

# 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:

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## CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES – COME ON!

Each month when I prepare my council report, the first question I address is the following:

*I CELEBRATE (list good things that are happening; key accomplishments)*

It's one of my favorite questions to ponder as I write that report. It reminds me to check back over the past month and see what has been done and what is truly worth celebrating! As I look at the coming month, I already know what I'll be reporting at the June meeting – Sunday, May 20.

Last year, the discipleship committee worked with the worship committee to begin a new tradition. This new tradition combines a public recognition of our new members along with a public recognition of our volunteers that make St. John's what it is. We will again offer the same celebration on Sunday, May 20.

Worship will again include the reception of new members since last year, which at the present time will feature 7 young families and maybe more! It's an exciting time in the history of St. John's through the vibrancy of these new families who are eager to share their gifts (some already have) and keep this church moving in the right direction. I am reminded of our synod assembly theme this year – *Growing Young*. St. John's is certainly embracing that!

Worship will also feature a year end slide show so that you all can see firsthand what is happening here! It's so important to celebrate our ministry and see in your faces the differences we make together in the name of Christ. Come and see if your face will be featured in the slideshow!

Finally, the day will end with a banquet catered by Billy's. This banquet is meant to be a thank offering for you and your efforts in blessing our ministry through your time and your treasure. We hope that you will take one week out of your normal after church routine and eat with our blessed church family instead. The more people we have together, the more excitement is shared. Saying thank you is important to a healthy church. Please allow us the courtesy to do so. Besides, what better way to celebrate is there than to come together around a meal? Seems like Jesus did that a time or two...

And yes, there may be a few other fun surprises to help us celebrate as well (that's known in the church as a teaser...). Hope to see you there so we can **CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES – COME ON!**

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St. John's Website: [www.Stjohns-bloomer.org](http://www.Stjohns-bloomer.org)

# Church News

The WELCA Potluck lunch and meeting will be on May 10th at 12 am, in the dinning hall.

All are Welcome!



## Spring has Sprung in the Church Library


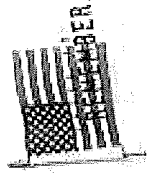
There's always time to read. Come into our church library and check out a good book. Three new ones just added are by author Joyce Humphrey Cares.

"It Happened Yesterday"; Book #1- "In Our Mother's Garden – Lily"; and Book #2- "In Our Mother's Garden – Violet".

# FINANCIAL REPORT-2018

	2017	2018	BUDGET 2018
<b>Beg. Balance - Jan. 1</b>	\$4,399.00	\$2,302.00	
<b>Income 1/1/ - 12/1</b>	\$192,990.00	\$62,291.00	\$230,286.00
<b>Expenses 1/1 - 12/1</b>	\$199,642.00	\$68,750.00	\$230,286.00
<b>Balance</b>	(\$2,253.00)	(\$4157.00)	
<b>Loan - Security Financial</b>	\$61,138.00	\$61,138.00	Bld. Fund
<b>Loan - Security Financial</b>	\$10,000.00	\$9,00000	Gen. Fund

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 9:00 AM Worship Service &amp; Baptism for Abigail Grace Thiede 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM The Big Picture Classes</p>	<p>30 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>1 4:00 PM Fed &amp; Forgiveness Bread Baking</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:00 PM Flower Sale Begins 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 5:30 PM Fed &amp; Forgiveness 6:45 PM Worship and Communion Celebration</p>	<p>3 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM Brat Stand 12:00 PM Bible Study 3:30 PM Departure for Confirmation Retreat</p>	<p>5 5:30 AM - 12:00 PM Coffee &amp; Donut Stand 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Brat Stand 7:00 PM Arrival from Confirmation Retreat</p>
<p>6 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Conor Daniel Sundberg 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM The Big Picture Classes 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Preschool Workshop: Art from the Heart</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Pastor &amp; Maria attending Workshop</p>	<p>9 Flower Sale 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 5:30 PM Potluck 6:45 PM Worship and Celebrate Children</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM Pastor's Conf. 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Shirley Ferstenou</p>
<p>13  9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Madden Thomas Schimmel 10:15 AM Sundae Sunday 10:15 AM The Big Picture Classes</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 6:45 PM Worship and Senior Recognition</p>	<p>17 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice 5:45 PM Preschool Graduation</p>	<p>18 5:45 PM Preschool Graduation</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9:00 AM Worship Service, New Member, and Volunteer Celebration</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>24 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:00 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>28  Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>31 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study 4:15 PM St. John's Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

# Church Council Meeting

## Special Meeting of Church Council

### April 10, 2018

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

**Opening Devotion:** by Tyler Halverson – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 13.

**Amend and Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Rod Johnson, to amend the agenda to add “Tracey McCann – 3 month review” as Item C under Old Business. Motion carried to approve the amended agenda.

