



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

"Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's Love!"

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Church News-Calendar

Letter from Pastor Halom

Youth & Preschool News

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW...

You may have heard the old adage, "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue". It references a superstition surrounding weddings and what the couple needs in order to have a decent wedding or better yet, marriage. As is the case with many old traditions that weddings attract, I have found most of them to be impractical and all too often misleading. But when it comes to life, there is value in the old and new! As I write this, I find myself thinking about these paradoxes that are bringing joy to my heart.

To illustrate, I'm quite excited about the forthcoming year of St. John's preschool. We have Amanda returning (old, but not really) along with Jenna Prince starting (new)! It's a great opportunity as Jenna will be able to lean on the preschool customs that Amanda will bring in the same breath that Amanda can lean on some new ideas that Jenna will undoubtedly offer! The benefactors? The kids (some old, some new) of course! What a gift.

I'm also reflecting on a few families that are just now expressing interest in joining St. John's and the energy and passion that naturally goes with. In fact, I'm thinking of some old families that are intentionally restarting along with some other new families that have just begun. It's such a benefit to me as a leader to experience their passion as I envision how we might utilize their gifts. In the meantime, I also value the old guard of St. John's as you exhibit the stability through your consistent attendance and commitment that our church needs. Another great combination of old and new!

Finally, I'm just bursting at the work that our joint VBS is offering between St. John's and Our Savior's Lutheran churches. I've left every meeting with a sense of enthusiasm and hopefulness as we embark on this new adventure working side by side. Even though we started from scratch, we have elected to return to once again offer some of our old traditions. We will host at St. John's, offer a meal, learn some camp songs, create crafts that will help us retain each daily theme, and play some camp games, just like last year (old). But we will be joined by some new leadership along with new kids that will provide new life together.

Old and new both have value in our lives. The old provides stability and routine while the new draws in excitement and innovation. I hope that you can see some of each in your life!

Pastor Martin

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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 list 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

Family and Friends of Theresa Klingenberg; Family of Barb Wildenberg (Donnie Geissler's sister); Amanda Ritchie; Ralph Bloomfield (Melinda Halom's father); Julie Chojnacki; Noelle Seidl (niece of Tyler & Kristine Mickelson); Fumiko (Eric Larson's sister-in-law); Kyle Ruffedt; Pat Prill; Arlene Christianson; Renee Grambo; Steve Trubshaw; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter).

Prayers For Our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of July 2nd: Jason, Kelsey, Bentley and Kendall Kroening; Ricky, Victoria, Amanda and Tina Krueger; Brenda and Trent LaGesse; Brenda, Ryan, Lily and Mason LaGesse; Brian, Kerena (Gerrits), Isaac and Ty LaGesse.

Prayers for the week of July 9th: David and Dawn LaGesse; Deborah LaGesse; Samuel and Wendy LaGesse; Dave and Michelle Lane; Christopher, Courtney, Cambree and Cashlyn Lang; Edward and Lori Lanzer; Joseph Lanzer.

Prayers for the week of July 16th: Erik, Jennifer, Connor, Finn, Keira (Richardson), Liam and Trevin (Richardson) Larson; Kathleen, Ross and Madi Larson; Bob and Jean LaTour; Bryan, Courtney, Gabriella, Tessa and Zachariah Lewis.







Prayers for the week of July 23rd: Charlie Lewis; Daniel and Joann Lewis; Deanna Lewis; Debi, Eric and Taylor Lewis; Martha Libersky; Josh Lien; Amanda, Eric, Aaron and Evan Lierman; Timothy Loew.

Prayers for the week of July 30th: Brittany, Eric, Clayton, Coby and Cooper Ludwigson; Katherine Ludwigson; Kelli, Tye, Bronson and Cole Ludwigson; Bonnie and John Lueck; Dick and Jean Marquardt; Mervin Marquardt; Lucille Martin; Rodney Martin.

