



St. John's Lutheran Church

Proposed Mission Statement: "Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's love!"

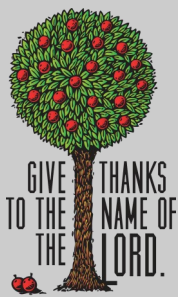
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ Pastor News
- ◆ Church News
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PSALM 122:4

VALUING CONSISTENCY

One of the great marvels of 1941 was Yankees star Joe Dimaggio's 56-game hitting streak. I've got to believe that his teammates just marveled at his consistency and found it comforting that they could depend on that hit every day from May 15 – July 17. That's one of the outcomes of consistency – instilled trust.

Here at St. John's, we are now moving into the exciting time of fall where the halls of St. John's will be filled with the joy of our preschool kids, the enthusiasm of our elementary children, and the dedication of our confirmation youth. High school students will continue in their journey of faith through their leadership, devotion, and service. Our adults – both young and old – will add their God-given giftedness to the life of this church once again and make an impact through their shared wisdom and thoughtfulness. In other words, the life of this church family will be primed to build and grow!

Consistency will need to be valued for us to build what we have. Our ministry infrastructure continues to grow. Allow me to elaborate.

1. Our church council is in a rhythm with its monthly work and connections to our committee structure.
2. Our staff has evolved a great deal, having attained the gifts of many new people. The teamwork of the staff is growing as well!
3. Our committees and other groups are moving forward, but will continue to welcome newcomers aboard as they already have in recent years.
4. Our worship services should now be quite familiar to most of you. We have even established a schedule for our "new" settings hoping to keep our worship experiences fresh. New ideas continue to enter as well!

The reason I bring all of these things up is because I wanted to share one more infrastructure piece that is in the works. The past year, we have built a new website at <http://www.stjohns-bloomer.org/>. If you haven't taken the time to visit this page, please do! There are several informative pieces in there, particularly the section marked "Calendar/News", where we have a spot that highlights our upcoming "featured events". But there is also another important piece that I want to bring to your attention.

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St. John's Website: www.Stjohns-bloomer.org

Church News

back 2 school prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

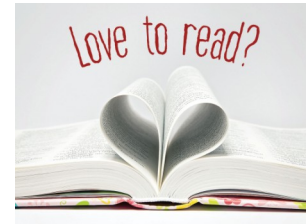
I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."
Amen.

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Quilting

Tuesday, September 18, 2018
from 1:00—4:00 p.m.



Please join our Book Club on
Thursday, September 27, 2018
at 1:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

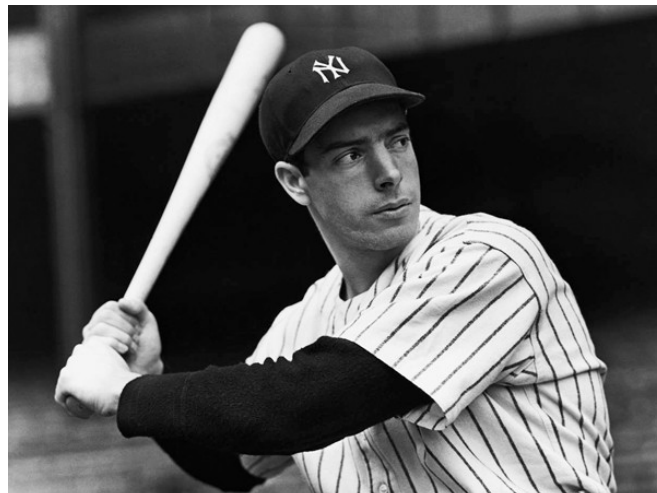
Coffee and Treats provided

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With more consistent giving, our church will be able to accomplish more. But more importantly, consistent giving will show God that you are truly committed and church is not just an afterthought. And now we have the means to help you remain consistent with your giving. This essential infrastructure piece is there to help you.

I don't believe that anyone will ever break Dimaggio's 56-game hitting streak. But I do believe that our giving streak will help us to thrive even more, help us impact more lives, and deepen our relationship with God.

