



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.

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St. John's Church Council has approved the recommendation of the Property Committee to replace the stoves and refrigerator in the Church kitchen at a cost of \$6,193.00. This amount is for a commercial grade refrigerator to replace our existing one that is no longer working sufficiently and a new commercial grade six burner gas range that will replace the two existing electric stoves. The bid includes installation, and removal of the old items. Our decision comes after consultation with a repair person who informed us that they were not worth repairing, and receiving bids from competing appliance dealers. We have already received some donations. If you would like to donate towards the kitchen appliances, please write a check to St. John's with "appliances" on the memo line, or drop your donation off at the office. If you have any questions contact Nadine Bresina or Rod Johnson of the Property Committee.

ON THE FRONT BURNER

Office number: 715-568-5446

Like us on Facebook! St. John's Lutheran Church - Bloomer, WI

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



Bloomer MEMORY CAFÉ

COFFEE • CONVERSATION • COMMUNITY

A Memory Café offers a safe, comfortable, engaging environment for those with early stage memory loss and their caregivers. It's a way for you to have fun and socialize with others in an informal, relaxed environment. You will experience peer support, laughter, new friends, and delicious refreshments all at no charge.

When: First Tuesday of each month*

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Main Street Cafe
1418 Main Street
Bloomer

Expect: Social connections with others
having a similar experience

An informal, relaxed environment

Laughter

New friends

Delicious refreshments

Cost: Free

2017 Dates

~~Feb 7~~

~~Mar 7~~

~~Apr 4~~

May 2

Jun 13*

July 11*

Aug 1

Sep 5

Oct 3

Nov 7

Dec 5

* Second Tuesday

For more information call
the ADRC at
(715) 726-7777



Church News

Quilting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
1-4 p.m.

All are welcome to join us!



During the last quarter (Jan.-March) donations were collected for the Clothes Closet. A second offering was taken on the last Sunday and Wednesday of those months. The total donation came to \$1032.75. Thank-you for your generous monetary support as well as for your clothing donations.

The Social Ministry Committee

Worship at Luther Park

Next Sunday, May 7th, worship will be at Luther Park at 10 a.m. followed by lunch. A free will offering will be collected for lunch. Following lunch we would like volunteers to stay and help Luther Park personnel with any clean-up or projects.



WELCA meeting and potluck lunch on May 11th.
Potluck begins at noon with meeting to follow.

God's Work, Our Hands Task Force Each fall, ELCA church across the country are coming together to provide service to their respective communities. If you are willing to help develop plans for St. John's in giving back to Bloomer, please contact Pastor Martin. We are looking for 4-6 people to serve on this annual project, but your commitment is merely for this year.

Thrivent members:

If you are a Thrivent member (as defined if you have Thrivent mutual funds, Roth IRAs, or life insurance), please sign your name on the sheet in the narthex at the welcome center. Due to privacy laws, Thrivent cannot provide us with this information, but it's quite helpful to know who our Thrivent members are. Did you know that all Thrivent members age 16 and up are eligible to apply for two separate \$250 Action Teams (seed money for fundraising efforts or outreach ministries) which can benefit St. John's Lutheran Church as well as St. John's Lutheran Preschool? Signing up commits you to nothing, but opens the door to many helpful financial benefits for our church family at no monetary cost to you! See Pastor Martin with any questions.

Congratulations to the Fed and Forgiven students!

Brennan Anderson

Brodie Baker

Karsten Bergh

Jake Bleskacek

Jonah Bleskacek

Kaitlyn Bohl

Larissa Chevrier

Dominique Hontz

Kelsey Kettner

Anders Michaelsen

Tyler Mohr

Clayne Swartz

Alicyn Turner

Izabel Tozer



Church Council Meeting April 11, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: by Tyler Halverson.

Amend and Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Tom Buchner, seconded by Nic Zakrzewicz to amend the agenda to move discussion of Devotion Books from “9. Old Business (F) Devotion Books” to be discussed instead after “3. Approval of Agenda.” Motion carried. A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Old Business: Devotion Books: A motion was made by Rod Johnson, seconded by Lynette Pank, to purchase eleven copies of the devotional “Called by God to Serve” to be used by council members. Devotionals are organized for use over three years. When finished, books may be donated to church library or purchased for personal use. Motion carried.

Approval of March meeting minutes: A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Nic Zakrzewicz, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Discussion of building safety concerns. Pastor and Marla Paulson will be meeting with a member of law enforcement for more information.

Congregational Comments: None.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry: Second part of Financial Peace University has completed.

