



St. John's Lutheran Church Newsletter

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THE ST. JOHN'S BUILDING BLITZ

On the weekend of April 20-21, the facility of St. John's will experience a makeover. All friends of St. John's are encouraged to help rid the facility of things that are simply taking up space. The leadership of St. John's will be on hand to help make decisions about the future of certain things that are still be stored in a variety of nooks and crannies throughout the church.

Starting at 8 am, friends can come help sort through things that will be sorted into the following categories:

1. Garbage
2. Recyclables
3. Thrift store items



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Thursday, March
7th 1:30 p.m.

The senior apartments will also be participating in this unique spring cleaning, so help will be needed to clear out items that are also no longer in use.

There will also be opportunity to clean up the grounds of the church for those that love the outdoors. A list of special projects will be available too!

The following day, our church will host a Thrift Sale where the proceeds will go toward our debt reduction. Of course you know that this is no small endeavor either! So invite your friends, shop yourself, and volunteer to help manage the sale! Not only will this help us clean up our facility and create more storage, but it will also help serve our community. And that, my friends, establishes relationship and relationship can lead to partnership.

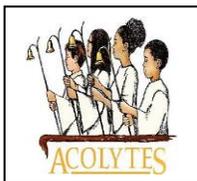
In order to make this blitz a success, we need your help! We will need people to help provide snacks and lunch to provide that extra boost that the workers need.

We need people to carry bulky and smaller items alike. We need people to provide trucks and trailers for hauling. But if we come together, a fun time will indeed be had by all as we move into the future as a family. So as the family of God, let's take care of God's house!

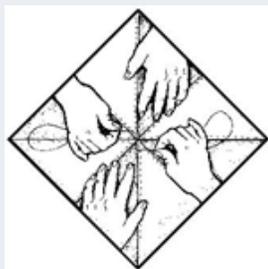
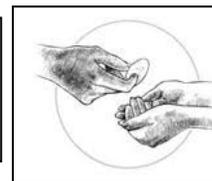
Pastor Martin



**Sunday Morning 9:00 a.m. & Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Worship Participant Schedule 2013**



**February
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS &
ACOLYTES**



QUILTING

**March 23, 2013
9:00 – 12:00
Fellowship Hall**

**No Experience
Necessary**

Date of Service	Communion Assistants	Acolyte
March 3	Jenna Ruff Jenna Ruffedt	Jenna Ruff
March 6	Donnie Rothbauer Gabriel Mawby	Donnie Rothbauer
March 10	Laken Jones Elijah Prill	Laken Jones
March 13	Lydia Berseth Julia Johnson	Lydia Berseth
March 20	Haley Faschingbauer Hunter Alman	Haley Faschingbauer
March 24	Masen Miller Jessica Gengler	Masen Miller
March 28: Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship Stripping Altar	Sam Lanzer Joe Lanzer	Sam Lanzer
March 29: Good Friday 7:00pm Worship	To be announced	
March 31: Easter Sunday 6:30am Worship 9:00am Worship	6:30 am worship: 2 volunteers needed 9:00am worship: 2-3 volunteers needed	Call 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or email stjohnsl- marla@bloomer.net to volunteer for either worship

If there is a problem with when you are assigned, please find your own substitute. Thank You!

Committees:

Worship

-Janice Naset
Chairman
-Lisa Goettl
-Janet Helgeson
-Kathy Geissler
-Janelle Yeakey

Fellowship

-Lynette Pank
Chairman
-Sue Zwiefelhofer
-Sue Seibel
-Nylah Gust
-Heidi Morning

Social

-Art Klingenberg
Chairman
-Heidi Keller
-Pauline Stertz
-Jeff Cole
-Gregg Anderson

Youth & Education

-Tom Ewings
Chairman
-Tasha Baker
-Brian Mawby
-Teri Henneman
-Michelle Ruffedt
-Kelly Custer
-Brad Ruff
-Marla Paulson

Discipleship

-Kathy Faschingbauer
Chairman
-Michelle Gasper
-Alice Zinsmaster
-Sue Nehring
-Carrie Anderson
-Terri Bohl

Property

Management

-Shelly Lane
Chairman
-David Lane
-Stub Naset
-Pete Zeman
-Val Rubenzer
-Dennis Rubenzer
-Nadine Bresina
-Rod Schmidt, Sr.

