

# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Mission Statement:

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

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Church News - Calendar

Letter from Pastor Halom

Faith Statements

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### WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Just over 500 years ago, Martin Luther did the unthinkable: he took a stand on his beliefs. Each year, we celebrate the Reformation on the final Sunday of October which helps us remember the day in which Luther nailed the 95 theses to the Wittenberg Castle doors. He was vehemently against the practices of indulgences, which served as a fundraiser as people were able to buy a loved one's salvation and move them out of purgatory. Luther was declared a heretic by the Roman Catholic Church for his beliefs.

Yesterday, as I write this, I asked our confirmation class some questions about their belief system as we begin our unit on the Apostle's Creed. These questions include:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| God has a plan                  | God is divine (perfect)  |
| God's plans never change        | God is human (imperfect) |
| Everything happens for a reason | God has always existed   |
| God can be seen                 |                          |

I was fascinated with their thoughtful beliefs, even if I disagreed with them. I left class feeling uplifted by a group of young people who went much deeper than expected and were still willing to take a risk by sharing their beliefs out loud in front of their peers!

And now I find myself wondering how you, the reader, would answer those questions. Would you risk judgment and share what you believe with others? Have you even thought about these questions before? I hope that we, our family of faith, can provide you with opportunities to reflect on questions like these. I also hope that we can provide you with opportunities to share your beliefs with others as well. Maybe our youth will lead this movement!

As we enter the month of October, please know that we will be returning to some of our former opportunities for study and reflection. On Monday mornings from 8-9:30 am, a bible study will be available to you. On Wednesday afternoons, the same study will be repeated from 2-3 pm. If you are unable to attend these but would like to explore a different time, let's talk! Anything that we can do to offer you the ability to share your beliefs with others can lead to growth for all, even in disagreement!

Luther took a stand and started a movement that he never intended. What sort of spark might happen if you offer your wisdom?

*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: [stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net](mailto:stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net)

### Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Family & Friends of Richard Huhn (Nephew of Eva Rihn); Connor Larson; Esther Sykora (sister of Al Nimtz); Arlene Christianson; Renee Grambo; Julie Chojnacki; Maggie Olson; Austin Summerfield (nephew of Jenn Larson); Steve Trubshaw; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter); Shelli Rogge; Kyle Rufledt; Bob Kerckhove; Chloe Schulze; Kelly Custer.

### Prayers for our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman,  
Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

### Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian, Mary and Gabe Mawby; Erin, Shaun, Connor, Owen and Riley McCurdy; Sue and Kenner McInnis; Nick, Chrissy, Dominick and Rose Meisner; Justin, Kelly, Kaylee, Caleb and Leora Metcalf.

Prayers for the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>: Brian and Jill Meyer; Denise, Noah, Anders, Cole and Dane Michaelson; Lanna and Raymond Michels; Bonnie, Robert, Benjamin and Misty Mickelson; Kristine, Tyler, Charlie and Lincoln Mickelson.

Prayers for the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>: Jeff and Teresa Miller; Mariah Miller; Masen Miller; Garrett and Rebekah Misener; Arlene and Richard Mohr; Kristin, Tim, Micah, Miles, Tatem and Tyler Mohr; Robert and Wendy Mooney.

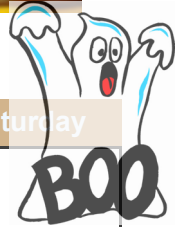
Prayers for the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Heidi and Steve Morning; Alex Morning; Iylah Morning; Tina and Travis Myers; Janice and Lee Naset; Butch, Sue, David, James Nehring; Eva and Kenneth Newton.











Prayers for the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>: Al, Judy, Heidi and Ryan Nimtz; Deborah Nissen; Jennifer, Philip, Evan and Nevaeh Nitek; Brandon, Cassandra, Warren and Waylon North; Kim Oldenberg; Magdalen Olson.

# OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR

## Faith Statement

OCTOBER 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Fall Leadership Retreat 9:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Youth In Action	<b>26</b> Fall Leadership Retreat Newsletter Deadline	<b>27</b> Fall Leadership Retreat	<b>28</b> 3:30pm Fed & Forgiveness 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>29</b> 1:00pm Library Board Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship Service	<b>3</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 3:30pm Fed & Forgiveness 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals	<b>6</b> 4:30pm Preschool Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00pm - 11:59pm High School Pseudo Lock-in	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Youth In Action	<b>10</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>11</b> 5:00pm Youth Committee Meeting	<b>12</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>13</b> 9:30am Pastor's Conference	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00am Worship Service- First Communion 	<b>17</b> 8:00am Bible Study 4:30pm - 7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences 	<b>18</b> 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool Field Trip 1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group 	<b>19</b> No Preschool 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals 	<b>20</b> No Preschool 	<b>21</b> No Preschool 	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Youth In Action	<b>24</b> 8:00am Bible Study 8:00am Preschool-Sgt. Baier with Safety Pup 1:00pm Staff Meeting 	<b>25</b> 8:00am Preschool-Sgt. Baier with Safety Pup 	<b>26</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:30pm Wednesday Meals 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am Trunk or Treat 
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### FAITH STATEMENT

