

# BLOOMER AND NEW AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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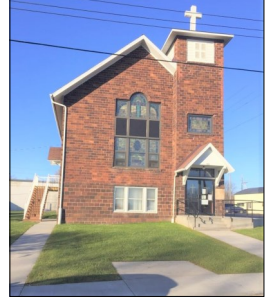
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## Mission Statement

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, through our worship, our education, and our role in our community and the world.

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To spread the good news of Jesus Christ and the message of God's grace.

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## *A Message From Pastor Josh*

*"<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  
(John 1:4-5)*

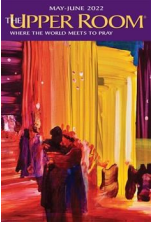
Have you ever wrestled with the thought that we owe our life to Jesus? I am not talking simply about the time since we have become professing Christians, but all of it. From the moment of our conception to the people we are now and to the people we will be in the future. The prologue of John's opening chapter is one of the greatest and most powerful descriptions of Jesus in the gospels.

Jesus is the source of life. He was with God from the beginning and all things were made through him. He put on flesh, came to the earth that he made, and taught people how to live their lives in a way that was pleasing to God and each other. Through his ministry and healing, he helped restore lives that were broken – giving them something to live for. Then, the source of life was willing to lay down his own life so that all of us could have eternal life. But death was not the end, and darkness could not put out his light. He rose from the grave on the third day and his light continues to shine in the lives of his people and his creation to this day!

Friends, we are called to be people of life and light. We are called to let Jesus and the Holy Spirit continually fill us with power. That power manifests itself in the way that we live our individual, corporate, and spiritual lives. Our lives should be an example to others. When we interact with each other, our words and actions should be life-giving. Likewise, we are called to share the light of Christ with those around us. Sometimes this means we need to step into dark places – brokenness, hurt, danger and evil. Now, most of us are not excited or encouraged by that last thought, but we can rest assured that if our foundation is built firmly on the rock that is Christ, the darkness will not be able to overcome us! Friends, be a source of life and light for people during this month of May. God bless!

# Missions and Ministries

## New Auburn UM Women of Faith



New Auburn UM Women of Faith will meet Thursday, May 5th at 1pm. The Upper Room Bible Study will be shared.

## Ongoing Prayer Ministry

Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.  
**Bloomer and New Auburn friends: Dick and Verona Donahue, Betty Kistner, Fern Meisner, Juanita Ruffledt, Louise Hacker, Joanne Anderson, Mae Frank...**

## Caps and Personal Hygiene



Do you have any brand new personal hygiene products or hats that you have knit that you would like to donate to various organizations? Talk to Juanita Fransway and she can help you get them to people in need. You can find her Sunday mornings at Bloomer UMC.

## Save The Date



- ◆ May 1st—Confirmation Sunday during New Auburn UMC's 9am service with a celebration brunch to follow.
- ◆ May 4th—Sack Lunch With Pastor from 12pm until 1pm at New Auburn UMC
- ◆ May 5th—New Auburn UM Women of Faith at 1pm
- ◆ May 10th—Bloomer UMC PoW meeting at 6pm
- ◆ May 10th—SPRC meeting at 6pm at New Auburn UMC
- ◆ May 20th—Barhopping With Pastor beginning at 7pm at Bloomer Brewing Co

## PoW



PoW is working hard planning great events to make a difference for the Lord! In August we will be presenting a women's conference at Witt Park, the Christmas Bazaar will be back on December 3rd, we continue to partner with the Bloomer Community Clothes closet and are raising funds for various other charities.

We have a great group of women that attends PoW but it is for ALL people of Bloomer United Methodist church. The meetings are every month on the second Tuesday at 6pm. Our time together opens with prayer, after that a short devotional and then we work together as People of the Word that want to make a difference for the Lord. So far we are working together to plan the events previously listed but we are a nice sized church with many people that might have other ideas on how we can make a difference. Please join us!

## Bloomer On Going Missions

Keep on collecting your...

...**Aluminum cans**...The money is used toward helping our youth with summer camp funding and such. Thank you so much for the donations and save them up for the spring!



...**Pop tabs**...They will be given to Ronald McDonald House Charities to help raise money so the people that need to stay there are able to do it without worrying about how to pay for where they will stay when their child is in the hospital.

...**Box Tops**...The box tops go to help the area schools. Remember to enter them into the Box Tops website.



