



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:

- New Member Sunday
- Council Minutes
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- Financial Report
- Baptism
- Youth and Family
- Preschool News

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Now that we have established Nov. 9 as a day where we will publicly welcome our new members into the life of faith here at St. John's, I will be offering a series of gatherings where our new members can learn more about each other as well as learn a bit about St. John's and its role within the greater ELCA.

Starting October 12, for a period of four weeks, new members are invited to come down to the fellowship hall following worship so that we can get to know each other. The schedule is as follows:

October 12	Fun facts about the ELCA
October 19	Comparative Denominations – Your background and the ELCA
October 26	Dreams for St. John's
November 2	What St. John's has to offer/What you have to offer St. John's

Even though these sessions are primarily intended for our new members, they are also **open to anyone** to attend who might have an interest in learning more about each topic. Each session will last until 11:30, giving you plenty of time to get home for lunch and the green and gold!

You do not need to pre-register, simply come and enjoy the conversation! If you have needs for childcare during the sessions for children too young for Faith Formation, please let me know and we'll get something figured out.

The last time we publicly welcomed new members at worship was the 2013 Rally Sunday at the North Park. If you have been received into membership since then, you will be asked to participate in worship on November 9 by coming forward to be recognized during the service. We are so thankful for you and want to give you the experience of a great welcome to St. John's!

Pastor Martin

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

How much do you know about St. John's Lutheran Church worship?

September 14

We have now added grape juice to our communion menu. Why?

- a) As a means of hospitality
- b) It's more biblically based
- c) The ELCA has handed down a mandate from a recent social statement
- d) Our congregation has recently invested in Nestle Juicy Juice

September 21

This morning, Londyn will be my 34th baptism since my arrival two years ago. Erin and Brandon will make the following promises - to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Londyn may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. These are the exact same promises that our 9th graders will make when they are confirmed in January.

- a) True
- b) False

September 28

On Sundays, we stand for the reading of the gospel. On Wednesdays, we sit for the reading of the gospel. Which method is right?

- a) Standing on Sunday
- b) Sitting on Wednesday
- c) both

Council Meeting September 9, 2014

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

Pat Boettcher opened the meeting with prayer

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

Council Input: Would like memorials put in newsletter, income/expenses to be put in first bulletin of the month and the newsletter.

Congregational Input: errors in bulletin, late newsletter.

Committee Reports:

- ◆ Discipleship-New member Sunday to be 11/9/14. Working on Ministry Opportunity booklet.
- ◆ Fellowship-served 93 at Rally Sunday dinner.
- ◆ Social-Served 167 at Agnes Table on 9/2/14. Schedule to serve again 12/25/14.
- ◆ Property-Information presented for multi-picture display for confirmation pictures. Bathroom bids on hold until contractors are less busy this fall.
- ◆ Worship-Old hymnals in good condition to be used to make Christmas angels. Contemporary songs to be added at worship.
- ◆ Youth/Family-Meeting 9/15/14. Bethel Lutheran Church confirmation to join St. John's.

Chair Report: Would like a report of best way to archive St. John's records.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Janice Naset to accept membership changes of: Transfer to Bethel Lutheran Church of Debbie, Todd & Miranda Poirier, transfers in of Jenne, Phil & Evan Nitek and Tanya and Ellie Zivanovich, by baptism of Alexandriah Zakrzewicz, Nikki Seibel from inactive to active and Tyler Seibel as new member.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Wed. Night Dinner-Melinda Halom to coordinate 9/10/14 meal. Kristi Benson to coordinate from 9/17/14 through December and Rosemarie Powell to coordinate meals starting in January.
- ◆ **Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Adam Ewings to accept Wednesday Night Meal Coordinators as Kristi Benson and Rosemarie Powell.** Motion carried.
- ◆ Parent's Night Out-set to start on 9/27/14.
- ◆ Discussion of a church credit card tabled.
- ◆ Stewardship drive-consider congregations input on their thoughts on in what direction they would like to see St. John's going.
- ◆ **Motion made by Shelly Lane and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer to provide a place at St. John's for Lutheran Social Services to have supervised (by LSS) client visits.** Motion carried.
- ◆ God's Work-Our Hands-24+ families involved in the community service projects.

Council Meeting

Financial Report:

- ◆ **Motion made by Janice Naset and seconded by Rod Johnson to accept Financial Report.**
- ◆ Audit-None

Old Business:

- ◆ Pictorial Update-None
- ◆ Update on Bequest-None
- ◆ Membership Letter/List Update-**Motion made by Lynette Pank and seconded by Rod Johnson to remove names on list that show “transfer” or “worshiping at another church.”** Motion carried.

New Business: None

Pastor Martin closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:57 P.M.