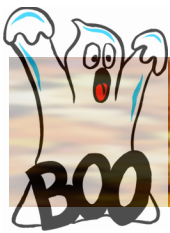
My faith began to grow when I was by myself in the woods because my cousin went to the house. When I was by myself a small tree fell on me and I was stuck for 30 minutes or more. But I felt lonely for a little bit but then I felt like I was being watched over. My faith has continued to grow by learning more about Jesus.

#### Bible Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” -Proverbs 3:5-6

If I had to describe Jesus to a friend I would say no friend you have is more caring, more truthful, more faithful than Jesus. Having a relationship with God is very good because he watches over you and forgives all your sins and makes all of your mistakes lessons.

When I think about Jesus and faith think of how Jesus sacrificed his life for all of us.



# Church News

## Wednesday Meals are BACK!!



Every **Wednesday** from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. come and join your friends and family at St. John's for a **DELICIOUS** meal!  
 Cost is \$5 per person *Or* \$15 per family

## Community Christmas Choir



Join us starting **October 12th** at 6:30 at the LTC on Main St. We will be learning selections to perform before the Bloomer Holiday Parade December 10th.

Looking for all singing parts (SATB) 8th grade and above.

Please contact **Emily Seidling**

**715-497-4393**

if interested or any questions.

### HELP WANTED!

So much to celebrate! Our preschool is back in session! Faith formation is off and running again! Wednesday meals have returned! These are all positive signs of hope in the life of our church family and all are to be celebrated. But that also means that messes will be made and clean up efforts are in need.

Please visit our website or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E48A5A629A7FE3-stjohns> to view the various ways to keep our facility clean and safe for the gathered people. Thank you for being a part of the team!

#### Chili Cookoff!

#### When:

- Sunday **October 30th**
- After **10a.m.** Worship Service

#### Prizes:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- People's Choice

#### Sign Ups Available For:

- Chili
- Dessert
- Judges
- Volunteers



What's another word for **Thesaurus?**



- Steven Wright -

## Quilting Group

Will be meeting on **October 18th** at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome!!*



We are re-starting our weekly **Bible studies** the first week of October: choose **Mondays from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.** or **Wednesdays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.** We gather in the conference room on the lower level. Use the back entrance of the church.

Select one of these two days for your opportunity to become more in tune with God as our Creator, our Savior and our Spirit; to discover your identity, to work through your hang-ups, to learn the basics, to handle crisis, to face issues, to strengthen family ties, to reshape your lifestyle, and to catch a world vision. These classes are for both the Bible beginner and the more knowledgeable, for young to old, and for male and female. Bring your own Bible (any translation) or one can be provided.

**Contact Pastor Martin or Martha Libersky**

### Financial Update

	Month of	Year to Date
	AUG 2022	JAN - AUG
INCOME	\$18,908	\$220,775 <i>(Incl gift of \$82K)</i>
EXPENSES	\$17,191	\$135,078
Difference	\$ 1,717	\$85,697
Line of Credit	Princ Paid Aug \$22,649	Princ Paid YTD \$23,998

**Current Balance on Line of Credit**

**\$2,970**

#### Deadline for November 2022 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 26th.**

*Thank You!!*

# Church Council Minutes

## September 12, 2022

**Call to Order** – meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Adam Anderson, Council President.

**Opening Devotion** – shared devotion – what is God calling St. John's to do.

**Approval of Agenda** – a motion was made by Terri Smith to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Pat Prill. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

- Gift/Donation – no comment
- Church Sponsored Gifts – no comment
- Sandbox – work completed

### **New Business**

- Fundraising – Pastor will get in touch with Sandra Score.
- Pastor's Review – completed remainder of evaluation.
- Forming budget and nomination committees – no formal action taken. Names of possible candidates should be given to Pastor.
- Wednesday night meal pricing – will remain at \$5 per person/\$15 per family. Will reassess in January to see what food costs have been and whether to raise prices.

