



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

This year, All Saint's Day happens to land on Sunday, Nov. 1, when we will cherish the memories of those who have died since last All Saint's Day. In chronological order, they are:

- Harry Loew
- Bev Peterson
- Connie Stertz
- Uni Steinkraus
- Beth Poirier
- Don Gravunder
- Lee Prill
- Tom Smith
- Laura Franta

But as we all know, the saints we celebrate are not solely those who have moved on to be with their heavenly Father in heaven. We also celebrate the saints through their baptism that God has welcomed into God's family. Also in chronological order, they are:

- Henry Rihn
- Amiyah Shadick
- Mya Razim
- Braelyn Hilger
- Lauren Halverson
- Owen Rihn
- Joselyn Bowe

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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: stjohndl-secretary@bloomer.net



### Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Willard Rogge, Ilene Pingel, Tom Buchner, Merv Marquardt, Rod Martin, Donna Kerckhove & Rene Kerckhove (*Pat Prill's daughters*), Carolyn Bergh, Maggie Olson, Steve Trubshaw, Art Klingenberg, Clyde Shipman.

### Prayers for our Active Military

Jacob Dachel, Jacob Johnson, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens,  
Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

### Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>: Brandon, Cassandra, Warren & Waylon North; Kim & Donald Oldenberg; Magdalen Olson; Dennis, Lyn, Denise & Jeremy Pank; Buck & Peg Paulsen.

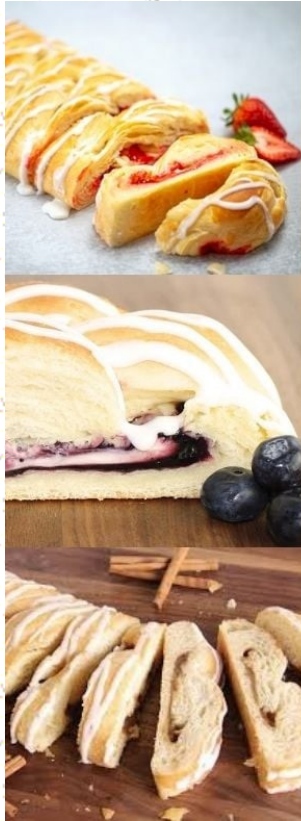
Prayers for the week of November 8<sup>th</sup>: Marla & Pete Paulson; Heather, Todd, Kalie, Addison, Arianna & Gavin Pecha; Bob, Debbie & Brenna Peterson; Brandon, Erin, Londyn, & Tenley Peterson.

Prayers for the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>: Jane Peterson; Robert Peterson; Tammy Peterson; Brian, Lori, Alexis, Ava, Madilyn, Zachary & Zoe Pielhop.

Prayers for the week of November 22<sup>nd</sup>: David, Roxanne, Jessica & Katie Pierce; Ilene Pingel; Everett & Rose Marie Powell; James, Lori, Aaron, Logan, Noah & Olivia Price.

Prayers for the week of November 29<sup>th</sup>: Amanda, Kyle, Harley, Josh, Kennady, Oakley, Sidney & Zinphany Prill; Donald, Lisa, Aaron, Derek, Jacob & Elijah Prill; Pat & Cody Prill.

# Church News



ST. JOHN'S YOUTH

## Butter Braids Fundraiser

Flavors: Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls (9 per package), Cinnamon Rolls (9 per package)

Cost: \$13 each

Payment due with order

**NEEDED:**  
 Someone to continue organizing St John's Lutheran Church 'Meals On Wheels' volunteers to deliver meals in the months of January and July for the upcoming year/s.  
 To volunteer, please contact: Pauline Stertz at pauline.stertz@gmail.com or call (715) 828-5714

**Deadline for December Newsletter**  
 If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than **November 23rd.**  
**Thank You!!**

### FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of Oct. 28, 2020

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$164,030.90
Other Raised Funds	11,582.18
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 175,613.08</b>
- Expenses	\$-209,728.76
<b>Total remaining after expenses</b>	<b>\$ -34,115.68</b>

Guess I've had too much caffeine...I thought this lady was a Muppet.



