



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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GUESS WHAT TIME OF YEAR IT IS?

Despite my deep reluctance to write about this, I need to write about this. The reason I need to write about this is because we are not of this world, but because we are in this world, a reference Jesus prays about after the Last Supper on behalf of his disciples (John 17). The world in which we live is a world that will send their thanks to God on one day (Nov. 26) and send their hard-earned money right out the door the very next day. So why am I writing this? To give us an alternative in gift-giving this year.

Yes, I realize that this is not new, but I still think it's worth bringing up again because the Christmas shopping season is upon us. The ELCA Good Gifts catalogue is available here: https://community.elca.org/ELCAGoodGifts?_ga=1.206821011.105352498.1437421511. It's a catalogue of life-changing gifts that can be sent to the poorest of the poor. This website features gifts like barnyard animals (chicks, pigs, cows); water related items (purification tablets, irrigation canals, wells for an entire village); and school items for kids (supplies, uniforms, fees). This is but the beginning of the many different ways your family can impact a stranger who is likely financially worse off than we are.

Last month, we "re-moved" into our home by rearranging a whole bunch of our furniture. We also *removed* several items that we no longer use! I wonder how many people don't want any more stuff in their home given to them, but yet there's an expectation that they are to be given stuff for Christmas that doesn't match their desire. What if you gave something from the ELCA Good Gifts Catalogue in honor of them instead, something that the poor of the world crave and need a whole lot more than we do?

As a reminder, you can trust that every dollar you offer in the ELCA will be spent in the way you offer it – no overhead costs, no staff salaries – every dollar to the gift that you designate.

Like the disciples, we are in this world, but we don't have to be of this world. We don't have to "buy" into the cultural expectations to buy gifts that someday can clutter our closets and bedrooms. Be generous by responding to God's generosity.

Pastor Martin

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Bible Basics



October 4

In our Lutheran wedding service, which line is taken from today's gospel lesson where Jesus teaches about marriage and divorce?

- A. I give you this ring as a sign of my love and faithfulness.
- B. What God has joined together, let no one separate.
- C. I promise to be faithful to you until death parts us
- D. You may kiss the bride! (But not too long...)

October 11

A wealthy man approaches Jesus in today's gospel lesson and asks how he can inherit eternal life. What is Jesus' answer?

- A. Jesus lists a portion of the 10 commandments to follow
- B. Jesus teaches the man about his passion prediction (his forthcoming death and resurrection)
- C. With God, all things are possible
- D. I accept all forms of payment – denarii, talents, credit card, paypal, or personal check

October 18

Today's Old Testament passage from Isaiah inspired one of my favorite selections from Handel's Messiah. Jesus becomes the man who "has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" and has been referred to what by theologians?

- A. The great shepherd of the sheep
- B. The great "I am"
- C. The masterful magician
- D. The suffering servant

October 25

"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge." is the refrain from Psalm 46. Which hymn was inspired by this Psalm?

- A. Built on a Rock
- B. The Church's One Foundation
- C. A Mighty Fortress is our God
- D. You ain't nothin' but a hound dog

Council Meeting October 13, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Rod Johnson @ 6:30 p.m.

Devotions – Pauline Stertz

Approval of agenda: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to approve agenda - seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to approve September minutes - seconded by Adam Ewings. Motion carried.

Council member concerns: Times of Sunday and Wednesday worship services fitting in with the schedule of our congregational members that are farmers.

Congregational concerns: Congregation not familiar with the new canticle of praise music and the tempo is a bit too fast to be able to get familiar with the words and tempo.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship: First BINGO Sunday is scheduled Sunday the 18th, 1:00 – 3:30p.m. Extended invitation was sent out to the community.

Property Committee: Bathrooms are completed, with a few minor finalizations being worked on. Sunday the 18th will be dedication of the new remodeled bathrooms.

Social Ministry: 75 quilts, 24 layettes and 16 health kits were completed. A big thank you to Janice Naset, Ted and Lisa Goettl for transporting them to drop off point for shipping.

Worship/Music Committee: Rally Sunday was well attended. For Advent services St. John's again will be using the Holden Evening Prayer.

