



St. John's Lutheran Church

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

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Council Member for the Month of September Alexandriah (Driah) Zakrzewicz

Hello! My name is Alexandriah, but most of you will know me as Driah! Most of you probably know my family, the "Z's". My mom, Sindy, and my dad, Steve. I also have my two brothers, Nic and Zay.

This is my first year serving on Church Council and I am having fun with it!

While on church council I have designed shirts! You might have seen them around church being sold.

So far I have had fun and I'm going to have a lot more!



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Please Join Our Church Family

In Prayer



As we enter the month of September, 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 lists please stop by the church office, call the office at 715-568-5446, or email the information to:



stjohnsl-secretary@bloomer.net

Prayers of Healing for our Church Family

Donna Kerckhove, Rene Kerckhove, Dean Hontz, Tom Buchner, Harry Loew, Ilene Pingel, Carolyn Bergh, Willard Rogge, Matthew Berin, Kari Skaar

Prayers for our Active Military

Danielle Shipman

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of September 1ST: Denise, Noah, Anders, Cole, and Dane Michaelson; Lanna and Raymond Michels; Bonnie and Robert Mickelson; Kristine, Tyler, Charlie, and Lincoln Mickelson; Pat Prill

Prayers for the week of September 8TH: Jeff & Theresa Miller, Mariah and Masen Miller; Arlene and Richard Mohr; Kristin, Tim, Miles, Tatem; Tyler, and Micah Mohr; Robert and Wendy Mooney; Heidi and Steve Morning; Alex Morning

Prayers for the week of September 15TH: Iylah Morning; Tina and Travis Myers; Janice and Stub Naset; Butch and Sue Nehring; David Nehring; James Nehring; Eva and Kenneth Newton

Prayers for the week of September 22ND: Al and Judy Nimtz; Jennifer, Philip, Evan and Neveah Nitek; Deanna (Stevens), Jordyn, Nichole, and Travis Nordrum; Brandon, Cassandra, and Warren North; Kim Oldenberg

Prayers for the week of September 29TH: Magdalen Olson; Dennis and Lynette Pank; Peg and Buck Paulsen; Marla and Pete Paulson; Heather, Todd, Kalie, Addison, Arianna, and Gavin Pecha

Church News

REMINDER:

Pre-school does still have a few spaces available for 3 and 4 yr old children. For more information & registration forms, contact Crystal Erickson at (715) 563-6281.



**PLEASE SPREAD
THE WORD!!**



Please join us for quilting.
September 17th 1:00-4:00

Deadline for Newsletter

If you would like to submit anything for the newsletter please make sure to get it to the church secretary no later than the 23rd of the month.

Thank You!!

WELCA DAY OF ENRICHMENT

Sept. 21: Osseo Lutheran Church
50351 Harmony St. (Registration by Sept. 14)

Sept. 28: Long Lake Lutheran Church
W3114 Church Road, Sarona
(Registration by Sept. 21)

Registration and information is on the bulletin board by church office.



Sunday, September 22

Neighborhood walk or drive

Sunday, September 22 after worship

COME AND SEE! - Let's take a walk (or maybe even a drive) around town to find out what God is up to around Bloomer.

- What do you see that you've never noticed before?
- What is a new question that you have about our neighborhood?
- Take photos of anything that incites your interest!!!

BINGO IS BACK!!

Sunday, September 15th marks the return of the fun-filled B-I-N-G-O monthly social opportunity! Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. Come and Enjoy this light-hearted activity with us.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Faith and Fire

Come experience a casual evening with family, friends, and the Holy Spirit around a campfire

- **Who:** All Friends & Family of St. John's - Bring a Friend!!!
- **What:** Campfire
- **When:** Saturday, Sept. 21
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- **Where:** Household of Suzi McInnis 2681 Duncan Road

Feel free to bring campfire favorites (i.e. s'mores, etc.), but no obligation

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating purposes.

Life is better when you add fresh air, a warm campfire, bright stars, and s'mores!

