



# St. John's Lutheran Church

**Mission Statement:**

**"Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's Love!"**

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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## 9th Grade Faith Statement

I believe that Jesus was the son of God. I also believe that he died for our sins. The first time I actually remember learning about Jesus was when I moved to Bloomer. I went to church and Sunday school in Minnesota but I was too young to remember most of it. My faith in Jesus Christ has shown me to people not on how they look but how they act. It has also told me to give them a second chance just like Jesus gave us a second chance when he died on the cross. I believe that Pastor Martin has shaped my faith the most so far. Dylan also has encouraged my faith by making church more fun to go to. I think the most helpful spiritual growth opportunity that I have had is when I went to the confirmation retreat that we had at Luther Park. To me getting confirmed is a big step in growing my faith and it lets me be a more helpful member of the church. By getting confirmed I am telling my fellow Christians that I truly believe in Jesus and God. Some things that challenged my faith was the fact that dinosaurs have been proven to exist and they are never mentioned in the bible, but I still believe in God and The Holy Spirit. My bible verse from Hebrews 13:5 "Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, I will leave you or forsake you."

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## Please Join Our Church Family In Prayer



As we enter the month of October, 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](mailto:stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net)



### Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Carolyn Bergh, Maggie Olson, Tom Buchner, Arlene Christianson, Ilene Pingel, Merv Marquardt, Willard Rogge, Rod Martin, Donna Kerckhove & Rene Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughters), Steve Trubshaw, Family and Friends of Tom Smith.

### Prayers for our Active Military

Jacob Dachel, Jacob Johnson, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

### Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>: Brian and Jill Meyer; Denise, Noah, Anders, Cole, and Dane Michaelson; Lanna and Raymond Michels; Bonnie, Robert, Benjamin, and Misty Mickelson.

Prayers for the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>: Kristine, Tyler, Charlie, and Lincoln Mickelson; Jeff, Teresa, Mariah, and Masen Miller; Arlene and Richard Mohr; Kristin, Tim, Micah, Miles, Tatem, and Tyler Mohr.

Prayers for the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>: Robert and Wendy Mooney; Heidi, Steve, and Alex Morning; lylah Morning; Tina and Travis Myers; Janice and Lee Naset; Butch, Sue, David, and James Nehring.

Prayers for the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>: Eva and Kenneth Newton; Al, Judy, Heidi, and Ryan Nimtz; Deborah Nissen; Jennifer, Philip, Evan, and Neveah Nitek.

# Church News

## Luther Park Needs Our Help

Due to summer 2019 windstorm at the Camp, much clean up of downed trees & brush is needed. There are a few acres that were clear cut & now need to be cleaned up so new trees can be planted. We are going to start a "group work in the woods day" on Mondays starting October 5. If you want firewood, take home as much as you want. Bring a chain saw or just your hands & feet to stack firewood, brush & smaller limbs. Bring your lunch or camp will furnish a light lunch if you let us know you are coming. Coffee & water will be available. Work time 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## A REQUEST FROM OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is in need of egg cartons. If you have extras headed for recycle center or the "circular file" please ... **DIVERT THEIR DESTINATION!** Please spread the word.

**THANK YOU!!**

## It's Time for TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Get ready for this year's event and spread the word to the community!  
 Sunday, October 25th starting at **noon.**



**NEEDED:** Someone to continue organizing St John's Lutheran Church 'Meals On Wheels' volunteers to deliver meals in the months of January and July for the upcoming year/s. To volunteer, please contact: Pauline Stertz at [pauline.stertz@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.stertz@gmail.com) or (715) 828-5714

## Deadline for November Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than **October 23rd.**

## FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of Sept. 28, 2020

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$151,801.49
Other Raised Funds	<u>11,578.68</u>
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 163,380.17</b>
- Expenses	<u>\$-186,299.71</u>
<b>Total remaining after expenses</b>	<b>\$ -22,919.55</b>



