

# 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

Youth & Preschool  
News

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### LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE!!

When I truly think about it, each month brings with it so many things to look forward to and October never disappoints! This month, we get to welcome Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson to St. John's on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29. Because of the chili cook-off after worship, we will gather at 10 am instead of our normal 9 am start time.

Earlier this year, Bishop Laurie sent out a plea to the churches like us who have yet to have her visit in person. I could not think of a better Sunday than Reformation Sunday knowing that our kids will sing, our brass will play, and our chili will be consumed! I'm grateful for Bishop Laurie and her plea that sent me a clear message: she cares for each and every church in the North-west Wisconsin Synod. She has a desire to meet the people of St. John's right alongside the nearly other 200 churches in this great synod.

My hope is that our light will shine that great day. My prayer is that Bishop Laurie will have a similar welcome that I felt on Reformation Sunday, 2012 when I was installed as your pastor. That day also featured a wonderful meal following worship where our membership spilled out into the preschool area for lunch because the pews were filled to the brim for worship and the dining hall could not contain us all! If that's not the nature of this church family, I don't know what is.

St. John's has a knack for making big events bigger and meaningful events deeper. This Reformation Sunday can certainly be both! Please make an effort to show up and reveal to our synod leadership the vibrancy that lies within this church. And hear the message from Bishop Laurie that will help us to connect to the greater ELCA church, which is so vitally important. We must never forget that we are not alone in our ministry efforts. God has provided us with tremendous support through our synod and the broader church and I'm of the mind that we too can show our tremendous support back to our synod and national denomination!

Bishop Laurie has also agreed to return for worship on Wednesday, Nov. 1. In fact, she will be leading our confirmation class prior to worship. So if you are unable to attend on Oct. 29, come on Wednesday to hear a very gifted preacher share the gospel from her specialized point of view! Let's shine St. John's!

*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

Millie Hensel (Mother of Marcy Trubshaw); Wayne Zogleman (Amanda Ritchie's Grandfather); Kollin Hebert (friend of Eric & Jenn Larson); Pat Prill; Arlene Christianson; Renee Grambo; Steve Trubshaw; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter).

### Prayers For Our Active Military

Dalton Grambo, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette

### Prayers For the Saints

**Prayers for the week of Oct 1<sup>st</sup>:** Kerry, Arianna, Isabella and Rebecca Rauscher; Lorraine Reetz; Rosanne Reid; Amanda, Gavin and Grant Richardson; Betty Rihn; Eva Rihn; Janell and Mark Rihn; Jason, Jean, Leo and Wyatt Rihn.

**Prayers for the week of Oct 8<sup>th</sup>:** Jeff and Brandi Rihn; Jerry Rihn; Joyce Rihn; Patti and Tyler Rihn; Rosella Rihn; Janet Rogge; Jeff, Shelli and Samantha Rogge; Andrew, Chassy, Cora, Corbin Roggenbuck; Daniel, Suzette and Travis Rosenbrook.

**Prayers for the week of Oct 15<sup>th</sup>:** Casey, Corey and Stella Rosenbrook; Barbara Ross; Dennis and Val Rubenzer; Kyle, Michelle, Jenna and Mikayla Rufledt; Ashley Sarauer; Gina and Michael Sarauer; Gregory, Nichole and Theodore Sarauer.

**Prayers for the week of Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Barry, Melissa, Alexander and Morgan Sarauer; Erin, Bella and Christina Schell; Josh, Tara, Briggs, Connor and Reid Schemenauer; Carly, Zachary and Madden Schimmel; Nancy Schindler; Virginia Schindler.

**Prayers for the week of Oct 29<sup>th</sup>:** Brad, Kim and Chloe Schulze; Arlette Schuster; Sharon Schwartz; Doug and Sandy Score; Nikki, Tyler, Madison and Miles Seibel; Steve and Susan Seibel; Josh, Sara, Adam and Arianna Shadick.