If you have any questions about these missions please feel free to contact Maryann Gumness or Juanita Fransway.



# *Missions and Ministries*

## *New Auburn and Bloomer Loose Coin*

This month's loose coin offering at both churches will go toward helping with Vacation Bible School costs. Yes, Bloomer will have VBS again this year! It will be a four day event July 24th—27th. New Auburn had a beautiful community VBS last year and will again this year.

What is the importance of VBS and why should we support it? Chuck Lawless in Outreach Magazine says this about why VBS was important to his church:

- “1. We’ve met a lot of kids in our community we likely would not have otherwise met.** Some attend other churches, but some come from unchurched families. Either way, it’s a joy to greet them, love them, and teach them.
- 2. The kids coming teach us about our community.** Frankly, they reflect our community more than our congregation does. We have work to do to reach the people and the nations among us.
- 3. The energy kids bring to our building is invigorating.** To be honest, it’s exhausting, too—but well worth it. A bunch of kids are reminders of our responsibility to reach all generations.
- 4. I love watching our volunteers serve the kids.** It’s especially encouraging to me to see our middle school, high school, and college students serving alongside adults in each classroom. And, I’ve seen giftedness in our teachers I want to build on in the days to come.
- 5. The kids force us to tell Bible stories in a simple, clear way.** We want them to know and understand the stories, so we adults must teach them at their level. I’m convinced adults who learn to do that will be better teachers regardless of their audience.
- 6. Having kids around lets some of us be big kids again.** I love getting on my knees and high-fiving the little ones. Our adults who are overseeing the games are having as much fun as the kids. After more than a year of COVID isolation, it’s great to play a bit.
- 7. Some of the kids have invited their friends to join them.** They don’t know the word “outreach,” but they’re doing it. They’re doing it better than many adults do, in fact.
- 8. We have opportunity this week to introduce some kids—and by extension, their parents—to Jesus.** We’re teaching the Word, and I trust God will use his Word to change hearts. We may not see all the changes this week, but we can sure plant the seeds.”

This is not only true in Pr Lawless’ church but also in our own churches.

By supporting VBS with your loose change you enable your VBS teams to introduce the kids and parents to Jesus or to strengthen their relationships with Jesus. Thank you so much for your financial support in the past and for your future support.

Watch future newsletters and announcements sheets for more information on both New Auburn’s and Bloomer’s VBS programs.



# Charge Celebrations and Community Events

## New Auburn Birthdays

12 Russell Breeze  
 15 Ralph Butterfield  
 18 Lori Hanson  
 19 Patty Proehl  
 19 Tricia Stuckert  
 25 Carol Butterfield  
 27 Duane Reineke  
 31 Connie Breeze

## New Auburn Anniversaries

23 Don and Ilene Moos

## Bloomer Birthdays

01 Mitchell Turner  
 02 Genevieve Martin  
 02 Fern Martin  
 05 Jenn Larson  
 06 Kim Leonard  
 13 Delaney Stoffel  
 18 Mae Frank  
 20 Tyler Dachel  
 30 Shawn McFarlane  
 31 Lukas Bingham  
 31 Andrew Woodman

## Bloomer Anniversaries

05 Nelda and Charles Thomas  
 21 Joe and Kim Zeman

## Bloomer UMC Church Job Volunteers

Date	Greeter	Usher	Fellowship Host	Acolyte
5/1/22	Kim Leonard	Olson	Olson	
5/8/22	Martin	Katie Marek		Martin
5/15/22	Gumness			
5/22/21		Gumness		Gumness
5/29/22			Olivia Hawkins	

## Thank You!

On behalf of both of our churches I would like to extend my deepest thanks and gratitude for everyone who participated in our Lenten and Easter journeys. We had delicious food and great hospitality, a thought-provoking book study, and meaningful services. Thank you for creating such an enriching and meaningful experience!  
 Pr. Josh

## Kidzillion Thank You

Thank you to...  
**Sandi Marek** for taking care of organizing, making and serving all of the delicious snacks. **Nanci Nelson** for helping serve snacks too.  
 Thank you **Jan Crowell, Mary Johnson and Nanci and Ross Nelson** for your contributions to the snacks.  
 Thank you to **Ben Olson, Nanci Nelson and Peggy Stoffel** for driving the Kidzillion Mobiles.  
 Thank you to **Pastor Josh, Delaney Stoffel and Nanci Nelson** for teaching and helping with the lessons and activities.  
 One more huge thank you to **Nanci Nelson** for cleaning up after our adventure into backing unleavened bread!  
 You are all very appreciated!

