



St. John's Lutheran Church

Mission Statement:

"Growing disciples who eagerly share Christ's Love!"

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Church News-Calendar
- Council Meeting Minutes
- Update from Pastor Randy Olson
- Youth & Preschool News

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UPDATE!

By the recommendation of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin the church council agreed to enter into contracts with Pastor Gary Hedding and Deacon Martha Libersky for interim coverage. Pastor Gary will serve part-time as administrative interim and Deacon Martha will serve part-time as interim minister. Pastor Gary will work with the council, staff, and committees to carry out the daily ministry of the congregation and in time work with a transition team to prepare St. John's to call a new pastor. Deacon Martha will focus on the caring ministry of St. John's including regular hospital and home visitation. Deacon Martha and Pastor Gary will share equally in the responsibilities of weekly worship. The synod is currently working to identify a qualified confirmation leader for Wednesday evenings who will provide instruction, mentor students and support the team of adult leaders.

Pastor Diane House from the synod staff will install Pastor Gary and Deacon Martha in their interim roles during worship on September 8th. Interim teams like this one have worked very well in other settings. The synod is confident that it will be a faithful and effective way to accomplish the work necessary to move St. John's forward.

Pastor Randy Olson
Synod Minister

NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE: There have been numerous emails sent out to members of the congregation containing updates and relevant information the council and the office wishes to share. If anyone has not received these emails, please call the office at 715-568-5446 to ensure that your contact information is up to date in our database. Please know also that if you have a bloomer.net email address, Bloomer Broadband frequently updates their service that often results in the emails we send through our database to be blocked as spam, which can be remedied by a short phone call to the Bloomer Broadband office.

Office number: 715-568-5446

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

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

Jason Rihn; LuAnn Larson; Wayne Rihn; Richard Mohr; Arlene Christianson; Steve Larson (Matt Larson's Father); Kelli Jackson; Betty Enyeart; Wayne and Nancy Zogleman (Amanda's grandparents); Edith Fleming; Kristi Swartz; Carolyn Bergh; Pat Prill; Carson (family friend of Kristine Mickelson); Sarah Wittrock; Julie Wittrock; Arne Windsor; Art Klingenberg; Steve Trubshaw; Renee Grambo; Dohna Kerckhove (Pat Prill's daughter).

Prayers For the Saints

Prayers for the week of Sept. 1st: Carly, Zachary and Madden Schimmel; Nancy Schindler; Virginia Schindler; Brad, Kim, Chloe and Paxton Schulze; Arlette Schuster; Sharon Schwartz; Jessica, Robert, Attlee, Emmitt, Ivlee and Ollynn Schwarzenberger; Doug and Sandy Score.

Prayers for the week of Sept. 8th: Nikki, Tyler, Madison and Miles Seibel; Steve and Susan Seibel; Josh, Sara, Adam and Arianna Shadick; Matthew, Meghan, Evan, Hazel and Henry Shadick; Patrick and Sandra Shadick.




Prayers for the week of Sept. 15th: Michael, Nicole, Aliyah, Kaylee and Jaxton Shannon; Brian, Stacy and Jackson Simmons; Ashley, Nathan, Lawson and Lorelei Simmons; Bryce Siverling; Emilie Siverling; Jared Siverling; Kim and Steve Siverling; Sarah Siverling.

Prayers for the week of Sept. 22nd: Kari, Phil, Jacob and Jensyn Skaar; Terri Smith; Donald and Karen Steinmetz; Laura, Terry and Tatum Steinmetz; Dave and Pauline Stertz; Deanna Stevens; Deanna Stuckert; Marlin and Monica Stuckert.

Prayers for the week of Sept. 29th: Charlie, Nicole, Ava and Conor Sundberg; Dale and Sanja Swan; Jenny, Aubrey and James Tarnowski; Cody, Susan, Abigail and Ben Thiede; Jerome, Tia and Tiana Thomley.

SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR

Church News

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship Service	2 Labor Day-Office Closed	3	4	5  First Day of Preschool	6	7
8  9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Grandparents Day Pie & Ice Cream Social 5:30pm - 7:30pm Youth In Action at Dorene Turner's Residence	9 8:30am Bible Study	10 6:00pm Preschool Committee Meeting	11 Rally Day for JAM 2:00pm Bible Study 4:45pm - 5:15pm Rally Day Dinner 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation (Opening Day Games) 6:30pm Worship Service	12	13	14
15 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Town Hall Forum 3:00pm Installation of Bishop Martin Halom-Hope Lutheran in EC	16 8:30am Bible Study 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	17  1:00pm - 4:00pm Quilting Group 5:30pm Youth Committee Meeting	18 2:00pm Bible Study 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation 5:30pm - 6:30pm Town Hall Forum 6:30pm Worship Service	19	20	21
22 9:00am Worship Service	23 8:30am Bible Study 1:00pm Staff Meeting	24	25 9:00am Preschool Field Trip-Public Library 2:00pm Bible Study 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship Service	26 9:00am Preschool Field Trip-Public Library	27	28
29 9:00am Worship Service	30 8:30am Bible Study	1	2 10:30am Bloomer Clergy Association Mtg 2:00pm Bible Study 5:15pm - 6:15pm Faith Formation 6:30pm Worship Service	3	4	5

If you are interested in making communion bread for the communion on the first Sunday of the month, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex and recipes in the altar guild room.



