

St. John's Lutheran Church

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Council Member for the Month of March

Susan McInnis

A bit about me and my family: Went to St Johns as a youngster and now I am back! My husband, Bill and I have 3 girls: Malia, Rebecca, and McKenzie. We also have a miniature dachshund named Penny Lane. When we retired, Bill, McKenzie and I moved back to Bloomer in October 2014. We have 2 grandsons, Colt and Huck (Malia and Josh), who like all grandparents say, "Are perfect"! But yes they are! My Mother Lucy, brother Rod, Malia and her family, and McKenzie are also members of St John's.

Years served on Council: 1 year. What a great learning experience! The previous council members are great teachers.

Committees involved with currently and over the years: Since joining the church again I became involved with the Discipleship committee and church council.

What has made me most proud of St John's during my time on Council: Being on the church council has provided me spiritual growth and guidance, and overall well-being. The learning continues! I have come to the great realization of the wonderment of how our church functions and operates. We are still connected to a structure and foundation that was created over 150 years ago and still endures for all of us today. We have a great Pastor, church council team, and congregation, where we can laugh, grow, and learn about Christ. Also I am proud to be a part of a church where we have so many folks that come together to pray, worship, and participate. St John's is a place where folks volunteer their time and talents to continue the tradition of those before us. Being on church council lets me be a part of a wonderful tradition that has strengthen and made our church GREAT!

An important duty of Council that some people might not realize is: We pray together. We also continue to focus and commit to our mission statement of. "growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love."

Why others should consider joining St John's Church Council: It is an opportunity to meet others, share ideas, bring in a new perspective, and grow spiritually as an individual and as a team. We have fun together, we tackle challenges, we solve issues, and we also laugh! Sometimes we have a few snacks at our meetings! It is a fun way to learn more about our church and God's love for us.

Peace,
Susan



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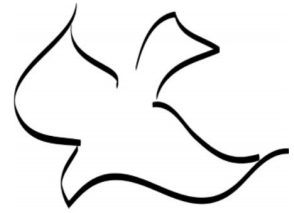
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Please Join Our Church Family

In Prayer



As we enter the month of March, 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 Kerekhove (Pat Prill's daughter), Dean Hontz, Tom Buchner, Steve Stumm (friend of Krissy Mickelson), Harry Loew, Nylah Gust, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Edith Fleming, Zayden Blandin (Kathy Geissler's great-grandson), Elda Marvin (Kathy Tozer's Mother), Alice Zinsmaster, Cole Ludwigson, Sindy Zakrzewicz

Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of March 3rd: Annie and Bill Bleskacek; Brian, Laura, Jake, John, Jonah, and Leah Bleskacek; Joselyn, Nathan, Lauren, and Ryan Bleskacek; Annie, Lary, and Nicole Boese; Bryan, Mary, and Tenley Boese

Prayers for the week of March 10th: Herman and Patricia Boettcher; Terri, Zach, Aubrie, and Kaitlyn Bohl; John Rihn, Kayla Gunderson, and Harper Bohl; Alicia, Andrew, Alexis, Colton, and Kiley Bonczyk; Jay, Kari, Cody, and Kiley Braun

Prayers for the week of March 17th: James and Nadine Bresina; Kerry, Arianna, Isabella, and Rebecca Rauscher; Tom Buchner; Joe, Kelly, Kendall, and Kolten Burgess; Janelle, Raymond, Briana, and Ryan Buske

Prayers for the week of March 24th: Brian, Cathy, Mitch and Tylor Calkins; Marsha Callstrom; Kyle, Stephanie, Karter, and Larissa Chevrier; Arlene and Harley Christianson; Josh, Malia, Colt and Huck Clements

Prayers for the week of March 31st: Jeffrey Cole; Barbara and Mel Crisp; Thomas, and Kylie Culver; Kelly, Laken and Tavyn Custer; Jacqueline, Jay, Payton and Preston Dachel

Church News

Please join us for charcoaled brats or hotdogs with all the fixin's

(Additional menu items: Chips or potato salad, sauerkraut, beans, pickle, beverage and assorted desserts)

Saturday March 16th, 2019

4:30 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.

Saint Paul's Catholic Church under croft area.

Elevator is located by the school entrance.

Cost: \$5 for a plate.

*Carry outs available!

\$1 for each extra brat or hotdog.