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship Service	2 OFFICE CLOSED- LABOR DAY	3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	4 2:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Orientation for Confirmation (gr 6-8) 6:45 PM Worship-Back Pack Blessing	5	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship Service - Back Pack Blessing 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Orientation, Pre- school-5th grade 10:15 AM Property Committee Meeting 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action	9 8:00 AM Bible Study	10 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting 5:30 PM Pre-school Board Meeting	11 2:00 PM Bible Study 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Mission Fair 6:45 PM Worship	12 9:30 AM Pastor's Conference 7:00 PM F.I.N. Meeting	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Mission Fair 1:00 PM B-I-N-G-O 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	16 8:00 AM Bible Study 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	17 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Quilting Group 4:00 PM Staff Meeting	18 RALLY DAY 2:00 PM Bible Study 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM Orientation, Pre-school- 5th grade 6:45 PM Worship	19	20 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM Pseudo Lock-In Youth Event	21 WELCA Day of Enrichment in Osseo, WI 7:00 PM Campfire Social Event (FIN)
22 Pastor's Fall Ministry Retreat 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Community Walk/Drive (FIN) 10:15 AM Faith Five 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action	23 Pastor's Fall Ministry Retreat 8:00 AM Bible Study	24 Pastor's Fall Ministry Retreat 5:30 PM F.I.N. Meeting	25 2:00 PM Bible Study 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM Confirmation Faith Five Meeting 6:45 PM Worship	26	27	28 WELCA Day of Enrichment in Sarona, WI
29 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Faith Five	30 8:00 AM Bible Study	1 4:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bloomer Cub Scouts Meeting	2 2:00 PM Bible Study 6:45 PM Worship	3	4	5

Church Council Meeting

August 6, 2019

“Growing Disciples who eagerly share Christ’s Love”

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 by President Suzi McInnis.

Opening Devotion: By Driah Zakrzewicz – “Called by God to Serve” Chapter 27.

Discussed how faithful leaders can and should challenge church members.

Prayers: Prayers for comfort and healing for Steve Winfield; for healing for Suzi’s nosebleeds; for Lisa’s family member medical procedure; for shooting victims and their families, for peace in our nation; for comfort and healing for Kari Skaar and strength and peace for her family; for new staff; prayer of thanks for healthy crops and for farmers; prayer for students, teachers, bus drivers, staff as a new school year begins; prayers for youth, mentors and guides as Faith Formation begins.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Issues/Information

Committee Reports: (Attachments: FIN, Youth, Pastor)

FIN (Faithful Innovations Network): Went on a neighborhood walk to “notice.” Goal to have 5 One-on-One’s by next meeting. Dwelling in the Word at Wednesday worship.

Youth: Reminder for all fundraiser chairs to fill out Event Evaluation form and to track volunteer names and hours. Especially important to share youth volunteer information with Youth Director for fundraiser requirement purposes.

Property: New sign is finished and will be installed this week.

Financial Report:

Council request for Financial Secretary to attend upcoming council meetings (at a time convenient, between 5:30-7:00) to help answer questions that arise. Also request that Financial report is available for council to review by the Friday prior to council meeting.

Pastor will check on the annual fee that was paid to “Protect My Ministry” prior to next meeting.

Lydia will work with Victoria to reconcile Miscellaneous Fund by goal date of October 1.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Barb Ross, to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Action Items

Youth committee made a request to change date of Mission Fair, which would give more time to recruit mentor/guides for Faith Formation. Council agreed to the change:

Mission Fair dates: Wednesday, September 11th from 5:00-6:30. Fat Boy’s pizza served.

Sunday, September 15th from 10:00-11:00 with brunch being served.

Rally Day: Wednesday, September 18th with games and meal.

**Pastor will contact Fat Boy’s about the date change.

Church Council Minutes (Continued)

Preschool staff: Beth Cullen has been hired as Preschool Administrator and Courtney Erickson as the Director. Melissa will speak with staff about preschool participating in WAXX Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Barb Ross, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to accept the resignation of pianist Kathy Larson. Motion carried. Thank you to Kathy for her dedicated service to St. John's!

