



# 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 June

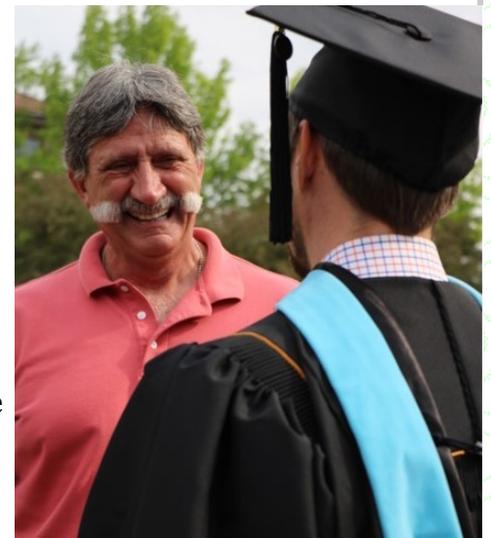
### Tom Ewings

Hello!

My name is Tom Ewings. I have been married to Jackie for 46 years. We have three grown children. Adam is married to Tracia, and they live just a mile away on the "back forty". Our daughter Ember lives in Eau Claire. Nate and his wife Kate, live in Verona, near Madison. We love to spend time with our five fantastic and fun grandchildren! Mason is thirteen, Annie and Connor are 9 (they are two weeks apart in age, and really good buddies), Seth is 7, and Quinn is 6. They mean the world to us!

I attended one room country schools as a youngster, then Bloomer Middle and High Schools. I have a Diesel Mechanics degree from CVTC. That training was helpful to keep machinery running during the years we dairy, beef, and crop farmed. We are the third generation to enjoy living and working on the farm where I grew up. I was also employed in Industrial Maintenance for 28 years. In the words of our youngest grandson, I have "graduated from working." My newest role is that of "landlord/gentleman farmer." We now rent our fields. These days my duties amount to mending fences and buildings, cutting wood, and tending a herd of cats. I enjoy fishing, and gun and bow hunting.

I have been a member of St. John's Lutheran Church since being baptized here in 1953. My titles have included student, usher, teacher, reader, confirmation leader, past and current church council representative. I am also serving on the Property, Fellowship, and Dream Team committees. I have witnessed many changes in our church over the years. This church and it's people feel like home and family to me. Leaders have come and gone. The building and customs have evolved. Christ's message and His grace are unchanged and remain vibrant. I believe our responsibility as a church is only to demonstrate and share the Good News!



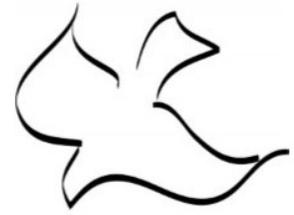
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# Please Join Our Church Family

## In Prayer



As we enter the month of June, 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

Marian Shipman, 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), Alice Zinsmaster, Sindy Zakrzewicz, Kyle Ruffedt, Jase Bresina (St. John's pre-school student)

### Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman

### Prayers for the Saints

**Prayers for the week of June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jason, Laurice, Abrina, Gabe, and Isabelle Hillman; Jessica, Ross, Avery, and Madelyn (Hole) Waldofski; Amanda, and Aubree Holm; Candi and Gregory Homme; Dean, Nicole, and Dominique Hontz

**Prayers for the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Brett, Tianna, Benton, and Greta Huber; Ellyn and Jim Hudacek; Janie and Robert Jacobson; Karen and Rod Johnson; Heather, Robert and Ava Kasperek

**Prayers for the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>:** Heidi, Jamie, Haley, Jordyn, and RyAnna Keller; Jeanie, Justin, Kelsey, and Wyatt Kettner; John, Tami, Cicely, and Dayne Kiecker; Joseph, Trista, and Gauge Klemish; Art and Karen Klingenberg

**Prayers for the week of June 23<sup>th</sup>:** Sharon Knoepke; Darren and Leanne Knutson; Kristine Knutson; Nicole Knutson; Laurie, Ethan, Hunter, Josh and McKenna Koehler; Dustin, Erica and Jordynn Kragness; Kari, Scott, Dawson, Kailee, and Zackary Krenz

**Prayers for the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>:** Janet and Tom Krenz; David and Michelle Kressin; Jason, Kelsey, Bentley, and Kendall Kroening; Jack, Yvonne and Sarah Krostag; Ricky and Victoria Krueger; Amanda Krueger; Tina Krueger

# 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 5<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net)

ALL CHILDREN & FRIENDS WELCOME

## 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!!**

## 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> of the month .

Thank You



PAUL AND SILAS LEADING HYMNS WHILE IN PRISON.

## Quilting

Please join us for quilting.

June 18 1:00-4:00 p.m.

