsletter

If you would like
to submit
anything for the
newsletter, please make
sure to get it to the church
secretary no later than
July 23rd.

FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of May 27, 2021

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$102,900.28
Other Raised Funds	<u>17,120.26</u>
Total Received	\$120,020.54
- Expenses	<u>\$-104,728.49</u>
Total remaining after expenses	\$ 15,292.05

NOTE

"Other raised funds" now includes all preschool funds that were merged into our committee accounts (\$9,450.54) and recent youth fundraising totals (\$5,172.50). Removing these totals leaves a net income of \$669.01 for the church. Please also note that we have needed to borrow \$12,000 year-to-date to cover church expenses.

St. John's is serving *Meals On Wheels* for July
If you would be available for one or more weeks in July to drive and/or deliver meals, to schedule, please contact
Janice Naset at 568-5615 -- Martha Libersky at 568-4653
Thank you for helping with this community project!

Quilting Group
Will be meeting on
July 20th
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!!

July Letter from Pastor Martin Church Calendar

“BACK TO NORMAL”

I have to admit, singing in church has been a welcome return. Hearing you your voices, whether spoken or sung, has brought me joy once again. Going from preaching to a camera to a masked congregation to “normal” has lifted my spirits.

I want to offer my sincerest thanks to our Covid-19 task force and church council for partnering together to make these difficult decisions. This church has undoubtedly faced difficult decisions throughout its history, so it’s no wonder that we can once again “face the music” (pun intended!) and deliberate thoughtfully.

So that is why I maintain that there is still hope for our future here at St. John’s. I have every reason to believe that God will guide our decisions, even those that are filled with opposition, conflict, or turmoil. We have a culture where we can offer varying points of view and yet come to a conclusion where we feel that the family of our church will benefit and ultimately flourish.

But as a church we will continue to deliberate how to move forward in this time. The pandemic pushed us to offer worship online regularly. This change will continue so that people can worship with us from wherever they might be. The pandemic has pushed us to hold meetings online. This change will also continue under certain circumstances that benefit those in attendance. We’ve benefited from people who normally wouldn’t have attended a meeting because they were at the ballpark and yet could participate from the bleachers and offer their important perspectives! In addition, think about how many snow birds will be able to participate from a distance in the life of our ministry even if they’re physically absent!

This is all to say that even though we crave our normalcy, we have more innovation to consider. We have more perspectives to hear from. We have more ideas to try! And they very well may not be anything we’d consider “back to normal”. This is a sign of health. This is a sign that people are looking at the world around us and thinking about how to be the church of today.

To close, I can appreciate the comfort of “normalcy”. But I hope that you too can see the validity of the importance of a changing church in a changing world. And we will all be better for it!

Pastor Martin

Team/Committee: Worship & Music Committee of St John’s		Date June 16th, 2021
Members Present: Pastor Martin, Janelle Yeakey, Tyler Halverson, Kathy Geissler , Jan Helgeson		Location: Church Dining Hall
Members Absent:		Leader:
		Recorder: Janelle Yeakey
Topic	Discussion/Conclusions	
Worship Service	<p>Music/Speaking</p> <p>Music selections will go back to Pre-Covid with Sunday having 3 songs and Wednesday having 2 songs.</p> <p>Bobbi Stouffer (Pianist) will continue to select hymns</p> <p>Suggestions: Split longer hymns and sing as two separate hymns. Ex: verses 1-3 for opening and verses 4-6 closing</p> <p>Put music in the bulletin, mostly for songs not in hymnals.</p> <p>Hymnals will be returned to the pews</p> <p>Volunteer Praise Band</p> <p>Bobbi S., Kathy L., Tyler H., Beth H., and Katie O. will be discussing the possibility of adding in a praise band. The hope is to build to a monthly occurrence.</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>A bottle of hand sanitizer will be placed at the front for communion</p> <p>Return to monthly communion bread (Altar Guild)</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>*Plates will be left in their current locations. *Special musicians can be added during this time.</p> <p>*Offering from Narthex will be brought forward during an offering song.</p> <p>Children’s Sermon</p> <p>Will return in the Fall with the possibility of Katie leading.</p> <p>Miscellaneous</p> <p>Social distancing will continue to be used and will be revisited in the Fall.</p> <p>Air conditioning will be used as needed based on weather.</p> <p>Sharing of the peace will return but in a non-contact form.</p>	

Church Council Minutes (via Zoom)

June 7, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Pastor Martin Halom.

Opening Devotion: Prayer by Pastor Martin, with special prayer requests for Sarah on her pregnancy and Ralph on his knee replacement surgery.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda amended to reflect Monday, June 7, 2021; Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting May 11, 2021; and addition of Financial Report. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Pat Prill, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2021: Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Pat Prill, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Council to discuss benevolence payments at July meeting.