Don't Forget  
**TO VOTE!!**



**NOVEMBER 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> ELECTION DAY <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth In Action	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>11</b> Butterbraid Fundraiser Begins <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Pastor's Conference	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service -Orange & Pink Blessing (before hunting season)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - Thank Offering <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth In Action	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> Final Day of Butterbraid Fundraiser <b>11:00 AM</b> Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

# Church Council Minutes (via Zoom) October 13, 2020

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

**Opening Devotion:** By Pastor Martin. Psalm 96. Keeping God the main thing. Praying for others: for health and safety during COVID-19 pandemic; strength and healing for Marcy's husband Steve; comfort and peace for Terri and family of Tom Smith; for the family of Chuck Schaaf on his passing.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting, September 29, 2020:** A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Tom Ewings, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Tom Ewings, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Property:**

**Fall Clean-up:** Was planned for October 17. Recommended to postpone due to weather and COVID status of Chippewa County. Committee will discuss options for fall clean-up.

### **Youth:**

Will be meeting October 14 via Zoom to address how to move forward with virtual learning.

A motion was made by Tyler Halverson, seconded by Suzi McInnis, authorizing Pastor Martin to spend up to \$500 from Youth fund on upgrades on St. John's Zoom account to facilitate virtual learning for confirmation and youth. Motion carried.

### **Preschool:**

Task force has been working on rewording/restructuring proposed changes to bylaws.

## **Council President's Report:**

Reminder to submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting. **Next Regular Council Meeting will be November 10, 2020 at 5:30 via Zoom.**

## **Pastor's Report:**

### **Membership Update:**

*Baptism:* Lauren Halverson, Owen Rihn.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Tom Ewings, to approve membership update. Motion carried.

*Transfer to Church Triumphant:* Tom Smith, Laura Franta.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve membership update. Motion carried.

# Church Council Minutes (continued) October 13, 2020

## Old Business

### Email Vote- October 10, 2020/COVID Update:

Council decided via email vote that due to Chippewa County being placed in the severe risk category for COVID-19 all in-person activities at St. John's will be suspended until further notice.

## New Business

### Pastor Health Care Plan:

Information was provided regarding health benefits for Pastor Martin and Katie O'Connell. Pastor will forward more information to council before a decision is made about health plan.

### Nominating Committee:

Lisa and Tom will join Pastor Martin and an at-large congregation member to form Nominating Committee. Plan to meet via Zoom by the end of October.

### Budget Committee:

Suzi, Lydia, Victoria and Pastor will form Budget Committee. Plan to meet during the next week to begin work on 2021 budget.

### Additional Items and Comments:

#### Money Counters:

Kathy volunteered to be a Monday morning money counter as needed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 PM by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Melissa Sarauer.

Motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Martin.

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 November 10, 2020 at 5:30.**

Lisa Prill Secretary

Present via Zoom: Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Suzi McInnis, Kathy Tozer, Tom Ewings, Adam Anderson, Lisa Prill. Absent: Marcy Trubshaw, Pat Prill, Driah Zakrzewicz.

# Youth Announcements

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation students, please join us on Zoom for class! If you have any questions about which week you are in, please email or call Katie or Pastor Martin.

11/4: Group B  
 11/11: Group A  
 11/18: Group B  
 11/25: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

### JAM LIVE LESSON SCHEDULE

Join Katie for a live Zoom JAM lesson where we will read our Bible story of the week, play a game, and have some discussion about what we've learned!

11/4: K/1 @ 5:30pm, 2 @ 6pm  
 11/11: 3/4 @ 5:30pm, 5 @ 6pm  
 11/18: K/1 @ 5:30pm, 2 @ 6pm  
 11/25: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

### BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER

**Who:** *Anyone!*

**When:** November 11-December 2

Our Butter Braids fundraiser will be kicking off  
**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**If you are interested in this fundraiser, or if you have any questions, please email Katie for more information.**



### JAM GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Join our Google Classrooms for Jesus & Me (JAM) curriculum to do at home! Each week will be a new video to watch, activities, and discussion questions! Find the codes below.

Pre-K: qcuxixh    K-1<sup>st</sup>: f2jgyd3

2<sup>nd</sup>: tws4u6m    3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: cz7uci3

5<sup>th</sup>: 7uegy3c

### YOUTH IN ACTION

**Who:** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

**When:** Sunday, November 8 & 22  
 @ 5:30-7:30pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom

Join us for a time of virtual fellowship, game playing, food eating, story telling, and a whole lot of fun!!