Pastor Martin



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00 AM Worship Service 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action	27 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	28 11:00 AM Staff Meeting	29 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 6:45 PM Worship	30 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study	31	1
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9 9:00 AM Worship Service, Blessings of Backpacks & Education Dedication 10:00 AM Charcoal Chicken at Shadick's Store 10:15 AM Preschool - 5th gr. Orientation 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action	10 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	11 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	12 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 5:30 PM Confirmation Orientation 5:30 PM Preschool - 5th gr Blessings of Backpacks & Education Dedication	13 1:30 PM WELCA Meeting 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study	14 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM Middle School Pseudo Lock-in	15
16 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation	17 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting	18 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting	19 Rally Day 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Night Meal 6:45 PM Worship	20 Life Touch 9:30 AM Foundation Board Meeting 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study	21 Life Touch 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study	22 Life Touch
23 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Formation 11:00 AM Pastor attending Fall Ministry Retreat 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth in Action	24 Pastor attending Fall Ministry Retreat 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Bible Study	25 Pastor attending Fall Ministry Retreat 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	26 10:00 AM Bible Overview Study 4:45 PM Wednesday Meals Meal 5:30 PM Faith Formation & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship	27 1:00 PM Book Club Meeting 3:15 PM Bible Overview Study	28 11:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	29 3:00 PM Swartz & Dysland Wedding
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Church Council Meeting

August 14, 2018

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

Opening Devotion: It was decided to move Chapter 16 to the September meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Phil Skaar, to approve the agenda, with flexibility for guests. Motion carried.

Approval of July meeting minutes: A motion was made by Pauline Stertz, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Tracey McCann, Financial Secretary

- ◆ Discussion of issues with using QuickBooks.
- ◆ A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Barb Ross, to reach out to the congregation for a CPA to set up QuickBooks effectively. Said person would be compensated at a rate of \$12.50/hour to be paid from Council Funds, up to \$250. If a congregation member is not found, outside help will be sought. Motion carried.
- ◆ A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Rod Johnson, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Janice Naset, to rescind the following motion. Motion to rescind carried.

(7/10/2018) A motion was made by Janice Naset, seconded by Phil Skaar, to move \$1549.13 from Wednesday meal fund to Undesignated Memorial fund, to replace funds used for purchasing copier in March of 2018. (This leaves a balance of \$500.00 in Wednesday meal fund for start-up in the fall.). Motion carried.

Expunged by order of this assembly 8/14/2018 @ Lisa Prill

- ◆ A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Phil Skaar, to rescind the following motion. Motion to rescind carried.

(7/10/2018) A motion was made by Suzi McInnis, seconded by Barb Ross, to use \$4000 from Undesignated Memorials to make the first payment to Gene's Heating and Cooling for the first boiler. Motion carried.

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New Business: Donnie Geissler on behalf of St John's Foundation

- ◆ Presented a proposal from St John's Foundation board regarding a loan option.
- ◆ Pastor will ask for an offer in writing and Council will revisit a written proposal next month.

Church Council Meeting

Old Business: A.) Boiler Campaign:

- ◆ \$3620 has been contributed to the campaign this far.
- ◆ Council members are planning a carry-out charcoal chicken dinner to be held at Shadick's on Sunday, September 9, 2018. Wendy and Sam LaGessee will donate their time, as well as use of their grills, to cook the chicken. Lisa will apply for a Thrivent Grant for this fundraiser.
- ◆ Discussed ideas for a Halloween Trunk or Treat event, welcoming community to use facilities and enjoy a hot dog meal with a free will offering.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kathy Tozer, seconded by Phil Skaar, to donate net total from contributed funds from Wednesday Meals from October 3, 2018 to November 14, 2018 to Boiler Campaign. Motion carried.
- ◆ Pastor will contact Janie Jacobsen about making a graphic indicator to track contributions.

New Business. A.) Wedding Policy: Wendy LaGessee, current Wedding Coordinator

- ◆ Discussed need for updating policy, which hasn't been done since 2011. Wendy will write up her recommendations, along with Pastor's input, for an updated policy.

Council Comments:

- ◆ A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Janice Naset, to go into closed session. Motion carried.
- ◆ A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Barb Ross, to return to open session. Motion carried.

Congregational Comments:

- ◆ A visitor commented on how they appreciated St John's practice of Open Communion.

Committee Reports:

Discipleship Ministry:

- ◆ None.

Fellowship Ministry:

- ◆ Bingo will be returning this fall. Stay tuned!

Property Committee:

- ◆ Al Blaha will be replacing the light in the Sanctuary this week.

Social Ministry:

- ◆ None.

Worship/Music Ministry:

- ◆ Meeting August 19th.

Youth/Family Ministry:

- ◆ Raffle license expires soon. Consensus is to renew.
- ◆ With the start of a new school year, an emphasis is being put on the importance of families filling out and returning paperwork. It is important for many reasons, including our liability, but mostly the safety of our youth. PLEASE RETURN YOUR PAPERWORK!
- ◆ Discussed issues that arose with the prepaid debit card during the National Youth Gathering. The issue is being worked on, as well as a solution for future trips.
- ◆ Next meeting will be Monday, August 20 at 5:30.

Dream Team:

- ◆ None.