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

**Council Comments:**

- ◆ Discussed including youth and former band members in music opportunities at worship.
- ◆ Introduced idea of serving breakfast on Palm Sunday instead of Easter Sunday.
- ◆ Calendar on website needs updating.

**Congregational Comments:**

- ◆ None.

**Financial Report:**

- ◆ Having some issues with QuickBooks. Will look for someone to help fix the issue or research a different bookkeeping program.
- ◆ A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Discipleship Ministry:**

- ◆ None.

**Fellowship Ministry:**

- ◆ Last Bingo of the season will be April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt was attended by around 70 kids. Books were given instead of toys.
- ◆ Easter breakfast went well, but attendance is down.
- ◆ Hosted New Auburn Choir Concert, which was well attended, and provided refreshment.

**Property Committee:**

- ◆ Lights in Chancel area have been replaced with LED lighting and is much brighter!
- ◆ Al Blaha has looked at the lighting over pews and is working on a plan to repair.
- ◆ Gene’s Heating has inspected the faulty boiler. Zack is writing a proposal.

**Social Ministry:**

- ◆ None

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## Worship/Music Ministry:

- ◆ Met on April 8<sup>th</sup> and picked hymns through August.
- ◆ Discussed low attendance on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday and ideas to bring in more people. (Continue soup meal? Present drama of Lord's Supper?)
- ◆ May 2: Fed & Forgiven (1st Communion.)
- ◆ May 9: Celebrate Children.
- ◆ May 16: Senior High Recognition.
- ◆ May 20: New Member/Volunteer Recognition with catered meal.
- ◆ June 3: Synod Assembly. Pastor will see if we can use the Bishop's sermon.
- ◆ July 4 there will be no Wednesday service.
- ◆ Next meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth/Family Ministry:

- ◆ Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals brought in \$1205.
- ◆ Plan for National Youth Gathering is to leave Monday, June 25 in the morning and return Monday, July 2 in the evening. Monies raised from Youth Fundraisers will cover hotels for 5 nights in Houston, plus an additional night on the way down.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Pauline Stertz, to approve a prepaid debit card for no more than \$5000, purchased with youth funds, to be used for expenses incurred during the National Youth Gathering. Motion carried.
- ◆ Late night will be held April 20 from 7pm to midnight for 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school.
- ◆ Luther Park Confirmation Retreat is May 4<sup>th</sup>&5<sup>th</sup> (Fri/Sat instead of Sat/Sun as in past.)
- ◆ Brat Stand will be held at Shadick's on May 4<sup>th</sup>&5<sup>th</sup>, along with a coffee and donut sale on Saturday morning (May 5<sup>th</sup>.) Come support our Youth Group!
- ◆ The first ever OneFest, Christian Music Festival will be held in Chippewa Falls at Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds on July 28-29. There will be volunteer opportunities as well as family entertainment!
- ◆ Next meeting will be Monday, April 16 at 5:30.

## Dream Team:

- ◆ None.

## Preschool:

- ◆ Planning ahead for Parade on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Looking for volunteers to help design and assemble float, and to walk in the Parade.
- ◆ Already have 15 applications for Fall session.

## Council President's Report:

- ◆ Coordinated brass group for Easter services. (Suggestion to advertise Special Music.)
- ◆ Offering advice regarding travel for mission trip.
- ◆ Will be absent from next month's meeting due to another commitment.
- ◆ 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 May 8, 2018 at 6:30.

# Church Council Meeting

## Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **CELEBRATING:** Young new member candidates; Passion of the Christ event; Walking Together.
- ◆ **ENCOURAGED:** Tyler Mickelson as Passion narrator; Shelly Lane as Big Picture history panel member; Marcy Trubshaw – regular time.
- ◆ **GO DEEPER:** Mission Statement solicitation.
- ◆ **WORKING ON:** Volunteer Appreciation/New Member Sunday; Confirmation Retreat.
- ◆ **LEARNING AND EXPLORING:** Online giving; Youth ministry agency – peer ministry.
- ◆ **PRAYERS/HELP:** Big Picture on 4-29-18, need committee representatives present; Preschool Parade on 8-5-18, need truck/driver, float design/assembly, walkers.
- ◆ Putting together a slide show on Mother's Day with contributed photos of mother's that may be submitted to office by congregation members.
- ◆ Reminder to submit monthly volunteer hours to Tina Myers at [tina-travis@charter.net](mailto:tina-travis@charter.net).
- ◆ **Membership Update:** *New Members:* Tyler, Kristine, Lincoln, and Charlie Mickelson; Zack and Carly Schimmel (Madden to be baptized); Keenan, Samantha, Jennings and Ivy Dahl; Charlie and Nicole Sundberg (Conor to be baptized.) *Baptism:* Chloe Schulze. *Transfer to Church Triumphant:* Ruth Marquardt.
- ◆ A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve membership update. Motion carried.
- ◆ Suggestion to include a note in the bulletin/newsletter reminding “If you, or someone you know, are in need of pastoral care/visitation, please contact the Pastor or the church office.”

