

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:

- ◆ Church News
- ◆ Church Council Minutes
- ◆ Calendar
- ◆ Preschool



After many years of hard work and dedication, Connie Stertz has decided to step down from her position on the Library Board. Connie has devoted countless volunteer hours maintaining our library over the years, and thanks to her efforts we have a very user friendly library. Thank you Connie, we'll miss you and your input at our board meetings. God's Blessings.

~The Library Board



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CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN PRAYER SERVICE

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther proposed his 95 Theses in a desire to reform the Church. This year marks the 500th anniversary of that historic event. The last 500 years have seen both helpful reforms and sad divisions. We pray for unity while staying committed to the truth. Throughout the world, Lutherans and Catholics will be gathering to pray together and commit together to the things we share in common. Locally, a Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1712 Highland Ave., Eau Claire, on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00PM. A choir of over 200 will lead the music. Food and fellowship will follow immediately at St John Lutheran Church, right across the street. All Lutherans, Catholics and others are welcome.



Office number: 715-568-5446

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

Church News



Social Ministry special offering collection supporting the local Bloomer Food Pantry. Offering envelopes are available in pews. (labeled small gold envelopes)

Small-Group News



WELCA meeting will be held on October 12th at 1:30 in the dining room. Lunch to follow. All ladies are Welcome.

ST. JOHN'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEEDED:

Our long term financial secretary, Pat Prill, will be retiring from this position in January at the annual meeting. This part time position (8-12 hours/week) will begin January 1 to allow for a few weeks of training with Pat to smooth the transition. Applications are available in the office. Completed position descriptions will be forthcoming. We are looking for candidates with payroll expertise, a team player, and a strong work ethic. This position offers flexible hours and a great work environment!

Questions can be referred to Pastor Martin.



Have you moved recently? Please update your information by calling the church office.

715-568-5446



"Come and see" (John 1:45-46)



Bloomer MEMORY CAFÉ

COFFEE • CONVERSATION • COMMUNITY

A Memory Café offers a safe, comfortable, engaging environment for those with early stage memory loss and their caregivers. It's a way for you to have fun and socialize with others in an informal, relaxed environment. You will experience peer support, laughter, new friends, and delicious refreshments all at no charge.

When: First Tuesday of each month*

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Where: Main Street Cafe
1418 Main Street
Bloomer

Expect: Social connections with others
having a similar experience

An informal, relaxed environment

Laughter

New friends

Delicious refreshments

Cost: Free

2017 Dates

~~Feb 7~~

~~Mar 7~~

~~Apr 4~~

~~May 2~~

~~Jun 13*~~

~~July 11*~~

~~Aug 1~~

~~Sep 5~~

Oct 3

Nov 7

Dec 5

* Second Tuesday

For more information call
the ADRC at
(715) 726-7777



Church Council Meeting September 12, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: by Tom Buchner – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 6.

Amend and Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Barb Ross, to amend the agenda to add “Pulpit Supply Guidelines” to New Business. Motion carried to approve the amended agenda.

Approval of August meeting minutes: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Janice Naset, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Comments: Concern over timeliness of mailing of newsletter. Comment on condition of slats/vents in belfry. Compliments received on quality of St John’s Preschool.

Congregational Comments: Music on screens at Wednesday services are hard to see because of small print. The addition of paper copies of songs was appreciated.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Tom Buchner, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry:

- ◆ Fall Small Group campaign has begun and letters have been mailed. Sign up for small groups will run from Sept 24 through Oct 11. Groups will meet Oct 15-Nov 4, with Commitment Sunday on Nov 5 and Wed Nov 8. All are encouraged to participate.

Fellowship Ministry:

- ◆ Bingo will return on Sunday, Sept 17 at **3:00** (time changed for this month only.)

Property Committee:

- ◆ Many projects are, or will be, wrapped up, including updating sacristy; addition of an AED; new stove/refrigerator; lower sink in preschool area; security system; basketball hoop.
- ◆ Water damage has been noted in balcony area and is being assessed.

Social Ministry:

- ◆ Agnes’ Table was served on August 24. Ten volunteers from St John’s served 60 people.
- ◆ Gold envelopes are in the pews for special collection for Food Pantry in September. Please write your name on the envelopes if you would like your cash donation included on your giving statement.

