

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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SYNOD ASSEMBLY RECAP Lutheran Social Services Sunday

Lutheran Social Services is an agency that has a branch in many states (as far as I know!) including Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan. At our most recent synod assembly in May, a resolution was passed overwhelmingly (99% in favor) to act upon the following:

Resolved by the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin that: Congregations of this synod are encouraged to observe an annual Lutheran Social Services Sunday where this ministry of the church is remembered in prayer, information on the breadth and scope of services shared, and an opportunity for financial support made available.

In the body of this resolution, it states that LSS operates over 260 programs in 115 communities throughout Wisconsin and the U.P. These programs include:

- ◆ A residential treatment center for addictions
- ◆ Independence support for persons with disabilities
- ◆ A drop-in shelter for individuals with mental illness and those experiencing homelessness
- ◆ Offender case management
- ◆ Eau Claire County mental health crisis facility
- ◆ Runaway and youth services
- ◆ Foster care
- ◆ Adoption and pregnancy services
- ◆ Counseling

Over 100,000 people are impacted by these incredible services!

You might know that we will offer \$3,900 this year to support LSS out of our congregational budget (up from \$3,750 last year). Working with so many congregations in our synod through our partnerships in resolutions like these help us impact people that truly have important needs to be addressed. The ministry of LSS is indeed a strong branch of the Lutheran church and truly extends the gospel in very meaningful and heartfelt ways!

Office number: 715-568-5446

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

Bible Basics

September 4

Today's New Testament lesson is nearly the entire book of Philemon (make yourselves comfortable...) How many New Testament books including Philemon are just one chapter long?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Philemon, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

September 11

In the story of the Golden Calf, Moses descends from the mountain and throws the 10 Commandments down in disgust after convincing God to not destroy the people out of anger. What happens to the Golden Calf?

- A. The 10 Commandments demolish it
- B. God destroys it with a bolt of lightning from the heavens
- C. Moses makes his brother Aaron destroy it
- D. Moses burns it, scatters the ashes in water, and makes the people drink it

September 18

In today's gospel Jesus shares a parable where a rich man fires his collections manager. How does the manager respond?

- A. He summons the master's debtors and cuts their debts significantly to gain favor with them
- B. He attempts to regain favor with his master by doubling his most recent investment
- C. He buries his assets in the sand out of fear of his master
- D. He becomes his own Godfather on the other side of town

September 25

According to 1 Timothy, it is written that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (NRSV). What does the author advise in response to this truth?

- A. Like Jesus said, sell all of your possessions and give the money to the poor
- B. You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God
- C. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of eternal life
- D. Love your stuff instead and BUY, BUY BUY!

An invitation to protect the youth of our community from **PORNOGRAPHY**

October 22, 2016 • 8:45 a.m. - noon

Bloomer Senior High School Commons

1310 17th Avenue, Bloomer, WI 54724 • Call Pat @ 715.568.1979

RSVP FOR FREE OFFSITE CHILDCARE • GUEST SPEAKER: ABBY LUDVIGSON

Our aim is to empower parents with the confidence to engage in a fruitful conversation on pornography & its effects.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: Since we had such a successful Spring clean-up here at church we have decided to have a Fall clean-up day also. It will be on Saturday, October 29 from 8:00 - 12:00. One of our projects will be raking the leaves from the lawns, so if you are interested in this project please bring along a rake. Please watch the bulletin for more details. If any committees have projects that they would like included on this day, please let Dennis know.

Other big news is that the bathroom loan has been paid in full! Money from a generous memorial donation has been used to pay off the bathroom loan, finish replacing the rock around the church, purchased the refrigerator in the dining room and an AED (defibrillator) for the church, and will pay for the labor and glue for replacing the tile floor in the Altar Guild room.

Once the AED arrives it will be mounted in the Narthex and training in its use will be provided. Anyone interested in attending this training please contact Pastor. The date of the training will be announced once it arrives. We would like people from both the Wednesday night and Sunday morning services to attend.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather!

The Property Committee: Dennis & Val Rubenzer

Gregg Anderson

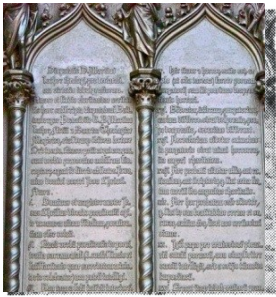
Rodney Schmidt

Zach Bohl

Nadine Bresina, chairperson

Alice Zinsmaster, liaison to the church council

“Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation (plus Macy’s Santaland and Christmas Lights) Saturday, December 10, 2016



The Fellowship Committee of St. Johns is excited to offer a once-in-a-lifetime experience to travel to the Minneapolis Institute of Art to tour the exhibition of “Martin Luther: Art and Reformation”. In preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, the Luther House in Wittenberg, Germany is temporarily closing. This Martin Luther exhibit has been put together for a close-up of Luther’s life through his possessions and archaeological finds from his childhood and adult homes.

