



# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement:

*"Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's Love!"*

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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## March 9th Grade Faith Statement

I am happy to say my Lutheran faith has been a big part of my life. My faith has guided me through my life and helped me through rough times. My faith has only continued to grow through confirmation and other church related events I have been able to be a part of. Throughout my fairly busy life, faith has always been at the center of it. Despite not being baptized until the age of eleven, Jesus has always been a big part in my life. My parents introduced me to Jesus when I was very young and taught me about him and what he did.

One of the biggest parts of my faith is that everyone is to be included within it. Being a Lutheran means that it does not matter what your race, sexual orientation, social status, or anything that makes you, you, matters as long as you believe in Christ. The Lutheran church allows everybody as long as they're baptized and share their belief in Jesus.

During my life, many things have challenged and strengthened my faith. Whenever my faith is challenged and I wonder if I really believe, I can never find a way not to believe. My faith continues to be strengthened by Jesus helping when I am stuck in life or having a rough time in life. Also, by learning more about Jesus and seeing more of what he does in my life, my faith is strengthened. My faith being strong has kept me out of trouble because God would not want to see what he created be wasted. My relationship with Jesus is the biggest relationship in my life. If I didn't make Jesus a part of my life I would not have persevered through difficult points in my life. He has always reminded me that everything will pass with time. Jesus has allowed me to do well in school, participate in sports and have good relationships with friends and family. The thing I am most thankful for is that I am able to live a life void of any disabilities. I know not everyone has that privilege so I am very, very thankful for that. I feel that my role in the Christian faith is to carry it along to future followers of the faith. Also to devote my life to my faith. I owe everything I have, including my life to Jesus Christ and the Christian faith, for I would have nothing without it.

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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 list please stop by the church office, call the office at 715-568-5446, or email the information to: [stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net](mailto:stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net)



### Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Donna Kerckhove, Rene Kerckhove, Tom Buchner, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Maggie Olson, Mike Ruffedt, Dick Gladitsch, Merv Marquardt, Brian Bleskacek, Alice Zinsmaster, Arlene Christianson.

### Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss,  
Jacob Johnson

### Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of March 1st: Gregg, Julie, Callie, Delaine, McKenzie, Katie & Lizzie Anderson; Karen Anderson; Kay & Richard Anderson; Doug, Shellie, Tayler & Zachary Asher.

Prayers for the week of March 8<sup>TH</sup>: Karlien Asplund; Matt & Penni Asplund; Justin, Stacey, Bentley, Journey & Riley Babbit; Kathleen Badzinski; Kay Baier.

Prayers for the week of March 15<sup>TH</sup>: Yvonee Baier; Greg, Tasha, Trey, Ava, Brodie & Dylan Baker; Bruce, Karen, Jay & Jon Barlow.

Prayers for the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Chris, Lisa & Martin Bei; Dave, Holly & Megan Belger; Todd Belger; Jodi & Dylan Bell.

Prayers for the week of March 29<sup>TH</sup>: Jerome, Kristie, Alicia & Ryan Benson; Peggy Benson; Katelyn & Kevin Beres; Harold Berg; Jennifer, Billy & Grant Bergeman.

# Church News

## Quilting

Please join us for quilting.  
March 17th 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Opportunities for Charitable Action & Religious Growth, Community—Wide

**March 5th** —Empty Bowls Event, 11 a.m.—7 p.m. at The Florian Gardens in Eau Claire.

**March 8th** —Cancer Chemo Totes Craft & Vendor Event. 11 a.m.—4 p.m. at Claire Waters Event Center in Eau Claire, WI

**March 14th** —Clothesline Conference, by Sparkling Hope Women’s Ministry, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Paradise Shores 4, Holcombe, WI

**March 21st**—3rd Annual Polar Bear Plunge—11 a.m. registration at Dove Healthcare, 1 p.m. Polar Bear Plunge on public boat landing on Lakeshore Drive.

**March 31st** —Ham Loaf Supper, 4:30—7 p.m. at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls.

## BINGO

Sunday, March 15th is our next fun-filled B-I-N-G-O ! Each 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. come and enjoy this light-hearted activity with us. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers beginning at 4:45 p.m.

