

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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It feels like Spring already has come to an end. Park and Rec softball has already begun. Swim lessons are open for folks to sign up. The parking lot's quiet up at the school. Already in May, a first cutting of hay has been already taken. And as far as the blossoms on all of our apples, they've done all their work and have set their fruit growing.

The new life of Spring is now moving towards growing—including the life we live as believers.

We have heard the good news that Jesus is risen and is with us forever. Easter has shown us that not even death can keep Him from us and not even our sin can keep us from Him. And all through the season of Easter, we've let that sink in like seeds sown in the soil.

Through the season of Pentecost, we'll watch those seeds grow into a church.

We'll see people of Jesus coming together to care for the poor like Jesus cared for them. We'll see early disciples crossing old boundaries of race and religion, bringing the love of Jesus to

others. We'll see folks working out how to do this together, matching people and talents with needs to be served.

And we'll see God's Holy Spirit start this all off on Pentecost Day, giving people the power to share Jesus' love in all kinds of languages found in the world.

We'll see His church start, and learn from its lessons: its successes and failures of people and places; its agreements and conflicts while serving our Lord.

Most of all, we'll remember, just like the people in His first church, the things Jesus did and the things Jesus said, and we'll let His life show us how to be Christians in everyday life, and how to be faithful together as a church.

There are 23 Sundays after Pentecost Day. Beginning this month, we'll have this time to learn together from Jesus how to live our lives inside and outside the doors of our church.

Like that very first Pentecost Day, God's Holy Spirit will move us along to grow in the Good News of Jesus and Easter.

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Peace,
Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry June 2025



- June 1 Memory of Leonard & Bernice Thies
June 8 Given with Church Funds
June 15 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie
June 22 Memory of Chester Schlake
June 29 Honor of Steve Welpers bday

****select a hymn of your choice on your sponsored radio broadcast Sunday****



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped into the church property to mow the lawn & trim the weeds. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

"The Journey Home" by Bill Bright

The author is diagnosed with a terminal disease. His first words after finding out are "Thank you, Lord". This book chronicles his final thoughts-the hope and joy he found in God's blessed assurance.

The author chronicles his journey to his heavenly home, confronting death with courage & calmness with warm memories & unbridled enthusiasm for the next life. A life in Christ can indeed be a joyous one, but is nothing compared to what lies ahead.

Submitted by Karen Grimstad

To Receive the Word ...



Sunday morning worship services are on the local radio station. Dial in 103.5 FM (KNEI) at 8:30 am or log into www.kneiradio.com to worship with St. John's. We also are video streaming on Facebook Live.

You may now receive the newsletter via email as a PDF document. Contact the church office if you would like to be on this email list.

St. John's is on the web at www.stjohnswaukon.net and Facebook stjohns@waukon



Trustee/Council Mtg May 20, 2025



- ~Repairs on plaster & roof membrane completed
- ~Green Space service 07/13/25
- ~Feed the Kids volunteers 07/21/25-07/25/25
- ~Permits, paperwork secured for Solar Project
- ~Church checking account to money market account

****SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details****

Vacation Bible School, June 11 Village Creek Bible Camp

- *Meet at Church parking lot at 7:45am
- *Cost per child is \$20
- *Arrive back at church around 4:50pm
- *In need of adult (over age 16) chaperones & drivers; if you are available, let Boad of Ed know
- *Attendance forms in Church Office

June 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship 8:30 & 10am	9	10 9:15am Sarah Circle, 7pm Dorcas Circle	11 VBS - Village Creek	12 WIC 8:30am-4:30pm	13	14
15 Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm.	16	17 6pm Trustee mtg	18	19	20	21
22 Worship 8:30 & 10am	23	24 1pm Northgate Care Ctr 2:30pm Evergreen Court 3pm Good Sam Center	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm.	30					

Music Ministry



We congratulate our three Youth Bell Choir graduates who received their engraved brass bell on Choir Recognition Sunday and to Chris Stuckman who received his 25 year silver engraved bell for his faithful service in Senior Bell Choir.

Along with thanking all our choirs for their faithful service to the congregation throughout the year, we also thank the Men's Choir who will be singing on the last Sunday in May to help commemorate and remember our service men & women on Memorial Day weekend. The Men's Choir will be singing on June 1st at DEPC Lutheran Church to celebrate Pastor Kimball's retirement & thank him for all the years he faithfully read lessons for the Eucumenical Choir Concerts.