Church Council Meeting

Preschool:

- ◆ There were many applicants for Administrator and Teacher positions and interviews have been held. Positions will be filled by the Open House on August 21st.

Nominating Committee:

- ◆ None.

Council President's Report:

- ◆ Reminder that if there is a large item under your committee report (especially those that involve large expenditures), please let me know ahead of time so that I can give that particular issue a place on the agenda and so that the council knows that it will be discussed. This should help greatly with the efficiency of our meetings.
- ◆ 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 September 11, 2018 at 6:30.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ **Celebrating:** Directory Committee training; Preschool staffing process nearly complete; Refrigerator donation to the altar guild.
- ◆ **Going Deeper:** Committees developing 12-month calendar; Condensing Continuing Ed notes to a single document.
- ◆ **Working on:** Financial Peace University; Pictorial Directory; Preschool staffing.
- ◆ **Learning and Exploring:** Generosity Project- St John's is a model for other churches; "The Agile Church" by Dwight J. Zscheile.
- ◆ **Membership Update:**
 - ◆ *Transfer to Church Triumphant:* Don Oldenberg.
- ◆ A motion was made by Phil Skaar, seconded by Rod Johnson, to approve membership update. Motion carried.

Old Business: B.) Directory Update:

- ◆ Automated calls have gone out informing members how to schedule an appointment for photos, using either the website or signing up at church office.

Additional Items:

- ◆ A brief form was distributed for Council members. They will be featured monthly on a slide as well as a poster to "get to know your council." The goal is to inform new members what council is responsible for and why it's important to attend the Annual Meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:03 PM by Janice Naset, with a second by Barb Ross. Motion carried.
The meeting closed with the 'Lord's Prayer' led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Philip Skaar, Janice Naset, Kathy Tozer, Barb Ross, Lisa Prill, Pauline Stertz. Rod Johnson, Isabelle Hillman. Guests: Tracey McCann, Donnie Geissler, Wendy LaGesse.
Absent: Suzi McInnis, Ellyn Hudacek

Youth and Family



FAITH, FAMILY, & FRIENDS

QUALIFICATIONS: Hearts filled with faith & love for people of all ages, young & old and everyone in between

BENEFITS: Hugs, smiles, new friends, and more

ADULTS & SR. HIGH YOUTH ARE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR TIME AS A FRIEND IN FAITH MENTOR

Spend time with preschool through 8th grade youth sharing highs & lows, bible stories, prayers and blessings on Sundays or Wednesdays. Please help us get to know God & Jesus by sharing your faith stories with us.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Marla at 715056805446 #12 or email stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net



IN ACTION

WHO: SR. HIGH YOUTH

WHEN: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 & 23

TIME: 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

FRIENDS WELCOME

Blessing of the Backpacks and Education Dedication

September 9th & 12th
Worship Services



Pet Blessing Service
Sunday, October 7th



**LADIES ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR MORE OF GOD?
JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY FOR BIBLE STUDY, CONVERSATION & FELLOWSHIP**

Special Guest: Christy Langman sharing info on Yoga & how it has affected her life.

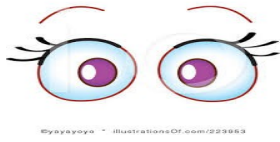
Fall session begins on Friday, September 14 at 11:00 am. Call or email Marla@715-568-5446 #12 or stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net for more info.

Blessing of the Orange/Pink

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

BE SURE TO WEAR YOUR ORANGE OR PINK HUNTING GEAR

Youth and Family



COME & SEE

CONFIRMATION & FAITH 5 ORIENTATION DATES & TIMES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

5:30 PM-6:45 PM

6TH, 7TH, & 8TH Parent & Youth Registration & Confirmation Orientation

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

10:15 AM-11:30 AM

Preschool (Age 3 by Sept. 1) through 5th Grade Faith 5 Parent Registration & Orientation

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

5:30 PM-6:45 PM

Preschool (Age 3 by Sept. 1) through 5th Grade Faith 5 Parent Registration & Orientation

REGISTRATION PACKETS AVAILABLE ON DATES LISTED ABOVE

ALL REGISTRATION, MEDICAL & CONSENT LIABILITY FORMS MUST BE CURRENT, UPDATED & COMPLETED FOR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN SR. HIGH YOUTH IN ACTION, CONFIRMATION & FAITH 5.



SAVE THE DATE

SEPT. 19: RALLY DAY

YOUTH & ADULT
ACTIVITIES

4:45-6 PM

MEAL 4:45-5:45 PM

FOOD, FUN &
FELLOWSHIP



COME & SEE



Spread God's LOVE!!





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