Youth/Family Committee: Lock in that was held on September 25th was well attended. Much interest was shown in possible monthly youth gathering activity in the future. Meeting for Youth Mission Trip is scheduled for October 18th. Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 12th at 4:00p.m. with a meal to follow at 5:00p.m.

Dream Team: Contemplating and would like to discuss with the Social Ministry Committee on possible use of the synod grant application to do outreach to non-members. After reviewing notes from the summer congregational "Together at Twilight" event along with our summer meeting with community leaders the 1, 3 and 5 year goals of St John's will need to be reviewed along with a focus on the Millennial population being considered.

Council Meeting

Pastor's Report:

Membership by Baptism: Bella Wilmes and Zinphany Prill

Transferred member to Church Triumphant: Don Turner

Motion made by Janice Naset to accept membership report - seconded by Ellyn Hudacek. Motion carried.

Visitations: Visits were made to Hospital, Hetzels and Dove Health Care.

Change or Die Conference: Pastor attended the conference held on October 8th in Milwaukee. Topics of conference were Millennials and Giving.

Financial Report: Lightly discussed some thoughts to consider in the 2016 budget planning. The 2016 Budget Committee-Rod Johnson, Lynette Pank, Pastor Martin and Pat Prill. Motion made by Janice Naset to accept financial report - seconded by Pat Boettcher. Motion carried.

Old Business: Two bids were collected (there was a \$50 fee for second bid) on cost of pest control of the bats in the church. Neither bid held a guarantee. There has been no sign of bats recently (possibly due to the cooler weather). At this time no action is being taken.

New Business: Health Insurance renewal (Pastor Martin) Motion was made by Pat Boettcher to accept the current Portico Health Insurance for 2016 with Bethel Lutheran in New Auburn sharing same responsibility as in 2015 - seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lynette Pank to set Annual Meeting for January 24th, 2016 and January 31st as alternate date - seconded by Adam Ewings. Motion carried.

All committees are asked to submit annual reports to Pastor Martin.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Pat Boettcher - seconded by Tom Buchner.

Motion carried.

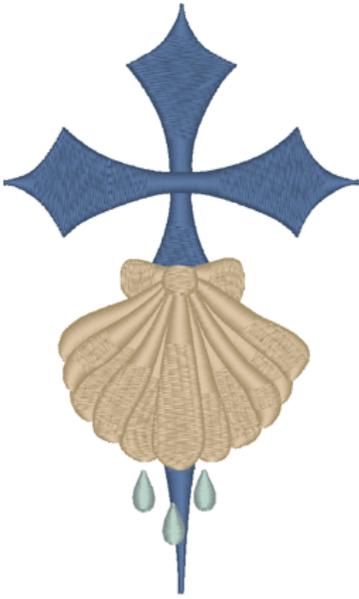
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Pauline Stertz/Secretary

Meeting attended by Pastor Martin, Rod Johnson, Adam Ewings, Tom Buchner, Pat Boettcher, Janice Naset, Ellyn Hudacek, Lynette Pank, Pauline Stertz. Absent: Trey Baker, Kathy Faschingbauer, Alice Zinsmaster.

NOVEMBER 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| <p>1 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Dream Team Meeting 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p> | <p>2 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 11:00 AM Pastor attending Bloomer Clergy Meeting 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship 7:45 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Meeting</p> | <p>5 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p> | <p>6 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Generosity Project workshop</p> | <p>7 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Generosity Project workshop 8:30 AM Registration for Generosity Project</p> |
| <p>8 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Gabriel James Stump 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p> | <p>9 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p> | <p>10 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p> | <p>11 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship 7:45 PM 9th Grade Confirmation Meeting</p> | <p>12 6:30 PM Foundation Committee Meeting</p> | <p>13 Godstock Retreat at Metropolis Newletter Article Deadline 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library</p> | <p>14 Godstock Retreat at Metropolis</p> |
| <p>15 Butterbraid Pastry Sale Begins Godstock Retreat at Metropolis 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Hank Prince 10:15 AM Worship and Music Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation 1:00 PM Bingo</p> | <p>16 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p> | <p>17 Pastor attending a Conf.</p> | <p>18 Pastor attending a Conf. 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p> | <p>19 Pastor attending a Conf.</p> | <p>20 Pastor attending a Conf. 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library</p> | <p>21 5:00 PM Parents Nite Out</p> |
| <p>22 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Worship at Assembly of God</p> | <p>23 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:15 AM Preschool Mini-Feast</p> | <p>24 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting 9:45 PM Preschool Mini-Feast</p> | <p>25 No Meal, Worship, or Faith Formation No Preschool</p> | <p>26  No Preschool Office Closed</p> | <p>27 No Preschool Office Closed 12:00 PM No Women's Bible Study</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Sunday & Wednesday Large Group Event for Preschool - 5th grade 10:15 AM No Faith Formation</p> | <p>30 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>2 11:00 AM Pastor attending Bloomer Clergy Meeting 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p> | <p>3 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p> | <p>4 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Confirmation Fellowship</p> | <p>5</p> |