Summer music at St. John's is upon us. If you would like to share your vocal or instrumental talents, please call the Office or Jim Bieber at 563 380-5355 or 563 568-3435.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



CIRCLE NEWS June 2025

SARAH Circle: Meets on June 10 at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall with hostess Kathy Murray & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: Meets June 10, 7pm virtually.

Feed the Kids

We have the opportunity to be a part of our area churches Feed the Kids program in July. Donations of large cans of fruit, Pork & Beans, garden produce or monetary donations will be accepted until July 18.

May 2025

Baptisms: Brooke Tweten
Weddings: none
Deaths: none



St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jun 2025

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
6/1/25	8:30 AM	E	Bill & Linda Halvorson	Blake Roe	Bill/Sue Blagsvedt Randy Hesse	Bonnie Roe Nona Sawyer		Deb/Virgil Thorstenson
	10:00 AM	E	Sandy Deal	Lori Hesse	Lori Hesse	Linda Groe		****
6/8/25 Pentecost	8:30 AM	E	Peggy Slaughter	Bailey Benson				Same
	10:00 AM	E	Vickie Larson	Mary Jackson				
6/15/25	8:30 AM	E	Joan Moody	Linda Groe	Dave/Wendy Sanderson Cindy Barness	Mary Jackson Jane Kallevang		Randy Hesse Bernie Pausch
	10:00 AM	E W		Karen Stamper	Karen Stamper	Altar Guild		****
6/22/25	8:30 AM	E	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer	Linda Halvorson				Same
	10:00 AM	E		Ed Stamper				
6/29/25	8:30 AM	E	Dave & Wendy Sanderson	Mary Jo Meyer	Bev Haas Rhonda Barr Chris Stuckman	Nona Sawyer Mary Jo Meyer		Same
	10:00 AM	E		Jill Kistler	Linda Groe	Altar Guild		

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Our St. John's quilters have been busy this winter/spring. Once a week, weather permitting, they met at the church to tie quilts from 9am to noon. Many hours were spent on quilts, as well as on baby kits and school kits. We were so thankful to all of you who donated supplies for the school kits, and items for the baby kits. We were able to send 16 school kits, 6 baby kits, and 26 quilts this spring for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

We also want to recognize Marlene/Greg Palmer who have so generously sewn together numerous quilt tops from their home and donated them to us. Just in the last couple of years, we have received over 80 quilt tops from Marlene and Greg. We have also received some quilt tops from an anonymous giver. Together they have put many hours into cutting squares, and piecing them together in interesting patterns. Thank you for answering this mission call by using your amazing skills to provide quilt tops for us.

Last year, LWR distributed 551,700 quilts and kits to 14 different countries, many of whom are in war torn areas, areas of poverty, or severe drought. The quilt and kit ministry is the longest running program of LWR, both of which began in 1945. This program has grown considerably over the last 80 years, and as a result, LWR decided to expand this ministry to care for our neighbors right here in the United States.

LWR partnered with Lutheran Services of the Carolinas, as well as Lutheran Family services of the Rocky Mountains to provide comfort and help in the form of quilts, personal care kits, and disaster relief kits for those affected by disasters. When the cargo ship Dali crashed into Baltimore's Francis Scott Key bridge, causing it to collapse, the accident also trapped 10 other cargo vessels in the port for weeks. Because the crews of these ships did not have VISA's, they could not get off the ships. LWR partnered with the Baltimore International Seafarer's center to distribute LWR quilts and personal care kits to the crew members, who were tremendously grateful.

Recently one of our members, Judith Engle, purchased one of the quilts, and gifted it to a mission school in Chicago, Illinois, where a family member is the principal. Jehovah El Buen Pastor Lutheran church and school will soon use the quilt as a fundraiser for their school.

The faith and dedication of all who helped make this possible is truly a testament to what was recently described in the "Faith in Action" Newsletter as "Abounding in Love". "Your hearts, your passion for service, your steadfast dedication---it abounds in love."

