



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Church News-Calendar

Letter from Pastor Gary Hedding

Youth & Preschool News

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A Time for Thanksgiving and Praise

November is a time for thanksgiving to God. It is rooted in harvest time, when we offer thanks to God for the harvests that will sustain us through winter, spring planting, and all the way to next harvest. We give thanks to God who "daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property - along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life." (Martin Luther's Small Catechism, the meaning of the first article of the Apostles' Creed).

One of the things for which I am grateful is the 22 households who responded to our stewardship emphasis with estimates of giving. Two thirds of those were able to indicate that they were increasing their giving. Thank you. This can be a part of growing your trust in God.

We had hoped for greater participation in the Generous God, Generous People emphasis. The congregation council has decided that we will continue the emphasis and the request for estimates of giving through the end of November. Recent changes in our economic landscape may lead us to be cautious, and we get that; but trusting in God, we invite you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider whether you can offer an estimate of giving this month. A form to help with that is in this newsletter.

Luther, in that same section of the Small Catechism reminds us that "all this (God's providing) is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to thank and praise, serve and obey God. This is most certainly true."

Peace,

Pastor Gary Hedding
Interim Pastor

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Please Join Our Church Family In Prayer

As we enter the month of November 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



Prayers of Healing For Our Church Family

Family & Friends of Wayne Zogleman; Nancy Zogleman; Bonnie Mickelson; Paxton Schulze; Judy Hedding (Stepmom of Pastor Gary); Richard Anderson; Renee Grambo; Kristi Swartz; Deanna Stuckert; Kari Skaar; Arlene Christianson; Suzette Zwiefelhofer; Rod Martin; Edith Fleming; Pat Prill; The Kuehn Family.

Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of Nov. 2nd: Candi and Gregory Homme; Brett, Tianna, Benton and Greta Huber; Ellyn and Jim Hudacek; Jacqueline Huget; Kelli Jackson; Janie and Robert Jacobson; Matthew, Samantha, Graham Jandourek; Preston Jenneman; Karen and Rod Johnson.

Prayers for the week of Nov. 9th: Heather, Robert and Ava Kasperek; Haley Keller; Heidi, Jamie and RyAnna Keller; Jordyn Keller; Jeanie, Justin, Kelsey and Wyatt Kettner; John, Tami and Cicely Kiecker; Joseph, Trista and Gauge Klemish.

Prayers for the week of Nov. 16th: Art Klingenberg; Darren and Leanne Knutson; Nicole Knutson; Laurie, Ethan, Hunter, Josh and McKenna Koehler; Jeffrey, Samantha, Kimberly, Matthew and Michael Korn; Dustin, Erica and Jordynn Kragness; Trey, Jenna (Rufledt) and Luca Kramschuster.

Prayers for the week of Nov. 23rd: Bridget, Adele and Matilda Krejci; Janet and Tom Krenz; Kari, Scott and Dawson Krenz; David and Michelle Kressin; Jason, Kelsey, Bentley and Kendall Kroening; Ricky, Victoria, Amanda and Tina Krueger; Brenda and Trent LaGesse.

Prayers for the week of Nov. 30th: Brenda, Ryan, Lily and Mason LaGesse; Brian, Kerena (Gerrits), Isaac and Ty LaGesse; David and Dawn LaGesse; Deborah LaGesse; Samuel and Wendy LaGesse; Dave and Michelle Lane; Christopher, Courtney, Cambree and Cashlyn Lang.



NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Church News

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00am Worship Service - Special Time, Reformation 11:00am Soup & Chili Potluck	27 8:30am Bible Study	28	29 Preschool Halloween Class Party 2:00pm Bible Study 4:30pm Wednesday Meals 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation	30 Preschool Halloween Class Party	31	1 Daylight Savings (Fall back at 2am Sunday)
2 9:00am All Saints Worship Service -Baptism Elouise Taylor 10:00am Stay for Coffee & Community after service	3 8:30am Bible Study	4	5 2:00pm Bible Study 4:30pm Wednesday Meals 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation 6:00pm Butter Braid Order Delivery 6:30pm Worship Service	6	7	8 8:00am Kitchen Cleaning Day
9 Church Cleaning after Service & Coffee 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Stay for Coffee & Community after service	10 8:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 6:00pm Preschool Committee Meeting	12 No Bible Study today 10:30am Bloomer Clergy Association Mtg 4:30pm Wednesday Meals 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship Service	13 Last Day for Early Bird Rates for Youth Quake National "Hug a Musician Day" 9:30am Pastor's Conference	14 4:00pm - 8:00pm "Parents Night Out" Youth Fund-raiser	15
16 9:00am Worship Service - Hunter's Blessing (Orange & Pink) 10:00am Stay for Coffee & Community after service 4:00pm Youth Committee Meeting 5:30pm Youth In Action-Friendsgiving	17 8:30am Bible Study	18 1:00pm - 3:00pm Quilting Group	19 10:30am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 2:00pm Bible Study 4:30pm Wednesday Meals 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship Service	20 10:30am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast	21 Thanksgiving Vacation Begins	22
23 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Stay for Coffee & Community after service 6:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Our Savior's Lutheran	24 8:30am Bible Study	25	26 2:00pm No Bible Study Today	27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! OFFICE CLOSED 9th Annual Turkey Trot	28 Office open until noon Last Day of Thanksgiving Vacation	29
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WEDNESDAY MEALS

