



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
- ◆ Financials
- ◆ Calendar



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Hurricane Harvey Relief

The situation:

Please stand by our neighbors as we begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. Recovery efforts are expected to take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for the people who have been affected and are in the path of Hurricane Harvey. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give

Gifts to "US Hurricane Relief" will be used to assist those affected by the hurricane until the response is complete.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

Office number: 715-568-5446

Like us on Facebook! St. John's Lutheran Church - Bloomer, WI

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 September 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the dining hall. Lunch will be served after the meeting. All are welcome.

Quilting

Tuesday, September 19

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All are welcome!



ATTENTION!

LADIES ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD?

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY FOR BIBLE STUDY, CONVERSATION & FELLOWSHIP (including, sweet treats & beverage)

Fall Session begins on Friday, Sept. 15 at noon. Call or email Marla @ 715-568-5446 #12 or stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net for more info.



And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9





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 August 8, 2017

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: by Barb Ross – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 5.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Janice Naset, to approve the agenda, with flexibility, to accommodate Website Review. Motion carried.

Approval of July meeting minutes: A motion was made by Ellyn Hudacek, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Council Comments: None.

Congregational Comments: None.

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

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry:

- ◆ Working on details for Fall Small Group campaign, including program ideas, caller list, presenters and host homes. Sign up for small groups will be Sept 24- Oct 11. Programs will run Oct 15-Nov 4, with Commitment Sunday on Nov 5 and Wed Nov 8.
- ◆ Looking for someone to facilitate Financial Peace University.

Fellowship Ministry:

- ◆ Preparing for Rally Day on Sept 6.
- ◆ Bingo will return on Sunday, Sept 17 at 3:00.

Property Committee:

Countertop and sink have been installed in the sacristy.

- ◆ Basketball hoop is assembled and will be installed on the south side of the church.
- ◆ Lights near parking lot have been replaced with brighter, more efficient lights. Donors have offered to cover the cost of the replacement.
- ◆ New stove is in, waiting for gas line to be run.
- ◆ Electrician will put in outlets near preschool area to utilize security system, which will be in place by the time Preschool starts in September.

Social Ministry:

- ◆ Meals on Wheels were delivered in July.
- ◆ St John's will serve Agnes' Table on August 24. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, clean-up and provide cake. Sign up is in the back of the church.
- ◆ Gold envelopes are in the pews for special collections in July, August and September. Please write your name on the envelopes if you would like your cash donation included on your giving statement.

Worship/Music Ministry: None.

Youth/Family Ministry:

- ◆ Reviewed Confirmation Commitments.
- ◆ Calendar is in place for upcoming learning year.
- ◆ Rally Day will be Wed, Sept 6. Picnic meal will be served from 4:45-6:00. Kevin Schwartz (balloon guy) from 5:00-6:30 along with games and gaga pit.

Church Council Meeting

- ◆ Registration for learning events will be Sun, Sept 10 and Wed, Sept 13.
- ◆ Armed intruder presentation by John Beyer of the Bloomer Police Dept will take place on Sun, Sept 17 from 10:15-2:15 and Sat, Sept 30 from 9:00-1:00, with meal included both dates. Staff, Faith Formation guides, ushers and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Dream Team: None.

Preschool: Mural in fellowship area has been painted over .

Council President's Report: None.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Helped preschool and property committee coordinate efforts for security improvements.
- ◆ Contacted Zach Bohl for gas line work in kitchen.
- ◆ Worked with preschool families at the parade.
- ◆ Asked two families to evaluate new website.
- ◆ Considering candidates to lead Financial Peace University.
- ◆ Working with Discipleship Committee on Small Group Method.
- ◆ Conducted marriage ceremony of Kevin and Kate Beres.
- ◆ Visitation with: George Webb; Denise Rihn; Karen Barlow; Marlene Rosenbrook; Shirley Ferstenou; Lydia and Steve Blaha; Jane Schmock; Marian Shipman; Steve Zacrzweicz.
- ◆ Searching for new custodian at Parkview Apartments.
- ◆ Reminder that we are now tracking volunteer hours which are submitted to Pat Prill.

Old Business:

- ◆ Motion to accept proposed Council Covenant made by Ellyn Hudacek, seconded by Barb Ross. Motion carried.
- ◆ Made updates to Job Description for Financial Secretary and discussed Interview Team. A motion was made by Ellyn Hudacek, seconded by Lynette Pank, to approve job description as amended. Motion carried.
- ◆ Stewardship survey will be distributed to congregation on Sept 6 and Sept 10. Communication survey will be distributed on Oct 1 and Oct 4. Both surveys will also be sent electronically.
- ◆ Previewed new website and made revision. A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Lynette Pank, to choose the Pro Plan by Weebly for the website. Motion carried.
- ◆ Discussed Portico benefits for employees.

New Business:

- ◆ Discussed participation in Synod Capitol Campaign. A motion was made by Lynette Pank, seconded by Tom Buchner, to commit to giving to the Synod Capitol Campaign. Motion carried.
- ◆ Discussed Nominating Committee.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:20PM by Janice Naset, 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, Rod Johnson, Philip Skaar, Lynette Pank, Tyler Halverson, Tom Buchner, Janice Naset, Ellyn Hudacek, Barb Ross, Lisa Prill. Absent: Nic Zakrzewicz, Pauline Stertz.