JULY 2023 CALENDAR

Church Council Minutes-Continued

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00am Worship Service	26 8:00am Bible Study	27	28 2:00pm Bible Study	29	30	1
2 9:00am Worship Service	3 8:00am Bible Study	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed	5 2:00pm Bible Study	6	7	8
9 10:00 Reception, Schwartzberger 9:00am Worship Service- Baptism Schwarzenberger	10 8:00am Bible Study	11	12 2:00pm Bible Study	13	14	15
16 9:00am Worship Service 12:45pm Fellowship-E.C. Express Game meeting time	17 8:00am Bible Study	18  1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group	19 2:00pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:00am Worship Service	24 8:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	25	26 2:00pm Bible Study	27	28	29
30 9:00am Worship Service 12:45pm Fellowship-E.C. Express Game meeting time 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School 	31 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School 	1 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School 	2 2:00pm Bible Study 5:00pm - 7:00pm Vacation Bible School- North Park 	3	4	5

(Church Council Minutes continued)

Discipleship – needs to be started again, looking for 4-6 people

Fellowship Minutes -

Preschool Minutes –

Social Ministry Minutes - none

Property Minutes – quotes are being collected for carpet on stairs, refurbishing the doors, and glass doors.

Worship & Music Minutes –

Youth Minutes -

Additional Items and Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday July 24th, 6 pm

Adjournment - a motion was made at 8:21 pm by Alicia Bonczyk to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Members Present: Jamie Keller, Terri Smith, Dorene Turner, Pastor Martin, Janelle Yeakey, Kaitlyn Bohl, Jeff Cole, Sarah Wittrock, Alicia Bonczyk **Others Present:** Victoria Prince-Silvas **Members Absent:** Kyle Prill

Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary

Church, Youth & Preschool News

Pre-Registration for 2023-24

Pre-registration is open for the 2023-24 academic year. If anyone has any questions, please contact Amanda Ritchie at mobile (715)279-6962 or email amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com.

We are excited to welcome new students to our program, and we hope to see some familiar faces returning as well.

*Right now, we have 6 students registered for MWF and 7 students for TTH.

New Staff – Welcome!

We want to give Jenna Prince a warm welcome to St. John’s Lutheran Preschool. Jenna will be taking over the positions Jamie Nelson served in as the director and teacher. We are excited to have Jenna’s expertise and experience at our preschool.

Jenna Prince’s Introduction



Hello. My name is Jenna Prince. I will be the new Director and one of the teachers for the preschool at St. John’s Lutheran. As a Bloomer native, I’m excited to serve my community and surrounding communities in this capacity. I have two beautiful daughters, Lillianna (7) and Adalynn (5), and I just recently celebrated my two-year wedding anniversary with my husband, Tyler. We also have a puppy named Roxie. I am passionate about working with children of all abilities and advocating for those who need it. I achieved my associate degree with CVTC with honors in 2021. Currently, I am enrolled at UW-River Falls to earn my bachelor’s degree in early childhood education with a minor in Special Education. I have worked in the education field in various positions over the past 9 years, most recently serving as a lead teacher for the past three years at Head Start in Colfax, WI. I am excited to see what God has in store for me as I work in this position.

Quilting Group
 Will be meeting on
July 18th
 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!!

We’re still in need of help for July’s Meals On Wheels

If you are available for one or more weeks in July to drive and/or deliver meals, sign up in the narthex, or please Contact **Janice Naset** at 568-5615 -or - **Martha Libersky** at 568-4653.

Thank you for helping with this community project!!

	Month of	Year to Date	Financial Update
	MAY 2023	JAN -MAY	
INCOME	\$20,809	\$100,053	Current Balance on Line of Credit \$0
EXPENSES	\$22,845	\$104,293	
Difference	- \$ 2,236	- \$ 4,240	

CLEANING HELP NEEDED!

The church council would like to invite you to help serve your church in an important and meaningful way. These jobs need to be done in large part on a weekly basis:

- vacuuming
- bathrooms
- dusting
- recycling

If you'd like to help out with the month of July, please visit cleaning help to sign up on signugenius. A link can be found on our church website. We'd greatly appreciate it!

PIZZA COUPONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Coupons from our pizza fundraiser are still available for purchase. Although the fundraiser is over, you can contact Amanda Ritchie if you are interested in purchasing any pizzas from Fat Boys, The Quarthouse, Valley Tavern, or Harm’s Way. Fat Boys, The Quarthouse, Valley Tavern, or Harms Way.

VBS – Vacation Bible School

This year’s VBS is going to be incredible. Incredible Me! It is with great excitement that we will be cohosting VBS with Our Saviors this summer! VBS will take place from Sunday, July 30th through Wednesday, August 2nd. We will be hosting this year at our church, Sunday through Tuesday, with Wednesday taking place at North Park. For more information, please check out our bulletin boards or contact Amanda Ritchie, Pastor Martin, or Kristine Mickelson.

