



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.

Watching the Spirit move...

There's been a new trend happening here at St. John's, a trend that in my mind is quite exciting. Over the past month, our facility has become a resource to several groups that are not otherwise connected to our church family. This is great news as we benefit outside organizations!

About a month ago, Lutheran Social Services contacted us to see if we could provide space for families that need a private place for parents to visit with their children. We simply provide a room in our church so that parents can participate in a supervised visit and reconnect with their kids. We are blessed to be a blessing.

We also recently spoke with a local girl scouts group who was looking for space to meet. Again, all we need to do is offer our facility and allow them to get together, build relationships with each other, and plan opportunities to serve the Bloomer community. We are blessed to be a blessing.

On Oct. 21, we even hosted a local cub/boy scouts group as they received religious emblems for their uniforms as they connect their service work with what God's purpose is for their lives. I got to pray with them at the conclusion of the ceremony while our sanctuary filled with families of a variety of denominations, over 50 in attendance! We are blessed to be a blessing.

But let's not forget the importance of our facility housing the St. John's Preschool! Having 20 children each weekday learn about God, relationships, and early childhood development has long been one of our greatest assets and connections to our community. We are blessed to be a blessing.

One might naturally ask the question, "Will any of these outside groups benefit St. John's by drawing them into membership?" A valid question indeed, but I've got a better one. "How will St. John's benefit their lives by simply providing space to gather in community?" The former question is inward focused with the latter being outward focused.

While Jesus touched so many lives in so many ways, he normally did not ask them to join his cause. In fact, several times he would cure people and ask them not to share their miracle or even continue on in his journey! Instead, he'd send them back to their community because they could be a part of their community once again. Jesus was always outward focused. Never was he concerned with what was in it for him. That is why I believe that the future of our church lies in touching the lives of people outside of our walls, but not to the exclusion of those in our family. We are indeed blessed to be a blessing!

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Watching the Spirit move...
- Council Minutes
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How much do you know about St. John's Lutheran Church worship?

October 5

Several special Sundays and other festivals are approaching as we enter the final quarter of the calendar year. Which of these listed festivals are considered primary festivals as opposed to lesser festivals?

- A) Reformation Sunday
- B) All Saints Sunday
- C) Christ the King Sunday
- D) Christmas Eve
- E) Christmas Day

October 12

When we sing "Lamb of God" prior to communion, we are offering a prayer to Christ – the lamb who was slain – to have mercy on us. Where do the words for that song come from?

- A) The parable of the Good Shepherd
- B) The baptism of Christ as proclaimed by John the Baptist
- C) The original Passover meal in Exodus
- D) There is no biblical text with those words

October 19

When we share God's peace prior to communion, which biblical story are we imitating?

- A) When Jesus returns to his disciples for the first time following the resurrection.
- B) When Moses approaches Pharaoh and asks for the release of God's people
- C) When Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus at his conversion
- D) When Joshua overthrows the city of Jericho

October 26

This Friday, we will celebrate what is known as Reformation Day. When will we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation?

- A) 1517
- B) 1516
- C) 1515
- D) 1514 – hey, we need some volunteers for this committee, quick!

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Council Meeting October 14, 2014

President Pat Boettcher called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pat Boettcher opened the meeting with devotion from Pauline Stertz.

- ◆ **Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to approve the agenda.** Motion carried.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Jordyn Keller to approve the e-mailed September meeting minutes.** Motion carried

Council Comments: 100th birthday not recognized during worship. Breakfasts not discussed with council.

Congregational Input: alternatives to the handshake of peace, committee meetings to be put on church calendar, hospitalizations in the bulletin if possible.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Youth & Education-accounting for fund raisers within the committee, confirmation with Bethel Lutheran going well. Faith Formation has 109 youth enrolled with 92 on Wednesday. Need for teachers on Wednesday. Breakfast to be held the first Sunday of November & December. National Youth Gathering to be held in Michigan Summer 2015.
- ◆ Discipleship-Compiling descriptions for Ministry Opportunities booklet.
- ◆ Worship & Music-Several have signed up to make/get hymnal angels.
- ◆ Fellowship/Social-Meeting Oct 12. St. John's to serve Agnes Table 12/25/14.
- ◆ Property Management-committee approval to order display panels for confirmation pictures.