St. John’s Confirmation Class & Their Parents are hosting delicious Soup & Sandwich Meals with an invitation to all in the community. *Suggested donation is \$4 per person or \$15 per family.*



## Lost & Found

(Across from bathroom near Church Office)

There are many items in our Lost & Found area that need to be reunited with their owners. Please take some time this month to take a look and see if you recognize anything. The week following Easter, all items will be donated to the Clothes Closet.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

## Deadline for April Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than March 24th . Thank You!!

Volunteers needed to fold our monthly newsletters. Contact the office if interested and able to assist! 568-5446

Stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net

*THANK YOU!*



Anyone that thinks God doesn’t have a sense of humor has never looked into the face of an ostrich!

Dr. Peter Kreft



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Five</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b> 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bloomer Cub Scouts Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> Youth Cake Roll Fundraiser Begins 11:00 AM Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg.-Pastor 2:00 PM Bible Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Soup &amp; Sandwich Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation-Faith Five 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study "The Gathering"</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>7</b> EPIC Church Council Retreat - Rice Lake</p>
<p><b>8</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Five 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action</p>	<p><b>9</b> NO PRESCHOOL 8:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Preschool board meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bloomer Cub Scouts Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b> 2:00 PM Bible Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Soup &amp; Sandwich Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation-Faith Five 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:30 AM Conference of Pastors Meeting (off site) 6:30 PM Bible Study "The Gathering"</p>	<p><b>13</b> 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:00 AM Worship Service - Baptism Braelyn Hilger 10:15 AM Faith Five 1:00 PM B-I-N-G-O</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> Final Day of Youth Cake Roll Fundraiser 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group 4:00 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b> 2:00 PM Bible Study 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Youth Soup &amp; Sandwich Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation-Faith Five 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
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# Church Council Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020

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

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30 by President Tyler Halverson.

**Devotion:** Dwelling in the Word.

Discussed how the Spirit moves us in unexpected directions for His purpose.

**Prayers:** Prayers of comfort and healing sent up for a friend diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer; for a relative recovering from knee replacement surgery; for a parent undergoing testing; for Brian Bleskacek family dealing with terminal cancer; for the Halverson family on the anticipated arrival of a new baby; for students participating in the Science Olympiad; for guidance hiring the appropriate custodial substitute and Youth and Family director; for the new council to faithfully serve our congregation.

**Approval of January meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the agenda:** A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

## Issues/Information

**Committee Reports:** (Attachments: Fellowship, Pastor, Youth)

**Fellowship:** A total of \$374 was donated to hunger awareness through the Soup-er Bowl event. Over 60 people attended enjoying 13 contributed soups. \$70 was sent to Malawi, \$127 to ELCA world hunger and \$177 to Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry. THANK YOU!!!

**Pastor’s Report - Membership Update:**

*Release of membership:* Jack, Yvonne and Sara Krogstad.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

*Transfer to Church Triumphant:* Connie Stertz.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

**Property:** Bids are being sought for replacement of lights and ceiling tiles in the library.

**Youth:**

First Communion for 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be held Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 10:00-12:00.

Several fundraisers are coming up in preparation for mission trip to Colorado.

**Financial Report:**

Reiterated council’s desire to make monthly contributions to benevolence instead of yearly.

Updated council on dual control policy for deposits, including use of logbook.

Lydia will contact bank about setting up a debit card associated with the general account. Current debit card is associated with Designated fund account.

A motion was made by Driah Zakrzewicz, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

# Church Council Minutes (Continued) Finance Update

## Action Items

**Welcome New Members:** Tyler Halverson, Pat Prill, Marcy Trubshaw.

**Charcoal Chicken Fundraiser:**

Suzi and Barb will meet with Shadicks to secure date and order chicken.

Kathy will donate funds for basket raffle items.

**Staff Handbook update:** Pastor, Suzi and Lisa will work on updates.

**Altar Guild:** Tyler will work with Worship committee to move \$500 to Altar Guild account.

**Newsletter:** Volunteers are needed to fold newsletters.

**Welcome Center:** Lisa will re-send Sign Up Genius to committee and group chairs to sign up for a time to represent their group at the Welcome Center. Groups will be encouraged to share a Mission Moment so congregation will know what their group is about. Goal is to have someone at the Welcome Center each Wednesday and Sunday before and after service.

**Giving:** Discussed a "giving theme" for the year. Discussed using 90/10 method for fundraisers where 90% of monies brought in go to the desired cause and 10% to the general fund. Council members are asked to discuss this idea with their committees and report back.

**Council Covenant:**

Discussed anonymous complaints/comments.