### **Reports**

#### ***Pastor's Report***

- \$900 donation was given to St. John's through Thrivent Choice Dollars. Due to privacy issues, it's not known who made the donation and whether it was made to St. John's church account or preschool account. Pastor will contact Brady Zwiefelhofer, local Thrivent representative, to gather more information.
- Fire inspection has been done. Only issue is an extension cord in the balcony should be replaced with a power strip.
- Discussed forming a discipleship team. Pastor will look into this further.

#### ***Worship Committee***

- Communion will be moved back up to the altar. Distribution will remain the same.
- Discussed replacing projectors with TV screens. Will research options and cost to replace projectors.

#### ***Fellowship Committee***

- Chili Cookoff is scheduled for October 30. Church will be at 10 a.m. that day.
- Lefse making is scheduled for November 12.

**Approval of Minutes** – a motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting, seconded by Jeff Cole. Motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Financial secretary is working on the negative payroll liabilities number. Line of credit balance is \$22.51. Financial secretary is asking Council for \$3,000 to make payroll and Portico payments for the rest of this month as offerings are falling short. A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to take \$3,000 from the line of credit to make payroll and Portico payments. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried. Weekly offerings and expenses will be put in the church bulletin and on Power Point.

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the financial report. Seconded by Terri Smith. Motion carried.

**Additional Items and Announcements** – none

Next regular meeting: October 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** – a motion was made at 7:30 p.m. by Janelle Yeakey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

Members present: Pastor Martin Halom, Adam Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Jeff Cole, Pat Prill, Terri Smith, Janelle Yeakey.

Members absent: Kaitlyn Bohl, Jamie Keller, Marcy Trubshaw, Sarah Wittrock

Minutes submitted by Terri Smith, Acting Secretary

# PRESCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

## NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!



**Amanda**



### Sneak Peek into the Program

Amanda and Jamie have a lot packed into the month of October. During this spooktacular month, our various themes that will be explored are Trees/Leaves; Farms; Space; and Halloween.

The children follow weekly focus walls that teach them their letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. As teachers, we integrate these subject areas into our curriculum plans and daily activities that the children can choose from.

**Jamie**



### Pumpkin Patch Fieldtrip

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be going on a fieldtrip with all of our students to Auburn Homestead Pumpkin Patch. We are excited to spend a couple of hours out at the pumpkin patching doing various Fall activities, and even bringing back a pumpkin of their own.



### Classroom Visitor

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Police Sargent Beyer and the safety pup will be coming for a visit. We are excited to have them come for a visit to teach our students about safety, especially as we are approaching Halloween.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to meeting with the parents/guardians of our students to share their experiences and strengths in the program so far. The children have been doing a great job adjusting to the preschool program and truly thriving!



# Youth & Family Announcements

## Faith Statement

### Youth in Action

High School students, Youth in Action will be held on

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
at the church.

YIA begins at 5:30PM.

### YIA Pseudo Lock-In

Our October Pseudo Lock-In will be on

**Friday, October 7th from 7pm until midnight.**

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.

*At this Pseudo Lock-In, our high school students will be participating in a Christian Kidnapping of our 8th grade students (Shh! Don't let them know!!).*

We are excited to be bringing this tradition back for our students.

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

### Youth Musicians Wanted!

We are looking for youth musicians who would be willing to share their musical gifts (both vocal and instrumental) during services.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Martin.



## Trunk or Treat

**What a spooktacular event! Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Shadick's Grocery Store lot beginning at 9AM. Because it is Halloween weekend, feel free to come dressed up. There will be plenty of sweet treats handed out!**

### Mission Trips Taskforce

We are still looking to assemble a taskforce for our upcoming mission trip next **Summer 2023**. We would like this taskforce to consist of a few high school students who would be committed to establishing mission trip plans with the help of a few adults, with the hopes that they would then participate on the trip. Please contact **Pastor Martin** or **Amanda Ritchie** if you would be interested in joining.

### Faith Statement

Last year I unexpectedly lost a friend that was very important to me and big in my life. It was a difficult time and hard to understand why it happened. But God helped me to see through it and that he would be in a better place and that helped me get through it and know that everything was okay.

If I would describe Jesus, to a friend, I would say that he is amazing. He is something, someone who can change your life forever.

My relationship with God is easy. When I'm in trouble he bails me out but I never ask for anything too much. When I think about god I think about church and Jesus and how he sacrificed his life for us to be here today. My faith in God has helped me buy believing and never forgetting I have God to fall back on.

**Bible Verse, Proverbs 14:4 – "Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but increase comes by the strength of an ox."**

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**PASTORAL/ CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Need a visit? Yearning for Holy Communion? Have a problem? Want to suggest ways we can be of more help to you and your family? Feel you'd like to pray with someone?

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