



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 Halom

Youth & Preschool
News

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A DISCIPLINED DISCIPLE

It's no coincidence that the words *disciple* and *discipline* are linked together. A quick word search from the NRSV translation of the bible, which is what we use on a regular basis at St. John's, shows that the words *disciple* or *disciples* appears in the books of Matthew-Acts a total of 270 times in 255 verses. Other translations for the term *disciple* include **learner, pupil, and apprentice**. After searching for the word *discipline* or *disciplined*, the NRSV reveals 71 occurrences in 70 verses (the most appear in Proverbs a total of 13 times). Other translations for *discipline* include **instruct or train**. Summarizing these two terms, it reveals to us that a *disciplined disciple* is one who is very committed to training.

There are many instances when Jesus teaches about discipleship, none more noteworthy than when he says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27) That's serious business! When I read such a powerfully charged statement, it brings to mind the importance of sacrifice for others, doing the difficult and right thing in God's eyes. Jesus bore that cross as he practiced what he preached. His followers therefore learned one final lesson on sacrifice.

As we enter the month of November when many of us commit ourselves to year end giving, I want to lift up some opportunities where your dollars can make a tremendous difference. For dozens of ideas to select from, I'd encourage you to visit the Good Gifts catalog from the ELCA, which can be found at <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>. Here are a few others I'd like to feature that are found elsewhere:

- Middle East Crisis:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

- Ukraine Crisis:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

- Our companion Synod in Malawi : <https://nswi.org/malawi>

- The Northwest Synod of WI Endowment Fund: <https://nswi.org/endowment-fund>

- Luther Park Bible Camp: <https://lutherpark.org/ways-to-give>

These organizations are tremendous partners across the world and in our own backyard. The twelve followers of Jesus acted as a team as they journeyed with him from town to town and we as learners on our journey of faith can as well. That means turning to the larger church as we come together to serve those who are in far worse situations than most of us are facing in our daily lives.

One of the markers of a healthy church can be found in its commitment to giving. I hope that we can come together to make a difference along with our church partners as the need is great. I hope that we can come together to make a difference here at St. John's as well.

Recently, I got an opportunity to speak with Bishop Laurie, who is scheduled to teach our confirmation class on Nov. 1. Over the past several years, she's been visiting each church in our synod and she mentioned to me that our class of 29 youth is the largest confirmation class she's had the opportunity to teach this year. We have a great opportunity to teach those young people about the importance of disciplined discipleship. By not only talking to them about sacrificial giving, we can show them what sacrificial giving looks like. This is not something we're born with, but instead it's a learned trait, just like it was for Peter and the others! Join me my eager friends! Let's spread God's love in meaningful ways!

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

Millie Hensel (Mother of Marcy Trubshaw); Wayne Zogleman (Amanda Larson's Grandfather); Kollin Hebert (friend of Eric & Jenn Larson); Pat Prill; Arlene Christianson; Renee Grambo; Steve Trubshaw; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter).

Prayers For Our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of Nov 5th: Matthew, Meghan, Evan, Hazel and Henry Shadick; Patrick and Sandra Shadick; Brian, Stacy and Jackson Simmons; Ashley, Nathan, Lawson and Lorelei Simmons; Bryce Siverling; Emilie Siverling; Jared Siverling.

Prayers for the week of Nov 12th: Kim and Steve Siverling; Sarah Siverling; Kari, Phil, Jacob and Jensyn Skaar; Terri Smith; Donald and Karen Steinmetz; Laura, Terry and Tatum Steinmetz; Dave and Pauline Stertz.

Prayers for the week of Nov 19th: Deanna Stevens; Deanna Stuckert; Marlin and Monica Stuckert; Charlie, Nicole, Ava and Conor Sundberg; Dale, Sanja, Alyson and Andrew Swan; Cody, Susan, Abigail and Ben Thiede.

Prayers for the week of Nov 26th: Jerome, Tia, Tiana and Brinlee Thomley; Owen Thompto; Claire, Matt, Georgia, Graham and Henry Tiller; Bert and Kathy Tozer; Brent, Ilona, Izibel and Trent Tozer; Marcy and Steve Trubshaw.



NOVEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00am Worship Service-Reformation Sunday, Bishop Laurie 11:00am Chili Cook-Off	30 8:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Budget Committee Meeting	31	1 10:30am Bloomer Clergy Association Mtg (St. John's Hosting) 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service-	2	3	4 Daylight Savings (1 hour back after midnight)
5 9:00am Worship Service 6:00pm Agape Concert-Our Saviour's Lutheran in Chippewa Falls	6 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 4:30pm Preschool Committee Meeting 5:45pm Preschool Family Fun Night	7	8 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	9 9:30am Pastor's Conference	10	11
12 9:00am Worship Service-Blessing of Orange & Pink (Hunter's Blessing) 4:00pm Youth In Action	13 8:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Youth Committee Meeting	14	15 10:30am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	16 10:30am Preschool Thanksgiving Feast	17 No Preschool	18
19 9:00am Worship Service 6:30pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service-Our Savior's Lutheran	20 No Preschool 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	21 No Preschool 1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group	22 No Preschool 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 6:45pm Worship Service	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! No Preschool Office Closed 8:30am 7th Annual Turkey Trot-Moose Lodge	24 No Preschool Office closes at noon	25
26 9:00am Worship Service - 1st Sunday of Advent	27 8:00am Bible Study	28	29 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	30	1	2

Deadline for December 2023 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 25th.**
Thank You!!

Daylight Savings
 Sunday, 2:00 a.m.
TURN CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR THIS WEEKEND!!!

Daylight-Saving Time Ends



Church News

Church Council Minutes-Continued

(Council Minutes Continued)

Committee Reports

Pastor's Report

Discipleship – needs to be started again, looking for 4-6 people;

Fellowship Minutes -

Preschool Minutes –

Social Ministry Minutes - none

Property Minutes –

Worship & Music Minutes –

Youth Minutes – fundraiser possibilities

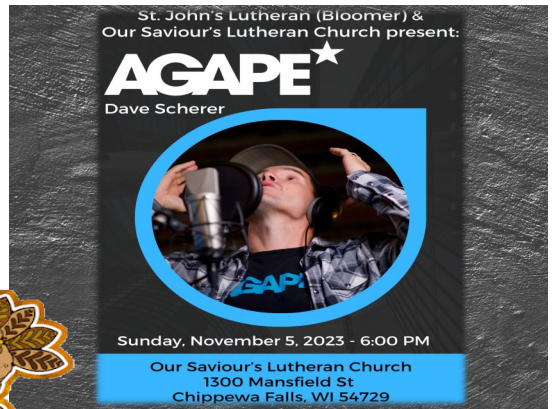
Additional Items and Announcements

Next Meeting: November 20th at 6 pm

Adjournment - a **motion was made** at 7:05 pm by Kaitlyn Bohl to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jamie Keller. Motion carried.

Members Present: Pastor Martin, Janelle Yeakey, Barb Ross, Dorene Turner, Alicia Bonczyk, Kaitlyn Bohl, Jamie Keller.

Members Absent: Sarah Wittrock, Terri Smith, Kyle Prill, Jeff Cole.
Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary.



WEDNESDAY MEALS
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



Quilting Group
Will be meeting on **Nov. 21st** at 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!!



Sunday, November 12
Worship Service
Pink & Orange Sunday
Hunter's Blessing
Mark your calendar!!



ALL ARE WELCOME!

**ECUMENICAL
THANKSGIVING
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, November 19th, 2023
at 6:30pm

SERVICE AT
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1800 Jackson Street, Bloomer



**7TH ANNUAL BLOOMER
TURKEY TROT**

FINISH!

Thursday, Nov. 23rd at 8:30 a.m.
Starting line up is at the Moose Lodge
Go to [www. Bloomerlakeassn.org](http://www.Bloomerlakeassn.org) to register




Church Council Minutes

October 23, 2023

Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President .

Opening Devotion – Jeff led the council in devotions from Christ in Our Home

Approval of the Agenda -A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to approve the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Approval of last Council Minutes - A motion was made Barb Ross to approve the minutes from the September 18th, 2023 meeting, seconded by Jamie Keller. Motion carried.

Financial Report - [Profit & Loss](#) [Balance Sheet](#)

	Year to Date(Jan-Sep 2023) (w/estate gift of \$349,201.25)	Year to Date(Jan-Sep 2023) (w/o estate gift \$349,201.25)
Income	\$ 520,966.13	\$171,764.88
Expenses	\$197,068.74	\$197,068.74
Difference	\$323,897.39	-\$25,303.86

CD's	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$150,000
Location	Security Financial Bank	Security Financial Bank	Security Financial Bank
% APR	5.25	5.25	5.25
Timeframe	12 months	6 month	12 months
Expires	8-8-24		8-3-24

All money is insured through FDIC

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

Old Business-

Preschool Update: On 10/3/23 via email, a motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to hire Nicholas Halom for MWF and Brianna Schindler for T/TH. Once training is completed the pay will be raised. Seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried. .

Town Hall Meeting Notes: Wednesday September 20th: Present Janelle, Sarah and Dorene. No congregation members attended. On Sat 9/23 council members and church members gathered to clean the church. Cleaning supplies were organized and signs created in cleaning area and bathrooms to assist with directions for cleaning.

