

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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- Youth and Family
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THE GENEROSITY PROJECT

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 7** when we host a synod-wide initiative called the Generosity Project. On that day, we want to fill our dining hall with members and guests from the area as Linda Staats, former Assistant to the Bishop from the Rocky Mountain Synod, leads this four-hour intergenerational workshop (9 am – 1 pm) about God's generosity and our response.

St. John's is one of the very few host sites across the country, which is why it's important to put out our best efforts to provide the kind of hospitality that our church and its guests have grown accustomed to. I hope that we can see people from all age demographics, especially since I promised to provide at least 15 youth in grades 2-12! This workshop will have a great deal to teach about God's abundant grace and how we have been charged to steward it well.

As the host congregation, we have been asked to provide juice containers (64 oz.) for participants as a craft project. These juice containers, preferably round, will be turned into new piggy banks! There is a large container in the narthex area to deposit these containers, so feel free to stock up now and bring it in with you to church!

I am hoping for a great turnout from our people. You can sign up in the narthex area to show your commitment to this event. We are already receiving interest from churches far away, including Iowegians! Lunch will be provided along with childcare if you need it. Stay tuned for the cost of the event to cover the materials.

~Pastor Martin

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Bible Basics



August 23

Today's Old Testament lesson is from Joshua 24. Which of the following famous passages is from this chapter?

- A. "Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God." (Ruth 1)
- B. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24)
- C. "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." (Jesus in Matthew 19)
- D. "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (God to Moses in Numbers 6)

August 30

What is the tradition of the elders that the disciples broke when with Jesus?

- A. Praying before the meal
- B. Washing their hands before the meal
- C. Respecting the elderly in public
- D. Removing their cap during the national anthem

September 6

A Syrophenician woman came to Jesus asking him to heal her daughter, who was demon-possessed. In his response, what did Jesus compare her daughter to?

- A. A leper
- B. A cherub
- C. A prophet
- D. A dog

September 20

Just this past week, the ELCA recently achieved a long-desired milestone. What was it?

- A. Adding 100 mission development churches in 2 years
- B. Publishing the second edition of the Lutheran Study Bible
- C. Raising \$15 million for the ELCA Malaria Campaign in 5 years
- D. Full participation in God's Work, Our Hands events

A message from the Property Committee:

By the time you are reading this the bathrooms may be finished! Horray! I hope everyone has had a chance to look at them and see what major improvements have been made.

The bills are starting to come in now and we are so incredibly blessed that so far everyone is sticking to their bid price. The carpenter, Nick Schemenauer, had to build some additional walls that weren't in his bid, but using some donated lumber he didn't charge any additional labor. R & L Tile had to do some additional work also, but didn't go over their bid. Bauman Construction is not adding their usual mark-up to any materials that were ordered through them. I think this is amazing!

Some other things that were done to cut some costs are:

- ◆ We are reusing one of the mirrors so will be ordering 3 instead of 4
- ◆ We are reusing one toilet that was only a couple years old so only have to buy 2 instead of 3
- ◆ We can reuse the 2 on-demand water heaters that were under the sinks
- ◆ Some of the old lumber was able to be reused
- ◆ Unfinished cabinets, doors and trim were purchased instead of prefinished at approx. half the cost of finished lumber. The stain, varnish, and labor were donated.

We do have to remember, though, that there will be an additional cost because of the water leak to the street. As I understand, this was an ongoing problem and would have to be fixed at some point anyway. The City of Bloomer said that copper pipe had to be used instead of plastic, which is more expensive. Also there have been problems in the past with the water freezing up and copper pipe can be thawed, whereas plastic cannot. Styrofoam was put down on top of the pipes as added insulation so they won't freeze as easily. So the plumbing will cost more than their original bid and there will be an additional cement cost for the sidewalk.

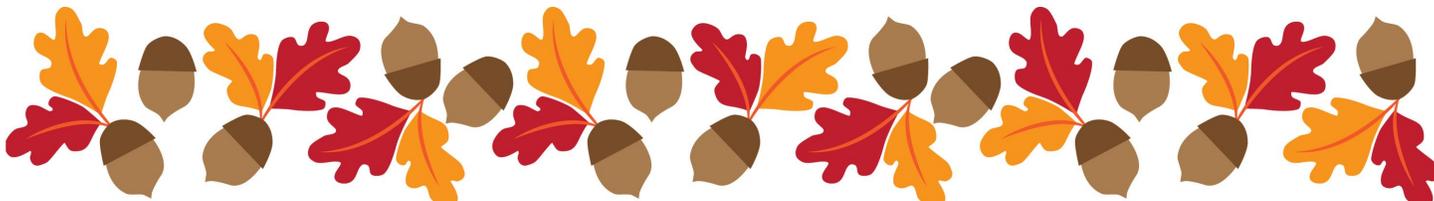
To date \$2,750.00 has been paid out in bills leaving a balance of \$10,965.00 in the bathroom fund. In addition to this, Tom Buchner is having another plant sale on Sat., Sept. 19 with the proceeds going to the bathroom fund and a gift of \$1000.00 has been given by Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Hansen of Edgerton, WI in memory of Shirley Schmidt. Thank you to everyone for your generosity so far!