**OCTOBER 2020**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines <b>11:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Heart for Luther Park <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth In Action Picnic - North Park	<b>28</b> Fall Ministry Retreat <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth Commit- tee Meeting (zoom)	<b>29</b> Fall Ministry Retreat	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines <b>10:00 AM</b> J.A.M. Orienta- tion (Faith Five)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>7</b> Rally Day <b>11:00 AM</b> Bloomer Cler- gy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor <b>5:30 PM</b> J.A.M. Orienta- tion (Faith Five)	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Pastor's Con- ference	<b>9</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Wedding Rehears- al	<b>10</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Wedding
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth In Action	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>14</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation (tentative)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation (tentative)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service - see safety guidelines <b>12:00 PM</b> Trunk-Or-Treat <b>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Youth In Action	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Faith Formation (tentative) <b>7:30 PM</b> Confirmation Orientation	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# Church Council Minutes (via Zoom) September 8, 2020

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

**Opening Devotion:** By Pastor Martin. How can we look through the lens of humility to see those who may need the healing of our forgiveness? Offered prayers of sympathy and peace for the family of Eileen Rihn; for comfort and healing for Lisa's and Suzi's mothers and for Marcy's husband; thanksgiving for the end of Rod's cancer treatments; for teachers, staff, and students for a safe, peaceful, and healthy return to school; for peace and understanding and healing for our country.

**Approval of Agenda:** A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, August 11, 2020:** A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports:

### Property:

St. John's was contacted by Schindler Elevator company regarding upgrade for elevator at back entrance of church, which is 30+ years old. Decided to defer decisions until next year.

### Social Ministry:

Sandwich making for free lunches for youth this summer was a success!  
Hoping to have a "God's Work/Our Hands" event in September or October.

### Youth and Family Ministry:

Youth in Action are planning a meal at the North Park.

### Nominating Committee:

Need 2-3 people: outgoing council members and a congregation member by next meeting.

**Council President's Report:** Reminder to submit action items for the agenda ASAP.

### Pastor's Report:

St. John's Foundation generously plans to reduce the interest on our loan from 3% to 2%, effective when the paperwork is finished.

Victoria will be in the church office during regular hours while school is "in person."

Budget committee needs to be assembled to prepared budget by November/December.

## Old Business

### Council Terms/Seats:

A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to decide by random chance whose term will expire in 2021: Lydia Blaha, Tom Ewings or Melissa Sarauer.

Motino carried. By random spin, Tom Ewings' term will expire in 2021 instead of 2022.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis to approve the term changes as proposed. Motion carried.

# Church Council Minutes *(continued)* September 8, 2020

## **St. John's Fall Programming Considerations:**

Confirmation Orientation is scheduled for September 23, either in person or via Zoom.

**\*\* A Special Meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 5:30 PM to discuss options for Fall Programming. \*\***

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Lydia Blaha, to postpone Wednesday Meals until further notice. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to move \$603.95 from Undesignated Memorials to Wednesday Meal Fund to bring balance to \$500. Motion carried.

## **COVID Situation Update:**

The case that had been reported to St. John's has been cleared to return to work.

## **New Business**

### **Preschool Task Force:**

Tyler and Melissa will join three members of the Preschool Board to form a task force to consider changes concerning the preschool tax ID status and the relationship to St. John's Lutheran Church. Proposed changes would need to be presented to congregation at least 60 days prior to Annual Meeting.

### **Additional Items and Comments:**

#### **Charcoal Chicken Fundraiser – Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Shadick's:**

Help needed to pre-portion beans and slaw on Saturday at St. John's at 9:00 AM.

Set up Sunday at Shadick's parking lot at 9:00. Help is needed to serve meal!!

Suzi has advertised on cable network and Shadick's. Lydia will create an email poster.

Pastor will post on Facebook and reach out to Catholic Church.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:38 PM by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Suzi McInnis. Motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Martin.

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 13, 2020 at 5:30.**

Lisa Prill Secretary

**Present via Zoom:** Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Suzi McInnis, Kathy Tozer, Tom Ewings, Pat Prill, Lisa Prill. **Absent:** Adam Anderson, Marcy Trubshaw, Driah Zakrzewicz.

