



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
- Recognition of Graduates & Pre-school Students
- Faith Statement

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SUMMER SABBATH

Ever since I started my pastoral ministry in 1999, I have found myself preaching time and time again to families the importance of sabbath. I frequently use a biblical lesson from Exodus 20 to prove my point:

Exodus 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work -- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. This passage is taken directly from the 10 Commandments. Most other commandments are a single sentence with no explanation. For some reason, we have the above passage added to the third commandment to help us understand how important sabbath is.

Whenever I teach the 10 Commandments in confirmation, I love teaching about this one because students are stunned that you can follow this commandment by taking a nap, going on a vacation, doing whatever it is that restores your soul. The other part of sabbath is to ground yourself with God, which is where worship plays a prominent role.

This year, we had to make a difficult decision to postpone our Wednesday worship services until the fall. So that puts a bit more emphasis on our Sunday worship, which I hope continues to restore your soul. Listening to the Word of God, praying, singing, these are all ways that we can restore our souls.

And now for a turn you might not expect! Church is not the only place of restoration. In fact, now that we are recording our worship services so that you can worship on your own time, I'd argue that you should be even more free to restore, perhaps heal if needed! I hope that your summer is a time when you can find that connection with God in the things that help you rest. Yes, summers can be crazy too, but don't forget to schedule in a well-timed vacation. View a sunset over the lake. Listen to the roar of the waves or the songs of the birds. Watch a child at play giggling with everything they have.

If you find yourself away on a Sunday morning healing and restoring, enjoy our online worship. Consider making a repeating contribution using our online giving methods found on the front page of our website to show your consistent gratitude toward God for all of your blessings. Then enjoy the abundant life that God deeply desires for you! Christ's love!"

Pastor Martin

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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: stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net

Prayers of Healing For Our Church Family

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; Renee Kerckhove and Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughters).

Prayers For Our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of June 4th: Jason, Laurice, Abrina, Gabe and Isabelle Hillman; Amanda and Aubree Holm; Candi and Gregory Homme; Brett, Tianna, Benton and Greta Huber; Eilyn and Jim Hudacek.

Prayers for the week of June 11th: Janie and Robert Jacobson; Matthew, Samantha and Graham Jandourek; Preston Jenneman; Karen and Rod Johnson; Heather, Robert and Ava Kasperek; Haley Keller; Heidi, Jamie, Jordyn and RyAnna Keller.

Prayers for the week of June 18th: Jeanie, Justin, Kelsey and Wyatt Kettner; John, Tami, Cicely and Dayne Kiecker; Joseph, Trista and Gauge Klemish Art Klingenberg; Darren, Leanne, Kristine and Nicole Knutson.

Prayers for the week of June 25th: Laurie, Ethan, Hunter, Josh, McKenna Koehler; Dustin, Erica and Jordynn Kragness; Janet and Tom Krenz; Kari, Scott, Dawson, Kailee, Zackary Krenz; David Kressin.

JUNE 2023 CALENDAR

Faith Statement

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Worship Service	29 Memorial Day - Office Closed	30 4:30pm Preschool Committee Meeting	31 2:00pm Bible Study 5:30pm VBS Team Meeting (Location TBD)	1	2	3
4 9:00am Worship Service	5 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	6	7 2:00pm Bible Study	8	9	10 10:00am Rehearsal-Ewings
11 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Renewal of Wedding Vows- Tom	12 8:00am Bible Study	13 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	14 9:30am Bloomer Clergy Association 2:00pm Bible Study	15	16	17
18 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> Father's Day 9:00am Worship Service	19 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	20  1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group	21 9:30am Foundation Meeting 2:00pm Bible Study	22	23	24
25 9:00am Worship Service	26 8:00am Bible Study	27	28 2:00pm Bible Study	29	30	1

FAITH STATEMENT

My Mom and Dad have been teaching me about Jesus since I was little. My Mom said they picked my name Nathan because the meaning was "Gift from God". I believe we all should have a relationship with Jesus. I am learning that God will be there for me no matter what. I believe God will never leave a person or turn his back on them.