June 2019

| Sunday                                                             | Monday                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                  | Thursday                                  | Friday | Saturday                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26<br>9:00 AM Worship Service                                      | 27<br>OFFICE CLOSED                                          | 28<br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting                                                                    | 29<br>9:30 AM Foundation Meeting<br>2:00 PM Bible Study<br>6:45 PM Worship | 30                                        | 31     | 1<br>5:30 PM Youth In Action - Offsite                                    |
| 2<br>9:00 AM Worship Service<br>10:15 AM Worship Committee Meeting | 3<br>8:00 AM Bible Study                                     | 4                                                                                              | 5<br>2:00 PM Bible Study<br>6:45 PM Worship                                | 6                                         | 7      | 8                                                                         |
| 9<br>9:00 AM Worship Service                                       | 10<br>8:00 AM Bible Study                                    | 11<br>12:00 PM F.I.N. - Luther Park<br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>5:30 PM Church Council Meeting | 12<br>2:00 PM Bible Study<br>6:45 PM Worship                               | 13                                        | 14     | 15                                                                        |
| 16<br>9:00 AM Worship Service                                      | 17<br>8:00 AM Bible Study                                    | 18<br>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group                                                         | 19<br>2:00 PM Bible Study<br>6:45 PM Worship                               | 20                                        | 21     | 22<br>9:00 AM - 3:30 PM "Faithful Innovations Network" Meeting- Menomonie |
| 23<br>9:00 AM Worship Service                                      | 24<br>8:00 AM Bible Study<br>5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting | 25<br>4:00 PM Staff Meeting                                                                    | 26<br>2:00 PM Bible Study<br>6:45 PM Worship                               | 27<br>Pastor Martin on vacation until 7-7 | 28     | 29                                                                        |
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# Church Council Meeting

## May 14, 2019

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

**Opening Devotion:** By Barb Ross – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 24.

Discussed how we as a congregation deal with loss and grieving.

**Prayers:** Prayed for family of Kyle Hayden, who was killed in a car accident; for those attending the Town Hall meeting to have courage to come forward with input; for students dealing with finals and end of year stress; for the family of Norman Ruffedt; for those dealing with medical issues; for people ruled by power, greed and jealousy; and prayer of celebration for our Preschool graduation.

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

**Approval of April meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### Issues/Information

**Committee Reports:** (Submitted via email – see attachments: Youth Committee; Pastor report.)

Social committee needs members /leadership. Currently organizes delivery for Meals on Wheels in Jan/Jul.

#### Membership Updates:

*Baptism: Lorelai Simmons*

*Transfer In: Sarah and Gregorie Chojnacki*

*Transfer to Church Triumphant: Nylah Gust, William Weiher*

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

**Financial Report:** Lydia is working with Victoria to get report in order.

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

### Action Items

Discussed Telecommuting Policy to be added to Staff Handbook. Lisa will work on adapting a policy and email to council to review in June.

Discussed policy regarding children and animals in workplace. Melissa will work on wording.

Staff will be reminded that using color ink costs \$.05/page and to use judiciously.

Charcoal Chicken fundraiser brought in a profit of \$1308. Anticipated many from St Paul's, but First Communion had been held night before, so second service was not well attended. Next year Pastor will check with area churches for events that may conflict.

Profits from Raffle = \$400. Many tickets were sold at Easter Egg Hunt to community members.

T-shirts are currently being sold until the end of May. Will sell again in July before Bloomer Fair and again at Rally Day. A minimum of 12 shirts are needed to send in an order for printing and cost is \$12.

**FIN Update:** Suzi, Tom, Lydia and Jill Gengler are members. Hoping to have 6-10 members total. First meeting is June 22 in Menomonie. Cost is \$150 for each session; 3 sessions total.

A motion was made by Terri Smith, seconded by Barb Ross, to pay the cost of FIN training, a total of \$450, from Council Funds. Motion carried.

Snow blower update: Pastor will track down the location of the snow blower by Property committee meeting on Sunday, May 19.

# Church Council Minutes (Continued)

Discussed holding a Ministry Fair in the fall as a way of getting information to congregation members about involvement and volunteer opportunities at St. John's.

Would be held on a Sunday/Wednesday in church basement.

Committees and groups would have individual displays and information about activities.

Punch cards could be used to get people to visit each display, with a prize offered for a full punch card.

A Mission Moment could be shared once a month by someone from each committee. That committee would have information in the back of church as well for sign ups.

Discussed options for "Hello Wisconsin" segment. Could we do this at Rally Day or if we hold a Fall meal event?

Discussed WAXX Pledge of Allegiance with Preschool. Caitlyn will add to curriculum in fall.