Motion made by Lydia Blaha, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee:

- Outside hole has been sealed up where bats were getting in.

- Brainstorming session on social justice issue Care for Creation. Hoping to have an outside agency do an energy audit.

Social Ministry:

- Looking for people to provide leadership for social justice issue Care for Creation.

Youth and Family Ministry:

- Katie celebrated her one-year anniversary as Director of Youth and Family.

- Getting more families involved with summer camp.

- Katie is planning to meet with high school youth throughout the summer.

- Continued planning for Colorado mission trip.

Preschool:

- Planning interviews for preschool staff end of the week into next week.

- Registrations are coming in.

Pastor's Report:

- Celebrated Fed and Forgiven First Communion, Confirmation, and Senior Recognition in May. 11 graduates attended Senior Recognition.

- Organizing and conducting annual staff reviews.

- Organizing fundraiser at the horse event at Bloomer Fairgrounds on June 12.

Membership update:

- Transfer to Church Triumphant: Janice Turner and Denese Rihn.

- Transfers in – Jennifer, Erik, Finn, Liam, and Connor Larson along with Trevin and Keira Richardson. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Church Council Minutes *(continued)*

Old Business:

- Pastor Martin's review process is postponed to July. He will provide Council with his self-analysis form.
- Council meeting dates and times discussed. Doodle will be used to set up meeting dates for July and August.

New Business:

- Lengthy discussion held regarding COVID task force recommendations. Motion made by Pat Prill, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to implement the following language regarding non-worship groups: "Groups of 15 people or fewer participating in church-sponsored gatherings are not required to wear masks if fully vaccinated. Those who have not been fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks. Other safety protocols will continue, such as social distancing and hand sanitizing." Motion carried.
- Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Lydia Blaha, to implement the following language regarding worship: "As recommended by the most recent CDC guidelines, worship participants who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks. Those who have not been fully vaccinated should continue to wear masks. Other safety protocols will continue, such as social distancing and hand sanitizing. Singing will once again be a part of the worship experience as determined by the Worship Committee." Motion carried.
- Motion made by Terri Smith, seconded by Pat Prill, to amend non-worship groups to include language at the beginning: "As recommended by the most recent CDC guidelines...". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:58 p.m. by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kaitlyn Bohl. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Martin.

Next regular council meeting will be determined using Doodle and via Zoom.

Terri Smith, Secretary

Present via Zoom: Pastor Martin, Kaitlyn Bohl, Alicia Bonczyk, Lydia Blaha, Melissa Sarauer, Pat Prill, Terri Smith. Absent: Adam Anderson, Tyler Halverson, Marcy Trubshaw, Janelle Yeakey.

Youth Announcements

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!!

There is still time to come to camp! Soon, the summer will be ending and the kids will be heading back to school, but before that happens, send them to camp! They will be able to see old friends, meet new ones, learn about Jesus, and so much more! There are many activities that one can participate in at camp including swimming, archery, canoeing, kayaking, crafts, ropes courses, and cookouts. In July, there are a few exciting opportunities that a camper can still be a part of including: Adventure at the Woods, Boundary Water Canoe, Trading Spaces, Discovery, and a Namekagon Canoe Trip. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Luther Park at 715-859-2215, email info@lutherpark.org, or visit the Luther Park website at www.lutherpark.org.

YOUTH IN ACTION



Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth
When: Sunday, July 25th @ 5:30 p.m.
Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Join us for a time of fellowship, games, and most importantly...FOOD!! We will likely meet outside if the weather is good, so be on the lookout for more information soon!

MISSION TRIP TO LOVELAND, CO

Nine youth and three adults will be setting off to Loveland, CO on Saturday, July 10th. Join us on Wednesday, July 7th for a commissioning service as we wish them safe travels, lots of learning, and tons of fun!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



St. John's is planning VBS! Keep an eye out for more information about Vacation Bible School this summer!





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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
 Church # 715-568-5446, extension 11
 Home # 715-568-1515
 Cell # 517-505-6509
 Email: pastormartin@bloomer.net

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship Service	28 7:00 PM COVID Task Force (via zoom)	29 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom) 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	30 6:45 PM Worship Service	1	2	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY!! 9:00 AM Worship Service	5	6	7 6:45 PM Worship Service - Mission Trip Commissioning	8	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship Service	12	13 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom) 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	14 6:45 PM Worship Service	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship Service	19	20 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group	21 6:45 PM Worship Service	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM Worship Service 5:30 Youth in Action	26	27 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom)	28 6:45 PM Worship Service	29	30	31