Fellowship Ministry: March Bingo was attended by 82 people. Bingo will resume in the fall.

Members are encouraged to attend Paint Party on April 23 in place of Bingo. Easter Egg Hunt is April 15th. Food has been ordered for Easter Breakfast.

Property Committee: Basketball hoop has been approved and will be purchased with youth funds. Guard rail behind church needs to be repaired. Quote was received from Benedict Refrigeration Service for 6 burner gas stove and commercial refrigerator. Motion made by Tom Buchner, seconded by Rod Johnson, to replace stove and refrigerator. Motion carried.

Social Ministry: Special Collections during services in the first quarter of 2017 resulted in \$1032.75 to be donated to the Bloomer Clothes Closet. Will be serving at Agnes Table on April 27. Looking for donations of Jello Poke cakes to serve at meal.

Worship/Music Ministry: Special music for Easter will be brass players from our congregation. May 7 worship will be at Luther Park in Chetek with meal to follow. May 21 is New Member/Volunteer Appreciation Sunday with a catered meal after service.

Youth/Family Ministry. Lock in for middle school and high school youth held April 6-7, staffed by Luther Park counselors, was attended by 15 St John’s youth along with 5 non-members. The second quarter is designated for youth fundraising to help fund activities such as mission trips and camp. A bake sale was held April 19. Paint Party fundraiser will be held April 23. Brat stand fundraiser will be held May 5-6 at Shadick’s. Giving tree will be placed in narthex.

Church Council Meeting March 14, 2017

Dream Team: None

Preschool: Annual budget has been set for the next fiscal year. Tuesday/Thursday preschool classes will be extended by thirty minutes.

Council President's Report: Paperwork needs to be returned to bank for authorized signers.

Pastor's Report: New member visit with Brandon and Cassandra North. Discussed Thrivent opportunities with preschool board. Seventeen people attended AED training. Community outreach bathroom project will be finished after sheetrock repair. New readers participated on Palm Sunday. Foot washing will be included in Maundy Thursday early service. Marla Paulson and Pastor participated in "Reality Check" at Bloomer High School, where they promoted charitable giving among students. Elderly visitation at Dove/Atrium and hospital. Pastor attended Walking Together event held by synod. Council members attended retreat at Our Saviour's in Chippewa. Membership update: New members: Brandon and Cassandra North; Adam, Brekyn, and Olivia Stern (Olivia will be baptized); Sarah Rothbauer. Baptism: Warren North. Motion by Tom Buchner, seconded by Nic Zakrzewicz, to approve membership updates. Motion carried.

Old Business: Waiting on content for website. Discussed timing of next church directory. Discussion on ideas for Council Covenant. Members are needed to form a task force to plan 500th Reformation Celebration. Members are needed to help plan "God's Work, Our Hands" community service project.

New Business: None.

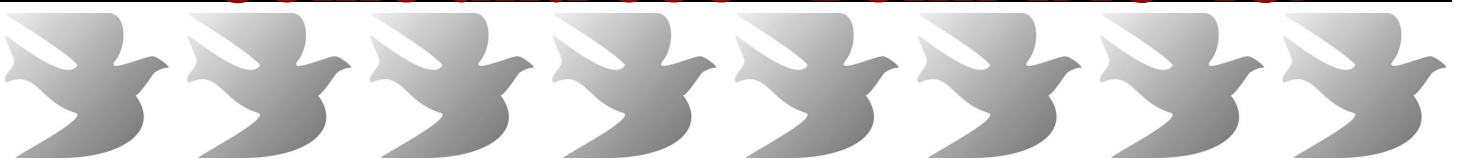
A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 PM by Nic Zakrzewicz, with a second by Rod Johnson. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Philip Skaar, Lynette Pank, Ellyn Hudacek, Nic Zakrzewicz, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Janice Naset, Barb Ross, Lisa Prill, Pauline Stertz

Financial Report-2017

	2016	2017	BUDGET 2017
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,465.00	\$4,399.00	
Income 1/1 - 4/25	\$64,785.00	\$70,908.00	\$82,531.00
Expenses 1/1 - 4/25	\$71,060.00	\$73,048.00	\$82,531.00
Balance	\$(1,876.00)	\$2,325.00	
Loan - Security Financial	\$74,012.00	\$64,294.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$4,200.00	-0-	Bathrooms
Loan - Security Financial		-0-	Gen. Fund



Church News

500 YEARS OF LUTHERAN/ROMAN CATHOLIC HISTORY – a free presentation for Catholics, Lutherans and others from the Chippewa Valley on WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 7:00-8:15 PM, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 130 Mansfield St, Chippewa Falls. Presenters are Pastor Curt Rohland and Father John Schulz. There will be a short review of the 500 year history but the focus will be on the first fifty years, 1517-1565, and the last fifty years since the Second Vatican Council. This presentation is part of a series leading up to a commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in an Ecumenical Prayer Service on October 29, 2017 that will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Eau Claire with a reception following at St. John's Lutheran Church, Eau Claire.

