



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.

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TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN!

Am I the only one that has noticed that as you get older, time flies much faster? Take our church calendar, for instance. Once Christmas was over, on multiple occasions I've told people that Lent was here. And it was. By the time Easter was over, summer was here. And it is. Now that we're entering June, in just a few weeks, September will be here! And it will be!

A new practice that we've incorporated into our council meetings as well as other committee meetings has been to celebrate events that have come and gone. All by itself, May had a great deal of celebrating!

- ◆ May 6-7 Confirmation retreat with a record number of youth (20)!
- ◆ May 10 Celebrate children worship and potluck
- ◆ May 14 Sundae Sunday
- ◆ May 17 High School Senior recognition
- ◆ May 21 New member Sunday (20 family units totaling 56 people!)
- ◆ May 21 An amazing volunteer appreciation banquet celebrating you!
- ◆ May 22 Youth in Action (high schoolers) "kidnapping" current 8th grade for fun!

No wonder May flew because we are most certainly having a blast around here!

As I sit down to write this article, I know that September will soon be here. September will also be another month where celebrations will abound!

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| ◆ September 6 | Rally Day |
| ◆ September 10 (tentative) | God's Work, Our Hands service event |
| ◆ Late September | Small group discipleship gatherings |

Allow me to unpack the final item listed. Your discipleship committee has already started making headway toward these small group gatherings. We will be asking some of you to host small group gatherings for around 6-12 people at your home. At these gatherings, those who attend will learn more about opportunities that we have at St. John's to offer their giftedness with others. A biblical foundation will be laid as to the importance of service and giving back to God by giving out to others. You might even learn a bit more about others in our church family that you don't know so well! These gatherings are meant to inspire generosity and faithful service as we respond to God's generosity and faithful service.

I hope that you will be able to catch the enthusiasm I have for this opportunity that was lit by our discipleship committee. The excitement generated from these events will spread through the Holy Spirit and keep St. John's alive and thriving. And before you know it, it'll be Christmas again because time will be a'flyin'!

Pastor Martin

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Report on the Synod Assembly, April 29, 2017

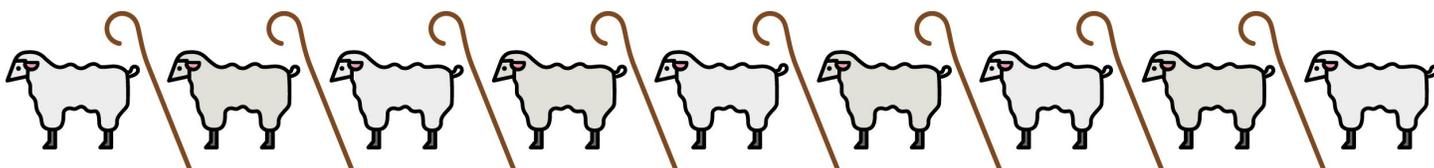
The Synod Assembly for 2017, held in Eau Claire, opened with a Worship Service. It was a pleasure to hear about 400 people singing and worshipping together. With that many people participating the music was inspiring.

Several uncontested resolutions were passed. They dealt with operating budget and compensation. Transfer of a church into our Synod. A resolution against racial injustice, changes in language in the constitution dealing with Deacons similar to what we passed at the annual meeting, and recognition of retirees. Pastors of the Synod who were deceased during the year were remembered, including Pastor Huget from St John's. Elections for Synod Council were held. There were four speakers that were chosen because they came from growing congregations. The thing that struck me most about these talks was that St. John's seems to be doing what these churches are doing. We are authentic, meaning we do not try to be something we are not. We are not afraid to incorporate technology into our service, and we have realistic expectations, realizing not everything we do will go smoothly. The Pastor at a church in Woodville spoke on how to get parents who do not attend worship, but bring their children to Faith formation, involved in the Church.

One of the themes of the Assembly was to challenge **all members** of the Synod to invite someone to attend church in the coming year. About 70% of the millennial population are not affiliated with a church. There are a lot of them out there. A visitor to a new church will usually decide within the first minute upon entering whether they will come back or not. At St. John's we need to make all visitors feel welcome as soon as they enter our church.

