

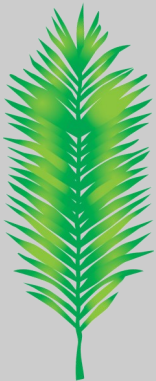


St. John's Lutheran Church

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.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ March Support
- ◆ Church News
- ◆ Financial Report
- Calendar
- Council Minutes



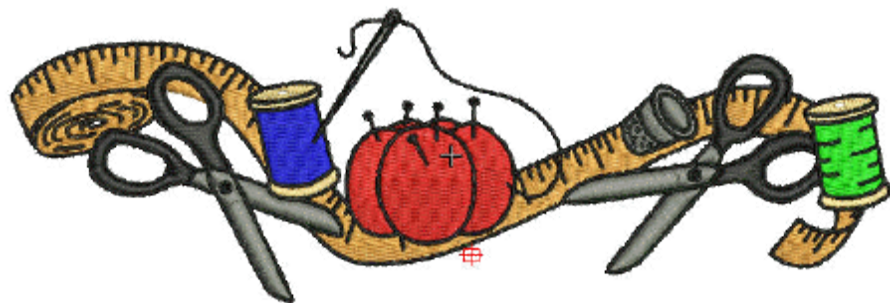
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Support the Quilters

During this month of March, we will be supporting the Quilters of St. Johns. They need donations of "gently used" bed sheets, cotton fabric, and/or money to purchase these items. Please drop off these items at the church office or place monetary donations designated for the quilters in the offering plate. The quilters meet once a month and invite everyone to join them for this mission work. Last year they sent 76 quilts to Eau Claire and the synod then ships them abroad.



Office number: 715-568-5446

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St. John's Website: www.Stjohns-bloomer.org

Church News

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the altar, please see the flower chart sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the altar guide person for the month listed in the bulletin or any altar guild member.



A new beginning for St. John's choir! All ages are welcome! Practice will be held at 4:15 pm on Thursdays. This will begin on Thursday, February 15. Bring some music selections that you would like to sing if you have any. Please contact Tom if you have questions. 715-568-2778



Sunday, March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 29, 2018	Maundy Thursday Worship at 1:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:45 p.m.
Friday, March 30, 2018	Good Friday Worship at 6:45 p.m. Ecumenical Worship at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 1, 2018	Sunrise Easter Worship at 6:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m. (Easter Breakfast served from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.)



**Sunday, April 1, 2018
at 7:30 p.m.**

**New Auburn Community
Choir will performing at St.
John's Lutheran Church**

All ages welcome!

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

St John's is looking for willing participants to take "the plunge"!! The purpose of this activity is to raise money for a pontoon boat to give seniors a beautiful, relaxing day on the lake. Join Nancy Schindler to sign up, raise money for the cause, and take the plunge.

When: Saturday, March 17

Where: 11:00 sign in at Dove Healthcare

1:00 plunge at the Public Boat Landing by Lake shore Drive.



Reminder!! Daylight Savings begin on Sunday, March 11th so please set your clocks ahead on Saturday before bed.



Church News

Walking Together 2018

The church has left the building to be the church!

"Jesus is the King."

Elvis Presley



Come and join us for the 9th annual Walking Together event! This day of learning and workshops is designed each year for people from around the synod to worship and collaborate, hear about best practices in congregations, get inspired and experiment with new and creative ministries, and gain some helpful tools to use in their congregations.

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Davies Center - UW Eau Claire

35 + Workshops will include topics like:

- Story, Identity & Stereotypes*
- Holy Cow! I Never Knew That About My Church!*
- Emerging Adults Left With Elvis*
- Come - Picture the Bible*
- Worship Live*
- Faith, Science, & Our Stewardship of Creation*
- The Dos and Don'ts of Marketing in Your Church*
- ...any many more!*

Online registration can be found on the synod website nswi.org in the "calendar of events".