Attention All Parishioners;

The Bloomer Knitter's Club is looking for persons to who either knit or crochet to help us make skull caps for our service men and women of the United States of America.

As a club we have meetings (no dues) the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm from March to September at the Bloomer Aquatic Center. If you are unable to attend the meetings we will be setting up collection boxes at your church and we will have monthly pick-up.

Yarn is collected at the Bloomer Advance so we will supply the yarn each month at the meetings.

To get started on this helpful and gratifying project contact either Linda Zwiefelhofer (715-568-5100), Marge Krejci (715-56-5615), or Janice Naset (715-568-5615) and leave a message and we will get back to you.

We have a pattern and will distribute them when requested. If you don't know how to knit or crochet come to the meetings and we will teach you.

FUNERAL GROUPS

We are looking for anyone (male or female) that would be interested in being on a funeral group. We also want to start a funeral group for only nights or weekend funerals. At the present time, we have 3 rotating funeral groups.

What does it mean to be on a funeral group? You would get called from the chairperson of your group to make either a salad or dessert, and also to work. If you can come, you would help set up, serve, or clean up.

If you are interested, please contact Eva Rihn, president of the WELCA and she will get you on a group. Lisa Goettl & Wendy LaGesse will be heading up the night/weekend group. Please contact either one of them if you are interested.


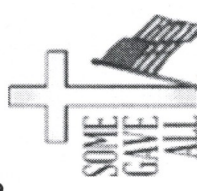
Eva Rihn 715-568-5141 or erihn@bloomer.net

Lisa Goettl 715-288-6170 or tgoettl@centurytel.net

Wendy LaGesse 715-456-8351 or wmlagesse@yahoo.com



MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM 4th Gr. Volleyball Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation	1 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	2	3 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship	4 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting	5 10:00 AM Brat Stand @ Shadicks 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study	6 9:00 AM End of the Year Confirmation Retreat 10:00 AM Brat Stand @ Shadicks
7 10:00 AM Worship Service at Luther Park in Chetek, WI	8 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action	9 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	10 9:15 AM Bloomer Clergy Meeting 4:00 PM Plant Sale Begins 5:45 PM Picnic Meal 6:45 PM Worship & Celebrate Children	11 Plant Sale 12:00 PM WELCA Potluck & Meeting	12 Newsletter Article Deadline Plant Sale 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study	13 Plant Sale
14  Plant Sale 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Leo James Halverson 10:15 AM Sundaes Sunday	15 Plant Sale 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	16 Plant Sale 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting	17 Plant Sale 6:45 PM Worship and Senior Recognition 7:30 PM Senior Recognition Reception	18 5:45 PM Preschool Meal 6:30 PM Preschool Graduation 7:00 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting	19 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 5:45 PM Preschool Meal 6:30 PM Preschool Graduation	20
21 9:00 AM Worship Service & New Member Reception 10:15 AM Volunteer Appreciation Banquet	22 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action	23 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	24 6:45 PM Worship	25	26 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study	27
28 9:00 AM Worship Service	29  Church Office is Closed No Bible Study	30	31 6:45 PM Worship	1	2	3

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Sunday, May 7 Worship at Luther Park @ 10:00 am followed by meal & service projects

Wednesday, May 3 @ 5:45 pm: Preschool, Kindergarten – 5th grade small groups, 6th, 7th & 8th grade confirmation

Wednesday, May 10: Sunday & Wednesday Preschool through 8th Grade Celebrate Children Pot Luck Meal, all members & guests invited 6:45 pm Worship: Sunday & Wednesday Children’s Voices



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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LUTHER PARK CAMP STYLE

WHEN: JUNE 19-22

WHO: KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE

WHERE: ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TIME: NOON-5:30 PM

TO REGISTER: Email child's name & age & parents name & phone number to stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.