## Youth Group Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone at New Auburn UMC that provided food, prepared, served, and cleaned up at the soup suppers last month. We greatly appreciate you for allowing us to join your meal.  
 Thank you to **Pr. Josh, Angie Woodman, and Aimee Stoffel** for driving and chaperoning youth group on their fun day at the escape room.

## Bloomer UMC Sanctuary Decorating

Thank you to **everyone one that purchased tulips** to give our sanctuary an extra pop of Easter color and thank you to **Kyle Martin** for your creative and impactful decorating for Lent and Easter.



# Christian Education



## Confirmation Sunday – May 1<sup>st</sup>

The New Auburn church will be having a confirmation ceremony for Allison and Joe on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> during the service. Please come and support them as they make professions of faith and become members of the church! Food and fellowship to follow the service.

## Church Membership Class

Not a member of the church? Have you ever thought about becoming one, but were unsure where to start or what it means? Guess what, you are in luck! On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Bloomer church, Pastor Josh will be offering a membership class. The class is an opportunity for you to ask questions and to get information on the process, benefits, and responsibilities of membership in the local church. So, whether you are just inquiring or ready to take the next step, we encourage you to attend.

## Kidzillion



The Kidzillion kids survived Lent and Easter! Actually a good time was had by all learning about some Lenten disciplines such as imposition of ashes, prayer, fasting, giving, and memorizing scripture. The lessons continued with Holy Week

days beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with an Easter scavenger. April continued with lessons on Jesus' time on Earth after His Resurrection and then finally with His Ascension.

In May we'll go back to our Heart of God curriculum until the end of the month when we end this school year.

There is still time for you to invite all of the kids that you know to come to Kidzillion! It is every Wednesday right after school until 5pm, for all kids in the community from 5K—5th grade. We even pick the kids up at the elementary school and the middle school.

If you have questions you can contact Michelle Stoffel or Pastor Josh.

## Bloomer/New Auburn Youth Group

In April we finished up a Jesus Centered Bible study and then rewarded ourselves by taking a field trip. We went to an escape room at Oakwood Mall in Eau Claire. It was a great time of fellowship and team building (there will be pictures in the June newsletter).

We also took an educational trip through Holy week, like in Kidzillion. The youth even acted out some of the post Resurrection encounters.

In May we'll plan our lessons around things that are going on in the youths' lives and mission projects that we can find. Which ever direction we go rest assured that Jesus will always be the center of everything we do.



## Help!

Youth group is in need of some yard clean up projects for the Wednesday evenings in May. We have a bunch of big strapping young men in youth group this year plus one very capable young woman to rake, bag, mow...etc, for you.

The youth can work from 6-8 or if we have to travel probably 6:30 until 8. We'll bring bag lunches so the kids can eat when they are hungry so that we can stagger work and get more done. We can even come to your home two weeks in a row if you have a huge yard.

We have pick-up trucks available to take your yard refuse to the compost piles in your area.

If you would like youth group to come to your home and help you please contact Michelle at 715-568-1971 or [umc@bloomer.net](mailto:umc@bloomer.net).



TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO; AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.  
Proverbs 22:6

# REVELATION SCAVENGER HUNT

USE YOUR BIBLE...

- How many chapters are in Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
- In chapter 21 what shape does it say the city is? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the last word in Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many witnesses are there in chapter 11? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many were sealed from the tribe of Levi in chapter 7? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many lampstands did John see in chapter 1? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who opened the first seal in chapter 6? \_\_\_\_\_
- What book comes before Revelation? \_\_\_\_\_
- What chapter talks about the seventh seal? \_\_\_\_\_

How many chapters are in Revelation? (22)  
In chapter 21 what shape does it say the city is? (Square)  
What is the last word in Revelation? (Amen)  
How many witnesses are there in chapter 11? (2)  
How many were sealed from the tribe of Levi in chapter 7? (12,000)  
How many lampstands did John see in chapter 1? (7)  
Who opened the first seal in chapter 6? (The Lamb)  
What book comes before Revelation? (Jude)  
What chapter talks about the seventh seal? (Chapter 8)

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