Cost = \$20 per person
(includes lunch)



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

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FINANCIAL REPORT-2018

	2017	2018	BUDGET 2018
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$ 4,399.00	\$ 2,302.00	
Income 1/1/ - 12/1	\$ 192,990.00	\$ 26,934.00	\$ 230,286.00
Expenses 1/1 - 12/1	\$ 199,642.00	\$ 30,431.24	\$ 230,286.00
Balance	(\$2,253.00)	(\$1,195.24)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$ 61,138.00	\$ 61,138.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$ 10,000.00	10,000.00	Gen. Fund

Church News

Community Easter Egg Hunt

St. John's will be hosting this years Easter Egg Hunt once again.

When: Saturday, March 31, 2018




Time: 10:00 a.m.

1403 Newman Street

Bloomer, WI 54724



MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 9:00 AM Worship Service & Children's Voices 10:15 AM - 12:45 PM Armed Threat Presentation 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>26 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship and Children's Voices</p>	<p>1 3:30 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>2 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM Property Com. Mtg</p>	<p>5 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>6 6:30 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>8 3:30 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11  9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Keenan Faye Gingras 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>13 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>14 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>15 3:30 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice 5:00 PM Preschool Open House</p>	<p>16 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>17 Walking Together 1:00 PM Polar Plunge at Lake Shore Drive</p>
<p>18 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p>19 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>20 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Soup and Sandwich 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>22 3:30 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 12:00 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>
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Church Council Meeting Special Meeting of Church Council February 13, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Treasurer Kathy Tozer.

Opening Devotion: by Janice Naset – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 11.

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

Approval of January meeting minutes: A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of Special Meeting minutes from February 7, 2018: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Janice Naset to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Comments:

- ◆ Would like to see church Constitution added to St John’s website.
- ◆ There are a few cracked tiles in bathroom floors.
- ◆ Carpet on stairways is showing sign of wear and tear.
- ◆ Will mention to Altar guild suggestion to replace wicker baskets in pews with resin baskets and using LED candles on Christmas Eve instead of wax candles.

Congregational Comments:

- ◆ Calendar in newsletter didn’t have afternoon Ash Wednesday service listed.
- ◆ Would like meetings (clubs, committees) posted on calendar in newsletter. (Check website.)
- ◆ Wondered if Pastor visits shut-ins. (A team assists Pastor, due to the number and time constraint. Pastor tries to visit each shut-in at least quarterly.)

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

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry:

- ◆ Reviewed goals for upcoming year; looking for members to join the committee.
- ◆ Will hold a New Member class in late April.

Fellowship Ministry:

- ◆ 52 people attended Bingo in January.
- ◆ Next Bingo is February 18.
- ◆ Considering adding a Sunday afternoon card/board game event during the winter.
- ◆ St John’s Choir will be directed by Mel Crisp, pianist Nancy Schindler and will meet on Thursdays at 4:15. All are welcome!

Property Committee:

- ◆ Lights in Chancel area are in need of replacement/repair.
- ◆ Thermostat on oven was replaced.
- ◆ Will meet next at the end of March.

Church Council Meeting

Social Ministry:

- ◆ None

Worship/Music Ministry:

- ◆ Songs have been picked through May 27.
- ◆ Reviewed: All Saints Day; Advent and Christmas; Christmas Pageant. All went well.
- ◆ Crafting of Language has been well received.
- ◆ Children Sermon on Wednesday evenings is going well.
- ◆ Trying a different service for Lent from Sunday & Season book, which uses part of Holden Evening Prayer.
- ◆ Narrative reading on Palm Sunday
- ◆ Maunday Thursday will have a 'visual' at the afternoon service, instead of washing of feet. Evening service will feature stripping of the altar.
- ◆ Good Friday service will again feature pounding nails in the cross.
- ◆ Easter Sunday services will be at 6:30am and 9:00 am.
- ◆ Approved adding comic/jokes to announcement slides, within reason.
- ◆ Would like to see more photos added to announcement slides.
- ◆ Walking Together takes place March 17.
- ◆ Next meeting is April 8.