St. John's sends money to both Lutheran Social Services and the ELCA. After listening to their reports it is reassuring to know that the money is well spent. Administration fees of Lutheran Social Services are one of the lowest of all nonprofits. The Synod's efforts in Malawi were discussed. There has been a famine over the last few years and our dollars have saved lives. There are children running around a school playground in Malawi that would not be here today if not for St. John's generosity.

If you have any questions about the Synod Assembly contact Rod or Karen Johnson.





Bloomer MEMORY CAFÉ

COFFEE • CONVERSATION • COMMUNITY

A Memory Café offers a safe, comfortable, engaging environment for those with early stage memory loss and their caregivers. It's a way for you to have fun and socialize with others in an informal, relaxed environment. You will experience peer support, laughter, new friends, and delicious refreshments all at no charge.

When: First Tuesday of each month*

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Main Street Cafe
1418 Main Street
Bloomer

Expect: Social connections with others
having a similar experience

An informal, relaxed environment

Laughter

New friends

Delicious refreshments

Cost: Free

2017 Dates

~~Feb 7~~

~~Mar 7~~

~~Apr 4~~

~~May 2~~

Jun 13*

July 11*

Aug 1

Sep 5

Oct 3

Nov 7

Dec 5

* Second Tuesday

For more information call
the ADRC at
(715) 726-7777



Church News

Congratulations to our 2017 graduates!

1. Julia Johnson: Attending UW Eau Claire, Major: Pre-Optometry, Minor: Spanish
2. Autumn Knoepke: Graduated from Penn Foster with Legal Secretary Degree, continuing online courses from Penn State for Pre-Law Degree
3. Gabriel Mawby: Attending UW River Falls, Broad Field Science Program, History Teacher
4. Dillion Richardson
5. Jenna Ruff: Attending UW Eau Claire, Occupational Therapy
6. Rebekah Sarauer: Attending CVTC Eau Claire, Ultra-Sound Technician
7. Madison Simmons
8. Austin Summerfield: Attending WWTC in Lacrosse to pursue a degree in Supervisory Management
9. Will Vanis: Attending technical college in the spring with focus on technology



Welcome to
God's Family

Congratulations to Beth and Tyler Halverson on the Baptism of their son Leo James Halverson!

Quilting

To Be Announced



Church Council Meeting May 9, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: by Pastor Martin.

Amend and Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Nic Zakrzweicz, seconded by Rod Johnson, to amend the agenda to add "Discussion of Religious Liberty Article" to New Business. Motion carried. A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of April meeting minutes: A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Discussion of email voting; will be included in minutes if vote is conducted by email. May newsletter has been sent by mail, not yet received by email.

Congregational Comments: Signs were missing from church door on Sunday, redirecting members to Luther Park for worship. Signs had been posted, but blew away due to conditions.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Nic Zakrzweicz, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry: Volunteers will be recognized at worship on Sunday, May 21st with a meal catered by Billy's Grill. Commitment Sunday is planned for November 5th and Wednesday, November 8. Committees will begin tracking volunteer hours for June/July on trial basis, with regular tracking beginning in August.

Fellowship Ministry: Eighty-three people attended Easter Breakfast.

Property Committee: Bids have been signed for new refrigerator and stove for kitchen, cost has been covered by donations and Siebert grant. Old stoves will be offered, first come, first served. Siebert grant also covers lowering sinks in fellowship hall and installation by Buck Paulson. Locks have been installed on kitchen doors. Type of security system to be discussed with church staff and preschool staff. Sacristy project is nearing completion; sink, countertop and water are done.

Social Ministry: Eleven volunteers served seventy-four people at Agnes Table on April 27. Daffodils and Easter candy decorated tables. Thank you to those who donated jello poke cakes. Next Agnes Table we serve will be in August.

Worship/Music Ministry: Will meet in July.