Discussed promoting time for congregation members to be heard at Council meetings. Pastor will announce/publish that those wishing to be heard should come to Council meeting at 6:00 to express comments/concerns so all feel welcome.

Will add segment for comments at the end of each agenda.

Synod Assembly: Next year is 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1<sup>st</sup> woman ordained in the ELCA. Synod/WELCA is addressing Human Trafficking.

Committees are encouraged to develop calendars for the year in advance. Send dates to Victoria to be added to church calendar.

Property committee is addressing repair/replacing St. John's sign in front of church.

Council has received Youth position descriptions from different churches to consider before June meeting, to aid in discussion. Youth committee will present recommendation to council.

Annual Preschool staff reviews are being done by Pastor.

Pastor will email review form options for council to consider.

Council members should fill out Board Member Feedback forms and return them to Suzi's mailbox in the church office by **JUNE 4th**. Copies will be made and distributed in June to be reviewed and discussed at July meeting.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to walk in the Parade on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Preschool is putting together a float but need people to walk along and distribute candy. Wear your St John's t-shirt!!

Discussed how to increase Social Media Presence. Tyler Mickelson has created a Facebook page for members to post photos of the travel of Flat Jesus over the summer. <https://www.facebook.com/The-Adventures-of-Flat-Jesus-Bloomer-WI-273522876887824/>

Discussed selling crafts using "honor system" for payment. Would be best to start in fall.

Discussed having a Fall Event:

A congregational event of learning/making potato dumplings and celebrating with a fall meal of pork steak/dumplings, maybe having a "Polka service" at worship.

Possibly selling tickets in advance to know how much to prepare.

Could do a raffle in conjunction.

Discussed making and selling Lefsa before Christmas.

Reminder to council to submit bios/photo to Lisa via email or to Secretary box in church office.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 by Driah Zakrzewicz, seconded by Kathy Tozer. Motion carried. The meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

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

# Youth Committee Notes

## Youth Committee Notes April 29, 2019

Attendance: Sindy Z, Driaha z, Marla Paulson, Lisa Prill, Kathy Tozer, Tyler Mickelson, Melissa Sarauer, Beth Halverson

### Review Items:

- **Soup & Sandwich suppers:**
  - total earned this year: 1,201.78 Last year was:1,205.57 Attendance 52 – 68 per week served
- **5th Grade Fed and Forgiveness:**
  - Nine 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated with parent/grandparents attendance throughout the course
- **April Pseudo lock in:**
  - We did not have, it was shifted a week.
- **End of year confirmation retreat:**
  - Process of determining if it will happen.
- **Music Festivals:**
  - Currently on hold with planning and will continue planning after end of the year items are taken care of.
- **Community Egg Hunt:**
  - Very successful about 110 kids joined. New activities of Face painting and cooking decorating worked out really well. Books were a great hit and folks appreciated the books over toys.

### New Agenda Items:

- **Sindy & Driah Z.**
  - Discusses after school program, figure out how to bring kids into the space.
  - This would take place of the current program
  - Create a town hall meeting for parents to come and talk about specific Faith 5.
  - Melissa will help find people to babysit during the town Hall meeting. Driah offered her services, looking for at least two more
  - Martin to put together a communication pieces to hear the voices of the people.
  - Martin will send out a draft to us, and he should have it prepared and ready for it by Friday.
  - Pastor to add it to the bulletin, Email format, and submit to Victoria to enter into the slides for church as well as posting it to Facebook.
- **Celebrate Children:**
  - May 1st
- **Youth Fundraising Budget:**
  - Review the youth account and verify transactions

# Youth Committee Notes (continued)

- **Financial Policies:**

- Fundraising: When any fundraiser is associated with the church does it count towards youth getting funds for activities. Table this to June Meeting.
- We need to specifically state what the fundraising is for, bring this back to the group in order for them to understand why we are fundraising.

- **Disciplinary Policies:** Need to have things in place in order to help keep people safe in the space, This will be added to the June meeting agenda

- **Guide/Mentor Evaluations:**

- **Vacation Bible School:**

- July 15 – 18<sup>th</sup>, Marla will talk to Kobussen to talk about summer school bussing.

- **Sr. Recognition: May 8<sup>th</sup>**

- **Sundae Sunday:** Mother's day weekend

- **Park Display:**

- Kids are asking that people create designs and submit them by June 1.
- Marla is going to present information to the congregation on May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 12.

- **Flat Jesus:**

- Let students and congregation take Flat Jesus where ever and then pin where Jesus was at with the picture. Send it to Sindy and she will print off the flat Jesus. Pastor will announce in church regarding the Flat Jesus. Tyler Mickelson will create a flat Jesus Facebook page in order to post on Facebook.
- Everything needs to be in order by Wednesday.
- [sindyzak@gmail.com](mailto:sindyzak@gmail.com)
- Sindy Z will be in charge of creating the bulletin board near the church offices.