I understand that the Bible will guide me and help me. The scriptures, prayers and the commandments can change a persons whole life. My church helps teaches all of us about faith, love, and everything a person will ever need in life. Jesus encourages people, and supports people even when they are having a tough time. Being a Christian will help motivate me and hopefully help me find a purpose and more meaning to my life ahead. I was told I was baptized in July 5, 2009 here at St. Johns Lutheran church. I later received my first communion and now I am being confirmed. I think that is all the easy stuff and the hard stuff is ahead of me. I am sure I am going to make a lot of mistakes in life, but having Jesus in my life and knowing that he doesn't judge me and will forgive me will bring me strength. I have accepted Christ. My faith will help me to have external life. I want to say Thank you to all my family (Grandma & Grandpa Weber, Grandpa Jeep, Gramcracker, my Brother Brandon his wife Faith all my Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, friends and especially my mom and dad for continuing to help me learn and grow with Jesus.

Bible Verse—Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.



Church News

Congratulations to the 2023 Graduates



Connor Larson, Kayden Walta, Evan Nitek, Dylan Halom, Dominick Meisner front row: Jensyn Skaar, Delaney Zwiefelhofer, Zoe Pielhop, RyAnna Keller, Abrina Hillman, and Pastor Martin

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



MWF Preschool Class 2022-23

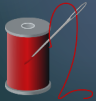


TTH Preschool Class 2022-23

Quilting Group

Will be meeting on
June 20th
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!!



	Month of APR 2023	Year to Date JAN -APR
INCOME	\$26,452	\$83,397
EXPENSES	\$22,323	\$81,358
Difference	\$4,129	\$2,039

Financial Update

Current Balance on Line of Credit
\$0

Deadline for July 2023 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 26th.**
Thank You!!

Church Council Minutes

May 8, 2023

Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President .

Opening Devotion – Terri shared a reading from Lutheran Hour Ministry focused on Psalm 66:18-20.

Approval of the Agenda - A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to approve the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Terri Smith. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Sarah Wittrock to approve the minutes from the April 17th, 2023 meeting, seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.

Financial Report -

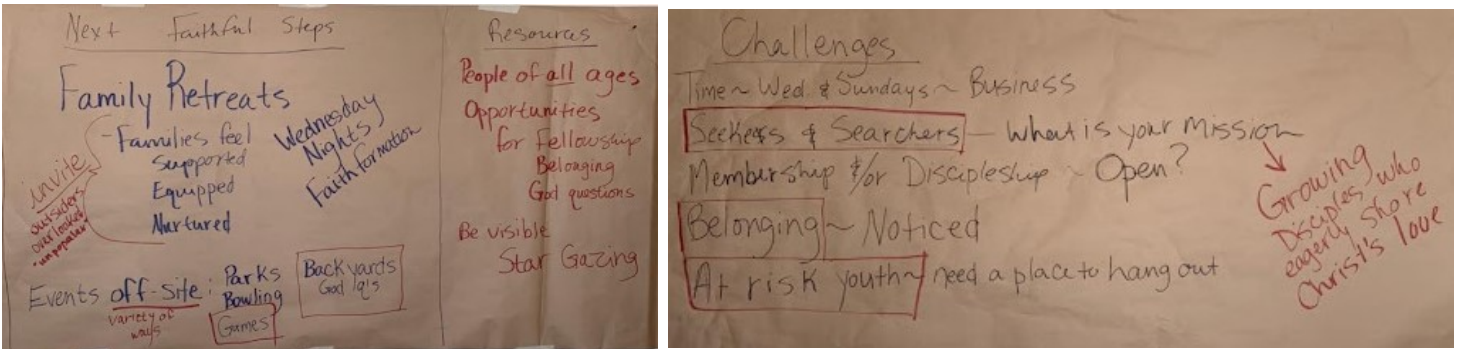
	Year to Date (Jan-Apr 2023)
Income	\$ 83,396.63
Expenses	\$ 81,358.32
Difference	\$ 2,038.31
Current SFB Line of Credit	\$ 0.00

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

Old Business

A. Council Retreat- attendees: Pastor Martin, Janelle, Terri, Kaitlyn, Jeff, Dorene.

Below are items that were discussed at the retreat, with ideas to move forward.



B. Retire the Debt with Dave Campaign: - Donations as of May 8th \$1810

C. Town Hall Meeting – [Notes from meeting](#)

- Discussion was had on:

1. Pros and cons of plaques in honor of those giving gifts to the church
2. Cleanliness of the church/custodian position, will be revisited at a later date when funds are available. For our interim plan the sign-up genius will sent out again for families/people to help.
3. Endowment Committee – Council/Pastor will investigate and pursue creating
4. Property Committee will be meeting on 5/16 to discuss maintenance needs of the church

D. Preschool Update –

1. St. John’s Lutheran Preschool Statement of Policy 2023-2024: A motion was made to approve the Preschool Policy by Kaitlyn Bohl with making the amendment to strike the ‘3-hour’ statement on p.18 under medication. Seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.
2. Hiring process – currently being advertised with Pastor as the point person, May 22nd is deadline for resumes.