# Youth Announcements

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



### FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

**WE'VE GONE ONLINE!!!**

Head over to the St. John's website to find the link to register your child(ren) for JAM, Confirmation, or Youth in Action.

### JAM ORIENTATION

*For:* Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade families

Join our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Katie O'Connell, as we talk about what JAM (formerly Faith 5) is going to look like this year.

*Dates and times TBA*

### YOUTH IN ACTION

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 11 & 25  
**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church

High school students, join Katie O'Connell at St. John's for a time of fellowship, game playing, food eating, story telling, and for a whole lot of fun!

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

*For: EVERYONE!!!*

Join St. John's Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm for Trunk-or-Treat! Dress up in your costumes, get some candy, play some outdoor games, and have a great time!



### FED & FORGIVEN – FIRST COMMUNION

**For:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade families

Join us as we dive deeper into the meaning of communion, why we take it, and what it represents.

*Dates and times TBA.*



# News From Pastor Martin

## **FAITH FORMATION AND COVID-19**

Faith formation this year will look different due to safety concerns from Covid-19, but there will still be some familiar elements from prior years as well! To start, some of our terminology will be changing. Youth in Action is still the same, students in high school. Confirmation is still the same, students in grades 6-8. But "Faith 5" will now be dubbed JAM (Jesus and Me). JAM references kids in grade 5 and below. And now to the summary of each area!

### **Youth in Action (YIA)**

The norm for youth in action is to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5:30 pm each month. Food will be provided in a safe way, but youth are certainly invited to contribute as well! Katie will serve as the primary leader of YIA, which will now meet in person in the dining hall. Masks will be required (except during supper) and physical distancing will be practiced during their time together, which may include devotions, relationship building, service, and fellowship.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation will continue to meet on Wednesdays, but in order to provide a safe atmosphere, the class will be split in half. On one Wednesday, three small groups will meet in the dining hall from 5:30-6:30 pm. The following Wednesday the other three small groups will meet in the dining hall from 5:30-6:30 covering the same lesson as the previous week. This year, our primary unit will focus on the Lord's Prayer. Pastor Martin will serve as the primary leader along with three small group guides each week. Masks will again be required and physical distancing will be observed as well.

### **JAM (Jesus and Me)**

Like Confirmation, JAM for grades K-5 will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm, but classes will also be split in half. Half the group will meet on one Wednesday and the other half will meet the following Wednesday. The younger kids will start in the sanctuary for opening from 5:30-5:45 while the older kids will end in the sanctuary for closing from 6:15-6:30. Younger and older will be defined based on registration numbers in hopes of being around 50% for each group. When they are not in opening or closing, kids will be in class with class leaders and a class of 6 or fewer. Masks are still required and physical distancing will be observed.

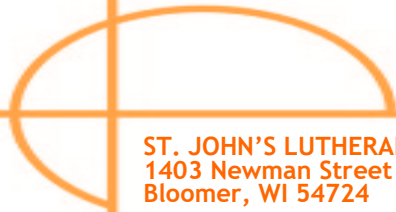
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The other big change is for our preschool children. JAM for ages 3-5 who are not enrolled in Kindergarten will now meet on Sundays weekly from 10-10:30 am. A second class will be provided if enrollment reaches 11 or more. At least one parent is expected to attend with their child and participate in the lesson. There will still be a leader of the class, but parents will assist as needed (no preparation necessary). Class will begin in the carpeted preschool area downstairs. Masks are still required and distancing will be pursued with the assistance of parents.

JAM orientation will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 10 am for preschool and Oct. 7 at 5:30 for grades K-5. We know that in person faith formation is desirable for many, so please adhere to our safety precautions so that we can continue with in person faith formation. If you are feeling sick, please sacrifice for others by staying home. If you test positive for Covid-19, I'd appreciate being in the know if you're willing to share that information in a confidential manner. If you have any questions about faith formation this year, please don't hesitate to ask and I'll provide the answers as best I can!

*Pastor Martin*



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