Youth/Family Ministry:

- ◆ Winterfest was cancelled this year due to cold weather.
- ◆ Butterbraid fundraiser net profit was \$2037. Raffle fundraiser net profit was \$1505.
- ◆ Policy for summer camp as follows: Families are required to pay in full for camp; families that have participated in a minimum of two fundraisers are eligible to have 50% of the cost reimbursed by St. John's, from designated youth account.
- ◆ Current youth fundraisers are:
 1. Butterbraid Pastry Sale in November (must sell 10 to count as participation)
 2. Super Bowl Pizza Sale in February (required event for mission trip participants)
 3. Lenten Soup and Sandwich Meal (required for confirmation youth)
 4. Brat Stand in May
 5. Plant Sale in May
 6. Raffle (required to sell 5 tickets to count)
 7. All money raised from fundraisers goes into designated Youth account. Youth that participate in a minimum of two fundraisers are eligible to access funds for St John's youth activities to offset costs.
- ◆ Upcoming Events:
 1. Lock In February 23 & 24 for MS and HS youth, facilitated by Luther Park staff.
 2. Youth in Action will meet February 25.
 3. Armed Intruder Training will be February 25, 10:15 – 1:00. Meal is included.
 4. Walking Together is March 17 at UWEC Davies Center.
 5. Brat Stand is May 4 & 5 at Shadick's.
 6. Confirmation Retreat is May 4 & 5 (Fri/Sat instead of Sat/Sun)
 7. Senior High Recognition in May TBD.
- ◆ Summer Stretch Program is being researched and hope to be in place next summer.
- ◆ Community Egg Hunt will be held at St John's on March 31. Need to form a committee and need people to help. Plan to give books instead of toys for prizes.
- ◆ A debit card is needed for the National Youth Gathering trip. Marla will get information.

Church Council Meeting

Dream Team:

- ◆ Will meet Sunday, February 18.

Preschool:

- ◆ Enrollment has been increasing.

Council President's Report:

- ◆ Reminder to submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting. Next meeting will be March 13, 2018 at 6:30.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **CELEBRATING:** New computer for money counters; Bishop report has been turned in.
- ◆ **ENCOURAGED:** Recruited Isabelle Hillman for council; Teaching Sue Nehring to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.
- ◆ **GO DEEPER:** Will renew conversation with Dream Team about our Mission Statement; Invited council to attend EPIC workshop.
- ◆ **WORKING ON:** Reigniting Dream Team; Retooling Discipleship Committee; New Member Class.
- ◆ **LEARNING AND EXPLORING:** Went to a synod conference regarding financial preaching.
- ◆ **PRAYERS/HELP:** Finding a new Foundation treasurer.
- ◆ **Membership Update:** Transfer to Church Triumphant: Joanne Black; Wilfred Morning.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve membership update. Motion carried

Old Business:

- ◆ EPIC Council Training is Saturday, February 17 at Bethany in Rice Lake. Pastor, Tracey, Tom, Barb, Susan, Kathy and Lisa Will attend. We will meet at St John's at 8 and carpool to Rice Lake.

New Business:

- ◆ Office equipment needs to be replaced. Both copier and printer are having issues.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 PM by Tom Buchner, 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, Janice Naset, Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Isabelle Hillman, Tom Buchner, Lisa Prill. Absent: Philip Skaar, Tyler Halverson, Pauline Stertz, Susan McInnis,

St. John's Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds

Registration and Open House

Thursday, March 15th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

If you are interested and cannot attend on March 15th, please call us to schedule a tour!

St. John's Lutheran Church 1403 Newman Street, Bloomer

There are *four classes* available for children who turn three years old by September 1, 2018 and four-year olds can attend.

Join us for an evening of fun to check out our preschool. If interested, you may enroll your child for the 2018-2019 school year at this time. (Registrations are taken on a first come-first served basis).

We are now accepting Wisconsin Shares Childcare Benefits!

Our creative curriculum includes music, art, literacy, and free play with learning centers. We offer a *low child to teacher ratio* with only 10 children per class. We offer large and small motor activities, one-on-one learning activities and many more experiences to help your children grow and develop.

We are a *licensed preschool* through the state of WI, since 1995. Enrollment is not dependent upon or restricted by affiliation with St. John's Lutheran Church.

For more information or to register your child:

Call: Heather Philipps at 715-828-3412 or
715-568-5446 (ext. 14)

Email: st.johns_preschool@yahoo.com

Check us out on Facebook!

Spots are limited! Call today!

St. John's preschool, an interdenominational program, offers services to all eligible children regardless of race, color, and national or ethnic origin. All children of Bloomer and the surrounding communities are welcome!