- **Trunk or Treat:**

- Sunday before Halloween, from 2-3 in the afternoon. Will table the rest of the discussion and bring this back to the Agenda in August.

- **Attachments:** Flat Jesus, Growing Disciples Wednesdays (presented information from Sindy and Driah).

### Future Agenda Items:

**May:** Follow up from Town hall discussion that takes place on Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>

**June::** Financial Policy

Disciplinary Policy

**August:** Trunk or Treat

Next meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00

# Youth Announcements

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION



FAITH MAKES THINGS POSSIBLE

NOT EASY

### 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.*

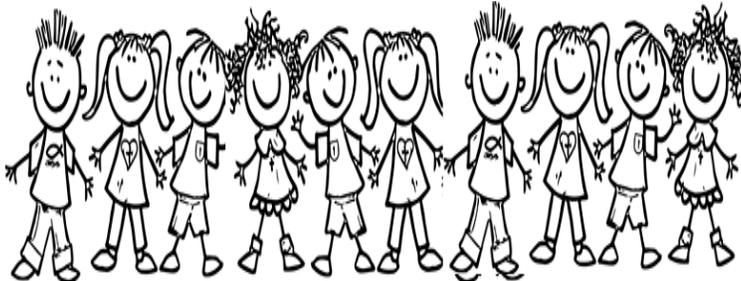
Matthew 6:10

**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](mailto: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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**MATTHEW 6: 10**  
**Your kingdom come Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven**  
**VBS JULY 15-18**  
**Adult, Sr. High & Middle School Volunteers Needed In Areas Listed**

**Counselor housing Sunday-Thursday, 3 counselors estimated**

**Counselor Lunches**

**Prepare & serve Snacks**

**Staff Registration Table**

**Teacher Assistants**

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

**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](http://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-**



**WEATHER ALERT**

SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN CAN BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH

STAY HYDRATED

DON'T FORGET THE SUNSCREEN

## 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. HEAD-  
LINERS: 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. INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ONE OR  
BOTH THIS SUMMER? CONTACT MARLA AT [STJOHNSL-MARLA@BLOOMER.NET](mailto:STJOHNSL-MARLA@BLOOMER.NET)  
FOR MORE INFO CONCERNING DATES, TIMES, COST & TRANSPORTATION**

# Pastor Martin's Monthly Report & 2019 Devotion Schedule

## I CELEBRATE

1. Increased participation in both families and volunteers for the Bloomer community Easter Egg Hunt. Hearing such high praise from community members is a great reflection on our hospitality!
2. A well-attended Celebrate Children worship service that had the best worship flow in recent history. The energy and giftedness of the kids provide a spark for worship can helps them believe in themselves!
3. Hearing from several outside people that they loved our 7-trumpet rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter Sunday that is moving all over Facebook!

## People I've encouraged and RESOURCED

1. Thus far Suzi McInnis, Tom Ewings, and Jill Gengler have agreed to serve on the Faithful Innovations Network (FIN) team. More are on their way!
2. Training acolytes for the Maundy Thursday stripping of the altar.

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

1. Committing to the synod led Faithful Innovations Network.
2. Attending a youth ministry planning meeting with Marla where we started a 12 month calendar plan, discussing opportunities to empower our youth in leadership.

## I'm currently WORKING ON

1. Recruiting additional members of the FIN team.
2. Setting up staff reviews, including the preschool staff.
3. Preparing for the Town Hall Forum centered on our faith formation practices. Addressing any concerns from this past year.
4. Laying out the framework and timeline with regard to our youth position as we anticipate Marla's retirement in July of 2020.

## I'm LEARNING & EXPLORING

### I could use your HELP with and your PRAYERS for

### Additional comments

1. Membership updates:
  - a. Baptisms: Lorelai Simmons
  - b. Deaths: Nylah Gust, William Weiher
  - c. Transfer: Sarah and Gregorie Chojnacki

## Devotion Schedule for 2019 from "Called by God to Serve":

**June** – Suzi McInnis, Chapter 25  
**Sept** – Melissa Sarauer, Chp. 28  
**Dec** – Adam Anderson, Chapter 1

**July** – Tom Ewings, Chapter 26  
**Oct** – Pauline Stertz, Chapter 29  
**Jan** – Kathy Tozer, Chapter 2

**Aug**– Driah Zakrzewicz, Chapter 27  
**Nov** – Lydia Blaha, Chapter 30



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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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Home # 715-568-1515

Cell # 517-505-6509

Email: [pastormartin@bloomer.net](mailto:pastormartin@bloomer.net)