Chair Report: Check on liability with insurance company for Youth Gathering trip in 2015.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Tom Buchner to accept membership by baptism of Madison Seibel and Londyn Peterson and transfer in for Lon & Pat Wilson.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Wednesday Dinners-Going well
- ◆ Parent's Nite Out-to be held October 18.
- ◆ Matinee-on hold
- ◆ Pastor visit report given. Having donut holes again-tabled, Dave Ramsey personal money management discussed, David Lane will contact Donnie Stoik to sweep sidewalks again this winter. Jacob Rubenzer to plow parking areas this winter.
- ◆ **Motion made by Tom Buchner and seconded by Jordyn Keller to allow Girl Scout troop to meet at St. John's.** Motion carried. Property use agreement to be e-mailed for council approval.

Financial Report:

- ◆ **Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to accept Financial Report.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Audit-None

Old Business:

- ◆ Credit Card-tabled
- ◆ Dream Team/Long Range Planning-need 5-7 people for the team.

Council Meeting

New Business:

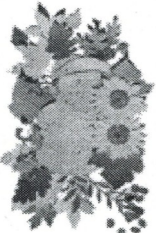
- ◆ **Motion made by Rod Johnson and seconded by Tom Buchner to have Pat Prill notify Portico Insurance for enrollment.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Nominating Committee-need more nominees than council openings
- ◆ Friendship Circle-formally disbanded. Money to WELCA.
- ◆ Damaged Tree-**Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Tom Buchner to hire Jon Ruffedt to removed damaged tree on Newman St. side of church.** Motion carried

Pastor Martin closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:05 P.M.

Shelly Lane, secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Tom Buchner, Pat Boettcher, Lynette Pank, Janice Naset, Jordyn Keller, Kathy Faschingbauer, Adam Ewings, Rod Johnson and Shelly Lane.

NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service, Distribute Preschool Bibles, and Children Sing 10:00 AM New Member Session</p>	<p>27 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>28 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>29 7:00 PM Worship, Distribute Preschool Bibles and Children Sing</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day</p>
<p>2 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 AM New Member Session 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p>	<p>3 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Preschool Bowl-a-thon</p>	<p>4 9:00 AM Preschool Bowl-a-thon</p>	<p>5 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>7 5:30 PM High School Godstock Retreat</p>	<p>8 High School Godstock Retreat</p>
<p>9 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Harper Sophia Edwards 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF) 10:00 AM Reception to follow for all new members 10:00 AM Worship and Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Faith Formation Teacher Meeting</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 11:00 AM Pastor attending Bloomer Clergy Meeting 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>13 6:30 PM Faith Formation Teacher Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 5:00 PM Parents Nite Out</p>
<p>16 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Girl Scout Meeting</p>	<p>17 Butterbraid Sale Preschool Parent Teacher Conf. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>18 Butterbraid Sale Preschool Parent Teacher Conf.</p>	<p>19 Butterbraid Sale 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>20 Butterbraid Sale 8:45 PM Pastor's Conference Meeting</p>	<p>21 Butterbraid Sale</p>	<p>22 Butterbraid Sale 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilting</p>
<p>23 Butterbraid Sale 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)</p>	<p>24 Butterbraid Sale 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Preschool Mini feast</p>	<p>25 Butterbraid Sale 9:45 AM Preschool Mini feast 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26 Butterbraid Sale No Preschool No Worship or Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>27  Butterbraid Sale No Preschool Office is Closed Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>28 Butterbraid Sale No Preschool Office is Closed</p>	<p>29 Butterbraid Sale</p>
<p>30 Advent Butterbraid Sale No Girl Scout Meeting 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)</p>	<p>1 Butterbraid Sale 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>2 Butterbraid Sale</p>	<p>3 Butterbraid Sale 5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation 7:00 PM Worship</p>	<p>4 Butterbraid Sale</p>	<p>5 Butterbraid Sale</p>	<p>6</p>

Financial Report - Oct. 23, 2014

	2013	2014	Budget 2014
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1 st	\$23,002.00	\$7,513.00	
Income - September	\$159,282.00	\$178,950.00	\$201,950.00
Expenses -September	\$64,267.00	\$187,173.00	\$201,950.00
Balance	\$24,655.00	\$-710.00	
Loan – Security Financial Bank	\$96,344.00	\$82,747.00	

Council Updates

A message from the Discipleship Committee:

Hello...discipleship committee is having our each committee submit short descriptions of what they do. This will be done for our Opportunity Booklet to be given out to our new members . This will inform members of what our groups do . This will be done Sunday Nov 9th as we welcome our new members.