This summer we will take time off, but in the meantime, we will be gathering materials to prepare for the fall. We are in need of good quality cotton or cotton blend flat sheets (more than 50 % cotton), or extra wide (90") quilting cotton material to use for backing pieces for the quilts. The backing pieces need to be 70" by 90". If you have some full-sized or larger sheets that you no longer use, in near new condition (no holes, worn areas, or stains, no odors or fading), we may be able to use them for backing pieces.

If you have good quality quilting cotton lying around that you no longer need, consider giving that material a new home by donating it to St. John's for making quilts. To put this into some perspective; from September of 2024 to May of 2025, we completed 54 quilts for LWR, which amounts to an approximate 380-430 yards of material, and 90 yds. of batting.

We also gratefully accept financial donations which enable us to purchase material, batting, needles, thread, etc. Donations can be given to Deb Thorstensen or left with Rhonda in the church office, noting that the donation is for quilting.

We will resume meeting in August. We invite you to join us. Please watch the newsletter and bulletins for updates. If weekdays do not work for you, and you would be interested in an evening, or weekend quilting time, please let us know, and we will schedule a time to include more helpers/volunteers.

...In HIS service.

Submitted by Kathy Murray

June 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Olivia Dougherty Marilyn Henkels Brent Roe	2 Janice Allison Kristina Libbey Carl Thornton Darold & Deb Berger (A) Brian & Beth Heydn (A)	3 Kayla Nuehring	4 Benny Emerson Jonah Larkin Suzy Pierson Sarah Rosonke Brandon Urmanski Marcus & Alyssa Bell (A) Glenn & Karen Grimstad (A)	5 Kyle Halse Stacy Stock	6 Emily Baade Ivy Urmanski	7 Joyce Thornton Daren & Jennifer Dietrich (A)
8	9 Ava Bossom Olivia Bossom Ernie Osland Brad & Kim Yohe (A)	10 Jean Bossom	11	12 Jerry Goeke	13 Brysen Hills Jeremy Troendle Josh Tweedy	14 Melynda & James Emerson (A) Greg & Ann Hagensick (A)
15 Creed Nuehring Michael & Scotti Hagensick (A)	16 Adrick Christensen Beth Heydn Jacob & Carissa Howe (A)	17	18	19 Kayden Copp	20 Sandra Deal Chris Engstrom Adam Hansen Derek Wicks	21 Kirby Jones Brad Larkin
22 Cole Horgen Randy Johnsen	23 Carmen Lee Karen Soper Al Tweedy	24 Ann White	25 Nolan Hanson Sharon Roe	26 Mason Bell Lyle Stock	27 Nathan Meyer	28 Hillary Cook Doug Joachim Dylan O'Neill Ann Rademaker
29 Joe Jackson Steve Welper	30 Colin Bieber Sadie Bucheit Gloria Payne					



The Board of Deacons would like to Thank all that contributed to the Easter food baskets this year. We had an abundance of food donated this year, so the families each got 2 nice boxes of food. Your generosity doesn't go unnoticed!

Judith Engle purchased this quilt to donate to a Lutheran Mission Church & School, Jehovah El Buen Pastor, in Chicago, IL. Soon the quilt will be used as a fundraiser for their school.



Senior Reflections 2025:
Sarah Stock **Dalton Ellickson**



Hymns for June at St. Johns



June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter

No. 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

No. 655 Son of God, Eternal Savior

During Distribution No. 658 & 659

No. 550 On What Has Now Been Sown

June 8 Day of Pentecost

No. 526 God is Here

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: John 14:8-17, [25-27]

No. 578 Creator Spirit Heavenly Dove

No. 627 O Day Full of Grace

June 15 The Holy Trinity

No. 413 Holy Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

No. 398 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

During Distribution No. 461 & 462

No. 812 Faith of Our Fathers

June 22 Time after Pentecost

No. 647 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

No. 497 Strengthen for Service Lord

No. 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

June 29 Time after Pentecost

No. 641 All Are Welcome

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

No. 818 O Master Let Me Walk With You

During Distribution No. 793 & 798

No. 645 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Graduating Seniors.....2025



**Senior Reflections
2025:
Brandon Teslow**



**Dalton Ellickson, Sarah Stock, Keeran Barr, McKinley Rostvold
and Brandon Teslow.**

*** not pictured: Olivia Dougherty & Layne Dahlberg***