Church Council Minutes

June 13, 2023

Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President.

Opening Devotion – Sarah led the council in a devotion based on the story of Saul and David .

Approval of the Agenda - A motion was made by Sarah Wittrock to approve the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Jeff Cole. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made Terri Smith to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2023 meeting, seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

Financial Report - Profit & Loss Balance Sheet

	Year to Date (Jan-May 2023)
Income	\$ 100,052.67
Expenses	\$ 104,293.46
Difference	(\$ 4,240.79)
Current SFB Line of Credit	\$ 0.00

On 5/23/23 funds of \$5,586 were needed to cover payroll and musicians. Decision was made by the executive committee to cover the bills with money from the Easter egg (\$692.52) and the undesignated (\$1701.17) funds. Remaining amount was pulled from the council fund (\$3,192.31).

A motion was made by Kaitlyn Bohl to accept the financial report. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Old Business

Clean-up day May 16th: Touched up bathrooms, emptied garbage cans, wiped off hand railings and pews. Noted that vacuuming will need to be done at the front and back entrances.

Plea will be sent out via email and Facebook, a minimum of once per month, to recruit help.

Town Hall Meeting May 10th: One attendee, mentioned better cleaning of the Church: noted painting that needs to be done. staff raises: concerned about raises if we can not sustain them.

Gift Discussion

Alicia Bonczyk will collect information on CD's and Money Markets, council is looking to invest approx. \$300,000 (\$150,000 in two different locations). Need to be conscious of not having more than \$250,000 at one location. Council will continue discussion over email once all information is collected.

New Business –

Resignation of treasurer: A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to accept the resignation of Pat Prill. Seconded by Jeff Cole. Motion carried. Council is in the process of securing another treasurer to finish out the year.

St. John's Gift Policy Guidelines

Discussion was had about adding a guideline on tithing from monetary gifts. Council will finalize at the next meeting.

Custodial Work: Discussion was had on hiring a person to do a deep clean of the church. Property committee will come up with a list of jobs for a deep clean. Pastor will contact cleaning service for quote and timeframe.

Committee Reports

Pastor's Report

A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey and seconded by Sarah Wittrock to offer the preschool positions of teacher and director to Jenna Prince. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 7:54 pm by Alicia Bonczyk and seconded by Sarah Wittrock to go into closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made at 8:00 pm by Janelle Yeakey and seconded by Sarah Wittrock to leave closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk and seconded by Terri Smith to reinstate inactive members Jean and Jason Rihn along with sons Wyatt and Leo Mayer; welcome new member Kelli Jackson, and welcome Levi Brabec through baptism. Motion carried.

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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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Youth & Family Announcements

Youth Ministry Pictures
We are looking for pictures that anyone may have taken last year (2022-23 academic year) for a slideshow we are going to put together for Rally Day. If you have any pictures you're able to share, whether its from JAM, confirmation, lock-in, or a youth trip, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin. We can forward you a link to a Google Drive. Otherwise, photos can get emailed to: stjohnslutheran.bloomer@gmail.com

Harry Potter Bible Study
Since we have entered the busyness of summer schedules, our Harry Potter Bible Study is on a temporary hiatus until we can figure out what time works best for everyone. Please keep an eye on the bulletin or contact Pastor Martin or Amanda Ritchie for more information.
"WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS WE ARE UNITED, AS WEAK AS WE ARE DIVIDED." -ALBUS DUMBLEDORE
** If you have any other bible study movie series you'd like to see done, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin.*

Luther Park Bible Camp
Summer Theme this year is **"Holy Trinity, Wholly Love"**. This summer students will explore the concept of the Holy Trinity and the ways in which God's love guides us through our lives. They will dive in and learn about God the creator, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, as well as how this three-in-one God is present with us always. The theme will be incorporated into morning devotion, Bible study, evening worship and campfire with lively skits, songs and messages led by staff and visiting pastors.
Sign up for camp today!
For more information on Luther Park, please contact Pastor Martin or go to lutherpark.org.
***Reminder:** if your child participated in two of the fundraisers, our church will reimburse 50% of the camp costs (does not include registration or canteen). Please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin if you have any addition questions regarding reimbursement.

Subs Needed for JAM this Fall
Thanks to all our returning teachers this Fall for JAM, we are looking for people who would be interested in substituting on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amanda Ritchie for more information so we can get you on a list. Also, if there is a specific age group you want to work with or would not like to work with, please let us know that information as well.