Youth/Family Ministry. Youth Encounter in Wisconsin Dells was attended by four girls and five boys, along with two chaperones. Youth enjoyed music, speakers and breakout sessions. Community Easter Egg Hunt was attended by half as many as last year, although many stayed to enjoy activities. Soup and Sandwich suppers were well attended and raised about the same as last year. Brat Stand was held at Shadick's on May 5/6 and raised nearly \$1800. Upcoming fundraisers include Giving Tree and Plant Sale beginning May 10. There are three girls and three boys signed up for the Mission Trip, with four more spots available. Marla is chaperone, still seeking a male chaperone. Vacation Bible School will be June 19-22, staffed by Luther Park. Volunteers are needed to provide meals and housing. A Summer Stretch program is being considered. Basketball hoop has been purchased and delivered, looking for volunteers to assemble and install. Luther Park retreat was well attended by twenty youth, Pastor and Marla. Worship at Luther Park on Sunday, May 7 was not well attended.

Church Council Meeting

Celebrate Kids service will be Wednesday, May 10, with potluck supper, hotdogs and beans. A skit will take place of sermon. Sundae Sunday will be held after worship on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Recognition for graduating high school Seniors will be held Wednesday, May 17, with cake and ice cream reception following worship. Youth in Action are planning a fun event, and will be in contact with parents. Rally Day is planned for Wednesday, September September 6.

Dream Team: None

Preschool: Continue to promote our preschool program.

Council President's Report: Reminder that deadline to add to agenda is noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting, so it may be properly posted.

Pastor's Report: Participated in Easter Seals fundraiser with preschool families, donating 1400 pounds of clothing, raising \$300. Provided premarital counseling. Attended trip to Children's Museum in Eau Claire with preschool. Provided baptismal counseling. Applied for and received two Thrivent Action Team grants. Coordinated workers for Social Action project. Worked at brat stand along with youth and parents. Attended confirmation retreat that included middle school and high school youth. Provided Pastoral Care. Golden Ager's meal was attended by over thirty people. Elderly visitation with Ardis Anderson. Synod Assembly was attended by Rod Johnson. **New Member:** Carolyn Bergh. **Baptism:** Olivia Stern. **Transfer out:** Donna Yakesh. Motion by Tom Buchner, seconded by Nic Zakrweicz, to approve membership updates. Motion carried.

Old Business: Active member directory needs to be updated. Discussed timing of next church directory. God's Work, Our Hands Task Force is still in need of volunteers. 500th Anniversary Task Force has two volunteers so far, but needs more. Discussion of Council Covenant.

New Business: Staff reviews will be conducted by end of June. Discussion of Religious Liberty article.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 PM by Nic Zakrzewicz, with a second by Janice Naset. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

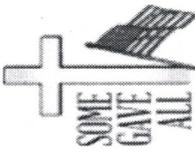
Present: Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Philip Skaar, Lynette Pank, Ellyn Hudacek, Nic Zakrzewicz, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Janice Naset, Barb Ross, Lisa Prill, Pauline Stertz

Financial Report-2017

	2016	2017	BUDGET 2017
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,465.00	\$4,399.00	
Income 1/1 - 5/12	\$76,005.00	\$79,803.00	\$95,440.00
Expenses 1/1 - 5/12	\$81,439.00	\$86,326.00	\$95,440.00
Balance	\$(969.00)	\$(2,124.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$71,754.00	\$64,793.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$4,844.00	-0-	Bathrooms
Loan - Security Financial		-0-	Gen. Fund



JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship Service	29  Church Office is Closed No Bible Study	30	31 6:45 PM Worship	1	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship Service	5 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	6 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	7 6:45 PM Worship	8	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship Service	12 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action	13 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	14 6:00 PM Ecumenical Picnic at the North Park	15	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship Service	19 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS	20 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS	21 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS 6:45 PM Worship	22 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS 5:15 PM VBS Potluck 5:45 PM VBS Program	23	24 9:30 AM Mission Trip Departure
25 9:00 AM Worship Service	26 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action	27 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS	28 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS 6:45 PM Worship	29 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM VBS	30 Mission Trip Arrival	1

FUNERAL GROUPS

We are looking for anyone (male or female) that would be interested in being on a funeral group. We also want to start a funeral group for only nights or weekend funerals. At the present time, we have 3 rotating funeral groups.