## Old Business:

- ◆ Ideas from Walking Together include ways to use social media; using special offerings to “pay it forward”; good leadership practices. Discussed how blessed we are to have Walking Together event so near us; encourage all members of congregation to attend!
- ◆ EOJohnson will deliver our new machine Thursday (April 12) and remove our old machines at no cost. Thank you to Randy and Tami Yeakey for the donation of a used machine! It will be used by Preschool and as a back up.
- ◆ A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to increase hourly wage for Tracey McCann, for financial secretary position, from \$12.00 / hour to \$12.25 / hour, retroactive to February 1, 2018. Motion carried.

## New Business:

- ◆ A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Barb Ross, to increase hourly wage for Gregg Anderson, janitor, from \$11.00 / hour to \$11.25 / hour, retroactive to April 1, 2018. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 PM by Tom Buchner, with a second by Rod Johnson. Motion carried.  
The meeting closed with the ‘Lord’s Prayer’ led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Philip Skaar, Tyler Halverson, Rod Johnson, Janice Naset, Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Tom Buchner, Lisa Prill, Pauline Stertz, Suzi McInnis, Isabelle Hillman.

# Youth and Family

## CELEBRATE CHILDREN WEDNESDAY, MAY 9



### 5:30 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

## SUNDAE SUNDAY

ENJOY DELICIOUS SUNDAES @ 10:15 AM ON  
SUNDAY MAY 13, 2018

DESSERT FIRST!  
ALL MEMBERS INVITED

Bring your favorite topping to share



## YOUTH FUNDRAISER BRAT STAND

MAY 4 & 5 @ SHADICIK'S PRICE RITE



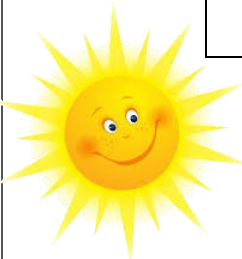
BRATS, HOT DOGS, KRAUT, BEVERAGE  
FOOD & FELLOWSHIP AT IT'S BEST  
PROCEEDS FOR CAMP, MISSION TRIP, RE-  
CHARGE, YOUTH QUAKE & ACTIVITIES

### Senior High Recognition

May 16 at 6:45 p.m.

*(Worship with a reception to follow  
in the dining hall )*

- Hunter Alman
- Trey Baker
- Payton Dachel
- Lanie Deraitus
- Haley Faschingbauer
- Laken Jones
- Ty LaGesse
- Joseph Lanzer
- Samuel Lanzer
- Masen Miller
- Seth Pecha
- Aaron Price
- Jenna Ruffedt
- Connor Wagner
- Kendall Zeman



Beeeee.... a light in someones darkness!



# Youth and Family

**BLOOMER COMMUNITY**

**SPRING FLOWER SALE**

**MAY 2 THROUGH MAY 13**

Until all plants find a home

Before & After Sunday & Wednesday Worships

Weekday Sale Hours: Noon to 6 pm

*Please use parking lot entrance*

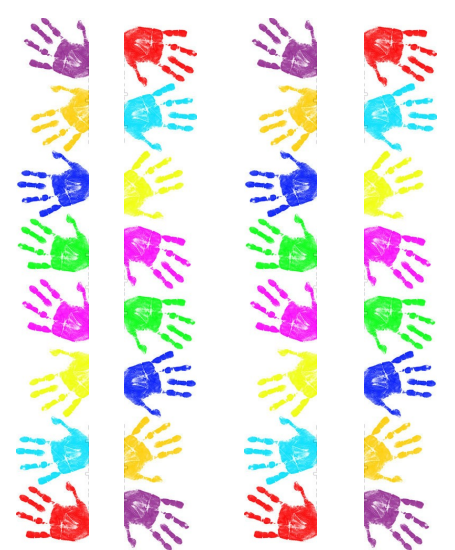


**Hanging baskets, potted plants, many varieties  
available reasonable prices**

Fundraiser sponsored by youth for camp, recharge,  
ELCA National Youth Gathering, & youth activities

# St. John's Preschool

Thank you to everyone that help donate to our fundraiser. We collected 1,580 lbs. of soft goods and will be receiving \$337.00.



Thank you!