



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

“Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ’s Love!”

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Youth & Family Announcements

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9th Grade Faith Statement

My faith first started when my parents baptized me. My grandparents are very religious, every time we would visit, we would go to church. When we would go I thought it was so special and that really interested me in learning more about Jesus. We then came to St. John's and I was able to learn about the bible and was inspired by the stories. God gave me the gift of getting to go to St. Johns. I always looked forward to coming here to learn more about the bible. Another gift god gave me is my family, my family is very special to me.

I believe that Jesus died for all of us, sacrificing himself. Jesus went to heaven to forgive us for all of our sins. Jesus accepts us for who we really are and we worship him and thank him for all that he has done for us. We also spread the word to other people to share the gift of faith. My faith has taught me between right and wrong and inspired me to become the person that I am today.

I was able to go to summer camp which was the highlight of my summer. Going to camp made my faith grow stronger. I got to meet other religious people and I got to hear their stories, at camp they taught us more about Jesus and what he did for us in the form of a play they would perform on the last few days of camp. Singing songs, doing fun activities also gave me more faith. When I went home I shared the fun activities with my friends and family spreading my faith in the way of a game.

Matthew 21:22 “Whatever you ask in prayer with faith you will receive.”

This verse speaks to me, saying Jesus will answer your prayers, maybe not in the way you want, but he does.

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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 list 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

Carolyn Bergh, Ramsey Dommer, Maggie Olson, Tom Buchner, Arlene Christianson, Ilene Pingel, Merv Marquardt, Willard Rogge, Rod Martin, Donna Kerckhove & Rene Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughters), Steve Trubshaw, Evelyn Ferstenou.

Prayers for our Active Military

Jacob Dachel, Jacob Johnson, Danielle Shipman, Kelsey Leavens, Trenton Beaudette, Ryan Heiss

Prayers for the Saints

Prayers for the week of September 6th: Eric, Debi, Charlie and Taylor Lewis; Daniel and Joann Lewis; Martha Libersky; Eric, Amanda, Aaron and Evan Lierman; Timothy Loew.

Prayers for the week of September 13th: Eric, Brittany, Clayton and Cooper Ludwigson; Katherine Ludwigson; Tye, Kelli, Bronson and Cole Ludwigson; John and Bonnie Lueck; Dick and Jean Marquardt.

Prayers for the week of September 20th: Lucille Martin; Rodney Martin; Doug, Susan and Andrew Martin; Michael, Amy and Lucas Marvin; Brian, Mary and Gabe Mawby; Shaun, Erin, Connor, Owen and Riley McCurdy.

Prayers for the week of September 27th: Sue and Kenner McInnis; Rene, Denise and Greyson Medina; Nick, Chrissy, Dominick and Rose Meisner; Marge Melberg; Justin, Kelly, Kaylee, Caleb and Leora Metcalf.

Church News

Youth in Action Picnic

Sunday, September 27th – 5:30-7:30

Location: North Park

Masks are highly encouraged!!

Food will be provided! Keep an eye out for more information!

A REQUEST FROM OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is in need of egg cartons. If you have extras headed for recycle center or the “circular file” please ... **DIVERT THEIR DESTINATION!** Please spread the word.

THANK YOU!!

NEEDED: Someone to continue organizing St John’s Lutheran Church ‘Meals On Wheels’ volunteers to deliver meals in the months of January and July for the upcoming year/s.

To volunteer, please contact:

Pauline Stertz at pauline.stertz@gmail.com or (715) 828-5714

Families and friends of St. Johns

My intent was to just slip away unnoticed when I retired from youth ministry. No parties or acknowledgements needed for the years of sharing Jesus and my faith with youth and families. Being in youth and family ministry had never been on my list of things to do. But as many of you have heard me say, when God has a plan for you, He will continue to make a way for his plan to become a reality. Thank you for your ideas, support, encouragement and helping hands as Faith Five mentors and Prayer Warriors for the past 21 years. The support from members, families, Pastor Martin and St. Johns staff, church council and youth committee members working together to grow our faith was and is awesome. Thank you for the gifts of wind chimes and DQ gift card upon retirement. It was a pleasant surprise that I was not expecting. The THANK YOU CARD with sentiments from members makes me smile. The music from the chimes reminds me of the Holy Spirit, and a treat from the Dairy Queen after Wednesday Faith Five was always my last stop before going home. A quote from Hermann Hesse states and I quote “There is a miracle in every new beginning.” I look forward to being present in worship, and waiting on God for his next plan!

Blessings, Marla

FINANCE UPDATE

Year-To-Date as of Aug. 26, 2020

Year-To-Date:	
Weekly Contributions	\$139,213.18
Other Raised Funds	<u>10,251.10</u>
Total Received	\$ 149,464.28
- Expenses	<u>\$-161,918.31</u>
Total remaining after expenses	\$ -12,454.03

Deadline for

October Newsletter

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

September 24th .

Thank You!!