Congratulations to Stacey Rosenbrook Babbitt & Justin Babbitt on the recent Baptism of their daughter Journey Sue Babbitt!



Congratulations to the sponsors, Travis & Jenny Rosenbrook and Jeremy Lowe!

A message from the Property Committee:

As most of you know, the bathrooms are finished! But there is more good news, there has been more generosity! C & K Cement Work is not charging the church any extra for the concrete or labor to repair the sidewalk. Bohl & Proulx Plumbing subtracted \$150.00 from their bill as a donation. And Chad Arendt of Rightaway Dumpster donated the second "tipping fee" (cost of the final dump of the dumpster) which was approx. \$120.00. If you remember from past newsletter articles the other donations and contributions made to this project, the generosity has been amazing.

As a reminder, the bathroom project bid was \$28,620.00 along with a 15% contingency added for unforeseen complications, for a total of \$32,913.00. The total of all bills for this project is \$30,222.00. The total amount of contributions is \$19,000.00 and \$11,000.00 has been borrowed from the bank. The additional cost came mainly from the extra expense of repairing the broken water line, but there were some other additional expenses; the 2 new doors and trim, 2 new ceiling vent fans and 2 emergency lights all of which were not in the bid. Also there was not an exact bid on the cost of the ceramic tiles or lights because it depended upon what type of tiles and lights were chosen. There were also a lot of things done to save money, so I think the cost of this project was very reasonable. Please remember, though, that now that the bathrooms are finished, contributions are still needed to pay for the loan at the bank.

Thank you all for the support of this project. It goes a long way in improving the hospitality of our church.

The property committee will have a meeting on Sun. Nov. 8th after church in the library. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Nadine Bresina, Chairperson

Financial Report - 2015

| | 2014 | 2015 | BUDGET 2015 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Beg. Balance - Jan. 1 | \$7,513.00 | \$3,150.00 | |
| Income-Oct. | \$178,571.00 | \$180,815.00 | \$208,981.00 |
| Expenses-Oct. | \$187,053.00 | \$190,747.00 | \$208,981.00 |
| Balance | \$(969.00) | (\$6,782.00) | |
| Loan - Security Financial | \$82,750.00 | \$74,754.00 | Building Fund |
| Loan - Security Financial | | \$7,000.00 | General Fund |
| Loan - Security Financial | | \$8,000.00 | Bathrooms |



When: November 15
Time: 1:00 -3:30 p.m.

Donations welcome for prizes. If you have any questions please contact Tom Buchner at 715-568-2778

Quilting

Tuesday, November 24
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Rally Day



NOVEMBER FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 1, 8, 15, 22,
Preschool through 3rd Grade

Sunday, November 29, Faith Family Style, Sunday & Wednesday Preschool through 5th Grade & Parents Large Group Event

Wednesday, November 4, 11, 18

Preschool: Little Sprouts

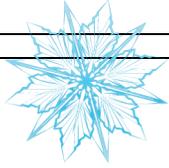
Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade: Rotation Workshop

3rd Grade: Explorers

4th & 5th Grade: Bible 101

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation

Wednesday, November 25: Faith Formation events for all age levels are not scheduled



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.

**BUTTERBRAID PASTRY SALE
NOVEMBER 15-DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**\$12.00 for each 1lb. 6oz.
Braided pastry ordered**

Selections Available: Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry Cream Cheese

Sponsored by St. John's Youth

A Simply Mouth Watering Holiday Treat!



