



# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement:

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

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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### JUST WATCH THEM GO!

This past summer, I spent some time reflecting on our mission statement, *Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love*. After spending some time with Katie, we both agreed that we could do better. As leaders of this church, we want to do better. So that's what led us to the question, "Are we truly growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love?" Are there better ways to train discipleship? We believe the answer is a resounding, "Yes!"

As I turned my attention to our youth ministry, setting the calendar for our confirmation ministry, I realized that my teaching style was more about teaching information than offering memorable experiences. So we introduced a subtle, yet significant change to confirmation – discipleship training.

After meeting with the youth and their parents last week, I simply asked them, "If you could reach out to any group of people, who would it be?" We then discussed something I grew up with – RAK attacks! Simply put, RAK stand for Random Acts of Kindness. After asking this question, my mind was blown. Here are their responses in no particular order:

- Veterans
- Hospital residents/staff
- Mail carriers
- First Responders
- Bank staff
- Bloomer community people
- School staff
- St. John's homebound
- Police department
- Dentists
- Mechanics
- Nursing home residents/staff
- McDonald's staff
- Street Department
- Food pantry clients/volunteers

I wish you could have been there. I was so inspired by their thoughtfulness that I went home renewed and energized. Now that we have these groups to choose from, we will select seven groups to reach out to, seven groups to practice a RAK attack with! Our goal is simply to do something on their behalf to help them feel valued, appreciated, and loved. We are living in a time where too many people are exhausted, underappreciated, and in need of love. And when we provide a gesture of lovingkindness, we will indeed be fulfilling our mission statement. We will indeed be growing disciples in a way that our youth will remember, much more than any educational lesson that I'll ever teach.

Last month, our youth committee had a great meeting with Pastor Erin Nelson, who serves our synod as a synod minister from the bishop's office. We discussed trends throughout the country on how to grow young. One of my takeaways was to let our youth lead. Let them experience ministry from out front instead of the traditional following position. As we share our stories from this discipleship training initiative through RAK attacks, watch them grow in their faith. Applaud them for their efforts. Support them with your prayers.

*"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)*

*Pastor Martin*

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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:

### Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Family & Friends of Steve Stertz; Pastor Ron Bessert; Marie Weideman; Ilene Pingel; Lucy Anderson; Arne Windsor; Arlene Christianson; Maggie Olson; Brennan Anderson; Carolyn Bergh; Kelly Custer; Steve Trubshaw; Margueritte Werner; Rod Martin; Merv Marquardt; Clyde Shipman; Donna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Tom Buchner.

### Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Jacob Dachel, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens,  
Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

### Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Brittany, Eric, Clayton, Coby & Cooper Ludwigson; Katherine Ludwigson; Kelli, Tye, Bronson & Cole Ludwigson; Bonnie & John Lueck.

Prayers for the week of October 10<sup>th</sup>: Corey, Elisha, Brody, Cal, Lanie, Miles & Rayland Niederhauser; Darlene, Patrick, Angela, Jennifer & Jodie Madison; Mandi, Stacy, Hunter & Morgan Marik.

Prayers for the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>: Delvin, Rebecca, Austin, Calvin & Brenna Marquardt; Dick & Jean Marquardt; Mervin & Ruth Marquardt; Jody Marsh; Doug, Susan & Andrew Martin; Lucille Martin.

Prayers for the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>: Rodney Martin; Amy, Michael & Lucas Marvin; Brian, Mary & Gabe Mawby; Jamie, Tracey, Brok, Jaedyn McCann; Erin, Shaun, Connor, Owen & Riley McCurdy.

Prayers for the week of October 31<sup>st</sup>: Arthur & Devonah McFarlane; Lacy, Logan & Jase Butterfield; Sue & Kenner McInnis; Bob, Heather & Mitchell McRoberts; Denise, Rene & Greyson Medina.

# OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> Pastor's Retreat <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:15 AM</b> J.A.M. <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth In Action	<b>27</b> Pastor's Retreat	<b>28</b> Pastor's Retreat	<b>29</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Committee Meeting <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Faith Formation PreK-8th <b>6:45 PM</b> Worship Service	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:15 AM</b> J.A.M.	<b>4</b> Private Baptism - Michael and Matthew Korn	<b>5</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting (zoom)	<b>6</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Faith Formation PreK-8th <b>6:45 PM</b> Worship Service	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> <b>7:00 PM - 12:00 AM</b> Pseudo Lock-In	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:15 AM</b> J.A.M. <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth In Action <b>6:30 PM</b> National Youth Gathering Information Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Faith Formation PreK-8th <b>6:45 PM</b> Worship Service	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Pastor's Conference	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:15 AM</b> J.A.M.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>1:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> Quilting Group <b>3:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting (zoom) <b>4:30 PM</b> Youth Committee Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Faith Formation PreK-8th <b>6:45 PM</b> Worship Service	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>10:15 AM</b> J.A.M. <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth In Action	<b>25</b> Private Baptism - Briggs Schemenauer	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Faith Formation PreK-8th <b>6:45 PM</b> Worship Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Private Baptism - Stella Rosenbrook <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cross-Generational Card Game Night
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# Church News

## CROSS-GENERATIONAL CARD GAME NIGHT (& COSTUME CONTEST)



**Who:** EVERYONE!!!

**When:** Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6-8pm

For our cross-generational event this month, we've decided to host a card game night! From UNO to Hearts and everything in between, there will for sure be a card game for all ages.

And, because it's Halloween weekend, come dressed up! We'll be holding a costume contest, so let's see how creative you can get! Stay for a short time, or stay for the whole time. Whatever you decide to do, ALL are welcome!

## PSEUDO LOCK-IN

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm-12am  
 Calling ALL 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders! Come to St. John's for a night of games, snacks, and a whole lot of shenanigans! While this isn't a full-night lock-in, it's sure to be a good time nonetheless.

Please bring a snack to share if you're able.

## Quilting Group

Will be meeting on  
 October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!!

## Wanted

**Care of Creation leaders!**  
 This is the social justice issue that was selected and we can start saving our planet now!  
 Please contact Pastor Martin if interested or for further questions.

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 To  
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A new  
 ministry  
 of the  
 Northwest  
 Synod of  
 WI

Details can be found on  
 bulletin boards at both  
 church entrances.

### 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  
**Oct. 25th.**  
 Thank You!!

## JAM LEADERS NEEDED

We could still use one more leader for every other week in our 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classroom. If you are able and willing to help, please let Katie know!

These are great hours for the high schoolers who are in National Honors Society, for those wanting to get to know the St. John's kiddos, or those who like to have a LOT of fun!

### FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of Sept. 27, 2021

<b>Year-To-Date:</b>	
Weekly Contributions	\$143,878.31
Other Raised Funds	11,919.03
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$161,797.34</b>
- Expenses	\$-155,549.59
<b>Total remaining after expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,247.75</b>

*\*\*Other raised funds includes youth fundraising and preschool tuition payments. Year to date we have needed to borrow \$19,600 from our line of credit to cover operating expenses.\*\**

# Church Council Minutes (via Zoom)

## September 13, 2021

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Acting President Adam Anderson.

**Opening Devotion:** Prayer by Pastor Martin, with special prayer requests for a successful school year, St. John's, Faith Formation and confirmation students.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes – August 10, 2021:** Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Motion made by Melissa Sarauer to move \$600 from Professional Expense budget to Additional Staff/Pulpit Supply budget. Seconded by Marcy Trubshaw. Motion carried. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

#### Property Committee:

- Ceiling fans have been ordered.
- Thanks to Al and July Nimtzt for cleaning and organizing the boiler room.

#### Worship/Music Committee:

- Praise band will be playing about once a month.
- Looking to hire a substitute pianist.
- October 10 is blessing of the pets.
- Children's sermon will be returning.

#### Youth and Family Ministry:

- Rally Day.
- Recycling beginner Bibles.

#### Preschool:

- 90% enrollment.
- License is fully renewed.
- Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk, to have paid time off apply to preschool staff. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Pat Prill, to amend the employee handbook to include "or preschool staff" under Paid Time Off, and unused PTO expires on the anniversary of first date of employment. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report:

#### Membership Update:

- Baptisms: Emma and Ethan Stouffer; Paxton Schulze
- Transfer to Church Triumphant: Steven Stertz. Motion made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

#### Old Business:

- Motion made by Marcy Trubshaw, seconded by Janelle Yeakey, to accept Tyler Halverson's and Lydia Blaha's resignation from church council and thank them for their service. Motion carried. Efforts will be made to fill both positions.
- Raffle licenses will be obtained from Lydia.
- Council meetings will be second Monday of the month at 5:30 for the remainder of the year.