A BIG THANK YOU!

To all those who helped deliver
Meals On Wheels!

Your help is much appreciated not only by St. John's but the community of people who receive the meals. THANKS AGAIN!!



Celebrate Grandparents Day



Sunday, September 8th

Pie & Ice Cream Social following worship

Do you enjoy planning social events for all ages?
Do you enjoy brainstorming fun events?
Fellowship Committee Needs You!

Meetings approximately every other month for 45 min

Interested or have questions?
Contact Pastor Martin or Janelle Yeakey



Quilting Group

Will be meeting on
Sept. 17th
at 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Everyone is welcome!!



The Altar Guild is looking for members who might be interested in serving St. John's on the **Altar Guild Committee.**

Duties consist of setting up and cleaning up for communion and decorating the church for holidays. If you are interested, please contact Sue Nehring. Cell: 715-933-0181 Email: SueNehring@bloomer.net

Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2024

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 5:56 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President.

Opening Devotion – Led by Dorene Turner.

Interim Pastor Update – Pastor Randy & Pastor Gary Hedding: The council met with Pastor Randy, Pastor Gary Hedding, and Deacon Martha Libersky to discuss a team approach to the interim position. The council will meet on Monday August 26th at 7 pm to discuss a contract. The intent is to have Pastor Gary begin on September 8th with weekly office hours and he will assist the council in call process steps. Pastor Gary has several previous commitments on Sundays and will begin preaching regularly in December. Deacon Martha will continue to preach until December with Synod staff filling in periodically. In December, Pastor Gary and Deacon Martha will work out a preaching schedule for Sundays. Pastor Randy is working on finding support for Wednesday evening confirmation and worship service.

Approval of the Agenda -A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to approve the agenda with flexibility; seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.

Approval of last Council Minutes - A motion was made by Sarah Wittrock to approve the minutes from the July 8th, 2024 meeting; seconded by Kay Anderson. Motion carried.

Financial Report -

	Year to Date (Jan-Jul 2024)
Income	\$ 139,207.44
Expenses	\$ 143,949.59
Difference	- \$ 4,742.15

Transfers: There were no transfers from the council fund in July to cover expenses

CD's	\$76,000	\$200,000
Location	Security Financial Bank	Security Financial Bank
% APR	5.0	5.25
Timeframe	12 months	15 months
Expires	8-8-25	11-6-25

All money is insured through FDIC

When CD's come due, interest will need to be noted on the '23 budget and '24 budget

A motion was made on 7/16 via email by Dorene Turner that the council will match up to \$1,000 of the giving for the Bishop initiative from the council fund. Seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried with 5 approvals (no disapproval comments were made). Previous CD's came due at the beginning of August. Before renewing the CD's, \$39,908.89 (interest from both CD's (15,908.89) plus \$24,000 from the \$100,000 CD) was transferred to the Council Fund to help with continued operating costs.

A motion was made on 8/5 via email by Dorene Turner to transfer the \$200,000 CD to Security Bank for the higher interest rate of 15 months at 5.5%. Seconded by Kay Anderson. Motion carried.

A motion was made on 8/5 via email by Janelle Yeakey to leave what is left of the \$100,000 CD after \$40,000 is transferred to the Council Fund at Security Financial Bank for 12 months at 5.00%. Seconded by Jamie Keller. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to accept the financial report. Seconded by Aubrie Bohl. Motion carried.

Old Business-

Martha's expectations: August 1-31st she will be our pulpit supply. She will be on call for everything from July 21st to August 31st, with Pastor Dale Honer and Pastor Vern to cover funerals. She would like a list of committee members and volunteers that help with: ushering, reading, acolyte and communion.

Appreciation acknowledgements –

November: Musicians - 13th

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Aug. 19th Church Council Minutes *(Continued)* Aug. 26th Special Council Mtg Minutes

(council meeting minutes continued)

New Business –

Town Hall: Sept 15th & 18th. **Sunday Sept 15th** – Kay, Dorene, Janelle; Donuts – 2 dozen.

Wednesday Sept 18th – Dorene.