After the tour, we will go to downtown Minneapolis and Macy’s Department Store’s 8th Floor Auditorium. For nearly 50 years, their Holiday display has enchanted visitors of all ages. Now known as Macy’s Santaland, the annual “A Day in the Life of an Elf” animated theme is the story of how Santa’s elves prepare for Christmas. The time we need here, will depend on the lines and crowds to go through the displays. There will be an opportunity to catch something to eat before we leave.

We’ll drive through several neighborhoods known for their holiday lights displays in the Cities and a drive through Irvine Park on the way home will complete our day. Depending on the crowds and the weather we should be home about 10:00 pm.

Itinerary:

- 12:00 – noon - Leave the Church Parking Lot (eat before we leave – not stopping)
- 3:00 – Martin Luther Exhibition and tour
- 4:30 –6:30 - Macy’s 8th Floor Christmas display and grab a bite to eat
- Christmas Light Tours
- 10:00pm estimated arrival back in Bloomer

Price per person: \$40.00 (family over 4 people-\$150.00)

Name(s)

_____ @ \$40.00 Total: _____ Phone # _____

Bus Seat Choice: Front _____ **Middle** _____ **Back** _____

Rec’d by _____ **Date Pd.** _____

Make reservations in the Church Office and make checks payable to St. John’s Lutheran Church



The WELCA meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13th at 1:30 p.m. in the church dining room. Lunch will be served following the meeting. *All ladies are welcome!*



Groups and Committees

If you have photos of you working or having fun, e-mail them or hand them in to Tracey in the office. Let the congregation see what's going on in our church, it's good to share your activities. They will be featured in the slide shows sometime during the service.



October, 16th Blessing of the Pets Service

Bring your pets, dogs, cats, rabbits or whatever. They are all God's creatures whom we love and desire God's blessing.



Quilting: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 1 - 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.



"Anything about leash laws?"



Financial Report-2016

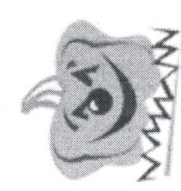
	2015	2016	BUDGET 2016
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$2,143.00	\$4,401.00	
Income-September	\$164,303.00	\$148,752.00	\$186,924.00
Expenses-September	\$172,926.00	\$172,251.00	\$186,924.00
Balance-September	\$3,219.00	(\$3,641.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$74,725.00	\$71,000.00	General Fund
Loan - Security Financial	\$5,000.00		Bathrooms



Above picture: M-W-F class
 Below picture: Tues & Thurs class



OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 9:00 AM Distribution of 4th Gr Bibles 9:00 AM Worship Service and Preschool Installation 10:15 AM Loving Your Neighbor Housing Interview 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation 5:30 PM Cross Generation Workshop at Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire</p>	<p>26 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action Meeting</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:15 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>28 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 6:45 PM Worship and Distribution of 4th Gr. Bibles</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>3 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 6:45 PM Worship 7:45 PM 9th Gr. Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:15 PM Discipleship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Zaknafein & Nakita Sarauer 10:15 AM Financial Peace University 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>10 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>11 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 9:15 AM Bloomer Clergy Meeting 3:30 PM 6th Gr. Acolyte Training 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>13 1:30 PM WELCA 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 Newsletter Article Deadline 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:00 AM Worship Service, Baptism for Oakley Kyle Prill, and Blessing of the Pets 10:15 AM Financial Peace University 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation</p>	<p>17 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>18 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting</p>	<p>19 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>20 No Preschool Pastor attending Conf. of Pastors</p>	<p>21 No Preschool 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM Pornography Forum (for parents)</p>
<p>23 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Financial Peace University 10:15 AM Worship and Music Committee Meeting 10:15 AM Youth Faith Formation 1:30 PM Banquet Setup 6:00 PM Mission Trip Stockholder Banquet</p>	<p>24 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>25 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>26 4:45 PM Wednesday Meal 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>
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Council Meeting September 13, 2016

Meeting called to order by co-chair Adam Ewing

Devotion by Tyler Halverson

Agenda Amendment: Motion made by Janice Naset to add Sale of Boy Scouts Christmas Wreaths to New Business, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster, motion carried.

Approval of Amended Agenda: Motion made by Tyler Halverson to approve amended agenda, seconded by Lynette Pank. Motion carried.

Approval of August meeting minutes: Motion made by Alice Zinsmaster to approve minutes, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek. Motion carried.

Council and/or Congregation comments: *Suggestion was made to have a photo put in the Bloomer Advance of St John's presenting check (money collected in July, August and September) to Bloomer Food Pantry. *Announce in service the name of who donated alter flowers. *Ladies Guild commented on how wonderful the dining-room refinished floor looks.