Discussed St. John's presence in our community. Council agrees to commit to participating in the parade at the Bloomer Fair in 2020. (Youth in Action Christmas display at Park is a good way to share our mission as well as hosting Easter Egg Hunt.)

A parade chairperson/committee is desired to have in place by March/April 2020.

Brainstormed ideas to hand out at parade to share St. John's mission and invite others. Suggestions included book-marks, can cozies, or bags of popcorn with key dates listed such as Rally Day, Trunk or Treat, Christmas Pageant. Thrivent Grant could help offset costs.

*Pastor will print membership roster to provide to council at next month meeting, to aid in suggestions for possible volunteers.

Committees are asked to work on **Budget Proposals** for 2020 and to get those numbers to Pastor/Victoria in September with a deadline of October 1st.

Budget Committee for 2020 budget:

Pastor Martin

Suzi McInnis

Lydia Blaha

Kathy Tozer as liaison.

Victoria will compile budget for presentation to council.

Committee will meet 2-3 times beginning in September.

Nomination Committee: Comprised of 6 people, generally 2 outgoing members.

Pauline Stertz is an outgoing member on completion of her second term.

Vacancy left by Terri Smith will need to be filled.

Barb Ross and Lisa Prill are nearing completion of first term and are eligible to serve another term.

Barb is most likely not serving another term. Lisa is undecided.

Looking for 4 people to fill our Nomination Committee, by September.

Goal is to have list of candidates by December meeting.

Discussed ways to help the Skaar family during Kari's cancer treatments.

A current need is a 5th/6th grade football coach ASAP.

Pastor Review:

We are truly blessed to have an enthusiastic, welcoming, personable pastor at St. John's who is also a great presence in our community!

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:51 PM by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present: Pastor Martin, Suzi McInnis, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Barb Ross, Kathy Tozer, Tom Ewings, Adam Anderson, Pauline Stertz, Driah Zakrzewicz, Lisa Prill.

Youth Committee Notes

July 15, 2019

Present: Pastor Martin, Marla, Melissa Sarauer, Kathy Tozer, Lisa Prill

Discipline Policies:

- Still assembling team.
- Use positive phrasing: Perhaps "Building Policy" or "Expectations".
- Encourage all parents to attend orientation.
- Have a specified time frame for the meeting, i.e., 6:15-6:30.
- Parents need to update information, especially cell # and email and sign a "receipt" to show they have read and understand the information.
- Before next meeting, Youth committee members are asked to visit our website and review registration forms to see if any changes are needed.

Financial Policies:

- Lisa will email revised policy. Please look over before the next meeting for final revisions.

ButterBraid:

- Will be sold from November 13-December 4 with delivery around December 13th.
- As always, payment is due with order.
- Policy this year will be cash only or one check from the seller to St. John's.
- A chairperson is needed to take over Butterbraid sales.

Other Fundraisers:

- Spring Flower sale will most likely not take place next spring.
- Kwik Trip gas cards are an option as fundraiser.
- Butterbraid company will be introducing a Frozen Cake Roll in the spring. More details will be forthcoming, but profit margin is 40%!
- Chairperson(s) are responsible for tracking expenses and volunteer names/hours for reimbursement purposes.
- Marla will gather information sheets for each fundraiser and we will assemble folders at next month's meeting to be used by chairpersons(s). Folders will contain job description/responsibilities, volunteer sheet, envelope for receipts and an evaluation form.

North Park Display:

- Janie Jacobson submitted 2 designs.
- We will ask if she can transfer the design onto a clear sheet to be used on an overhead projector.
- Will work with Al Nimtz (carpenter) to figure out how to support the display.
- Melissa Sarauer and Wendy LaGessee will donate a sheet of plywood and prime it.
- Youth in Action could have a display at the Mission Fair to look for more volunteers.