Fall Cleaning day – October 19th; 9 am

Increasing cost of Wednesday night meals—A motion was made by Jamie Keller to raise the suggested donation for Wednesday meals to \$7 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

Contract for Interim Pastor—A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey to enter into a contract for interim coverage with Pastor Gary Heading and Deacon Martha Libersky. Seconded by Alicia Bonczyk. Motion carried. Contract meeting will occur on Monday August 26th as long as we receive information from Pastor Randy.

Bulletin Suggestion—Congregation member suggested adding order of worship to bulletin. Will discuss at next meeting.

Committee Reports

- Appreciation Days
- Pastor's Report
- Discipleship – needs to be started again, looking for 4-6 people
- Fellowship Minutes—A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to move worship to 10 am on October 27th for the Chili Cook Off. Seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion carried.
- Preschool—A motion was made on 7/17 via email by Alicia Bonczyk to hire Jenna Prince as co-teacher for St. John's Preschool. Seconded by Jamie Keller. Motion carried.

Referral program: A motion was made via email on 8/16 by Janelle Yeakey to approve the preschool reward system. When an enrolled family refers a child, they will receive \$25 off their child's tuition for that month. If a community member refers a child, they will be entered to win a chamber gift certificate. Seconded by Jason Graski. Motion carried.

- A motion Social Ministry Minutes –
- Property Minutes –
- Worship & Music Minutes –
- Youth Minutes –

Additional Items and Announcements

Next Meeting: September 16th at 6 pm

Adjournment - a motion was made at 8:42 pm by Sarah Wittrock to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janelle Yeakey. Motion carried. Members Present: Janelle Yeakey, Dorene Turner, Kay Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Jamie Keller, Sarah Wittrock, Aubrie Bohl, Kyle Prill, Jason Graski. Others Present: Pastor Randy Olson, Martha Libersky, Gary Heading. Members Absent: Jeff Cole.

Special Church Council Minutes August 26th, 2024

Call to Order - meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Dorene Turner, Council President

Interim Pastor contract discussion: A motion was made by Janelle Yeakey at 7:01 pm to go into closed session. Seconded by Dorene Turner. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Sarah Wittrock at 8:09 pm to leave closed session. Seconded by Kay Anderson. Motion Carried

A motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk to offer the contracts to Gary Hedding and Martha Libersky as discussed in closed session. Seconded Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried.

Adjournment - a motion was made by Alicia Bonczyk at 8:10 pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Wittrock. Motion carried. Members Present: Janelle Yeakey, Dorene Turner, Kay Anderson, Alicia Bonczyk, Jamie Keller, Sarah Wittrock, Aubrie Bohl, Jason Graski. Others Present: Pastor Randy Olson, Martha Libersky, Gary Heading. Members Absent: Jeff Cole, Kyle Prill.

Church, Youth & Family News

Save the Date: YOUTH IN ACTION

With the school year quickly approaching, our first Youth in Action planning night will take place Sunday, September 8th, from 5:30 to 7:30PM at the Turner's residence (23491 105th Street, Bloomer, WI 54724). We are looking forward to working with our high school youth to plan some super fun monthly events for the 2024-25 academic year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amanda Larson (715-279-6962 mobile, amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com).

Teachers & Substitutes Needed for JAM Fall '24

We are still looking for people who would be interested in substituting or teaching on Wednesday nights. Please contact Amanda Larson 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.

Pizza Coupons

Coupons from our pizza fundraiser are still available for purchase. Although the fundraiser is over, you can contact Amanda Larson if you are interested in purchasing any pizzas from Fat Boys, Valley Tavern, or Harm's Way.

Youth Ministry Pictures

We are looking for pictures that anyone may have taken this 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 Larson. We can forward you a link to a Google Drive. Otherwise, photos can get emailed to: stjohnslutheran.bloomer@gmail.com

Rally Day for JAM is Almost Here!

I hope that everyone's summer vacation has been full of fun and some relaxation. These past two months flew by, and we are getting ready for JAM to start back up for the 2024-2025 academic year. Our first day for our Wednesday night Faith Formation will take place on Wednesday, September 11th. After a fun night of dinner (4:45-5:15PM) and games (5:15-6:15PM), JAM students will be singing during service at 6:30PM. Please register your student(s) on our website: <https://www.stjohns-bloomer.org/youth.html>

UPDATE to Great News!

Update on Bishop's Initiative

The **FINAL** final total raised for the water well construction as per the Bishop's initiative is **\$3,770** which includes \$1,000 from the church council fund.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THIS WONDERFUL CAUSE!

Join us to make the church sparkle and shine
Fall Cleaning Day
Saturday October 19th
at 9 am



Do you enjoy baking treats?

