



St. John's Lutheran Church

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Church News - Calendar
- News from Pastor Halom
- Youth & Family Announcements
- Faith Statements

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FAITH STATEMENTS

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My faith has always been important to me because it has taught me to be a good person. It has encouraged me to be nice to people, give to others, help others who need help, and not always think about myself. It's always been a big part of my life. Ever since I was little, at Christmas-time, my family would read out of the Bible the Christmas story. I was usually impatient because we wanted to open presents, but it taught me the true meaning of Christmas and giving and not receiving. I also remember being in Faith 5 classes and taking out Bibles and reading little stories. That was always fun. As I got older, I enjoyed confirmation class where we would go to the nursing homes and make cookies with the elderly and sing songs with them. It was nice to see how much they enjoyed us being there.

My relationship with God is important because it helps keep me on the right track. I pray everyday for family, friends, and my health. I know that he is always with me and guiding me so I don't make bad decisions. And if I do make a bad decision, I know he will forgive me if I ask for forgiveness.

When I am alone fishing, this is when I feel closest to God. I enjoy being in nature and with everything God has created. I remind myself that it's not about catching the biggest fish, but about making the memories to take with me. I tend to do my best thinking when I'm out by a lake.

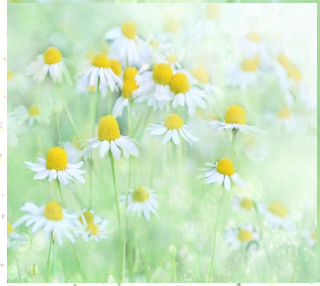
I received a Bible from my Grandpa as a confirmation gift that I look forward to taking with me all throughout my life. As I finish high school and go out into the world, it will be a source of direction to help guide me and help through rough times that may happen. And it can be something to give me comfort through the highs and lows of each day.

The Bible verse I chose for my confirmation was Matthew 4:18-19. "As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'"

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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 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

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

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 June 6th: Josh, Malia, Colt and Huck Clements; Jeffrey Cole; Barbara, Mel and Duane Crisp; Thomas and Kylie Culver; Kelly, Laken and Tavyn Custer; Jacqueline, Jay, Payton and Preston Dachel.

Prayers for the week of June 13th: Pamela, Russ, Jason and Josh Dachel; Keenan, Samantha, Ivy and Jennings Dahl; Judy and Teena Ellison; Crystal, Michael, Chase, Christian, Melanie and Michael Erickson.

Prayers for the week of June 20th: Adam, Tracia, Connor and Mason Ewings; Jackie and Thomas Ewings; Daniel and Kathleen Faschingbauer; Evelyn Ferstenou; Jackie, Monty, Addison and Brycen Fetting; Edith Fleming.

Prayers for the week of June 27th: Carlene Fox; TamaraLynn and Gracelyn Reetz; Travis Gasper; Sara, Connor and Gavin Gehrig; Donovan and Kathlyn Geissler; Jill, Steve, Lauren, Stephanie and Jessica Gengler.

Church Council Special Meeting

Church News

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (via Email)

April 29, 2021

Church Council special meeting was held via email on April 29, 2021. A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to accept the Preschool Policy Parent Handbook and make it a part of the staff handbook. The motion was seconded by Terri Smith. “Yes” votes were made by Tyler Halverson, Janelle Yeakey, Terri Smith, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, and Marcy Trubshaw. Having a majority “yes” vote, President Tyler Halverson declared the motion as having passed.

Terri Smith, Secretary



Saturday June 5, 2021
Luther Park Ministry Center Dedication
 Open House
 Lunch Ceremony

ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference
2021 RETREAT at Luther Park Bible Camp
 944 24 ¼ 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.

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET?

With the summer fast approaching, camp is just around the corner! Plans are well underway for another great summer at Luther Park and Luther Woods, and we want you to be a part of the fun. The programs this summer have something for everyone – outrageous games, creative worship, pool activities, new friends, cookouts, campfires, and conversations that will help you discover what God has done and is doing in your life. For the more adventurous camper, Luther Park offers several programs that emphasize having fun in the outdoors. Adventure camps this summer include Adventure at the Woods, Boundary Water Canoe Trip, Namekagon Canoe Trip, and Trading Spaces. Many camps fill early so register today! Camp brochures can be found outside of Katie’s office or online at www.lutherpark.org. You can also contact Luther Park at info@lutherpark.org or (715) 859-2215 for additional information.

Quilting Group
 Will be meeting on
 June 15th
 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!!



Deadline for July Newsletter
 If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than **June 24th.**
 Thank You!!