Job Descriptions/Mission Fair:

- Mission Fair is Sunday, September 15th after worship and Wednesday, September 18th from 4:45-6:30. Pizza will be offered on Wed and egg bake and rolls on Sunday. ****NOTE:****(Dates for Mission Fair have since been changed to 11th & 15th)
- Melissa will help with the display on the 18th. Marla will see if Beth is available on the 15th.
- Marla has many detailed descriptions that will be available at the Mission Fair.
- Specifically, we will provide information about:
 - Fundraisers
 - Wednesday meals
 - Sign-up sheets for fundraisers
- Youth display will be assembled by Melissa. Pastor will provide photos.
- Updated policy sheets will be on hand as well as registration forms.

One Fest:

- Youth committee has made a donation of \$250 to One Fest in Chippewa Falls. We have received two free tickets and free parking. Since there are several people interested, names will be placed in a jar and winner will be drawn at random.

VBS:

- Suggestion to provide Luther Park t-shirts to VBS campers this year, to be paid for from Youth Fund. There are about 24 campers and cost is \$10 each. Committee agreed.
- Suggestion for next year to try evening VBS as to not interfere with summer school and swim lessons.

Items for August meeting:

- Fundraiser chair folders
- Mission Fair display board
- Discipline Policy

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 in a hurry due to approaching storm. Next meeting TBD...

Pastor Martin's Monthly Report

PASTOR MARTIN'S MONTHLY REPORT

I CELEBRATE

The completion of the St. John's preschool hiring process. Welcome aboard to Beth Cullen and welcome back to Courtney Erickson and Mary Ann Lambert!

The response to all things Luther Park – volunteer clean-up efforts, raffle sales, VBS, and camp attendance.

The property committee replacing the damaged church sign on Newman St. A lot of teamwork being displayed!

People I've encouraged and RESOURCED

Teaching Driah how to read the passage from Acts for Dwelling in the Word in worship.

Ways I've helped us GO DEEPER with our Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals

Working with the FIN team in clarifying our goals for the upcoming listening campaign.

Following the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee this week to see what decisions will impact St. John's.

I'm currently WORKING ON

Hiring process to replace Kathy Larson as worship musician.

Onboarding Beth Cullen as new preschool Administrator and Courtney Erickson as the new Director.

Implementing new behavior guidelines for Wednesday evening, both in class and outside of class.

Reviewing and editing the Youth and Family Minister job description.

I'm LEARNING & EXPLORING

Exploring new ways of doing confirmation, learning from the years long confirmation project.

Utilizing our church management system (Breeze) better.

I could use your HELP with and your PRAYERS for

Being bold with *Dwelling in the Word*, participating and offering your thoughts when given the opportunity.

Welcoming the new preschool staff.

A vibrant mission fair that can help us build our volunteerism to the next level!

Additional comments

Membership updates:
none

Youth Announcements

YOUTH AND EDUCATION



IN ACTION

WHO: 8TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH &
DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 & 22
TIME: 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
WHERE: ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP
 FRIENDS WELCOME**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear God,
 This church is a family.
 Help us to learn together
 To worship together
 To share together
 To play together
 To pray together
 To come together
 And to reach out to every-
 one with family love.

COME & SEE



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

**CONFIRMATION 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE PARENT
 & YOUTH ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION**

5:30 PM-6:45 PM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

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

10:15 AM-11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18, RALLY DAY

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

5:45 PM-6:30 PM

**REGISTRATION, MEDICAL & CONSENT LIABIL-
 ITY FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT**

www.stjohns-bloomer.org more-resources-forms

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

So many things to do and not enough hours in a day to get it done. Make each day count by running on God's time, sharing time with church, family and friends. Building relationships and growing in faith will provide that extra support to get through each day. Become involved in Faith Formation for children, youth and adults. This year's 'Faith Formation' format will be centered around small groups of 6 to 8 children ages kindergarten through 5th grade along with Sr. High youth and adults as Friends in Faith Mentors. Hearts filled with faith & love for children and reading bible stories is the basis of this format. Benefits will be smiles, hugs, new friends and becoming part of the family of God. Please consider being part of this experience as we grow in faith together. Contact Marla at 715-568-5446 ext. 12 or stjohnsl-marla@bloomer.net for more information or to volunteer, Run on God's time. You'll be glad you did.