Every **Wednesday** from 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. come and join your friends and family at St. John's for a

DELICIOUS meal!

Suggested donation is \$7 per person **OR** \$20 per family

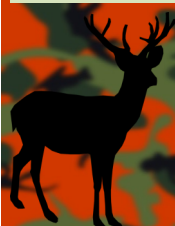


Sunday, November 16

Worship Service

Pink & Orange Sunday

Hunter's Blessing
Mark your calendar!!



Gifts for Kids Collection

Help us sponsor a family for the Bloomer Chamber

GIFTS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

Collections:
Sunday, Nov. 2nd & Nov. 9th



Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2025

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President.

Opening Devotion – Dorene led the council in the daily devotion from Christ in our Home.

Approval of the Agenda -A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to approve the agenda with flexibility; seconded by Tyler Halverson. Motion carried.

Approval of last Council Minutes - A motion was made by Tyler Halverson to approve the minutes from the September 15th, 2025 meeting; seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Financial Report -

	Year to Date (Jan-Sept 2025)
Income	\$ 134,640.37
Expenses	\$ 123,909.51
Difference	\$ 10,730.86

Transfers: none

September Offerings	
Date	Total
9/7	\$ 2,932
9/14	\$ 2,322
9/21	\$ 1,088
9/28	\$ 1,134
Online	\$ 1,013

CD's	\$76,000	\$200,000
Location	Security Financial Bank	Security Financial Bank
% APR	4.25	5.25
Timeframe	7 months	15 months
Expires	3-12-25	11-6-25

All money is insured through FDIC

A motion was made by Dorene Turner to pay the benevolence for the Luther Social Services from the General Fund. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried

The council will be looking at the budget numbers for Additional Staff/Pulpit Supply and Interim Pastor – Contract Pay lines to assist in creating an accurate budget for 2026.

A motion was made by Tyler Halverson to accept the financial report. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Old Business-

- A) Apartment Storage update: Apartment Storage List; printed and shared with committees for feedback on items to keep.
- B) Computer update- computers have been paid for, computers are installed and in working condition.
- C) Bats: Prompt Pest Control will begin work on Oct 14th. A motion was made on 10/1 via email by Dorene Turner to accept the agreement for the bat service from Prompt Pest control for \$5,100 and to take the amount out of the council fund. Seconded by Wendy LaGessee. Motion carried. Yes - 6 No – 0 No response - 4
- D) Bees: taken care of by Prompt Pest Control on 10-1-25, cost was \$250.00
- E) Church directory update: forms are gathered, Janelle will be working to track the information.
- F) Estimate of Giving Statements– 22 families returned; approximately \$46,400 was estimated in giving.
- G) Implementing council retreat suggestions: Discussion on the return of the toy bags for worship; looking for a volunteer to implement.
- H) Interim contracts – Pastor Gary will check with Synod to determine if updated contracts need to be sent.

New Business –

- A) Town Hall Meeting Notes – October 5th; approx. 20-25 people attended
 - 1) Council will look into the possibility of purchasing another vacuum cleaner to assist with cleaning.
 - 2) Property Committee needs a list of maintenance helpers to assist when projects arise. Pastor Gary will work with Victoria to send out information to gather names of those interested.

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(council meeting minutes continued)

B) Kitchen Refrigerator – Refrigerator in the kitchen is not holding temperature, Dorene will check with Victoria to contact a repair person

C) Kitchen Rental – Will not be offered at this time as we are not licensed. There is a need for the kitchen to be deep cleaned, a date will need to be scheduled.