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action	31	1	2 11:00 AM Bloomer Clergy Assoc. Mtg-Pastor	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines	7 Office Closed	8 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting	9	10 10:00 AM Pastor's Conference	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines	21	22 3:30 PM Staff Meeting	23 5:30 PM Confirmation Orientation	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship Service - see safety guidelines 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Youth In Action Picnic - North Park	28 Fall Ministry Retreat 5:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting	29 Fall Ministry Retreat	30	1	2	3

Church Council Minutes (via Zoom) August 11, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by President Tyler Halverson.

Opening Devotion: By Pastor Martin – From Psalm 67: Let Your way be known on the earth. Praying for all nations during the pandemic, for health care workers, for a vaccine, for all the world.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Marcy Trubshaw, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to approve the agenda, with flexibility. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, July 14, 2020: A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Lydia will mail benevolence checks of \$500 to Luther Park and Lutheran Social Services.

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

Committee Reports:

Social Ministry:

Participated in lunch for children program. Volunteers made 100 sandwiches on July 20 and 80 sandwiches on August 3, with donated supplies, to be distributed in Shadick's parking lot. Will assemble sandwiches once again on Aug 17th.

Flower project is temporarily on hold.

Property:

Hole in parking lot has been filled with sand.

Council President's Report:

Reminder to submit items to be included on the next agenda by noon Tuesday of the week prior to council meeting. **Next Regular Meeting will be September 8, 2020 at 5:30.**

Pastor's Report:

Membership Update: *Baptism:* Braelyn Jill Hilger.

A motion was made by Tyler Halverson, seconded by Melissa Sarauer, to approve the membership update. Motion carried.

Old Business

Council Terms/Seats:

Discussed redefining current council terms to correct uneven numbers due to vacated terms.

Lydia will email members potentially effected by the proposed change.

Wednesday Services:

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to suspend Wednesday evening worship services until at least October 7, 2020. Motion carried.

Rose Marie Powell.

Church Council Minutes (continued)

August 11, 2020

Preschool Fall Programming:

Crystal Erickson presented guidelines set forth by Preschool Board, including drive thru drop off/pick up, with staggered times; temperature checks at drop off; sanitizing stations; limiting class size and no mingling of classes; all classes held M/W/F and sanitizing on T/Th.

A motion was made by Pat Prill, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to allow St. John's Preschool to operate on premises according to the guidelines set forth by St. John's church council, and pending enrollment. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tyler Halverson, seconded by Lydia Blaha, to purchase two (2) hands free sanitizing stations and a scanning thermometer with funds from Undesignated Memorials. Refills for sanitizing stations will be purchased through general fund/supplies. Motion carried.

St. John's Fall Programming:

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Driah Zakrzewicz, to delay the start of learning events and Wednesday meals until at least October 7, 2020. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Kathy Tozer to go into closed session at 6:43 PM. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Marcy Trubshaw, to return to open session at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

New Business

Feedback Form Discussion:

Discussed issues and ways to be a more effective council:

- Addressing the safety of our congregation.
- Continuing our strong youth programs.
- Achieving financial stability.
- Delegating responsibility to committees.
- Actively engaging members.
- Connecting with members during quarantine.

Additional Items and Comments:

A motion was made by Tyler Halverson, seconded by Kathy Tozer, to donate funds raised from Charcoal Chicken Meal on September 20th to Luther Park general fund. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 PM by Melissa Sarauer, seconded by Tyler Halverson. Motion carried.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Martin.

Lisa Prill, Secretary

Present via Zoom: Pastor Martin, Tyler Halverson, Melissa Sarauer, Lydia Blaha, Kathy Tozer, Pat Prill, Marcy Trubshaw, Driah Zakrzewicz, Lisa Prill, Crystal Erickson, Kayla Gunderson, Katie O'Connell,

Youth Announcements

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



ACOLYTE & COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

CONFIRMATION FAMILIES!!!

Check your email to sign your child(ren) up to be an acolyte and communion assistant.

Extended Deadline:

Sunday, September 6th

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

WE'VE GONE ONLINE!!!

Head over to the St. John's website to find the link to register your child(ren) for JAM, Confirmation, or Youth in Action.

YOUTH IN ACTION

When: Sunday, September 13 & 27

Where: Via Zoom unless otherwise noted at a future date.



FAITH FORMATION START DELAY

St. John's Faith Formation

(JAM and Confirmation)

start date will be delayed until October.

However, there will be JAM curriculum posted online for those interested and wanting to use it at home in September.

WANTED

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

St. John's is looking for small group leaders for JAM and Confirmation!

If you are interested in and able to help on either Sunday or Wednesday, please contact Katie at

stjohnsl-katie@bloomer.net

News From Pastor Martin

ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

The impacts of covid-19 have been far reaching for everyone and the St. John's Lutheran Church Preschool is no exception. Last March, the preschool closed its doors right along with the rest of the Bloomer school district in order to keep our kids and families safe. As the summer months passed, the preschool board and staff prepared to return to school once again this fall. Realizing that enrollment was going to be slow moving this year, the preschool even made plans to suffer a significant financial loss in order to welcome the kids back to our church. Even so, there still wasn't enough registered to attend and the preschool board made the difficult decision to close down for the year.