FINANCE UPDATE
 Year-To-Date as of May 27, 2021

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$ 87,793.60
Other Raised Funds	16,486.21
Total Received	\$104,575.96
- Expenses	\$ -85,823.45
Total remaining after expenses	\$ 18,456.36

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service	31 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	1 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom) 7:00 PM COVID Task Force (via zoom)	2 9:30 AM Foundation Meeting 11:00 AM Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor 6:45 PM Worship Service	3	4	5 2:00 PM Luther Park Ministry Center Dedication
6 9:00 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Denese Rihn Funeral (visitation 1pm)	7 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	8 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	9 6:45 PM Worship Service	10 10:00 AM Pastor's Conference	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service	14	15 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom)	16 6:45 PM Worship Service	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship Service	21	22	23 6:45 PM Worship Service	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship Service	28	29 3:30 PM Staff Meeting (zoom)	30 6:45 PM Worship Service	1	2	3

Church Council Minutes (via Zoom) May 11, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: Prayer by Pastor Martin, with special prayer requests for Rod dealing with COVID, First Communion students, and Confirmation students.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Adam Anderson, seconded by Pat Prill, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2021: Motion made by Adam Anderson, seconded by Pat Prill, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Social Ministry:

- Marcy Trubshaw shared information from the Synod Assembly she and Rod Johnson attended. - Survey was sent out via email to congregation members regarding resolutions adopted at Synod Assembly. Organizational meeting to be held Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Youth and Family Ministry:

- First Communion was held May 9, 2021.
- Confirmation to be held May 16, 2021.
- Youth in Action will be doing work at Luther Park on May 16.
- Colorado mission trip planning is moving forward.

Preschool:

- Crystal Erickson has stepped down from the Preschool Committee. Janelle Yeakey has agreed to take her place on a temporary basis.
- Licensing is on track.
- Seeking applicants for preschool positions.

Pastor's Report:

Membership update:

- Transfer to Church Triumphant: Karen Klingenberg and Jeanette Wolf.

Motion made by Terri Smith, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lydia Blaha, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to go into closed session at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lydia Blaha, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk, to go back into open session at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion made by Alicia Bonczyk, seconded by Adam Anderson, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- COVID Update: Task force members are Lydia Blaha, Phil Skaar, Kathy Geissler, Nikki Seibel, Tyler Halverson, and Chrissy Meisner. First meeting will be May 12, 2021.
- Email vote taken April 29, 2021, regarding the Preschool Policy Parent Handbook passed by unanimous vote.
- Pastor review process will take place during June council meeting.
- Council meeting dates and times tabled until next month.

Church Council Minutes *(continued)* Youth Committee Meeting Minutes—May 10

New Business:

- Synod Assembly resolutions discussed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 6:15 p.m. by Marcy Trubshaw, seconded by Tyler Halverson. Motion carried.

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

Next regular council meeting will be June 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Terri Smith, Secretary

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

Youth and Family Ministry Committee Meeting

Present: Pastor Martin, Katie O’Connell, Kathy Tozer, Lisa Prill.

Faith Formation:

Last day was Wednesday, May 5. Celebrated with sidewalk chalk, basketball, gaga pit, bubbles.

Thank you’s have been given to leaders and guides.

Youth in Action:

Going to Luther Park on Sunday, May 16. No charge; will set up 9 Square as service project.

Camp dinner of hot dogs or hobo/tin foil dinner; fun dessert.

Looking for input for summer YIA. Sunday brunch was suggested.

Mission Trip:

Final payment is due by May 23rd. Contact Pastor Martin if there are extenuating circumstances.

Background checks need to be done for chaperones.

Katie will book hotels, preferably with pool and breakfast.

9th Grade Confirmation:

Sunday, May 16th at 10:30.

Jars have been decorated and left in narthex for members to fill with prayers.

Bible versés are due by Wednesday, May 12.

Curtie will take group photo. Cost is \$15 each, paid by family.

Senior Recognition:

Sunday, May 23 at North Park.

Wendy LaGessee is making the blankets (THANK YOU!)

Katie will check with Rose Marie about ice cream cups and see if Chrissy can make cupcakes.

Youth Committee Meeting *(continued)* Faith Statement

VBS:

August 1-5, from 9-3 M-Th with wrap up program Thursday evening.

Will advertise on Facebook, Bloomer Advance, announcements, newsletter, email, sign in yard near church. Sign-ups for volunteers to help at camp, provide snack, fund counselor meals.

Considering a Sunday evening welcome for Luther Park staff and helpers.

Cost for counselors has been rolled forward from last years payment. Katie will check on cost per camper. Estimated at \$25/child/week at max of \$50/family. Youth bring their lunch.

Bibles:

St. John's has been providing bibles to 3-year-olds, first graders, fifth graders. Should we continue with all? Suggestion to gift Lutheran Study bible at confirmation, but let families write in them first (favorite verses, etc.)