Wednesday Night Meals

Desserts are needed for the Wednesday Night Meals. There is a sign up sheet located in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and treats.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
ARDIS ANDERSON
CELEBRATED HER 100TH
BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2014

Congratulations to Rene and Denise Ann Medina on the recent baptism of their son Greyson Dennis Medina! Congratulations to the sponsors' Jeremy and Sara Pank and Hugo Medina!



ROAD TRIP LUTHER PARK RECHARGE

January 9-10, 2015

3rd-12th Grade

Special music: 513 FREE

**Parent Meeting: 6:30 PM Nov. 19,
Registration materials available**



**GODSTOCK SR. HIGH RETREAT
NOVEMBER 7, 8, & 9**

Metropolis Hotel, Eau Claire
Register online at Northwest Synod of WI ASAP

GODSTOCK

COMING SOON TO ST. JOHN'S

NOV. 2, DEC. 7 @ 10:15 AM
Food & Fellowship at Its Best
Monetary Donations Appreciated



**BUTTERBRAID PASTRY SALE
NOV. 17-DEC. 2, 2014**

\$12.00 for each 11lb. 6oz.
Braided pastry ordered: Apple, Blueberry Cream
Cheese, Caramel Roll, Cherry, Cinnamon,
Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry Cream
Cheese

Sponsored by St. John's Youth



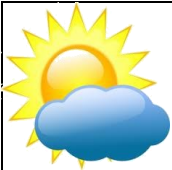
LIGHT A CANDLE FOR THE SAVIOR

Children's Christmas Pageant
December 20 at 4 pm Worship



Family Meal
Following the Pageant

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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.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Sunday: 10:15am-11:25am

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5
Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Wednesday: 5:40pm-6:50pm

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5 Rotation
Workshop: Kindergarten through 3rd
Grade 4th & 5th Grade "Bible 101"
Confirmation: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Sr. High Youth: To be announced

**Wherever you go, no matter what the weather,
always bring your own SUNSHINE!**



St. John's Preschool News

As you probably have heard...we have a big event coming up! Our third annual bowl-a-thon fundraiser will be held Nov. 3rd & 4th. The children are collecting pledges and donations, and will enjoy a fun morning of bowling with their classmates. Pastor Martin will be bowling with the Tues/Thurs class on Nov. 4th. This year, he offered a pin challenge for the competition between himself and the three year olds. If our congregation collectively donates \$250 to the fundraiser, he will personally donate 10 cents per pin for the difference between the children's total number of pins knocked down and his actual bowling score. [For example: If the 20 children knock down 70 pins each, their total would be 1,400 pins. If Pastor Martin's bowling score is 250, the difference is 1,150 and he will donate \$115]. If the congregation collectively donates \$500 to the fundraiser, he will double his donation (in this example: to \$230)! We are very excited, and he is very nervous ;) to enter into this challenge.

Donations can be left at the display in the narthex until Nov. 4th. They can also be dropped off in the church office during Tracey's regular hours, or directed to Janelle Yeakey or Michelle Gasper. Thank you in advance for your support! Results of the bowl-a-thon will be announced as soon as they are tallied.

In early Oct. we walked to the public library and Kathy Larson read stories and showed us around the newly remodeled children's area. Everyone enjoyed the field trip very much. Ms Kathy will be visiting the preschool on a monthly basis, to bring story time to the Mon/Wed/Fri classes. We always look forward to her visits!

We have a student from Chippewa Valley Technical College with us this semester. She is using our school as one of her practicum sites. She's learning about all aspects of working with preschool age children, helping with preparations for art projects, and doing a lot of observing in Mrs. Gasper's classroom. The children are very fond of her, and look forward to spending time with her.

There is one opening left in the Tues/Thurs class. Children must be at least three years old to enroll. Any interested families are encouraged to call Michelle at 715-568-1060 for more information, or to set up a time to visit.

We are celebrating our 20th year of St. John's Preschool! We feel very blessed to be able to offer this service to the community, and thank St. John's congregation for all their support! Watch for 20th anniversary tee shirts to go on sale soon. We have a terrific design in the works.

St. Paul's Catholic School's second and third grade students recently performed a program for us. We were treated to several songs and boy, did they sing! Their voices filled the sanctuary, and the joy they displayed was beyond amazing. Our preschoolers were delighted with the event, and also each received a cute pumpkin art creation from the visiting students. We look forward to them returning in the spring, with another program.

Blessings to each!



Library

St. Paul's Catholic School made a visit to St. John's Church. They sang to St. John's Preschool kids!

