



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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GO TEAM!

Victoria Prince

Over the next several months, I will be featuring each person who serves on the staff here at St. John's as a way to say thank you to them and hopefully increase your understanding of how they contribute to our ministry. Each year, as I conduct their annual reviews, I ask the question, "In what ways do your ministry efforts help fulfill the congregation's mission and vision?" It's an important question so that we can understand why we pay our staff to do what they do.

Victoria wears two hats at St. John's: Financial Secretary and Office Manager. When she was brought on board in November of 2018, it was clear why God blessed us with her gifts. She came in more qualified for the financial secretary position due to her extensive background in real estate, bookkeeping, and knowledge of taxes, but I knew that much of the office manager position could be taught due to her solid computer skills. Little did I know how much she would grow over these years.

To illustrate, here are a few observations from my perspective that I have grown to love: Worship PowerPoint - Guess who finds all of the backgrounds to the slides that simply enhance the story? She even went above and beyond last year when she had a little fun adding emojis to our midweek Lenten drama series, which brought great laughter from the congregation!

Financial competency - Each year, she takes on a greater leadership position as we develop our financial ministry plan. She was instrumental in receiving our PPP loan during covid. Her reporting has a built in high level of trust. That is so valuable for the council and our committees!

Personal skills - I have always admired how she treats people with genuine warmth and compassion. She is quite good at de-escalating conflict and resolving problems or concerns.

Humility - I also enjoy her drive for perfection, yet understanding that we are all imperfect. She handles constructive criticism well without taking it personally due to her humility.

Deep faith - Victoria also embraces a desire to learn more and deepen her faith always, something I'm confident will last the rest of her life. Her faith is at the very foundation of how she behaves.

There are several other things I could list as well. But I hope you can understand the vital role she plays. At home, Victoria is a single mom with two pretty awesome kids, Samantha and David. As I read about them in the paper when they are singled out as a student of the week, I smile as they reflect on how they experience her love and guidance. There is simply no room to question her love for them.

Victoria's fingerprints are all over our life and mission. Even with the absence of a regular custodian, she's now responsible for our comfort via heating and cooling! I guess that's why we have that age-old clause in her job description, "...and anything assigned by the pastor"! As one who is the epitome of one who works behind the scenes, she'd much rather give God the glory. So I too will glorify God by thanking Him for Victoria. Please join me!

Pastor Martin

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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 and Friends of Maggie Olson; Connor Larson; Esther Sykora (sister of Al Nimtz); Arlene Christianson; Renee Grambo; Julie Chojnacki; Austin Summerfield (nephew of Jenn Larson); Bob Kerckhove; Steve Trubshaw; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Shelli Rogge; Kyle Rufledt; Kelly Custer.

Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman,
Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of November 6th: Ashley Pappas, Paris, Athena and Lennon Rogge; Buck and Peg Paulsen; Heather, Todd, Kalie, Addison, Arianna and Gavin Pecha; Bob, Debbie and Brenna Peterson.

Prayers for the week of November 13th: Brandon, Erin, Londyn and Tenley Peterson; Robert Peterson; Tammy Peterson; Brian, Lori, Ava, Lexi, Madilyn, Zachary and Zoe Pielhop; David, Roxanne, Jessica, Katie Pierce; Donald and Mary Poirier.

Prayers for the week of November 20th: Everett and Rose Marie Powell; James, Lori, Aaron, Logan, Noah and Olivia Price; Amanda, Kyle, Harley, Josh, Kennady, Oakley, Sidney and Zinphany Prill; Donald, Lisa, Aaron, Derek, Jacob and Elijah Prill.

Prayers for the week of November 27th: Pat and Cody Prill; Damian, Sara, Ava, Hank and Henry Prince; Kerry, Arianna, Isabella and Rebecca Rauscher; Loraine Reetz; Rosanne Reid; Amanda, Gavin and Grant Richarson; Chuck Richardson.

NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

Faith Statement

NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am CHILI COOK-OFF	31 8:00am Bible Study	1 4:30pm Budget Meeting	2 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals 6:45pm Worship Service	3 4:30pm Preschool Committee Meeting	4 6:30pm - 11:59pm High School Pseudo Lock-In (Shhh)	5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS AT 2AM Sunday, turn clocks BACK 1 HR
6 9:00am Worship Service - Baptism Brock Graski	7 8:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Youth Committee Meeting	8 1:00pm Staff Meeting	9 Butterbraid Sales Begin 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals 6:45pm Worship Service	10 9:30am Pastor's Conference	11	12 9:00am Lefse Making Day!
13 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Worship Committee Meeting 2:30pm Harry Potter Bible Study 5:30pm Youth In Action	14 8:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	15  1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group	16 9:30am Foundation Meeting 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals 6:45pm Worship Service	17 	18	19 2:00pm Private Baptism - Elaina Rihn
20 9:00am Worship Service	21 No Preschool 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 	22 No Preschool 	23 No Preschool 	24 No Preschool HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Office Closed 	25 No Preschool Office Open 8:30 - noon 	26
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FAITH STATEMENT

The summer of 2021 we went on a great adventure to Montana. We stayed in a campground called the KOA, and most of the guys went on a three day backpacking adventure in the mountains. We hiked about 20 miles. We all realized about halfway up the mountain that we overpacked and were complaining how hot and tired we were. We were so excited when we finally made it! With some of the most heart touching views that we have ever seen, we had to stop and just take it all in for about twenty minutes. I really felt the need to just take a deep breath and think about all God has given me and how grateful I am to be on this absolutely amazing and beautiful creation. Seeing just the beautiful sky with hundreds of amazing mountains in every direction. I realized how grateful I was that God has also given me wonderful friends to share this amazing journey with. This trip really made me feel like he was by my side through that whole trip because as much as we were hungry, tired, hot, and ornery I feel like he was there pushing us to keep going to see him; in the sky, in the mountains, in the valleys, and in each other. Sometimes we are so busy in today's world that we don't even really realize what we are looking at. It's not just some beautiful mountains, it's the lord himself and his creation. When I go on in my life I'm hoping that I can include God in my life all the time. We live out in the country with a great big field to the West. I feel the need to run outside and just watch the sun go down. It gives me the chills with the view I have right in my backyard that I grab my camera to capture the moment to remember forever. I always pray when I make it outside watching the sun go down through the field, just thanking the lord for everything he has given me and me having the ability to see the beautiful things.

My Bible Verse I chose is from Psalm 95: 4-5 really relates to this story, it says "In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed." When we were out in the mountains I truly don't think there was a time when I wasn't thinking about how great my life is and grateful I am having the ability to see these beautiful sights.

Church News

Wednesday Meals are BACK!!



Every **Wednesday** from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. come and join your friends and family at St. John's for a **DELICIOUS** meal!
 Cost is \$5 per person *or* \$15 per family

Butter Braid Fundraiser

Our Butter Braid fundraiser is officially kicking off! Order forms should be available by the first week of November. This fundraiser will run from Wednesday, November 9th through Wednesday, November 30th, with the hopes of distribution in early to mid-December.



LEFSE MAKING TUTORIAL!

If you're a fan of the norwegian delicacy lefse but don't know how to make it, come out to learn how! If you already know how, you should come too!

Saturday, Nov. 12 at 9 am in the dining hall

If you have any of the following items, please bring them!

***Griddle *Lefse stick
 *Rolling pin with sock**

Sign up in the narthex or on the St. John's Facebook page or website!



Janice Naset with Madison Seibel & Colt Clements, making communion bread for their First Communion.



KAFFEE LAG

Norwegian Meatball Dinner
 With Lefse, all the fixings, pie and beverages.
(carry out orders available.)

Sunday, November 13, 2022
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
6th and Ripley, Cornell
 Adults \$12, k-12 yrs. \$6

Bake Sale, Craft Sale, Quilt Raffle
 Sponsored by WELCA

I get the feelin' you're up to somethin'!