Walking Together 2019

"Holy Experiments"

Saturday, March 9, 2019

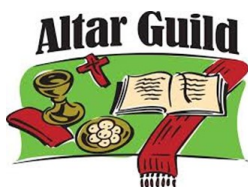
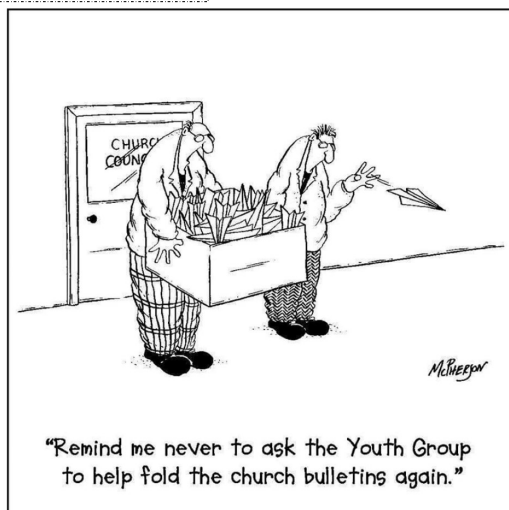
Davies Center - University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

"BE ALERT, BE PRESENT. I'M ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING BRAND NEW. IT'S BURSTING OUT! DON'T YOU SEE IT? THERE IS IT! I'M MAKING A ROAD THROUGH THE DESERT, RIVERS IN THE BADLANDS." ISAIAH 43:19

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 23rd of the month .

Thank You



Please join us for quilting.

March 19th @ 1:00 p.m.



Please join us for Bingo on March 17th @ 1:00 p.m.

The Altar Guild is looking for more members. This fellowship is responsible for decorating the church for the liturgical seasons and setting up and cleaning up for communion and baptism services. It is a meaningful and 'behind the scenes' way of serving our church. Most of us work together in teams: i.e. with a friend, a spouse, or your children. We need helpers for our Sunday and Wednesday services.

Please talk to Pastor Martin or call, text or email Sue Nehring: 715-933-0181 suenehring@bloomer.net

Thank you!

WEATHER ALERT!

Parents and youth, rule of thumb for St. John's Lutheran, when school is cancelled due to bad weather all learning events, scheduled (preschool, elementary, middle school, & Sr. high) are cancelled as well.

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Children Sing 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Worship Committee 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM Youth in Action	25 8:00 AM Bible Study	26	27 2:00 PM Bible Overview Study 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Scout Badge Training 4:45 PM - 6:45 PM FAT WEDNESDAY -Pancake & Sundae Evening Brunch 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship	28	1 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study	2
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Church Council Meeting

February 14, 2019

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

Opening Devotion: by Pastor Martin – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 21.

Financial Report:

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

New Business:

Listening Campaign

Proposed “Listening Campaign” is intended to look for contributing factors in declining church attendance in a one on one setting.

Trained “listeners” will come from Dream Team, Discipleship, and possibly Youth.

Goal is simply to find out “What is going on in your life” and “How might the church help?” No outcome is desired other than to learn.

Financial Secretary/Officer Manager 3 Month Review

A motion was made by Lisa Prill, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to go into closed session at 6:37 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Barb Ross, to return to open session at 6:47 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to increase hourly wage for Victoria Prince-Silvas, Financial Secretary/Office Manager, from \$12.75 / hour to \$13.00 / hour beginning on 2-15-2019 (second pay period.) Motion carried.

Personnel Handbook Review

Pastor will get a copy of the Personnel Handbook to Lisa and Suzi to review. Will set up a meeting to go over and update to present proposed changes to Council in March.

New Meeting Format

Purpose is to structure meeting to focus on mission and goals of church.

Committees will email minutes/notes from meetings to council members to review prior to the council meeting.

Lisa will send an email reminder the Friday two weeks prior to the meeting.

Items needing discussion or that need to be voted on should be sent to Suzi by Monday of the week prior to council meeting to be added to the Agenda.

Agenda will be posted the Wednesday and Sunday prior to the council meeting.

Committees

Each committee is encouraged to take on at least one innovative action this year.

Committees are encouraged to include our new mission statement on their Agenda.

Committees are asked to track volunteer names and hours.

Mission Statement

Brainstormed ideas to implement the new mission statement:

“Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ’s love.”

Use a Thrivent Grant to have T-shirts made with mission statement and “Come and See” to identify St John’s members working in the community. Driah will work on a design.

“Hello Wisconsin” from St John’s members.

WAXX Pledge of Allegiance with St John’s children

Hospitality Sunday, for example, first Sunday of the Month, Bring a Friend to Church. We could serve coffee and donuts and have a raffle to encourage relationships

Social Media needs to be utilized by more members, especially youth. Snap Chat filters, Twitter, Facebook used as a way to showcase events and invite others

Children Sermon – children could invite a parent to come with them

Use of basketball hoop/games to draw in friends

Charcoal Chicken carry out meal to be a presence in the community

Old Business:

Review of Council Covenant

Other business –

Discussion about SAM’s Club credit card and membership

Discussed need for help shoveling snow before worship services

Church Council Minutes

Pastor's Report:

Celebrating:

A well-run Annual meeting that was not too long, nor too short!
 Another meaningful Rite of Confirmation
 A successful Youth Quake experience in WI Dells, attended by 12 youth, 4 adults
 Wonderful EPIC event for our church council training