The property committee would also like to thank Jim Bresina for being our general contractor on this project. If we would have hired a company as the general contractor we would have been much nearer the \$50,000.00 estimate Jim gave us at the annual meeting. He has put in countless hours of organizing, ordering, supervising and manual labor to hold costs down.

Thank you and God Bless!

The Property Committee: Dennis & Val Rubenzer
Greg Anderson
Pete Zeman

Rod Schmidt
Nadine Bresina
Alice Zinsmaster, Church Council Liason



OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Zephany McKinziey Prill 10:15 AM Worship and Music Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation	28 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	29 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	30 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Youth Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship	1 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting	2 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study in Library	3
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Council Meeting September 8, 2015

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

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Pat Boettcher

Agenda Amendment: add guest Nadine Bresina-bathroom renovation update

Agenda Approval: Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster to approve amended agenda, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek. Motion carried

Approval of August council meeting minutes: Motion made by Pat Boettcher to approve minutes, seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried

Council member concerns: Cleanliness of Theatre Room. Concerns of bulletin information being incorrect and/or missing.

Congregational concerns: Missing chairs in Narthex area. Collection plates looking tarnished. Mess and dust of the construction area.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship: Met on September 2nd discussed current and some new events and opportunities and how to get new congregation members involved. Meeting was well attended.

Property: Bathroom renovation update-contemplating completion in 2-3 weeks if all goes as planned. Live electrical wires were found in walls during renovation and were taken care of properly. Unfinished cabinets were purchased to keep cost down and Jim and Nadine stained/varnished them themselves.

Social Ministry: St John's hosted Agnes Table on Thursday, September 3rd, served 114.

Worship and Music: Met August 16th. Marla is working with youth to plan worship duty schedule. Rally Sunday will be "Camp Style Service" along with pot luck lunch held at North Park. September 20th will be the start of the last new service setting of four. This setting will be used through Easter. September 2nd Wednesday night service was the start of the new 6:45p.m. start time.

Dream Team: Met with some community leaders. St John's is pursuing an opportunity to participate in a community project through an organization 'Rebuilding Together'. Pat Boettcher mentioned Chippewa County Housing Authority a possible lead to find people/family in need.

Youth/Family: Met August 24th. Rally Sunday to be held September 13th at North Park. Confirmation classes starting September 9th. In need of helpers/ volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday Formation classes. Contemplating a Mission Trip in the future as some youth are showing interest.

Chair Report: President Rod presented literature that he received in regards to Synod Evaluation of Churches.

Pastor Report:

Membership Update: Membership by baptism-Gavin Richardson, Journey Babbitt. Motion made by Janice Naset to approve membership update and seconded by Kathy Faschingbauer. Motion carried

Visits: in town home visits, Eau Claire visit, pastoral care.

Generosity Project: St John's will be hosting this event on November 6th and 7th.

Council Meeting

Financial Report: Motion was made by Pat Boettcher to accept financial report, seconded by Tom Buchner. Motion carried

Old Business:

Building Maintenance: Entrance/monitor mirror has been mounted. Collecting bids from pest control companies as there has been an issue of bats present in the building. One bid received from Prompt Action Pest Control.

Policy updates: still in progress

God's Work-Our Hands: Group project scheduled for Saturday, September 12th at Luther Park. St John's project volunteers will be meeting in church parking lot at 8:00a.m. and carpooling to Luther Park to work with synod council members in painting the barn that is located in the park.

New Business:

2016 budget process- requesting all committees to have their input turned in to Pastor/church office by October 31st. Bloomer clergy Association met and have decided and agreed to an annual association fee of \$50

Motion made by Pat Boettcher to go into close session, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried

Discussion of pastor evaluation form results. No action taken in closed session.