What does it mean to be on a funeral group? You would get called from the chairperson of your group to make either a salad or dessert, and also to work. If you can come, you would help set up, serve, or clean up.

If you are interested, please contact Eva Rihn, president of the WELCA and she will get you on a group. Lisa Goettl & Wendy LaGessee will be heading up the night/weekend group. Please contact either one of them if you are interested.

Eva Rihn 715-568-5141 or erihn@bloomer.net

Lisa Goettl 715-288-6170 or tgoettl@centurytel.net

Wendy LaGessee 715-456-8351 or wmlagessee@yahoo.com

THE RETURN OF THE ECUMENICAL PICNIC

On Wednesday, June 14, there will be no Wednesday worship service as we would like to invite you to the annual Bloomer Clergy Ecumenical Picnic. This potluck dinner will be held at the North Park Gazebo and feature your great food, outdoor games, and live entertainment (The King's Countrymen). The picnic will start at 6 pm and the games and entertainment will follow the meal.

We hope that several Bloomer churches will participate in this annual event, so feel free to invite your friends, whether they are from St. John's or not! This is the primary fellowship event sponsored by the Bloomer Clergy and we'd love to continue this effort for years to come!

At the event, we will honor Pastor Eldon Carlson, Bloomer Baptist Church, who will be retiring. Let's show our hospitable nature and send him off well!



Thanks to the generosity of everyone, we already have sufficient funds for the kitchen project. The refrigerator will be replaced as well as the two electric stoves, which will be replaced with a 6 burner gas range. The Preschool applied for and received a grant which included money towards the refrigerator, since it is used by the Preschool too. A breakdown of contributions and costs is as follows:

\$3000.00	Received from the Preschool through the Siebert Grant
\$4218.00	Contributions from the congregation
\$1000.00	Contribution from WELCA
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\$8218.00	Total
\$6625.00	Accepted bid from Benedict's Refrigeration (does not include running a new gas line)
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\$1593.00	money remaining to be used to run the new gas line and any unexpected expenses

Again, THANK YOU so much!
St. John's Property Committee

**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.



WEATHER ALERT !

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

STAY HYDRATED

DON'T FORGET THE SUN SCREEN



**WEEK OF HOPE MISSION TRIP
COMMISSIONING WORSHIP
JUNE 21 at 6:45 PM**

Youth and adults invite all members and friends to join in the commissioning worship as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus through service and loving others.



**THE JESUS WAY
VBS JUNE 19-22**

**Adult, Sr. High & Middle School Volunteers Needed
In Areas Listed**

1. Counselor housing Sunday-Thursday (5 counselors estimated)
2. Counselor Lunches
3. Prepare & serve Snacks
4. Staff Registration Table
5. Teacher Assistants

**FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER:
Call 715-568-5446 ext., 12 or email
stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.**

Jesus Feeds the People



**FAITH MAKES THINGS POSSIBLE
NOT EASY**

Youth and Family News



PRAYER WARRIORS

Members of St. John's are asked to pray daily for youth, adult chaperones and bus driver who will be traveling to Cincinnati, leaving June 24 and returning to Bloomer June 30 for Week of Hope Mission trip. Please lift up in prayer the people listed.

Jessica Gengler

Tianna Buchholz

Chloe Swartz

Dane Michaelson

Nicholas Halom

Jaden Halom

Marla Paulson

Lamers Coach Bus Driver



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THE JESUS WAY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DAY CAMP

NOON TO 5 PM, JUNE 19-22, 2017

**Bible Study, Arts & Crafts, Nature, Games,
Worship**

**Children Completing Kindergarten
Through 5th Grade Welcome**

**TO REGISTER: EMAIL CHILD'S NAME & GRADE JUST
COMPLETED, PARENT/GARDIAN NAME & PHONE
NUMBER BY JUNE 13 TO stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net**

Busing from summer school to St. John's provided