D) Nominating Committee - Kay Anderson will gather the nominating committee to begin finding council candidates for January 2026 election. Council Members terms up in Jan 2026: Dorene Turner, Kyle Prill, Alicia Bonczyk, Aubrie Bohl. Alicia is willing to go one more year on council, as she is currently the Licensee of the Preschool.

E) Office cabinets – a request was made to add more cabinets to the office area; Jason will check with Victoria on specifics of what is needed.

Committee Reports

Pastor's Report – will continue to discuss estimates of giving through Thanksgiving

Appreciation Days – Pastor = October 13th. Musician = national hug a musician November 13, (we did this date in 2024) national musicians day January 24th. A motion was made via email on 10/7 by Alicia Bonczyk to purchase a \$25 Olson's gift card for Pastor Appreciation. Seconded by Tyler Halverson. Motion carried. Yes - 7 No - 0 No response - 3

Discipleship-

Fellowship Minutes – Upcoming events: Chili & Soup Potluck on October 26th following worship. Gifts for Kids sponsorship (November)

Social Ministry Minutes –

Youth Minutes – Butterbraid fundraiser just wrapped up, Quake & Psuedo Lock In events coming up

Preschool Minutes –

Property Minutes – A motion was made on 10/7 via email by Wendy LaGessee to accept the quote from B&B Electric for \$1400 to perform electrical work in the preschool area being paid from the Property Committee funds. Seconded by Michele Lane. Motion carried. Yes - 9 No - 0 Abstained - 1 (due to conflict of interest). Discussion was had about the need to remove the vines from the front of the church to avoid damage to the mortar and bricks. A motion was made by Dorene Turner to allow the property committee to begin the process of removing the vines. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Worship & Music Minutes –

Call Committee – in the process of searching for a Pastor.

Additional Items and Announcements

Next Meeting: Nov 10th at 6 pm. Set the annual meeting date in January. **Adjournment** - a motion was made at 8:18 pm by Tyler Halverson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Members Present: Janelle Yeakey, Kay Anderson, Dorene Turner, Michele Lane, Gary Hedding, Tyler Halverson, Alicia Bonczyk, Jason Graski, **Members Absent:** Kyle Prill, Wendy LaGessee, Aubrie Bohl. No others Present.

With thanksgiving to God and by the generosity inspired in me/us through the Holy Spirit, I/we estimate that we will give \$_____ / week / month / year (circle one) to God through St. John's Lutheran Church. May this offering enable God's ministry to grow faithfully and effectively through this congregation.

Please let us know if:

this represents a growth in giving by 0.5%

this represents a growth in giving

Name: _____

Thank you for this estimate of giving. We know that changes in circumstances may cause changes in actual giving. Let us know if we can help.

Thank you for your prayerful and thoughtful consideration.

Pastor Gary Hedding

Youth & Family News

QUAKE

Middle and high school students, save the following dates. This year's Quake event will be held in Wisconsin Dells from **February 13 to 15**.

We are excited about this opportunity for our youth, as it has been successful in the past. Early Bird rates go through **November 13th**, so contact Amanda Larson for more information today!

Group Leads and Substitutes Needed for JAM and Confirmation this Fall

We are still seeking individuals interested in substituting or leading a group on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amanda Larson for more information so we can add you to our list. Additionally, if there is a specific age group you would like to work with or prefer not to work with, please provide that information as well.

Youth Ministry Pictures

We are looking for pictures that anyone may have taken this year. If you have any pictures you can share, whether it's from JAM, confirmation, lock-in, or a youth trip, please contact Amanda Larson. We can forward you a link to a Google Drive. Otherwise, photos can be emailed to:

stjohnslutheran.bloomer@gmail.com

Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas pageant will be on **Wednesday, December 17th**. If your child has received a part, please make sure they bring their script each week. Dinner will be held from 4:45 to 5:45PM prior to the pageant beginning, and we will be decorating and enjoying Christmas cookies in the dining hall after the pageant.

Youth In Action

Our next YIA will be a Friendsgiving event on Sunday, November 16th from 5:30-7:30PM. The church will provide meat and beverages, but we will ask students to sign up to bring a dish to pass. We will also have a variety of fun games for our high school students to enjoy together. We are looking forward to working with our high school youth to plan some super fun monthly events for the 2025-2026 academic year.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda Larson (715-279-6962 mobile or amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com).

Butter Braid Fundraiser

We are thankful to all who have been able to support our Youth Ministry program through this fundraiser. Butter Braids are set to come in on Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:00PM. Please ensure you arrange the pickup of your butter braids since we have limited freezer storage at the



Important Dates to Notice

There will be **NO** faith formation on **Wednesday, November 26th**, due to Thanksgiving/Fall break. We hope that all our students and their families have a wonderful week and Thanksgiving holiday. Safe travels to all those who will be traveling, and good luck to all our hunters. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday, December 3rd.