Motion made by Pat Boettcher to move out of closed session, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m. with the Lord's Prayer

Pauline Stertz/Secretary

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

Financial Report - 2015

	2014	2015	BUDGET 2015
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$ 7,513.00	\$3,150.00	
Income -August	\$142,469.00	\$143,923.00	\$156,222.00
Expenses - August	\$139,434.00	\$149,023.00	\$156,222.00
Balance	\$10,548.00	\$(1,950.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$87,747.00	\$74,754.00	
Loan - Security Financial		\$2,500.00	

BINGO RETURNS!!

When: Sunday, October 18 & November 15

Time: 1:00 -3:30 p.m.

Donations welcome for prizes.

If you have any questions please contact Tom Buchner

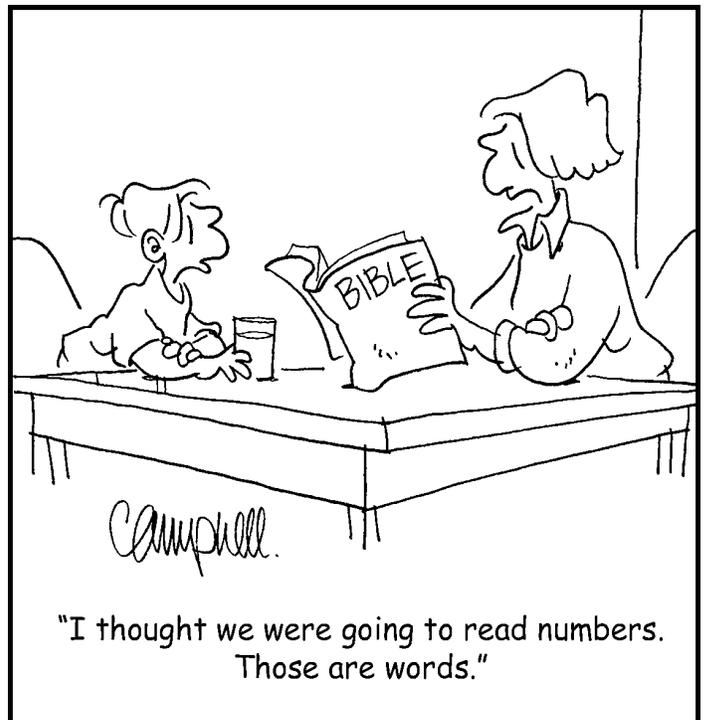
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Quilting

Tuesday, October 20th

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Sunday: 10:15am-11:25am

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5
Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Wednesday: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5
Rotation Workshop: Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
3rd Grade: Explorers
4th & 5th Grade "Bible 101"
Confirmation: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Sr. High Youth: To be announced

BREAKING NEWS

LUTHER PARK

BIBLE CAMP

CHETEK, WISCONSIN

2015-2016

RECHARGE

WHEN: October 16-17, 2015

November 6-7, 2015

January 8-9, 2016

March 4-5, 2016

WHERE: Luther Park Bible Camp

944 24 1/4 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

PRESCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATION

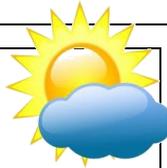
Sun. Oct. 25 @ 9 am Worship

Wed. Oct. 28 @ 6:45 pm Worship



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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"Grace is the face love wears when it meets imperfection."

~Author Unknown

Preschool News

Our school year has begun, with much excitement and enthusiasm. The children are ready to build friendships and learn new things. We've been able to get outside here and there, since the rain took a bit of a break.

We have a couple of excursions planned for the coming weeks. We'll walk to Shadick's grocery store during our apple-themed week. Kathy in the produce department will be showing us the many varieties of apples, and telling us about their differences. We'll be able to go in the back area of the store and see how they are bagged and prepared for sale. The children will be able to take an apple home with them to enjoy.

We'll meet our friend Kathy Larson at the Bloomer public library, for a tour and story time. The children will be able to see the wonderful area designed just for young 'readers', complete with a loft and several furry puppets. If they don't already have a library card, this can be a great time to obtain one to hopefully begin their life-long love of reading.

Thank you to Pete and Marla Paulson for their generous gift of \$200 given to the preschool this month. Your support is such a blessing! Also very much appreciated are the Thrivent Choice Dollars recently designated to our program from Karla and Steven Streich. Gifts such as these help us to continue offering a high quality preschool, with great educational programming and reasonable tuition rates.

Call Michelle at 715-568-1060 for more information, or to enroll your child. We welcome children to join us throughout the school year, as they turn three.

Here's to another event-filled school year!