Awe... Come On! Ya big chicken... Just pul' it on, it'll be fun...!

Parish Dinner

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Bloomer
Sunday, November 13th, 2022
from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
In the church basement

Serving:

- **Homemade Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Green Beans, Bun, Salad/Applesauce, Dessert and Milk/Coffee.**
- **Cost: Adults \$8, Kids 6-12 \$6 and Preschool-free**
Carry outs available.
Elevators are located in the School Lobby.

Sponsored by PCCW group St. Monica

	Month of	Year to Date
	SEP 2022	JAN - SEP
INCOME	\$15,218	\$236,056 <i>(Incl gift of \$82K)</i>
EXPENSES	\$29,077	\$164,033
Difference	(\$ 13,859)	\$72,023
Line of Credit	Princ Paid Sep \$ 188	Princ Paid YTD \$24,186

Financial Update

Current Balance on Line of Credit

\$11,234

Deadline for December 2022 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!!

Quilting Group

Will be meeting on **November 15th**
 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!!





Church Council Minutes

October 10, 2022

Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Adam Anderson, Council President.

Opening Devotion – Pastor Martin led the council in a scripture discussion. The council read Galatians 3:23-29 and answered the questions: What do you notice?, What do you wonder about?, What is God calling you to do in this text?. Pastor then led the council in prayer.

Approval of Agenda – a motion was made by Katelyn Bohl to approve the agenda, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – a motion was made by Katelyn Bohl to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Current line of credit is \$11,181.39 and was used to pay for regular day to day expenses for the church. Discussion was had on how much we were short in weekly giving to meet the needs of the church. Discussion was also had on how the preschool starting back up has affected expenses. Council will be reaching out to the preschool committee.

	Year to Date(Jan 2022-Sept 2022)
Income	\$224,968.97 (includes gift of \$82,000)
Expenses	\$164,033.16
Difference	\$60,935.81
Current SFB Line of Credit	\$11,181.39 (increased after being paid down to about \$30)

A motion was made by Katelyn Bohl to approve the financial report. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Old Business

Pastor’s Review – no updates

Fundraising – no updates

Wednesday night meal pricing – new pricing is \$5 per person, \$15 per family

New Business

Thrivent – no update on intention of Thrivent dollars given to church

Portico benefits

A motion was made by Marcy Trubshaw to continue with the Portico Health Insurance of Silver Plus C. Seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried.

Nomination committee – Pastor will continue to work on recruiting. Council members with terms ending in January 2023 are: Adam Anderson, Pat Prill, and Marcy Trubshaw

Discipleship committee – decision made to not pursue at this time

Reports

Fellowship Committee – Chili Cook Off on October 13th and Lefse Making on November 12th

Youth & Family Announcements

Council Minutes (cont.)

Youth in Action

High School students, Youth in Action will be held on

Sunday, November 13^h

We are still looking for high school families to host for one YIA gathering each month. If you would be interested in learning more about that, please contact Amanda Ritchie - mobile (715)279-6962 or email amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com.

Quake

Middle and high school students, save the following dates.

February 10-12 (Wisconsin Dells) or

March 17-19, 2023 (Twin Cities),

will be this year's Quake event. We are excited about this opportunity for our youth, as it has been a success before!

More information will be shared in the coming months. If any questions arise, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin.

YIA Pseudo Lock-In

Our November Pseudo Lock-In will be on

Friday, November 4th from 7pm until midnight.

Come to St. John's for a night of games, snacks, and a whole lot of shenanigans! While this isn't a full-night lock-in, it's sure to be a good time, nonetheless. At this Pseudo Lock-In, our high school students will be participating in a Christian Kidnapping of our 8th grade students (Shh! Don't let them know!!). We are excited to be bringing this tradition back for our students.

Please bring a snack to share if you're able.

Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 21st will be our Christmas Pageant this year. We will have rehearsals in place of JAM on **November 30th, December 7th, and December 14th.**

Dinner will be held from 4:45 – 5:45 PM prior to the pageant beginning.