Looking to the future, we hope that the preschool will be up and running for the 2021-22 academic year. Please pray that this community outreach will once again return so that we can offer families a quality preschool experience for the Bloomer children!

Many thanks go to our outgoing preschool staff: Courtney Erickson, Beth Cullen, and Mary Ann Lambert. Many thanks also go out to the preschool board: Crystal Erickson, Kayla Gunderson, Sara Shadick, Jackie Shadick, and Katie Telschow.

Pastor Martin

TENTATIVELY SPEAKING...

Normally, I get to write an article filled with hopeful expectation as we prepare for the month of September. Normally, our usual September celebrations include:

- Blessing of the backpacks/teachers
- Rally Day with games, food, and fun!
- God's Work/Our Hands service outreach
- Confirmation/faith formation orientations
- Restart of bible studies

This year, things are different. This year we are wandering in the wilderness like the Israelites and Moses. As we make plans to get back together safely, I always remind myself that everything is tentative. For now, we hope to celebrate Rally Day on Wednesday, Oct. 7. We hope to return to weekly Wednesday worship at 6:45 again that very day. We hope to have games, food, and fun again! But as with everything else, things are tentative.

But here's where my hopeful expectation kicks in again. If we are careful with our daily routines, if our school district truly helps keep our kids safe, if we listen to the CDC recommendations and maintain appropriate distances and mask-wearing, we can still be hopeful that the above can play out! I have been so proud and thankful that we've had 100% participation with mask wearing in worship. That only helps the cause and increases our chances to keep our hopeful expectations!

Friends, we can be leaders in our beloved community of Bloomer. We can show people how to love our neighbor. And in doing so, we can make plans for meaningful faith enriching opportunities, tentatively speaking, of course...

Pastor Martin



Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

COVID 19 Stimulus Check Appeal for ministries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

August 1, 2020

Friends in Christ:

Over the past few months our lives have changed dramatically. Daily routines have been disrupted, new challenges have arisen. In spite of Covid 19, the ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin continues to be impactful, making a difference in the world for Jesus' sake. I am grateful for your generous prayerful and financial support of the work that we do together. **I invite you to join me and our synod council in continuing to support the synod's ministry with a special gift.** Perhaps you received a COVID stimulus check. For many this check was a blessing, a needed relief for those who had lost income. However, if you are able, I invite you to consider making a gift from those funds to support essential synod ministries. Consider these opportunities:

Give a gift to your home congregation

Give a gift that will keep on giving by donating to the

Synod Endowment Fund <http://nswi.org/endowment-fund>

Give to the ongoing work of the NWSWI <http://nswi.org/giving>

Give to the synod's general fund

Give to our companion synod in Malawi

Give to our synod's newest Latino/a ministry, Neighbor to Neighbor

Give directly to one of our synod's ministries

Bible Camps: Luther Park, Luther Point, Wapogasset, Amnicon

Lutheran Campus Ministries: UW-Eau Claire, UW-Stout, UW-River Falls

As a Synod, we are making a difference for Jesus' sake

The synod's capital campaign, endowment fund and staff helped congregations upgrade technology and provided assistance as nearly every congregation in the synod went to worship and meetings on line during the pandemic.

The synod ministers provided additional education, support, encouragement, and resources for both worship and faith formation to pastors, deacons, SAMS and congregations since March.

The synod has provided financial support to the Lutheran church in Malawi to help with flood relief and pastor's salaries during the pandemic.

The synod's justice team has been meeting and working on video resources on racial, gender, environmental and hunger justice issues. The synod is launching a NEW Latinx racial justice ministry called Neighbor to Neighbor that will focus on connecting with our American Latinx neighbors.

The Northwest Synod awarded small ELCA COVID 19 grants to our synod's Bible Camps and Lutheran Campus Ministries hit hard by loss of income during the pandemic.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry in the past! I invite you to join me and the members of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council in making a special gift to support the synod that will benefit the ministries of every congregation in NW Wisconsin as we move forward together in God's mission for the sake of the world.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

The Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council

Al Arndt, Vice President
 Julie Brenden, Secretary
 John Levi, Treasurer

Chippewa Valley Conference

Reverend Lucy Schottelkorb
 Arvin Solsaa
 Michelle Pride

Apple River Conference

Reverend Marilyn Crossfield
 Justin Swanson
 Kim Patterson

Dairyland Conference

Reverend Rolf Morck
 Kathy Boe

Chequamegon Conference

Carol Lekies
 Lyle Roe

Heart of the North Conference

Reverend Luci Sesvold
 Ed Peters
 Karyn Hullinger

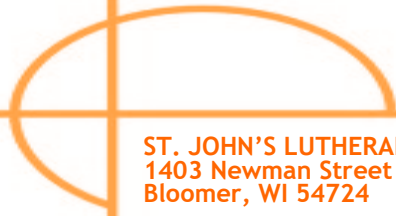
St. Croix Valley Conference

Marcia Lindseth
 Ralph Van Keulen

Lake Superior Conference

Reverend Paul Simmons
 Tom Potterton

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2



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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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