Youth Announcements (cont.)

RALLY DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
1403 NEWMAN STREET, BLOOMER, WI**

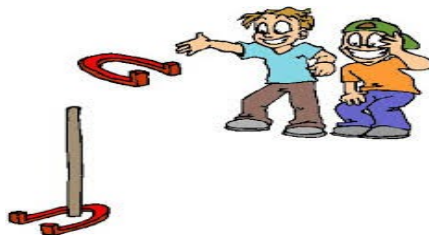
MEAL: 4:45-6:00 PM

**HOT DOGS, BUNS, BEANS &
CHIPS PROVIDED, PLEASE
BRING DISH TO PASS**

***ICE CREAM SUNDAES
FOR DESSERT***



GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES 5-6:30 PM



**BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AT WORSHIP
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 & SUNDAY, SEPT. 8**



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COME & SEE

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 8: PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION
& REGISTRATION 10:15-11:00AM**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18: PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION
& REGISTRATION 5:45-6:30 PM**

FAMILIES & FRIENDS WELCOME

FIN (Faithful Innovations Network)

Tuesday, July 25, 2019

& 2019 Devotion Schedule

Attendance: Pastor Martin, Barb Ross, Lydia Blaha, Laurice Hillman, Keith Ruehlow

Dwelling in the Word

What catches your attention in this passage?

Is there a difference between Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Jesus?

“...where they expected to find a place of prayer.” Why did they expect that?

Do we expect that Bloomer is a prayerful place?

What is the definition of a prayerful place?

What questions does this passage create for you?

Paul and his companions returned back to Lydia’s home after she and her family were baptized. Was it similar to the gatherings we traditionally do today after baptism?

What do you think God might be saying to you as a group through this passage?

Will outsiders come and feel this area is a prayerful place?

The people who come into our lives are a means of an answered prayer.

First experience of Dwelling in the Word at first Wednesday evening worship

Really good first experience

5-6 people offered input to the discussion

Other groups update: WELCA, HS Faith Formation a go, Council will adjust a start date due to the ending of our book, still contemplating Confirmation retreats.

Tom suggested an activity to go along with our Dwelling on the Word activity. This will come into play in our second trimester

Our first crack at One-on-One’s and our next steps

Several successful and surprising conversations were had

No true targeted audience yet defined by the team at this time

The goal is to have every person on FIN have a least **5** total One on One’s by the time of our next retreat

Please take notes AFTER your One on One

PM still has a hope to have a few others outside of FIN to also hold One on One’s

Possibly target our One on One’s to potential listeners

PM to reach out to Erin to get the Power Point we had at our first retreat

Neighborhood walks

Remember to notice

Tom to connect with Bob for a Neighborhood Walk

Lydia will lead a walk on Sunday, July 28 after church. PM to post on FB and announce in church.

Take photos and maybe we can post them on FB with our observations

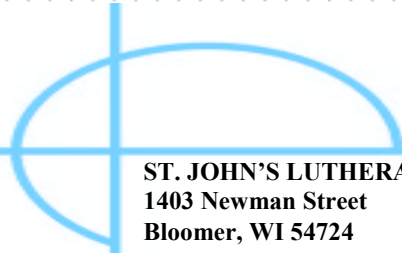
A Saturday morning walk will be discussed at the next FIN meeting

Devotion Schedule for 2019 from “Called by God to Serve”:

Sept – Melissa Sarauer, Chp. 28
Adam Anderson, Chapter 1

Oct – Pauline Stertz, Chapter 29
Jan – Kathy Tozer, Chapter 2

Nov – Lydia Blaha, Chapter 30 **Dec** –



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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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