Worship/Music Ministry:

- ◆ Blessing of backpacks was held on Rally Day, will be repeated on Sunday, September 17.

Youth/Family Ministry:

- ◆ Rally Day was a success; balloon entertainer and gaga pit were big hits.
- ◆ 8th through 12th grade youth are encouraged to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering which will be held in Houston, TX, June 27 – July 1, 2018. Next planning meeting is Monday, September 25 at 6:30 in the sanctuary.
- ◆ Youth In Action have stripped wallpaper in the nursery and plan to paint the room.
- ◆ Looking ahead to fundraisers and possibility of having a raffle.

Church Council Meeting

Dream Team: None.

Preschool:

- ◆ Enrollment is nearly full.
- ◆ Climbing tower has been assembled in the playground area.

Council President's Report: Reminder to submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting. Next meeting will be October 10, 2017 at 6:30

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Worked with property committee on facility/grounds issues.
- ◆ Attended Preschool Carnival and met with families.
- ◆ Visited with families at a baptism celebration.
- ◆ Asked a member to serve on hiring team.
- ◆ Working with Discipleship Committee on Small Group Method.
- ◆ Continued community involvement by training for Mayo Clinic Hospital Board; attended Chamber of Commerce annual fundraising picnic and monthly meeting.
- ◆ Developed hiring process for custodian at Parkview Apartments.
- ◆ Visitation at Dove/Atrium. Also visited Jeanette Wolf.
- ◆ Provided premarital counseling.
- ◆ **Baptism:** Emma Edin and Bentley Babbitt. Motion made by Tom Buchner, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve membership update. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- ◆ Discussed Financial Secretary Hiring Timeline.
- ◆ Security System is in place. **Please use entrance near west parking lot when entering the building (other than Worship and Faith Formation times).**
- ◆ New and improved website is up and running! It can be found at www.stjohns-bloomer.org.
- ◆ Discussed Portico benefits for employees.
- ◆ Synod Capital Campaign details will be discussed with Social Ministry committee.
- ◆ Discussed formation of Nominating Committee for council candidates.
- ◆ A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Phil Skaar, to allocate \$60 for council members to attend Council Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek on Saturday, October 14th from 9:00-3:00. Motion carried.

New Business:

- ◆ Discussed Fall Discipleship Drive.
- ◆ Discussed "Apps with Bishop" opportunity.
- ◆ Committees should begin working on budget needs for next year. Budget committee is being formed.
- ◆ A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Barb Ross, to create a Pulpit Supply Guideline. Effective immediately, a supply pastor providing Sunday service and Wednesday service will receive \$175; serving one service alone and one jointly with Pastor will receive \$150; serving one service will receive \$125. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 PM by Tom Buchner, with a second by Phil Skaar. The motion carried. The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Philip Skaar, Lynette Pank, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Janice Naset, Ellyn Hudacek, Barb Ross, Pauline Stertz, Lisa Prill. Absent: Nic Zakrzewicz, Rod Johnson.

Sign up time is here! Our theme for these upcoming exciting events is: **Building to Share – Together to Serve.** Our goals are to gather a greater number of individuals for worship, to welcome more volunteers onboard, and to increase our number of giving households.

September 8, 2017 informational letters were sent to all of our friends and families of St. John's. This reminder provided important dates regarding our small group gatherings.

September 20, 2017 invitations were sent to all of our friends and families of St. John's. The invitations provided information on where to sign up for our small group gatherings.

September 24 and 27, 2017 this mission moment provides information on our small group gatherings and how to sign up. This in depth information summarizes this exciting event.