# News From Pastor Martin

## A VIEW FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To my fellow sisters and brothers in Christ, I thought it would be appropriate to keep you up to speed about how we're doing here at St. John's during this unusual time. I am pleased to say that we continue to move forward, albeit quite differently. Is it ministry as usual? Hardly, but who says that the usual is the right way or even only way?

Here's what I know. I continue to look at our mission statement: *Grow disciples who eagerly share Christ's love.* I truly feel that we are still doing so. Under the competent leadership of Katie and the youth committee, we are back to faith formation – differently, of course. We are utilizing modern day technology to make connections, build relationships, and teach biblical principles that relate to everyday life. We are teaching how to be disciples – online disciples in real life! Is it the same? Nope. Is it better than nothing? Yup. Is it effective? As much as any of us own it. Therein lies the key – ownership.

I also know that we are still worshipping God. I am grateful for Bobbi's musical gifts and dedication to our church, for Jeff's willingness to learn about our newest technological tools, and all of you who continue to watch us online because it's the best we have. That's ownership. That's eager discipleship.

Our church council is now entering the steps in developing our 2021 financial ministry plan, which many of you call a budget. I change the words to reflect that the financial resources you provide impact our ministry efforts, not just a heating bill or elevator costs. Your faithfulness in giving keeps us going in new and creative ways during these times. Your consistent gifts to God help us continue God's work as eager disciples who can't but help to share Christ's love. The 2021 financial ministry plan will undoubtedly be the most difficult year to predict, but it must be done because we've got ministry to do!

By now I hope that you are aware of the various ways of financial giving:

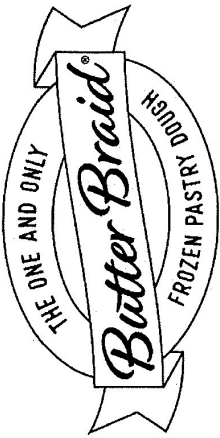
- Envelopes (by mail or by foot!)
- Electronic (Tithe-ly or PayPal on our website)
- Electronic Funds Transfer (talk with your bank)

We have come a long way to provide you with these options even if we can't meet in person. We can still love our neighbors and worship God without coming to church. That's eager discipleship. We can still build relationships and learn the story of God's redeeming grace without coming to church. That's eager discipleship. Yes, things are different and we do yearn for the old way. But it does remind me of one statement that I read on the St. John's profile as I received this call to be your pastor eight years ago.

***Commit to involvement of new ideas, practice flexibility. Hope never to say "we've never done that before".***

Well if now is not a time for new ideas and flexibility, I don't know what is! But by the strength of your commitment, through your ownership, we will continue to deepen our faith, make a difference, and keep on keepin' on. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel!

*Pastor Martin*



*Thanks so much for your support!*

Return Order Date: 12/02/20 Delivery Date: 12/11/20

**PLEASE NOTE:** These extremely high quality and exceptionally great tasting Butter Braid products have been known to make customers want more!

In the case that this may happen to you, please be advised to order more than one as you will not be able to get more until another fundraiser comes to your area.

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: St. John's Youth  
 Make Checks To: St. John's Lutheran Church  
 Contact Name: Katie O'Connell Contact Phone #: (715) 338-9270  
 Please collect payment when taking orders.

**MY GOAL**

10 items

Thanks for helping us raise funds for Summer Camp, Mission Trips, & activities!

**PRODUCT INFO.**

Each 1lb. 6 oz. braided pastry (icing included) will serve 11 people.

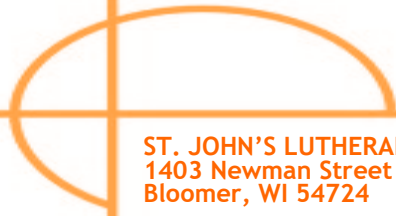
Just allow your frozen pastry to thaw and rise until about double in size, then bake for a great, homemade tasting pastry.

**Rite Bite Fundraising**  
 (630)262-3778  
 info@ritebitefundraising.com

	Apple	Blueberry & Cream Cheese	Cinnamon	Cream Cheese	Raspberry	Strawberry & Cream Cheese	Caramel Rolls (9 Per Package)	Cinnamon Rolls (9 Per Package)	ALLERGEN NOTICE:	
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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: Pastor Martin Halom**

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