Nominating Committee – need to determine volunteers to begin the process, Pastor will work on assembling.

Portico Benefits—On 10/4/23 via email, a motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to continue the Portico benefits with the Silver +C plan. Seconded by Barbara Ross. Motion carried.

CD Discussion – see financial report above, CD was split to have one for only 6 months.

New Business –

Budget Committee – Barb Ross, Victoria, Pastor Martin, Dorene Turner - Meeting held on October 2nd. Budget committee will put together potential budgets.

Appreciation Days – suggestion to create days to do staff appreciation, volunteer appreciation, etc.

Piano- baby grand piano was offered to the church. Discussion will need to happen to determine cost to move, age of piano, if space is available. Worship committee will need to be brought into the conversation.

Youth & Family News

Important Dates to Notice

There will be NO Faith Formation on Wednesday, November 22nd due to Fall Break and Thanksgiving. We hope that all of our students and their families have a wonderful week and Thanksgiving holiday. Safe travels, good luck to all of our hunters, and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday, November 28th. .

Subs Needed for JAM

Thanks to all our returning teachers this Fall for JAM, we are looking for people who would be interested in substituting on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amanda Larson for more information so we can get you on a list. Also, if there is a specific age group you want to work with or would not like to work with, please let us know that information as well.

Agape Concert

Here is a fun opportunity to listen to a well-known Christian rapper at an upcoming concert. Sunday, November 5th, Our Saviors Lutheran in Chippewa Falls will be hosting an Agape concert at 6:00 PM. There is no cost to attend this concert. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Martin .



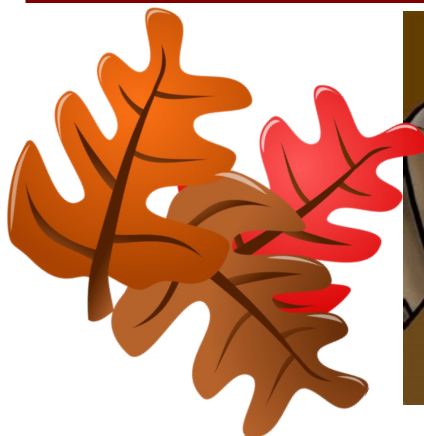
Youth in Action

Our Our November YIA will take place on Sunday, November 12th at the church for a bake-off. We look forward to joining our high school youth to plan some super fun monthly events for the 2023-24 academic year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda Larson; 715-279-6962 mobile, amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com.

Save The

Youth Ministry Pictures

We are looking for pictures that anyone may have taken last year (2022-23 academic year). If you have any pictures that you're able to share, whether it's from JAM, confirmation, lock-in, or a youth trip, please contact Amanda Larson or Pastor Martin. We can forward you a link to a Google Drive. Otherwise, photos can get emailed to: stjohnslutheran.bloomer@gmail.com



NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!

Amanda



Sneak Peak Into the Program

Mrs. Larson has a lot packed into the month of November. During this month of gratefulness and thanksgiving, our various themes that will be explored are Woodland Animals; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving; and Harvest.

The children follow weekly focus walls that teach them their letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. As their teacher, I try to integrate these subject areas into the curriculum plans and daily activities that the children can choose from. It's going to be a busy and festive month! Make sure to follow our Facebook page to see what our students are up to.



Thanksgiving Family Feast

This year, we will be hosting our Thanksgiving Family Feasts on Wednesday, November 15th (MWF group) and Thursday, November 16th (TTH group). Our students and their families are invited to join together at 10:30AM to enjoy a little Thanksgiving feast together before we enter into our Fall break. Sign-up sheets for our families to bring food or beverages are located on the counter in the preschool. We are excited to be having this opportunity for our students and our families once again .

Important Dates to Save

Friday, November 17th through Friday, November 24th we will be closed for Fall Break. We hope that our students enjoy the day with their families, and we look forward to having them back in class on the 27th and 28th .

November Family Fun Night

We are excited to host our second Family Fun Night of the 2023-24 academic year. We are hoping to host one event per month or at least every other month for our families and the community. Our goal and hope by hosting an event like this is to spread awareness of our program. You can expect this event to be geared toward families who have children 4 years of age and under (older siblings are welcome to attend), including an interactive story time, music, crafts, and snacks. All families who attend will be entered in for a door prize (must be present to win). This family fun will go from 5:45-6:30PM. Please RSVP with Amanda Larson at 715-279-6962 or amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com.

Calendar Fundraiser

Calendar pre-orders will begin on Monday, October 9th. 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 counter of the preschool or on the table in the narthex.

Giving Tree

We are going to have a giving tree set up in the preschool shared space if anyone is interested in supporting the preschool program with some additional supplies we could benefit from. Please reach out to Amanda Larson if you have any questions about this opportunity. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

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