Members are asked to guide issues to the proper committee.

**Volunteer Hours:** Pastor will talk to Tina about putting together a report summarizing volunteer totals.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:28 PM by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Martin.

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 Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 5:30.**

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Lisa Prill, Suzi McInnis, Kathy Tozer, Adam Anderson, Tom Ewings, Driah Zakrzewicz. Pat Prill, Marcy Trubshaw.

## FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of February 25, 2020

Year-To-Date:

Weekly Contributions	\$ 27,904.34
Other Raised Funds	<u>1,175.37</u>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 29,079.71</b>
Expenses	<u>\$ 37,962.15</u>
<b>Total remaining after expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ - 8,882.44</u></b>

# Youth Committee Notes

## February 10, 2020

**Present:** Pastor Martin, Marla, Melissa Sarauer, Kathy Tozer, Lisa Prill, Beth Halverson, Leo

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fed and Forgiveness Communion Instruction:**

After discussion with Worship Committee, decided to not have First Communion on Maundy Thursday. Instead, Marla will propose Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to fifth grade families. Instruction would be three evenings: March 18, 25, and April 8 and bake bread on April 14.

### **Youth Quake:**

February 14-16. 5 youth and 2 adult chaperones. Room for one more youth (already paid.) Youth funds pay for chaperones, 2 hotel rooms, gas and one meal at cost of \$1620 total. (Families paid \$95 registration fee.)

### **Blessing Blankets:**

Materials are in sanctuary for tied blankets for graduating senior high youth (13.)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bibles:**

Were distributed Sunday, February 9 and Wednesday, February 12 to 12-18 youth.

### **Mission Trip:**

Destination: Loveland, CO (work sites: Greeley, Fort Collins or Loveland.)

9 youth signed up

Chaperones: Kathy Tozer and Adam Ewings.

Total cost for registration (paid by youth) \$276 (\$50 has been paid, balance due by March 15.)

Marla will get bids for bussing.

Meeting next week: Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30.

### **Fundraisers:**

**Pizza Sale** (Brittany Beyer – chairperson): Looking at “March Madness” for pizzas (March 19/20.)

Parents will be asked to gather info for pricing for ingredients for pizza.

**Giving Tree:** Worked well first time, not as well second time. Will try again.

**Hunger Awareness Meal:** Held on Ash Wednesday, February 26.

Confirmation youth will help set up, check people in, serve meal, bus tables, clean up.

Members should sign up for meal and buy ticket in advance to have an estimate.

Suggested donation of \$4/ person and \$15/family.

Youth will have a say in where the funds are donated.

**Soup and Sandwich:** No chairperson. Marla will send out schedule to families.

**Cake Roll:** (Jason Hillman – chairperson): March 4-18.

**Community Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 11 from 10:00-12:00

Balloon guy, Kevin Schwartz is booked (4275.)

Need to purchase books for prizes (Beth.)

Need to check funds in account...

Will use leftover McDonald's coupons instead of getting more from DQ.

Will ask Chamber members to send a donation so we don't need to solicit. Will ask for volunteers to help bag candy, run games, clean up.

Could apply for Thrivent grant.

### **Senior High Recognition:**

Planning for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with cake reception following (13 seniors.)

**Celebrate Kids:** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Youth Committee Notes (continued) Pastor's Monthly Report

**Sundae Sunday:** traditionally Mother's Day. Declining attendance. Will move to Fellowship.

**Luther Park Camp Promo:**

- Pastor went to annual meeting; new mission center will be finished mid-May with dedication on June 6. Need counselors, especially male.
- Will check on Early Bird deadline to have camp promo prior.
- Youth who have attended camp will be asked to share a mission moment.
- Confirmation youth will do promo/games with other youth and brochures will be available.
- Have access to camp video to share.

**Next meeting: Monday, March 2 at 5:00. Lisa will bring food.**

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## Pastor's Monthly Report

### I CELEBRATE

- The successful attempt by having members reflect out loud when they have taken risks, during worship as part of the reflection question segment.
- Being one of the few (if not only) churches in town who still host funeral meals. What a gift to our church family!
- Our newly elected council members (Tyler Halverson, Lisa Prill, Pat Prill, and Marcy Trubshaw) as well as those continuing to serve. I'm excited for another year of healthy leadership and willingness to experiment!