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**HAPPY TURKEY DAY!
BLESSINGS, MARLA**

BREAKING NEWS

**LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAM
CHETEK, WISCONSIN
2015-2016 RECHARGE**

November 6-7, 2015, January 8-9, 2016,
March 4-5, 2016

WHERE: Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 ¼ Street
Chetek, WI 54729

WHO: Individuals in Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

COST: \$75.00, Includes programming from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday, meals, lodging, and Recharge t-shirt.

REGISTER ONLINE @
www.lutherpark.org

The Practice of Gratitude

“Gratitude is a constant attitude of thankfulness and appreciation for life as it unfolds. Living in the moment, we are open to the abundance around us and within us. We express appreciation freely. We contemplate the richness of our life. In life's trials, we seek to understand, to accept, to learn. **Gratitude is a continual celebration of life.**”

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**SR. HIGH YOUTH GODSTOCK 2015
November 13-15**

Eau Claire, WI at Metropolis Resort

All SR. High Youth & Friends Welcome

Come to experience...one of a kind worship...4 Key Note Speakers,,,Music from Boiling Point and grow in your faith.

Cost: \$85 per participant & cost of room

To Register: Contact Marla by October 30 for registration form

Wednesday Worship Participants

| DATE OF SERVICE | 1 ACOLYTE | 4 COMMUNION SERVERS |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| NOVEMBER 4 | Gunnar Grambo | Gunnar Grambo Trent Tozer Dalton Grambo Cayce Grambo |
| NOVEMBER 11 | Cal Lueck | Cal Lueck Dylann Downey Driah Z. Kylie Culver |
| NOVEMBER 18 | Leah Bleskacek | Leah Bleskacek Dawson Krenz Alex Hyke Violet Hyke |



Sunday Worship Participants

| DATE OF SERVICE | 1 ACOLYTE | 4 COMMUNION SERVERS |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| NOVEMBER 1 | Kelly Yeakey | Kelly Yeakey Camryn Yeakey |
| NOVEMBER 8 | Skylar Zwiefelhofer | Skylar Zwiefelhofer Trey Zwiefelhofer |
| NOVEMBER 15 | Mitchel Calkins | Mitchel Calkins Tylor Calkins Cathy Calkins |
| NOVEMBER 22 | Alana Helland | Alana Helland Nicholas Halom |
| NOVEMBER 29 | Trey Baker | Trey Baker Dylan Baker |

Lutheran World Relief Project

Tied in Faith.
Sent in Hope.
Wrapped in Love.

We'd like to tell you about a mission project volunteers and friends of St. John's have been involved with for many years.

In remote and rural regions of the world's poorest countries, millions of people are suffering, struggling to break out of the cycles that prevent them from being healthy, productive and self-supporting. Most often, all they need to break the cycle is a boost, a helping hand to provide a resource they have not been able to access on their own.

Lutheran World Relief responds to that need. They work with local partners in rural areas and provide necessary resources and support. As volunteers and friends of St. John's, we've helped LWR with their mission by providing baby care kits and mission quilts. Samples of the items we send are displayed here today.

Pickup of donations happens once yearly. This year, on Saturday, Oct. 10, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, we sent 24 baby care kits and 75 mission quilts.

Baby Care Kits

Kits are distributed as part of emergency and relief efforts, but they are also given out as part of LWR health initiatives to encourage women to seek prenatal care. This program helps more babies in rural, poor areas receive a healthy start in life.

Items in the kit include:

- t-shirts and socks
- gowns or sleepers without feet)
- receiving blankets
- jacket, hooded sweater/sweatshirt, baby cap
- hand towel, dark color recommended
- bath-size bars of gentle soap
- cloth diapers, diaper pins/large safety pins

Mission Quilts

When we make and send a quilt, we are not only comforting someone we have never met, but providing an object that is useful in ways we probably never imagined. In addition to being a cozy, clean new bed cover, it can be:

- a baby carrier, tied around a mother's back
- a market display, spread on the ground and piled with vegetables
- a sack for transporting those goods to market
- a sunshade
- a shawl
- a constant reminder that someone, far away, cares a lot

Would you like to help?

Make a quilt or put together a kit. Donate supplies to help others make quilts and kits. Monetary donations also are accepted.

Contact Janice Naset at 715-568-5615 or Lisa Goettl at 715-288-6170 for more information or to donate.