Harry Potter Bible Study

We are going to be hosting a Harry Potter bible study beginning on **Sunday, November 13th from 2:30 – 5:00PM.** If you are interested in attending, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin. "We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." -Albus Dumbledore

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, November 2nd we will be holding a brief meeting to discuss Quake. Please join us in the dining hall to help us select what date/location we will be attending.

Wednesday, November 23rd there will be NO Wednesday night events due to Thanksgiving.

(Council Minutes continued.)

Additional Items and Announcements

A motion was made by Marcy Trubshaw to have the Annual Meeting at 10 am on Sunday January 22nd, 2023 with a backup date of January 29th, 2023. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

Next regular council meeting: November 14th at 5:30 pm

Adjournment - a motion was made at 7:25 pm by Janelle Yeakey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Members Present: Janelle Yeakey, Pastor Martin Halom, , Pat Prill, Katelyn Bohl, Adam Anderson, Jamie Keller, Alicia Bonczyk, Jeff Cole, Marcy Trubshaw

Members Absent: Sarah Wittrock, Terri Smith

Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary

PRESCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES



NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!



Amanda



Sneak Peek into the Program

Amanda and Jamie have a lot packed into the month of November. In this coming month, our various themes that will be explored are Thankfulness/Gratefulness; Veteran's Day; Harvest; Thanksgiving; and Hibernation.

The children follow weekly focus walls that teach them their letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. As teachers, we integrate these subject areas into our curriculum plans and daily activities that the children can choose from.

Jamie



Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip

Our Pumpkin Patch field trip this past month was a success. While it was chilly, we were able to enjoy our trip to Auburn Homestead Pumpkin Patch. The kids all enjoyed riding a school bus (for many of them this was a first) and seeing all the animals. They were able to participate in many of the fun activities the pumpkin patch had to offer, including a snack of fresh donuts and hot chocolate.

A special thanks to the Auburn Homestead Pumpkin Patch for allowing us to take a field trip there, to Miss Jamie for organizing the field trip and busing, to Ms. Ritchie for making the kids t-shirts, and to all our chaperons who came with.



Trick or Treating Safety

On Monday, October 24th and Tuesday, October 25th, Police Sargent Beyer, Brittany, and their darling police pup, Keeta came for a visit. Officer Beyer read the book Ten Orange Pumpkins. After he was finished reading, he took time to talk 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.



Other Dates to Consider

Friday, November 18th through Friday, November 25th, we will be closed along with the Bloomer School District for Fall Break. We are looking forward to seeing our students again on Monday, November 28th. We hope that everyone has a nice holiday break and stays safe for while traveling or hunting.

PJs and a Movie Day

We will be having movie days on Monday, November 14th and Tuesday, November 15th in our theater room upstairs. Children can stay in their jammies that morning and enjoy a holiday movie about Thanksgiving.

Mini Thanksgiving Feast

During the last two weeks before Fall Break, on Wednesday, November 16th and Thursday, November 17th, we will be doing a little mini feast to celebrate Thanksgiving with our students. We will be asking students families to bring a dish or treat to pass. This event will take place during preschool hours at the end of our morning.



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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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Faith Statement

God is our father, our creator, our teacher and always sees the good in us. My relationship with God is important to me because he makes me feel safe knowing he is always with me through the good and bad times. God motivates me and pushes me to be the best that I can be. I believe God will always love and care for me, even when I make a mistake, I believe he will forgive my sins. I trust in our God to guide me when I'm going down the wrong path and help me find and guide me down the right one. Church is a great place where I can go to grow my relationship with God. God is the creator and ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God keeps my friends, my family, and my loved ones safe and watches over them. When my grandma passed away, that was a very hard time for me and God was there for me. When I was at my lowest, God picked me up and helped me get through it. He guided me through the dark and helped me find the light at the end of the tunnel through this tough time. Not a day goes by that I don't miss her but, I know God is there with me through it all.

Bible Verse, Colossians 3:23-24—Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.