Resourced:

Kylee Heintz and Alicyn Turner to play instruments in church

Going Deeper:

Identifying our mission statement at the beginning of each worship service
 Preaching on discipleship and how meaningful it is to follow Jesus
 Placing our mission statement on every council agenda

Working on

Convening the Dream Team
 Convening the Discipleship Committee
 Helping assemble the Fellowship Committee
 Identify personal ministry goals
 Finalizing the membership roster
 Updating the St John's Lutheran Church Personnel Handbook

Learning & Exploring:

Opioid crisis conference
 "Breeze", our new church management software

Help and Prayers:

At our Annual Meeting next January, what would need to have happened to deem 2019 a successful year? (council should ponder this and come up with ideas)
 We have 4 staff members who have worked in their respective positions for less than a year. We have 6 new elected council members. Our 4 -member executive committee now has 3 people in new positions. We are entering an important year with a lot of new life. What is God up to?

Membership Update:

Transfer to Church Triumphant: David Rihn
New member: Clifford Romfoe
Newly Confirmed Members: Leah Bleskacek, Tylor Calkins, Anya Dinger, Gunnar Grambo, Zach Pielhop, Driah Zakrzewicz, Zayah Zakrzewicz.

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

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 PM by Kathy Tozer, with a second by Barb Ross. 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, Adam Anderson, Terri Smith, Driah Zakrzewicz, Lisa Prill. Absent: Pauline Stertz.

Special Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM by departing President Tyler Halverson.

Introduction of Members: Departing members: Janice Naset, Rod Johnson, Phil Skaar, Tyler Halverson. Continuing members: Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Suzi McInnis, Lisa Prill. New members: Tom Ewings, Lydia Blaha, Melissa Sarauer, Terri Smith, Driah Zakrzewicz.

Election of Officers:

President: Tom Ewings was nominated by Suzi McInnis but declined the nomination. Melissa Sarauer was nominated by Tom Ewings but declined the nomination. Suzi McInnis was nominated by Lisa Prill, seconded by Barb Ross. There being no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast for Suzi McInnis as Council President. Motion carried.

Vice President: Barb Ross was nominated by Suzi McInnis but declined the nomination. Melissa Sarauer nominated herself, seconded by Tom Ewings. There being no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast for Melissa Sarauer as Council Vice President. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Kathy Tozer was nominated by Lisa Prill, seconded by Melissa Sarauer. Lydia Blaha was nominated by Barb Ross, seconded by Melissa Sarauer. There being no other nominations, a paper ballot was cast and tallied by Pastor Marin and Tyler Halverson. Lydia Blaha was selected as Council Treasurer by vote. Motion carried.

Secretary: Lisa Prill was nominated by Melissa Sarauer seconded by Tom Ewings. There being no other nominations, a unanimous vote was cast for Lisa Prill as Council Secretary. Motion carried.

*Lydia will contact Security Financial Bank in Bloomer to update the signature cards. The names of Tyler Halverson, Phil Skaar and Kathy Tozer will be removed. The names of Suzi McInnis, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha and Lisa Prill will be on the new signature cards.

*St John's website will be updated to include the new Church Council members.

Committee Assignments:

Discipleship: Barb Ross, Lydia Blaha

Fellowship: Tom Ewings, Lisa Prill, Driah Zakrzewicz

Property: Tom Ewings, Adam Anderson

Social Ministry: Pauline Stertz

Worship: Terri Smith (Next meeting: April 8th at 10:00)

Youth: Melissa Sarauer, Kathy Tozer (Next meeting: February 18th at 5:00)

Dream Team: Melissa Sarauer, Tom Ewings

Special Council Meeting Minutes

Devotion Schedule for 2019 from “Called by God to Serve”:

February – Pastor Martin, Chapter 21
March – Lisa Prill, Chapter 22
April – Terri Smith, Chapter 23
May – Barb Ross, Chapter 24
June – Suzi McInnis, Chapter 25
July – Tom Ewings, Chapter 26
August – Driah Zakrzewicz, Chapter 27
September – Melissa Sarauer, Chapter 28
October – Pauline Stertz, Chapter 29
November – Lydia Blaha, Chapter 30
December – Adam Anderson, Chapter 1
January – Kathy Tozer, Chapter 2

*A suggestion was made to change the meeting time to 5:30 PM. Date will remain second Tuesday of the month.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:15 AM by Lisa Prill, seconded by Barb Ross. Motion carried.
The meeting closed with the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Suzi McInnis, Tom Ewings, Lydia Blaha, Melissa Sarauer, Terri Smith, Driah Zakrzewicz, Lisa Prill, Tyler Halverson, Phil Skaar, Janice Naset, Rod Johnson. Absent: Adam Anderson, Pauline Stertz



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