Will continue to discuss options.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM in dining hall.

FAITH STATEMENTS

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I once saw God impact my life when I was grieving over a lost loved one. I felt him when I was in my room feeling sad about my lost loved one and then had the sudden realization that we will all go to heaven one day and that I will see them again. In the end this made me feel a little better and made me realize that God will help them in heaven. If I were to describe Jesus as a friend of mine I would say that he is a caring friend and that he is always there for you to listen to all your problems. Jesus, alongside God, is there to guide you through your life to helping you along the way whether you notice it or not. My relationship with God is important to me because he will throw challenges at you, knowing you can and will overcome them, making you stronger through all the ups and the downs. He is always looking after you and will tell you what is right and what is wrong to help lead me in the right path in life. My relationship with God is forever unlike other relationships that come and go.

June's Letter from Pastor Martin

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

On Saturday, April 17, over 300 voting members at the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Assembly overwhelmingly adopted five separate justice resolutions:

Care of Creation
LGBTQIA+

Gender Equality
Racism

Hunger

The adopted resolutions are now on our homepage at <https://www.stjohns-bloomer.org/>.

Now that I've been a pastor for over 20 years, I've attended synod assemblies nearly every year with most of them having passed numerous resolutions. While in campus ministry at Michigan State University, I've even been a part of writing resolutions that ask churches to act on an issue such as supporting campus ministry through prayer, financial generosity, and student referrals. So when our synod adopted these five resolutions, my thoughts went to the next step – now what?

It is my conviction that a resolution is meaningless until a local church like St. John's actually sheds light on them, discusses them, and ultimately acts on them. That is why we held a meeting for anyone to attend, discussing how we might actually pursue the actions laid out in these various resolutions because every one of them merit our attention. At this meeting, each resolution was discussed to determine which topic would be addressed first. We finally came to a consensus that Care of Creation would be the one.

If you read the resolution on our homepage, you'll quickly see in the "whereas" clauses why the church is called to care for planet Earth. There is indeed a biblical mandate. You'll also see why the time is now, based on data collected by NASA. So again I return to the question – now what?

From my perspective, it's vitally important to find leadership from people like you to direct our next steps. At the meeting, we determined that we'd attempt to assemble a task force focused on the care of creation, trying to find people who are willing to commit to this cause. According to our recent survey, 13 out of 23 surveys returned rated their interest level 8 or higher in this topic. Additionally, 17 out of 23 surveys said that they were possibly willing to devote their time to this topic. Now because these were anonymous surveys, I only know my own vote, but I truly want to figure out who those people are! When our passion comes from the grassroots level, I believe that our efforts will spread even wider. If you are one of those 13 or one of those 17, please let me know. Even if you didn't take the survey and are still interested in sharing your time to help us care for creation, please let me know!

Ultimately, the task force will drive our action. I hope that we will have practical application suggestions for individuals, households, as well as our church. The property committee will soon be having a discussion on how we can better practice our faith by caring for creation. Hopefully you will be inspired with new ideas on how to save water, reduce plastics usage, buy more eco-friendly products, and much more! I'll tell you this – if we simply use the ideas that were shared at our meeting, we'd be well on our way already!

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

Pastor Martin

Youth Announcements

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

SUMMER CAMP FUN BEGINS!!

Hang up the school backpacks and put away the books because summer is here! It is time to make sure that you have your children and youth signed up for the program of their choice at Luther Park Bible Camp. There is so much fun to be had, and you don't want to miss out on the valuable experiences that Luther Park has to offer. Camp programs provide a variety of activities and adventures including swimming, hiking, canoeing, archery, games, arts and crafts, cookouts, and meeting new friends. These activities are all centered on daily Bible study and worship that focuses on our summer theme entitled "Transformation." There is still time to sign up for an experience that your child will always remember. Camp brochures are available outside of Katie's office or you can register online at www.lutherpark.org.

If you have questions or would like to request information, please contact Luther Park at info@lutherpark.org or

YOUTH IN ACTION



Who: 9th-12th Grade Youth

When: TBA

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!

LUTHER PARK IS HIRING!!

Luther Park Bible Camp is still hiring counselors for this summer! Starting counselors make \$290 per week plus room and board. Make new friends, grow in your faith, and have the summer of your life at Luther Park!

For more information, you can talk to Katie about her experience working there, or you can contact info@lutherpark.org or 715-859-2215.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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

LUTHER PARK MINISTRY CENTER DEDICATION

Come to Luther Park on Saturday, June 5th at 2:00 PM for the dedication of the new Ministry Center! With this new center, Luther Park will be able to provide more space for worship and larger, more lodging for guest groups and summer staff, and so much more!



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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?

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