### People I've encouraged and RESOURCED

- Marcy Trubshaw with her new bible study on Thursday evenings.
- Jeff Cole in researching video equipment for more permanent recording of worship services.
- Inviting Tom Ewings to chair the property committee.

### Ways I've helped us GO DEEPER with our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

#### I'm currently WORKING ON

- Filling out the discipleship committee.
- Filling out the social ministry committee.
- Filling out the Faithful Innovations Network (FIN) team.
- Staffing the backup custodian position.
- Staffing the Youth and Family Ministry Director position.
- Completing the ELCA annual report.

#### I'm LEARNING & EXPLORING

#### I could use your HELP with and your PRAYERS for

- Identifying people for roles for the midweek Lenten drama, "The Trial of Judas".
- Finding a male and female to attend the Synod Assembly on May 16 at Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire.
- Find committee/team members to attend the Walking Together event at UWEC on Feb. 22. Deadline is Sunday, Feb. 16.
- Attend the EPIC event on Saturday, March 7 at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake.

#### Additional comments

- Membership updates:
  - Release Jack, Yvonne, and Sara Krogstad, who moved out of town.
  - Transfer Connie Stertz to the Church Triumphant.

# Youth Announcements

## YOUTH AND FAMILY



### LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPERS

Camp & Activities Fundraiser  
Sponsored by confirmation families  
& all youth attending camp

March 4, March 11, March 18,  
March 25, April 1  
Meal served from  
4:45 pm-5:45 pm

Enjoy delicious soups, sandwiches, & desserts made by St. John's youth & parents.

### LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP WHERE FAITH IS NURTURED THROUGH HOLY PLAY

April 3 & 4: Luther Park Recharge, Grades 3-12,  
to register go to [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org)

April 25: Volunteer Work Day

May 8-9: Craft Retreat

June 6: Way Club & Grand Opening of Ministry Center

June 14-August 14: Summer Camp, Full week,  
Half week & Family Camp programs available.

Early bird discount deadline is May 1  
2020 Program Brochures available on desk  
outside Marla's office, or contact  
[www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) for more info



### WEATHER ALERT

Parents and youth, rule of thumb for St. Johns Lutheran, when school is cancelled due to bad weather all learning events scheduled, preschool through Sr. High are cancelled as well.



Serving God By Serving Others

Mason Ewings, Izibel Tozer, RyAnna Keller, Kelsey Kettner, Kaitlyn Bohl, Nicholas Halom, Jaden Halom, Delaney Zwiefelhofer, Isabelle Wagner, Harley Prill, Brynn Verdie, & Adam Ewings & Kathy Tozer, Adult Chaperones.

WEEK OF HOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL & SR. HIGH  
MISSION TRIP

LOVELAND, COLORADO, JULY 19-24

Mason Ewings, Izibel Tozer, RyAnna Keller, Kelsey Kettner, Kaitlyn Bohl, Nicholas Halom, Jaden Halom, Delaney Zwiefelhofer, Isabelle Wagner, Harley Prill, Brynn Verdie, & Adam Ewings & Kathy Tozer, Adult Chaperones.



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FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP,  
MISSION TRIP AND YOUTH  
ACTIVITIES.

WATCH FOR SALE DATES IN MARCH

# Fellowship Committee

## January 15, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

**Present:** Pastor Martin, Wendy LaGesse, Al Nimitz, Judy Nimitz, Tom Ewings, Lisa Prill

### **Soup-er Bowl Sunday – Hunger Awareness event**

Date is set for Sunday, February 2, 2020 (Super Bowl Sunday)

Worship will be at 10:00, with meal following

Congregation is asked to contribute a crock pot of their favorite soup, or dessert  
NOT a competition, but a fellowship event/fundraiser

Free Will offering for Hunger Awareness: choose between Bloomer Food Pantry; Malawi; ELCA synod campaign. Extra soup will be offered for \$3/pint or 2/\$5

Sign up sheets are at Welcome Center for contributors and helpers

Lisa qualified for a \$250 Thrivent Grant for supplies and prizes

Lisa will check with Sandy at Shadick's about purchasing 100-pint containers and lids from deli. Will also order milk, juice, crackers.