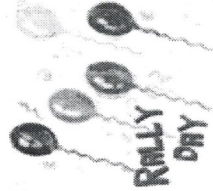
Financials

	2016	2017	BUDGET 2017
Beg. Balance - Jan. 1	\$4,465.00	\$4,399.00	
Income 1/1 - 9/1	\$140,937.00	\$142,506.00	\$169,276.00
Expenses 1/1 - 9/1	\$154,844.00	\$156,840.00	\$169,276.00
Balance	(\$9,442.00)	(\$9,935.00)	
Loan - Security Financial	\$70,523.00	\$62,623.00	Bld. Fund
Loan - Security Financial	0.00	-0-	Bathrooms
Loan - Security Financial		\$10,000.00	Gen. Fund

2017 Ecumenical Picnic



SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27 9:00 AM Worship Service with guest preacher Martha Libersky</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>29 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>30 6:45 PM Worship Service with guest preacher Martha Libersky</p>	<p>31 7:00 PM Foundation Board Meeting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 9:00 AM Worship Service and Baptism for Emma Rae Edin</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed No Bible Study</p>	<p>5  8:00 AM First Day of Preschool 7:00 PM Discipleship Meeting</p>	<p>6  4:45 PM - 6:00 PM Rally Day 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM Rally Day Meal 6:45 PM Worship and Backpack Blessings</p>	<p>7 5:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p>	<p>8 Newsletter Article Deadline</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 9:00 AM Worship Service, Backpack Blessings, and Baptism for Bentley John Babbitt 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM PreK - 5th Gr Parent Orientation</p>	<p>11 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>12 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:45 PM PreK - 8th gr. Parent Orientation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>14 1:30 PM WECLA</p>	<p>15 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM Middle School Suto Lock-in</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM - 2:15 PM Safety Training with Meal</p>	<p>18 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Preschool Continuing Education</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting</p>	<p>20 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation Meet & Greet 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Pastor's Fall Retreat 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 10:15 AM Faith Formation Meet & Greet 10:15 AM Music & Worship Committee Mtg</p>	<p>25 Pastor's Fall Retreat 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Youth in Action</p>	<p>26 Pastor's Fall Retreat 11:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Wednesday Meal (Grades: 6, 7, 8) 5:30 PM Faith Formation 6:45 PM Worship</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 12:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>30 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Safety Training with Meal</p>



IN ACTION

WHO: 8TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE YOUTH
WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 & 25
WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP
FRIENDS WELCOME**

PARENT ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 10, 10:15 AM
PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE IN DINING HALL

SEPTEMBER 13, 5:45 PM
PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE IN SANCTUARY
6, 7, & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION IN DINING HALL



A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN

WEATHER ALERT!

SUMMER FUN IN THE SUN CAN BE HARMFUL TO
YOUR HEALTH! STAY HYDRATED AND DON'T FOR-
GET THE SUN SCREEN



FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS

QUALIFICATIONS: Hearts filled with
faith & love for children & youth

BENEFITS: Hugs, smiles, new friends &
more.

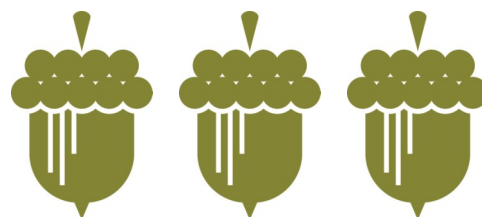
**FRIENDS IN FAITH (teacher/
mentors)** to share bible stories with pre-
school through 8th grade youth on Sun-
days & Wednesdays . For more info or to
volunteer contact Marla at 715-568-5446
ext. 12 or email

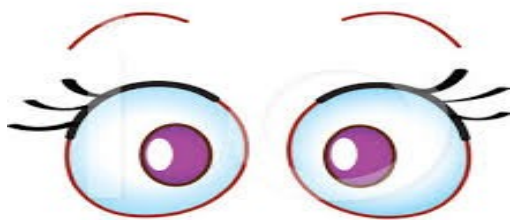
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“COME & SEE”

RALLY DAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEAL: 4:45-6:00 PM

**ICE CREAM SUNDAES &
ROOT BEER FLOATS**

FOR DESSERT



GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES: 5:00-6:30 pm



BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 10



CHILDRENS’ VOICES SEPT. 6

AT 6:45 PM WORSHIP



FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME



MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE NIGHT

WHEN: 7: 00 p.m. to Midnight, Sept. 15

WHERE: St. John's Lutheran Church

WHO: 6TH -8TH grade



FOOD

Movies (no R rated)



FUN

Games



FELLOWSHIP

Music

Please Bring: Munchies/snacks to share. The beverages will be provided.

Meet at St. John's by 7 pm in the fellowship hall lower level

2 ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE EMAIL MARLA @stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE.

Return enclosed registration form to basket outside Marla's office by Wednesday, September 13. (form is found on next page)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE NIGHT
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15, 2017**

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

I give permission and consent for my child to attend the fellowship event on September 15, 2017, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1403 Newman ST., Bloomer. I give permission to the supervisor(s) in charge to seek medical attention, hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia or to order medication or surgery for my child(ren), in the event I cannot be reached. My child(ren) does/does not have any medical problems or physical disability, nor is he/she allergic to any medications except the following:

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Phone# _____ **Date** _____

Emergency contact person other than parent _____

Phone# _____

PLEASE EMAIL BY 5 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 IF YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND.

YOUTH MUST BRING SIGNED FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN LATE NIGHT EVENT.