Parents Night Out

Looking to enjoy a date night without the stress of trying to find a babysitter? Our youth students are going to be hosting a parent's night out where our youth will help watch your children on **Friday, November 14th** between 4-8PM as a fundraiser to support our upcoming Mission Trip this upcoming summer. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Amanda Larson to RSVP no later than Wednesday, November 12th.

Happy
Thanksgiving Day

NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!

Amanda



Classroom Wishlist

We have an Amazon Wishlist set up if anyone is interested in supporting the preschool program with some additional supplies we could benefit from. Please consider contributing to our Wishlist. Our link is: <https://a.co/7G4BmXD> - Please reach out to Amanda Larson if you have any questions about this opportunity. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Sneak Peek Into the Program

Mrs. Larson has a lot packed into the month of November. During this month, our various themes that will be explored are Woodland Animals & Habitats, Harvest and Thanksgiving. The children follow weekly focus walls that teach them letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. As their teacher, I try to integrate these subject areas into the curriculum plans and daily activities the children can choose from. It's going to be a busy and festive month! Follow our Facebook page to see what our students are up to.

Important Dates to Save

We will be closed from Friday, November 21st, through Friday, November 28th, for Thanksgiving Break. We hope our students enjoy the day with their families and look forward to having them back in class on Monday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 2nd.

Field Trip – Family Roots Orchard

On Thursday, October 23rd, we had such a wonderful time visiting Family Roots Orchard! A huge thank you to the orchard staff for being so welcoming and accommodating to our group. The kids (and adults!) had a blast learning about the different types of apples, how they're grown, and tasting them fresh from the trees!

Calendar Fundraiser

Calendar pre-orders began on Monday, October 13th. If you would like to purchase a calendar created by our students to support our preschool program, please contact Amanda Larson or fill out the order form located on the preschool's counter or on the table in the narthex.

Thanksgiving Family Feast

This year, we will host our Thanksgiving Family Feasts on Wednesday, November 19th (MW group) and Thursday, November 20th (TTH group). Our students and their families are invited to join us at 10:30AM to enjoy a little Thanksgiving feast before we enter our Fall break. Sign-up sheets for our families to bring food or beverages are on the preschool counter. We are excited to have this opportunity for our students and families again.

Trick or Treating Safety

On Monday, October 27th, and Thursday, October 28th, Sgt. Beyer, Brittany, and their darling K9 pup, Keeta, came for a visit. Officer Beyer read the book Ten Orange Pumpkins. After he had finished reading, he talked about the importance of safety while trick-or-treating. We are grateful for their service to our community and that they were able to take time out of their schedules to meet with our classes.



St. John's Preschool is doing a calendar fundraiser.

Custom art, by preschool students are featured each month of 2026.



Cost is \$15 per calendar. Pre-order forms will be located in the narthex on the table.



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 Bloomer, WI 54724

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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PASTORAL/ CONGREGATIONAL CARE
 Need a visit? Yearning for Holy Communion? Have a problem? Want to suggest ways we can be of more help to you and your family? Feel you'd like to pray with someone?

CALL: Deacon Martha Libersky or Pastor Gary Hedding
 Church: 715-568-5446, extension 11
 Home (Martha): 715-568-4653
 Cell (Martha): 715-829-4653
 Email: fmlibers@bloomer.net (Deacon Martha)
 paddleg@gmail.com (Pastor Gary)

NOTE FROM QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Ladies made 39 quilts this year. This is a Lutheran World Relief project. The quilts were taken to a semi truck in Eau Claire thanks to Ted and Lisa Goettl. A big **THANKS** to all who helped with this project! We meet and work on the quilts the third Tuesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**ECUMENICAL
 THANKSGIVING
 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, November 23rd, 202
 at 6:00pm

SERVICE AT
 Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bloomer



9TH ANNUAL BLOOMER

TURKEY TROT



Thursday, Nov. 27th, registration at 7:30 a.m.
 Starting line up is at the Moose Lodge
 Details on bulletin boards in Narthex and outside office.

November 9

Kaffee lag
Norwegian Meatball Dinner

With Lefse, all the fixings, pie and beverages.

Sunday, Nov. 9th, 10:00am-1:00pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
 6th & Ripley, Cornell

Bake sale, crafts, quilt raffle,
 Serving from 10:30 to 1:00
 Adults \$12, K-12yrs \$6, preschool free
 Carry out orders available.