Volunteer to supply homemade treats to eat on Sunday mornings with the coffee. Weekly sign up located in coffee area!



NEWS FROM PRESCHOOL STAFF!

Amanda



Registration for 2024-25

Enrollment for the 2024-25 academic year is still open. 📢 There are 6 spaces open in our Monday/Wednesday/Friday class. 📢 Our enrollment is at capacity for our Tuesday/Thursday class. Please consider getting on our waitlist if you want your child to become a part of our program.

It is going to be an amazing school year 🧡 If you are looking for a high-quality preschool program, please consider enrolling your child with us this Fall. Students can be registered for our morning program if they are between the ages of 3-5 years old. This program is a great option if your child is not old enough to

enroll in 4K, but you want them to work on certain skills, if they will be attending 4K in the afternoon, or if you are waiting for them to go to school until kindergarten. For more information, you can message us on Facebook, call us at 715-568-5446 ext. 14, or email: amanda_stjohnspreschool@aol.com

Classroom Wishlist

We have an Amazon Wishlist set up if anyone is interested in supporting the preschool program with some additional supplies we could benefit from. Our link is: <https://a.co/7G4BmXD> - Please reach out to Amanda Larson if you have any questions about this opportunity. As always, we appreciate your continued support.

New Staff—Welcome!

We want to give Jenna Prince a warm welcome to St. John's Lutheran Preschool. Jenna will be serving in the role of a co-teacher for our program. We are excited to have Jenna's expertise and experience at our preschool.

Jenna Prince's Introduction

Hello. My name is Jenna Prince. I will be the new co-teacher for the preschool program at St. John's Lutheran. As a Bloomer native, I'm excited to serve my community and surrounding communities in this capacity. I have two wonderful children, and I just recently celebrated my three-year wedding anniversary with my husband, Tyler. We also have a puppy named Roxie. I am passionate about working with children of all abilities and advocating for those who need it. I achieved my associate degree with CVTC with honors in 2021. Currently, I am pursuing an interest in returning to school to finish my bachelor's degree. I have worked in the education field in various positions over the past 9 years, most recently serving as a lead teacher for three years at Head Start in Colfax, WI. After teaching at Colfax Head Start, I took on a caregiving position at a group home. I am excited to see what God has in store for me as I work in this position, and I'm excited for the opportunity to get back into teaching.

Family Fun Night

We hosted our first Family Fun Night of the 2024-2025 academic year on Monday, August 12th. At this event, we had eight families join us to kick off the school year. We hope to host events like this throughout the year for our families and the community. You can expect this event to be geared toward families with children 4 years of age and under (older siblings are welcome to attend). It will include interactive story time, music, crafts, and snacks. All families who attend will be entered for a door prize (you must be present to win).

Refer a student and reap the REWARDS!

It's simple; here's what you need to do... **Step 1:** Share this post or information regarding St. John's Lutheran Preschool with families with children 3-5 years old. With our license, the child can turn 5 during the program year but not 6. **Step 2:** Refer—Your role is crucial. When the family registers for the program, make sure they put your name down as the referral for how they heard about our program. **Step 3:** You will reap the rewards once the registration paperwork and fee are submitted. If you are an enrolled family and refer, you will receive \$25 off your child's tuition for that month. If you are not a part of our program but make the referral, you will be entered to win a chamber gift certificate.

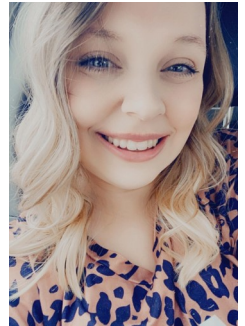
Field Trip - G E Bleskacek Public Memorial Library

We have our first field trip of the year scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th, and Thursday, September 26th, at the Bloomer Public Library. We are looking forward to showing our students what the library has to offer and giving them the opportunity to sign up for their own library cards.

First Days of School

Thursday, September 5th, and Friday, September 6th, are the first days of school for the 2024-25 academic year. We are super excited and ready to have students back in the building. We hope that students have a wonderful school experience this year.

Jenna





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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?

CALL: Pastor Martin Halom
 Church # 715-568-5446, extension 11
 Home # 715-568-1515
 Cell # 517-505-6509
 Email: pastormartin@bloomer.net

Bishop Elect Martin Halom's Installation



Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 pm
Hope Lutheran Church
 2226 Eddy Lane
 Eau Claire, WI

A reception will follow with light refreshments.
 ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will preach/preside over the installation.

This event is open to the public and will have a particular St. John's flavor, so come out and enjoy the festivities!



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CHURCH COUNCIL TOWNHALL MEETINGS
 Sunday Sept. 15th after worship
 Wednesday Sept 18th 5:30-6:30

Join us for an open discussion with the council. Your input is valued.