Pastor News

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

Later this month, you will hear the passion narrative according to Luke. On Passion/Palm Sunday (March 24), the gospel will be the primary substance of the worship as we participate together in reading Luke's version of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and ending on the cross. This is one of my favorite parts about Holy Week as it truly puts the story in perspective when we read it as a whole and not in parts. Next year we will do the same on Passion/Palm Sunday, only from Matthew's perspective. In 2015, we will take Mark's account as the source.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are considered *Synoptic* Gospels because the authors utilized similar sources when writing them and thus they are organized in a similar fashion. The gospel of John, however, was written and organized in a very unique manner.

One of the unique stories in John is the 17th chapter. As part of the Last Supper narrative, John includes what we call *The High Priestly Prayer*. Jesus prays for his disciples because he knows the future that they face – a future of persecution and trial. Jesus prays for them because he loves them dearly and wants them to succeed as they form the Christian church following his Ascension. Jesus prays for them because they are the family of God.

I have been waiting to share the following insight with you for quite some time now. I feel that one of my sacred privileges as your pastor is to pray for you and with you. I am thankful that the office of Pastor grants me an automatic trust from many of you, a trust that I want to maintain. That trust invites opportunities to enter your lives as a spiritual leader. These entrances include sharing your joys along with your sorrows and anything in between. That is why I am writing this article in this manner. I need your help to find those entrances.

When it comes to your physical, emotional, and spiritual welfare, I want to be a know-it-all! If you are hospitalized, no matter what the reason, I want to know (preferably in advance and not in hindsight!) If your marriage is bumpy, I want to know. If your family life is struggling, I want to know. If you are angry with God, I want to know. Get the picture? By no means am I promising a "fix" to your struggles, but I can promise you companionship along the way. I can promise you a listening ear. I can promise you my prayers.

I am not Christ, but I want to follow his lead. Jesus walked with and prayed for his disciples and I want to walk with and pray for you. In our lives it's easy to share our joys (I want to be there for those too!), but difficult to share our sorrows. You have called me to be your pastor, which means when I visit the sick and comfort the afflicted, I represent the community of St. John's. Contact me at any time. Let me repeat that – contact me at any time – and let me pray for and with you.

Pastor Martin

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**St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 12, 2013**

President Art Klingenberg called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Janice Naset opened the meeting with prayer.

Congregational Input: None

Old Business:

- **Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Lynette Pank to accept the January meeting minutes.** Motion carried.
- **Motion made by Tom Ewings and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to accept the Financial Report.** Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Youth & Education -VBS to be held June 23 thru June 28 with about 3 counselors from Luther Park anticipated being needed so far.
- Discipleship -None
- Worship & Music -Written report presented about discussion at their last meeting.
- Fellowship -Upcoming events include Volunteer Recognition Sunday & Easter Breakfast. Lynette will look into reserving North Park for Worship/Picnic in June and/or September.
- Social Action -St. John's will serve at Agnes Table on Thursday, April 4.
- Property Management -Roof leak in Pastor Martin's office. Will be meeting with Apartment Foundation Board about a spring clean-up day on Sunday, February 16.

Pastor's Report:

- "Walking Together" will be March 16 at the Chippewa Middle School with discussion time following at Our Saviors Lutheran Church with Bishop Pederson who is resigning on March 31, 2013.
- New bulletin format encouraging use as an information tool.
- Job descriptions reviewed and approved. **Motion made by Tom Ewings and seconded by Janice Naset to accept job descriptions as proposed by the council.** Motion carried.

New Business:

- Request for Nominating Committee volunteers to be put in the bulletin.
- "Golden Age Dinner" to be held on Maundy Thursday.
- New Office Manager, Tracey McCann, introduced to the council. Installation of Tracey will be at the Sunday, February 24 worship service.
- The council thanks Gregg Anderson and acknowledges his idea(s) for Praise Band fundraisers. As a council we support his desire to pursue his idea(s) with the knowledge that monies from the congregational budget will not be used to finance the project(s).
- The council acknowledges and supports the fundraisers presented to the council for St. John's youth.
- Begin to research the choices for a new church directory, to be completed within the next 12 months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Shelly M. Lane, Secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Art Klingenberg, Lynette Pank, Tom Ewings, Janice Naset, Kathy Faschingbauer and Shelly Lane.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Wanted: Volunteer who enjoys data entry and possesses accurate data entry skills seeking a learning experience with a friendly and hard-working group of people in a professional office setting.