Shelly Lane, secretary

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

OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	29 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	30 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	1 7:00 PM Worship	2 1:30 PM Friendship Circle	3 6:30 PM Middle School Recharge	4 6:30 PM Middle School Recharge
5 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	6 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	7 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting	8 8:00 AM 9th Gr. Confirmation Meeting 7:00 PM Worship	9 Pastor's Conference 1:30 PM WELCA	10	11
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	13 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting	14 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	15 7:00 PM Worship	16 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM WELCA serves Joy Day at Senior Center	17 Women of Faith 6:30 PM Middle School Recharge	18 Middle School Recharge Women of Faith 5:00 PM Parents Nite Out
19 Women of Faith 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF) 6:00 PM Youth Encounter	20 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	21	22 7:00 PM Worship	23	24	25
26 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Worship Service, Distribute Preschool Bibles, and Children Sing 10:00 AM Faith Formation with Friends (FFF)	27 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	28 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	29 7:00 PM Worship, Distribute Preschool Bibles and Children Sing	30	31	1 All Saints Day

Financial Report - September 2014

	2013	2014	Budget 2014
Beginning Balance – Jan. 1st	\$23,002.00	\$7,513.00	
Income - September	\$140,453.00	\$158,127.00	\$181,733.00
Expenses -September	\$160,864.00	\$166,790.00	\$181,733.00
Balance	\$2,591.00	\$-1,150.00	
Loan – Security Financial Bank	\$97,344.00	\$84,747.00	

Council Updates

A message from the Social Ministry Committee:

We will be having a committee meeting on Sunday, October 12 – 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Meeting is open to anyone interested in helping coordinate volunteer events

St John's Lutheran hosting Agnes Table in December.

Committee Liaison
Pauline Stertz



A message from the Worship and Music Committee:

Green hymnals not selected will be available to make hymnal angels. See display on the welcome center. If you are interested in this project, sign up on the sheet next the the display. Any questions you may contact Martha Libersky or Janice Naset.

Committee Members: Kathy Geissler, Lisa Goettl, Jan Helgeson, Janelle Yeakey, and Janice Naset/ Chairperson/Council Liaison

Committee Liaison:
Janice Naset

Congratulations to Erin and Brandon Peterson on the recent Baptism of their daughter Londyn Elizabeth Peterson! Congratulations to the sponsors' Twyla & Aaron Kite , Erin Gaier, and Gina Durch



Congratulations to Nikki and Tyler Seibel on the recent Baptism of their daughter Madison Lynn Seibel. Congratulations to the sponsors' Eric Wilson and Kelsie Seibel.



**CAPTIVE FREE WEST LAKES
YOUTH ENCOUNTER**

SUNDAY, OCT. 19 from 6-7:30 pm

FAMILY NIGHT PROGRAM
St. John's Lutheran



Music



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Skits & More

All Ages Welcome
Refreshments Served @ 7:30 pm

CHILDREN'S VOICES

Sunday, October 26 during 9 am worship
Wednesday, October 29 during 7 pm worship



COMING SOON TO ST. JOHN'S
OCT. 5, NOV. 2, DEC. 7 @ 10:15 AM
Food & Fellowship at Its Best
Monetary Donations Appreciated



**BUTTERBRAID PASTRY SALE
NOVEMBER 2014**

\$12.00 for each 1lb. 6oz.
Braided pastry ordered
A Variety of Selections Available
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

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

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

Sr. High Youth: To be announced

Youth and Family



“Change is not something that we should fear. Rather, it is something that we should welcome. For without change, nothing in this world would ever grow or blossom and no one in this world would ever move forward to become the person they’re meant to be.” B.K.S. Lyengar

My oldest daughter sent this quote to me in August when the school year begins in Atlanta, GA. I’m fairly certain that she was contemplating the fact that her oldest child would be entering 9th grade. Time does move very quickly. Without change we would not blossom or become what God has intended for us to be.

The so called “learning year” has begun at St. John’s. Change or rather becoming is part of the environment here as well. Learning has become Faith Formation. Teachers have become Friends in Faith. What does that mean you might ask? I believe that faith is caught not taught. I/we can teach the bible stories but until they become a part of your being and influence how we live our lives they remain stories. We have an awesome group of Friends in Faith who share their faith with children and young adults each week. Please take time to thank them.

There are additional changes that are being implemented at St. John’s this year as well. Parent orientations were scheduled for parents of children ages preschool through eighth grade. This provided an opportunity for parents to share important information concerning their children with us. It also gave an opportunity for us to share safe practice procedures that will be implemented during all times when children are in this space. This year we are asking parents or a designated adult to come in to the building to pick up their children and initial a sign out sheet before their child leaves at the end of scheduled faith formation and activities. Room spaces will be numbered and class rolls listed by each door. We ask for your support as we continue to move forward providing opportunities for faith growth within a safe and loving environment for everyone.

Blessings, Marla

St. John's Preschool News

The month of Sept. is going by very quickly. We are getting to know our new students and their families, which is always an exciting time! The children are enjoying their mornings at preschool; making new friends, learning new things and having lots of time for fun.

Two openings in the Tues/Thurs class recently opened up. If you know any families with children who are at least three years old, please pass this information on to them. Families are welcome to come and see the preschool, meet the staff and ask questions about the program. The Tues/Thurs classes run from 8:00 - 10:30. Our mornings are filled with art projects, stories, music and free play in various learning centers.

For more information, call Michelle Gasper at 715-568-1060. It's going to be a great year!

Tuesday and Thursday Class



Monday, Wednesday, Friday Class