# Church Council Minutes (continued) Preschool Committee Meeting Minutes -9/9/21

**New Business:**

- Pastor Martin, Pat Prill, Victoria Prince-Silvas, and Terri Smith will serve on the Budget Committee.
- Adam Anderson and Marcy Trubshaw will serve on the Nominating Committee.

Motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried.

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

Next regular council meeting will be October 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

**Terri Smith, Secretary**

Present: Pastor Martin, Adam Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Janelle Yeakey, Marcy Trubshaw, Melissa Sarauer, Pat Prill, Terri Smith. Absent: Kaitlyn Bohl

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**PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING:**

**Members Present:** Pastor Martin, Kayla Gunderson, Christina Simon, Katie O’Connell, Janelle Yeakey

**Absent:** Sara Shadick, Krissie Jacobson

**Enrollment:** T/TH - 8 students (may have 1 more starting), MWF - 10

**1st Week of School**

- Drop Off/Pick Up is going well
- Working on mask wearing with students and how to track masks if they are removed, specifically disposable masks
- Working on implementing routines in the classroom with students
- Discussion on taking students outside, talked about needing to unlock/lock door near playground

**Social Media**

**Facebook Posts**

Positive feedback from posts. \*\*\*Great way for parents/congregation/community to see what is happening in the preschool

**Remind App**

- Suggestion of using an app to notify parents of cancellations, field trips, etc.

**Snack**

- Snack opt-out is mostly T/TH students
- Snack consist of 2 items from food group list
- Parents were given suggestions of sample snacks

**License**

- License arrived on 9/8, is currently framed and posted
- Discussion of moving a desk out of the classroom to create more space in the room

**Budget**

- Pastor will talk with Victoria and have her create a financial report to be looked at during monthly meetings.
- Pastor will look into the possibility of parents paying tuition online
- Pastor will check with Victoria to see if we have data on how much money is typically spent each month, broken down by category (supplies, snack, etc.)

**Substitute Teachers/Assistants**

- Krissie is able to sub up to 240 hours before needing additional training.
- Parent volunteers can perform the assistant’s position
- Christina will contact parents to determine who is available

**Fundraisers**

- Survey will be created for parents to determine if they would prefer to sell items as a fundraiser or to work a shift for a fundraiser
- Possible fundraisers: Little Caesar’s Pizza, Moose Lodge Fish Fry, Ladies Night, Kwik Trip Cards, Bowl-a-thon, Raffle, Charcoal Chicken Dinner

**Field Trips**

- Personal vehicles can transport students for field trips, will need to check on insurance and booster seats.

**Next Meeting:** Oct 7th at 6pm— **Dinner:** Christina **Dessert:** Kayla

# Youth Announcements

## Youth Committee Meeting, Aug. 18

### YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

#### JESUS & ME (JAM)

**Who:** Pre-K – 5th Grade

**When:** Sunday @ 10:15am & Wednesday @ 5:30pm

Join us in the sanctuary on either Sunday or Wednesday for Jesus & Me (aka JAM)! Your kids will learn about a new Bible story each week, play some fun games, and grow in their faith with their peers.

*If you haven't registered, you can do so on the St. John's website.*

#### THE JAMmers

**Who:** 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** October 6<sup>th</sup> during JAM

Do you like singing? Do you miss singing during JAM? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, you're in luck!

Once a month we will invite our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to learn a song and perform it as special music in worship that same evening. This is not required of every child, but rather an offer to those interested. They will learn the song during JAM on the nights we do a service project, so they'll be able to still participate in both!

#### YOUTH IN ACTION



**Who:** 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

**When:** October 10th & 24th @ 5:30pm

Join us for some fun, fellowship, and FOOD!! From games to movies to other shenanigans and great conversation, it's never a dull time at Youth In Action.

#### CONFIRMATION

**Who:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** Wednesday @ 5:30pm

This year our confirmation students are learning about the 10 Commandments. Join us as we grow with our peers to explore our faith, ask great questions, and have a lot of fun together! If you haven't registered, you can do so on the St. John's website.

#### NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING

**Who:** 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**When:** Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Come join us for an informational session on the ELCA National Youth Gathering! Held in Minneapolis, MN this year, the theme is "boundless: God beyond measure" based off of Ephesians 3:19.

We will be going over some information that you should know about including cost, key