# OCTOBER 2023 CALENDAR

## OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Worship Service-Pet Blessing 2:00pm - 5:00pm Harry Potter Bible Study 	<b>2</b> 8:00am Bible Study 4:30pm Youth Committee Meet- ing	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30am Bloomer Clergy Association Mtg 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Luther Park Work Day
<b>8</b> 9:00am Worship Service	<b>9</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>12</b> 9:30am Pastor's Conference	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Youth In Action-Prill Residence	<b>16</b> 8:00am Bible Study 11:45am - 2:00pm Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00pm - 4:00pm Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	<b>17</b>  11:45am - 2:00pm Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences	<b>18</b> Preschool Closed 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>19</b> Preschool Closed <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>20</b> Preschool Closed <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00am Worship Service	<b>23</b> 8:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Trunk or Treat 
<b>29</b> 10:00am Worship Service-Reformation Sunday, Bishop Laurie 11:00am Chili Cook- Off 	<b>30</b> 8:00am Bible Study	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 10:30am Bloomer Clergy Association Mtg 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm Wednesday Meals 5:30pm - 6:30pm Faith Formation 6:45pm Worship Service- Bishop Laurie	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

### Deadline for November 2023 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 25th.**  
*Thank You!!*



### WEDNESDAY MEALS

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



# Church News

## Church Council Minutes-Continued

### Committee Reports

**Pastor's Report :** November 5<sup>th</sup> – Agape concert at Our Savior's in Chippewa Falls.

Discipleship – needs to be started again, looking for 4-6 people; Pastor has an idea on having members share how they have been inspired by others through a mission moment.

**Fellowship Minutes -** October Chili Cook Off donations - ½ of proceeds to the Hebert Family to help with medical bills and ½ of proceeds to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi.

Goal: \$2000 total

**Preschool Minutes –**

Social Ministry Minutes - none

**Property Minutes –**

**Worship & Music Minutes –**

**Youth Minutes –** National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2024

### Additional Items and Announcements

**Next Meeting:** October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

**Adjournment** - a motion was made at 8:18 pm by Sarah Wittrock to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

**Members Present:** Pastor Martin, Janelle Yeakey, Barb Ross, Dorene Turner, Sarah Wittrock, Jeff Cole, Alicia Bonczyk. **Others Present:** NA **Members Absent:** Kyle Prill, Kaitlyn Bohl, Jamie Keller, Terri Smith. Minutes submitted by Janelle Yeakey, Secretary

**Pet Blessing Service is  
Around the Corner!!**

**October 1**

**Mark Your Calendar!!**



### 3rd Annual Chilli Cookoff

When: Sunday, October  
29<sup>th</sup> after 10am worship

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd,  
and People's Choice!

Bring friends and family  
to enjoy chilli, everyone  
is welcome!



Sign-ups to bring chilli,  
volunteer, and judge are  
available!

**Luther Park Fall Work Day**  
Saturday, Oct. 7.  
Meals will be provided along  
with overnight lodging if desired



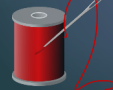
### Quilting Group

Will be meeting on

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>**

at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome!!*



# Church Council Minutes

## September 18, 2023

**Call to Order** - meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President.

**Opening Devotion** – Alicia led us in opening devotion by sharing highs and lows.

**Approval of the Agenda** -A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the agenda with flexibility, seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** - A motion was made Terri Smith to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2023 meeting, seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

**Approval of last Council Minutes** — A motion was made by Dorene Turner to approve the minutes from the August 21st, 2023 meeting, seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried.

### Financial Report -

	Year to Date( Jan-Aug2023) (w/estate gift of \$349,201.25)	Year to Date( Jan-Aug 2023) (w/o estate gift \$349,201.25)
Income	\$ 503,664.03	\$154,4+62.78
Expenses	\$169,608.92	\$169,608.92
Difference	\$334,055.11	- \$15,146.14

CD's	\$100,000	\$200,000
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Location	/	Security Financial Bank
% APR	5.25	5.25
Timeframe	12 months	12 months
Expires	8/8/2024	8/3/2024

*All money is insured through FDIC*

A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to accept the financial report. Seconded by Sara Wittrock. Motion carried.

### Old Business-

**Preschool Update:** On 8/29 Alicia Bonczyk made a motion via email to accept Jenna's Resignation and to approve Nancy Schindler as an assistant teacher position. Seconded by Jamie Keller. Motion carried. On 9/08 Nancy Schindler gave her verbal 2 week notice to end her position as the assistant teacher. The preschool committee is working with Northwoods College to have a current student potentially fill the position. More information to come.

**Town Hall Meeting Notes:** Sunday Sept 17th. & Wednesday Sept 20th  
Thoughts on replacing candelabras will be brought to worship committee.  
Debt Cancellation Celebration - Sunday September 24th.