Lisa will purchase foam bowls, plastic spoons, napkins, small plates for dessert

Decided the following for PRIZES:

Contributors that bring soup or dessert can put their name in a drawing for

\$50 Shadick's gift card

\$25 Xpos gift card

\$25 Main Street Café gift card

"Door Prizes" will be placed under chairs at each table: \$10 cards from Dairy Queen; Chrissy's Bakery, Farmhouse, Fat Boys (depending on funds.) After everyone is seated, Pastor (?) will tell everyone to look under their chair for prize and also announce option to purchase soup to take home

Wendy will speak with Marla/Youth IN Action about helping with games;

Fishpond (will need curtain, poles, clothespins, prizes)

Face painting (find out what we need for supplies)

Any high school jugglers who would perform?

Clothespin drop?

Pin the tail on the donkey?

Wendy will check into small prizes at Dollar Tree. Lisa will look online

Set up will begin at 9:00 AM. Will need 2 long tables from quilters room for soups

Will need to start coffee and make sure soups are hot

\*\*\* Ideas for next time: centerpieces at each table offered for door prize?

\*\*\*Cake walk idea – cupcakes or smaller cakes?

### **BINGO**

Looking for more helpers, someone (couple?) to take turns, switch off months

Suggestion to add a game: Cribbage? Chess? Euchre?

### **Welcome Center**

Need to represent Fellowship at Welcome Center. Watch for info...

# January 2020 Luther Park Newsletter

## BUILDING & REJOICING CAMPAIGN MINISTRY CENTER UPDATE

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Luther Park Bible Camp

VOL. 1, ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2020

Luther Park is growing into the future, reaching more lives in faith... join us in this legacy!



Fall 2019 Groundbreaking



November 2019



December 2019



January 2020

### Seeing clearly into 2020



The new building construction is coming into the vision of our beautiful Ministry Center!!! With the two matching funds challenges (Dave and Carolyn Cleveland matching up to \$500k challenge to supporting churches & \$100k anonymous challenge to Menomonie area churches—both active until 12/31/21) we are currently 54% of the way to our campaign goal. *When* we obtain the full \$600k that these matches offer, we will be around 80% of the way to our \$2.2 goal!

View the latest drone video of the construction site by visiting :  
<https://youtu.be/DEiyka0ppYc>

### Triumph over Fear



**Trying New Things:** “As a camp counselor you get to experience some amazing things that inspire you like nothing else ever has. Over the summer I was mainly responsible for the middle school aged kids who got to go on the high ropes course during their time at camp. During my first experience with kids, I had a certain camper who really struggled to cross the high ropes course. He was the smallest camper in my cabin and could barely reach the ropes to hook on to. I came over to him and helped him out and comforted him in his distress. He was adamant on going

backwards and going back down but I talked with him and encouraged him to continue moving forward throughout the rest of the course. Although some tears were shed from fear, he made it all the way through the course and down the zip line without a scratch. Later on he never stopped thanking me for pushing him to finish it as it was something he was truly stoked about. When his parents picked him up on the Friday, it was one of the first things he told them and it brought a smile to my face.” ~2019 summer counselor

### Thank you supporting churches/groups for your campaign gifts... we're truly in this ministry together!



With the close of 2019 we are very thankful to share that there are 57 supporting churches or groups that are engaging in the matching funds challenges and donating to the Building and Rejoicing campaign! This is incredibly exciting since 2020 has just begun!

Has your church had a representative speak on behalf of the campaign and matching funds challenges yet? If not, please contact us to schedule a presentation to join in the fundraising efforts and double your donation dollars! Contact: [kellee@lutherpark.org](mailto:kellee@lutherpark.org) / 715-577-4246

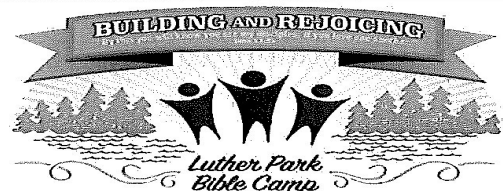
It is also very important that we have camp advocates within each congregation to help share in monthly updates of various information keeping everyone up to date with what is happening at camp, including the campaign progress. Please let us know if we can add you to our advocate list.

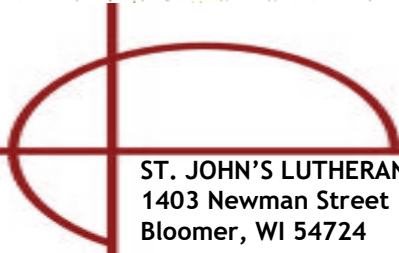
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**CALL: Pastor Martin Halom**

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