New Business—none

Committee Reports

1 [Pastor’s Report](#) : A motion was made by Terri Smith and seconded by Sarah Wittrock to transfer out Barbara and Steve Streich to Altoona. Motion carried. Gift Acceptance policy will be looked at and discussed at the next council meeting. (report can be viewed on website)

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

2 [Fellowship Minutes](#) - (can be viewed on website)

3 [Preschool Minutes](#) – penny war currently happening, end of year celebrations at the park (can be viewed on website).

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Youth & Family Announcements

Flower Fundraiser

Thank you for all who participated in our flower fundraiser right before Mother's Day. With your contributions, we were able to make a profit of \$845 for our youth ministry students. As usual, the proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our kids who attend summer bible camp, week-end retreats, lock-ins, and other important youth opportunities.

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

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 Quarhouse, Valley Tavern, or Harm's Way. Fat Boys, The Quarhouse, Valley Tavern, or Harms Way.

VBS – Vacation Bible School

VBS planning is in motion. It is with great excitement that we will be cohosting VBS with Our Saviors this summer! As we continue to work with the planning committee, we will share more information with you all. Please keep an eye out for further details.

Senior Recognition

Senior recognition took place on Wednesday, May 17th as the final Wednesday night service for the 2022-23 academic year. Senior blankets were distributed at the end of service with a reception that followed. If you senior was unable to attend the service but would be interested in receiving a blanket, please reach out to Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin. Once again, congratulations to our 2023 graduates!

"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential." – Kerry Washington

Faith Formation Recap

Our final day Faith Formation for the 2022-23 academic year was Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023. We were grateful that the weather was beautiful to enjoy outdoor activities and the service was a great success. Thank you to all families who participated in Faith Formation this past year, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone this Fall.

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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Church Council Minutes Continued



NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!



Amanda



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 5 students registered for MWF and 7 students for TTH.

Penny War Fundraiser

Our final fundraiser for the 2022-23 academic year was our penny war- preschool vs Pastor Martin. With everyone's contributions. After the jars were taken to the bank and re-

counted, we are happy to report that Pastor Martin's jar had \$340.30 and the Preschool had \$345.51, for a grand total of \$685.81! Thank you all again for your support. We truly appreciate the congregation's involvement, alongside our preschool families and staff.

Final Days at North Park

With The final day for each groups program (MWF & TTH) were Wednesday, May 24th (MWF group) and Thursday, May 25th (TTH group).

Our students were able to showcase some things that they learned this year (ABC, Songs, Counting...), played on the playground with their friends, and enjoy some yummy treats to wrap up the year. The highlight of our final moments for the 2022-23 school year was Pastor Martin getting a plate full of whipped topping in his face! We appreciate him being such a good sport.

We hope that all of our students have an amazing summer, and we wish them the best in the future! We will miss their smiling faces. It truly was a phenomenal year!

A Special "Thank You"

A huge thank you to all of our students and families for making this year a success. Miss Jamie and I had so much fun working together and with all our families this school year! I am excited to see some familiar faces along with other new ones this Fall.

Also, a huge thank you to our preschool committee and the congregations support this year. Without your support, we would not have had the success we did this year.

Have a wonderful Summer! – Ms. Ritchie

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- 4 Social Ministry Minutes - none
- 5 Property Minutes—none
- 6 [Worship & Music Minutes](#) – (can be viewed on website)
- 7 [Youth Minutes](#) - (can be viewed on website)

Additional Items and Announcements

1. Next Meeting: June 16th at 6 pm
2. Cleaning Day: May 16th at 5 pm, bring your own vacuum

Adjournment - a motion was made at 8:15 pm by Janelle Yeakey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kaitlyn Bohl. Motion carried.

Members Present: Jamie Keller, Terri Smith, Dorene Turner, Pastor Martin, Janelle Yeakey, Kaitlyn Bohl, Jeff Cole, Sarah Wittrock. Members Absent: Pat Prill, Alicia Bonczyk, Kyle Prill. Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary



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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT
BLOOMER MOOSE LODGE ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
1:30 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.**

**Summer shortages of blood are always a reality! Take a break from your summer activities to help patients in need.
GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE!**



Thank you!