### New Business –

Budget Committee – Barb Ross, Victoria, Pastor Martin, Dorene Turner  
Nominating Committee – need to determine to begin the process





# Youth & Family News

## TRUNK or TREAT

Please join us for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th between 9:00 AM and noon for some Halloween fun. It will be a spooktacular time to be had by all! We would love to see our students out and about.

\*If you'd like to be a part of our trunk for Youth Ministry, please contact Amanda Larson or Pastor Martin.

## Subs Needed for JAM

Thanks to all our returning teachers this Fall for JAM, we are looking for people who would be interested in substituting on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amanda Ritchie for more information so we can get you on a list. Also, if there is a specific age group you want to work with or would not like to work with, please let us know that information as well.

## Harry Potter Bible Study

We are looking forward to getting back together once again. The final Harry Potter Bible Study will take place this coming Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 PM. We will be showing Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2. If you have not seen the previous Harry Potter movies, we highly recommend you watch them before joining. \* If you have any other bible study movie series you'd like to see done, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin.

**"WE ARE ONLY AS STRONG AS WE ARE UNITED, AS WEAK AS WE ARE DIVIDED." -ALBUS DUMBLEDORE**

## Youth in Action

Our October YIA will take place on Sunday, October 15th at the Prill's residence for a bonfire and pumpkin carving. We look forward to joining our high school youth to plan some super fun monthly events for the 2023-24 academic year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda Larson (715-279-6962 mobile, amanda\_stjohnspreschool@aol.com).

## Youth Ministry Pictures

We are looking for pictures that anyone may have taken last year (2022-23 academic year). If you have any pictures that you're able to share, whether it's from JAM, confirmation, lock-in, or a youth trip, please contact Amanda Ritchie or Pastor Martin. We can forward you a link to a Google Drive. Otherwise, photos can get emailed to:



# NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!

## Amanda



## Sneak Peak Into the Program

Mrs. Larson has a lot packed into the month of October. During this spooktacular month, our various themes that will be explored are All Things Autumn, Pumpkin Patch, and Woodland Animals.

The children follow weekly focus walls that teach them their letters, shapes, colors, and numbers. As their teacher, I try to integrate these subject areas into the curriculum plans and daily activities that the children can choose from. It's going to be a busy and festive month! Make sure to follow our Facebook page to see what our students are up to.



## Looking for an Assistant Teacher / Classroom Helper

St. John's Lutheran Preschool is looking for a teacher's assistant to join our caring and motivated team. Here at St. John's Lutheran Preschool, we prepare children for their future educational journey through experience to grow cognitive, social- and emotional skills. If you are 18+ years old, compassionate, and interested in working with children and helping them grow in a classroom setting, you are perfect for this opportunity! The hours we are looking to fill are M-F 7:45-11:45 AM. If you are interested in this position, please email your resume to [pastormartin@bloomer.net](mailto:pastormartin@bloomer.net).

## Important Dates to Save

Wednesday, October 18th through Friday, October 20th we will be closed. We hope that our students enjoy the day with their families, and we look forward to having them back in class on the 23rd and 24th.

## Field Trip

Friday, October 27th we will be taking our students to Klinger's Farm Market in Chippewa Falls to enjoy some fall festivities at their pumpkin patch. Although this is our second field trip, this will be our "big" field trip of the year where our students will have the opportunity to ride a big school bus. It's going to be a super fun (and hopefully warm-weathered) day.

## Goal Setting Day / Teacher-Parent Conferences

Instead of our "scheduled" teacher-parent conferences, we will be hosting a goal setting/check-in day on October 16th and 17th from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. If neither of these dates or time slots work, please contact Amanda Larson.

## Halloween Class Parties

Monday, October 30th and Tuesday, October 31st we will be having our class Halloween parties. It should be a couple of festive days for the children to enjoy. Parents are allowed to bring in a fun treat if they desire, and costumes are encouraged but not required.

## Giving Tree

We are going to have a giving tree set up in the preschool shared space if anyone is interested in supporting the preschool program with some additional supplies we could benefit from. Please reach out to Amanda Ritchie if you have any questions about this opportunity. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

## Calendar Fundraiser

Calendar pre-orders will begin on Monday, October 9th. If you would like to purchase a calendar created by our students to support our preschool program, please contact Amanda Larson, or fill out the order form located on the counter of the preschool or on the table in the narthex.

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