ALL CHILDREN & FRIENDS WELCOME

YOUTH IN ACTION

WHO: SR. HIGH YOUTH

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 8 & 22

WHERE: ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP,
FRIENDS WELCOME**



ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN AREAS LISTED BELOW

- ◆ Counselor housing Sunday-Thursday, 5 counselors estimate Counselor Lunches
- ◆ Prepare & serve Snacks
- ◆ Staff Registration Table
- ◆ Teacher Assistants

FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER: Call 715-568-5446 ext., 12 or email stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net.

VBS IS OPEN TO CHILDREN COMPLETING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD PLEASE EMAIL stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net WITH CHILD’S NAME AND GRADE JUST COMPLETED.

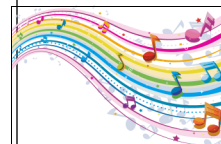
Celebrate Children Wednesday, May 10

Children’s voices at 6:45 pm worship

Pot luck meal at 5:30 pm for all members to enjoy.

Hot Dogs and beverage provided.

Everyone welcome.



SENIOR RECOGNITION

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES

Julia Johnson	Autumn Knoepke
Gabriel Mawby	Dillon Richardson
Jenna Ruff	Rebekah Sarauer
Madison Simmons	Austin Summerfield
Will Vanis	



SUNDAE SUNDAY

ENJOY DELICIOUS SUNDAES @ 10:15 AM ON SUNDAY MAY 14

DESSERT FIRST!

ALL MEMBERS INVITED

Bring your favorite topping to share



IS AN ADVENTURE PART OF YOUR BUCKET LIST?

St. John's Lutheran is offering a one of a kind adventure for an adult male age 21 or older.

Job Description: Hanging with Sr. High youth, participating in service opportunities, worship and fellowship opportunities, becoming friends for life

When: June 24 through June 30

Where: Cincinnati, Ohio

Call or email Marla (715-568-5446 or stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net) for more information or to apply for a once in a life time opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER BRAT STAND

MAY 5 & 6
@ SHADICIK'S PRICE RITE



BRATS, HOT DOGS, KRAUT, BEVERAGE-
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP AT IT'S BEST

PROCEEDS FOR CAMP, MISSION TRIP, RECHARGE,
YOUTH QUAKE & ACTIVITIES

SUMMER CAMP AT LUTHER PARK

Programs for 5K through Sr. High, Family Camp, Grandparents/ Kids and more. Brochures available on desk outside Marla's office. Get complete camp info & register at

www.LutherPark.org. Enjoy a great week where faith is nurtured through Holy Play.



**The winter is past. The flowers appear
on the earth; the time of singing has come.**

Song of Solomon 2:11-12



PURCHASE STOCK IN SR. HIGH YOUTH

**WEEK OF HOPE MISSION TRIP TO
CINCINNATI, OHIO**

- ◆ CHOOSE AN ENVELOPE FROM THE GIVING TREE
- ◆ FILL IN THE BLANKS AND RETURN SHEET TO ENVELOPE WITH YOUR DONATION
- ◆ PUT ENVELOPE IN OFFERING BASKET OR RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE
- ◆ YOUR GIFTS WILL BE ENTERED ON YOUR GIVING STATEMENT AS YOUTH DONATION
- ◆ PRAY FOR ALL YOUTH LISTED FROM JUNE 24-30
- ◆ STOCK HOLDERS ARE INVITED TO A RECEPTION ON JULY 2 AFTER WORSHIP FOR MISSION TRIP HIGHLIGHTS
- ◆ THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR PARTNERING WITH US



**TIANNA BUCHHOLZ, JESSICA GENGLER, CHLOEE SWARTZ
DANE MICHAELSEN, JADEN HALOM, NICHOLAS HALOM**

CELEBRATE CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10



5:45 PM

Pot Luck meal
Bring your favorite dish to share
Hot Dogs, Baked Beans & beverage provided

6:45 PM WORSHIP

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY CHILDRENS VOICES share music
Families and friends welcome

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP ST. JOHN'S STYLE

**BLOOMER COMMUNITY
SPRING FLOWER SALE MAY 10**

**Until all plants find a home
Before & After Sunday & Wednesday
Worships**

Weekday Sale Hours: Noon to 6 pm

Please use parking lot entrance



**Hanging baskets, potted plants, many
* varieties available
* reasonable prices**

**Fundraiser sponsored by youth for camp,
mission trip, recharge, youth quake,
& youth activities**

Preschool News



A **BIG**
Thank You To

Thanks to all of you who contributed your clothing and other goods for the Easter Seals fundraiser!

1,436 pounds of donations

\$287.20 for the St. John's Preschool!

everyone!

2017 Umbrella Walk