Financial Report: Motion made by Janice Naset to approve financial report, seconded by Tom Buchner. Motion carried.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry: *Starting October 2nd a nine week(Sundays) financial course, Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" will be offered for a cost to participants. The course will be led by Pastor Martin. An upfront materials cost of \$1,200 was paid out. *Fall campaign letters are in process to be sent out to congregation members. * Work in progress for developing an on-line/alternative giving opportunity on St. John's web site.

Fellowship Ministry: * Bingo starts back up in October. *December 10th Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation Trip.

Property Committee: *New refrigerator was purchased for dining hall. * 'Take Pride in your Church'-Fall Clean-Up Day to be scheduled in October. Alter Guild brought to council -attention to possible renovation of the Sacristy

Social Ministry: *Special collection for Bloomer Food Pantry ends September 30th. *Synod Grant for community outreach has been received and the search for community family/person is in progress.

Worship/Music Ministry: *Hymns through Thanksgiving have been chosen.*Piano lamp has been replaced with a new one. *Selected and scheduled a Sunday service to include 'Blessing of Backpacks' and 'Blessing of Pets.' *October notes change in service setting and changes in language in some prayers already in place in September. *2016 Christmas Pageant will be held on the last Wednesday Advent Service date.

Council Meeting

Youth/Family Ministry: *Mission Trip banquet to be held October 23rd. Ministry designated \$500 to Bloomer Police Department for print of 'National Child Safety' pamphlets to be distributed throughout the schools and community. *Rally Day was a success.

Motion was made by Lynette Pank to approve 'Youth Butter-Braid Christmas Fund Raiser' annually in the month of Novemer, seconded by NickZakrzewicz. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Membership: By baptism-Jase Butterfield, Avery Waldofski. Transfers-Mark, Jill, Madilyn and Karsten Bergh. Motion made by Tom Buchner to accept membership update, seconded by Ellyn Hudacek. Motion carried.

Visitations: In home visits.

Suggestion Box: St. John's having "Prayer Chain"

\$50 donation by the Youth/Family Ministry to church nursery.

Youth in Action group(High School age) church and community involvement

Old Business: Review of Policies/Practices

Motion was made by Tom Buchner to empower executive committee to review and amend said policies/practices, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Discussion was had by council to have executive committee to only review policies and bring them back to council for acceptance of any changes/amendments. Motion was made by Tom Buckner to rescind first motion to empower committee to amend policies/practices, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried. Second motion was made to have executive committee review policies and bring back to council for approval by Janice Naset, seconded by Alice Zinsmaster. Motion carried.

New Business: Changes in Constitution, Boy Scout Wreath Sales

Letter was received of changes needed to be made to the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was brought to the council. These changes will be brought before the congregation at the annual meeting to be held in 01/2017.

It was brought before council if Boy Scouts could set up a table at church to sell Christmas wreaths before and after services. After discussion the decision was made to not start the practice of having outside groups set up sales tables in the church.

Motion was made by Tyler Halverson to adjourn meeting, seconded by Nick Zakrzewicz. Motion carried. 7:45p.m. meeting adjourned and closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Pauline Stertz/Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Adam Ewings, Janice Naset, Alice Zinsmaster, Lynette Pank, Ellyn Hudacek, Nick Zakrzewicz, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Pauline Stertz. Absent: Rod Johnson, Phil Skaar

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULES

Sunday: 10:15am-11:25am

Faith 5 Small Groups: Preschool Age 3 through 5th Grade

Wednesday: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Preschool: Ages 3, 4, & sometimes 5

Faith 5 Small Groups: Kindergarten through 5th Grade

Confirmation: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade

SR. High Youth in Action: Dates to be Announced

PRESCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sun. Oct. 30 @ 9 am Worship

Wed. Nov. 2 @ 6:45 pm Worship



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!



BREAKING NEWS LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP CHETEK, WISCONSIN

2016-2017 RECHARGE

October 14-15, 2016

November 4-5, 2016

January 6-7, 2017

March 3-4, 2017

WHERE: Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 ¼ Street
Chetek, WI 54729

WHO: Individuals in Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

COST: \$80.00, Includes programming from 7 pm Friday to 7 pm Saturday, meals, lodging, and Recharge t-shirt.

REGISTER ONLINE @ www.lutherpark.org



“Grace is the face love wears when it meets imperfection.”

~Author Unknown





CHILDREN'S VOICES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 9 AM WORSHIP

AND

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 @ 6:45 PM WORSHIP



FRIENDS IN FAITH FORMATION

Loving children, sharing bible stories, relating the bible story to life today.

What's that look like? A small group of children, middle & Sr. high kids and adults sharing highs and lows and a bible story, relating highs and lows to the story and our daily lives, praying for each other, friends and the world and leaving with a blessing.

Hmmmm, seems like the bible stories I know in my head become a part of my heart and my life. I think I'd like to try that. What are the ages involved?

Children, Middle & Sr. High Kids, and Adults.

So everyone is invited. Yes Everyone. **COME AND SEE**

SUNDAY @ 10:15 AM

OR

WEDNESDAY @ 5:30 PM