Description: to do weekly data entry on the LSS CANS database

Where: Lutheran Social Services, Family Preservation Program, 120 S. Barstow St, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Hours: Variable during business hours; approximately 2 hrs. per week

Length of time: 6-12 months; can be longer if desired.

Computer and desk space provided as well as training. Supervision is also continually available on site. Maintenance of client confidentiality is essential.

Volunteer will largely be self-sufficient; however, the office environment is friendly and there are opportunities to interact with others during the shift. There are additional opportunities to interface with our research intern to see the outcomes related to the data entry.

Contact: Michael Bauer: 715-832-2221 x2114

Volunteers Needed for Nominating Committee

We are looking for 6 volunteers to help select candidates for the church council that will be elected at our May 19th Congregation Meeting. Volunteers for this committee are not eligible to be considered for church council. People that are interested can contact Pastor Martin, Pat, Tracey, or any church council member. Thank you!



The 13th annual **EMPTY BOWLS** benefit for **Feed My People Food Bank** will be held on **Thursday, March 7** at Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. Tickets for a hand-crafted bowl, soup, bread and dessert are \$18, meal only \$8, children under 10 are free. Serving times: 11 am – 7 pm. Dine-in or carry-out. Tickets are available online at www.fmpfoodbank.org or at UW-Service Center, Feed My People, or at the door. Bowls are limited. Call 835-9415 for information.

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE



BAKE SALE: MARCH 24 Before & after worship. Sponsored by middle & Sr. high youth. Money

MARCH LEARNING
Sunday, March 3, 10, 17
Preschool through 3rd Grade, 10 AM
5th Grade "Prince of Egypt" movie

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20
Preschool through 3rd Grade
4th Grade Connect
6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation, 5:45 PM
5th Grade "Prince of Egypt" movie, 3:30 PM
followed by First Communion @ 5:45PM

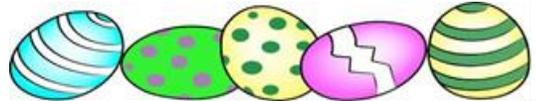
**NO LEARNING SCHEDULED: WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 27 @ SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

CHRISTS' CORE SR. HIGH YOUTH

Wednesday, March 6
Early Release Pizza & Faith Talk
1:30-3:30 pm

Monday, March 18
Pie & Talk Time @ Main Street
Café, 3:30 PM,

All SR. High & 8th Grade Gals &
Friends Welcome



**PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION
& EGG HUNT**
SUNDAY, MARCH 24 @ 10 AM
ALL CHILDREN & YOUNG AT HEART
INVITED

CAN CAMP DAY

SAVE, BAG, and BRING
your aluminum cans to **ST.
John's** on Sunday, April 7.
Set bags inside fenced
Preschool play area. Money
used for 8th grade retreat.
Thank you in advance!



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cheduled (preschool,
r. high) are cancelled



St. John's Preschool Registration

We are currently accepting registration for the 2013-14 school year. Parents may enroll their children by calling Michelle Gasper at 715-568-5446 ext. 14 or 715-568-1060. Classes offered for both 3 and 4 year olds. Call today to secure your spot for your child. We'd love to have you join us!



Easter Lily Order

The Altar Guild will be selling Easter lilies again this year. It is a nice way to honor a loved one and help decorate our church for Easter. Easter lily order forms will be available in the church bulletin starting March 10th. The lilies cost \$10.00 and can be ordered until March 24th. Please use one of the order forms so we can include your name and who

you are honoring in the Easter bulletin. Put the form with the money (cash or check made out to St. John's Lutheran) in an envelope labeled Easter Lily Order. Thank you!

Financial Comparison

	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 1, 2013
Beginning Balance	\$4,915.00	21,061.00
Income	\$25,042.00	\$26,753.00
Expenses	\$30,348.00	\$40,130.00
Balance	\$ -391.00	\$ 7,684.00
Loan Peoples State Bank	\$174,365.00	\$106,670.00

Note: Expenses for 2013 are higher as we paid \$7,000 off the loan in 2013 and paid benevolences of \$2,500.00. These expenses were not paid in 2012.