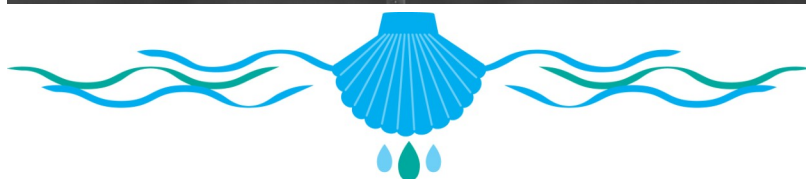
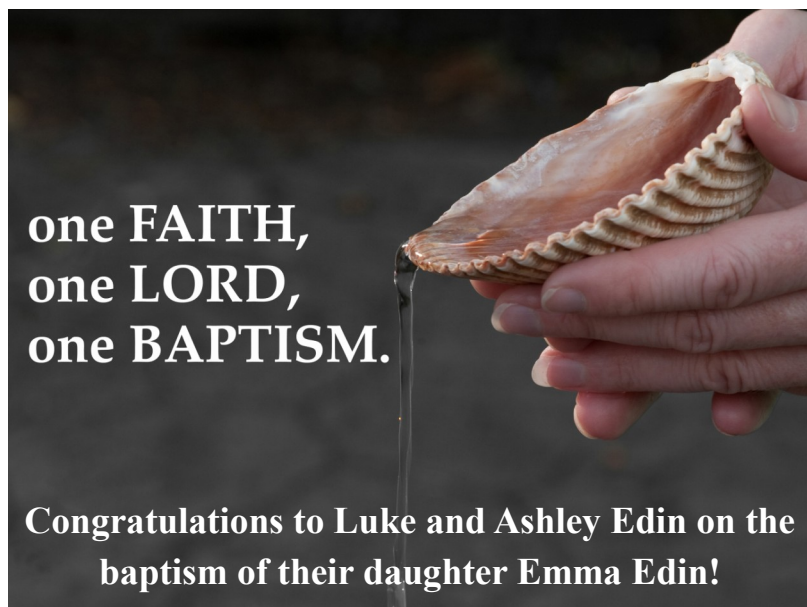
September 24 through October 11, 2017 is sign up time for our small group gatherings. These gatherings will be 60 to 90 minutes in length with 6 – 15 members and a moderator.

October 1 and 4, 2017 this mission moment provides first-hand knowledge of what it means to be involved with ministry opportunities within our church and how beneficial this growth is for each member.

October 15 through November 4, 2017 we will be gathering for our small group gatherings. We will message information on growing our church family.

November 5 through 11, 2017 is Commitment week. Faith commitment cards will be submitted during worship on November 5th and November 8, 2017. During this week, members who have not responded or attended a small group discussion will be contacted.

Building to Share – Together to Serve. We look forward to working with each of you, so we may continue to grow and strengthen our church family.

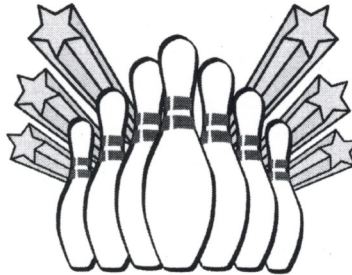


OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Chase Daniel Blaha 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM Property committee Meeting</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Pastor Martin & Marla attending Orange Tour</p>	<p>4 11:00 AM Bloomer Clergy Meeting at St. John's 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>5 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>6 Pastor attending a retreat 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Pastor attending a retreat</p>
<p>8 Pastor attending a retreat 9:00 AM Worship Service with guest preacher Martha Libersky 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>10 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>11 3:30 PM 6th Gr. Acolyte Training 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Safety Training 6:45 PM Worship Service with guest preacher Martha Libersky and Pastor Martin Halom</p>	<p>12 1:30 PM WELCA</p>	<p>13 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:00 AM Pet Blessing Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation</p>	<p>16 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>23 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>24 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>
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Pastor vs Preschoolers

Point Challenge



Congregation Donates	Pastor Pays Per Point
\$250	\$0.10
\$500	\$0.20
\$1000	\$0.25

St. John's Preschool's 5th Annual Bowl-A-Thon is just around the corner! Pastor Martin will be bowling with 15 preschoolers on Wed. October 18.

This year, he's issuing a point challenge. If our congregation collectively donates \$250 to the preschool, he will personally donate 10 cents per point difference between the Mon/Wed/Fri children's total scores and his score.

He will double his donation to 20 cents per point difference, if the congregation collectively donates \$500. And finally, he'd like to offer 25 cents per point difference, if the congregation donates \$1000. [*As an example: If the children's scores total 1,300 & Pastor Martin's score is 200, the difference of 1,100 points @ 25 cents per point would mean a personal donation of \$275 from him!]

Donations can be left at the display in the narthex between September 27 and October 15. Results will be announced after the bowl-a-thon. (Donations can also be directed to Janelle Yeakey board president, Heather Philipps administrator, Catelyn Faschingbauer director or dropped off in the church office during Tracey's regular hours).

Thank you in advance for your support!