

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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I was doing some math for this month with some simple equations a grade schooler can do.

I had just got on an internet site that was all about daylight.

And it said that with each passing 28 days this month, we'll have 3 more minutes of light in the sky—which isn't a lot, on its own. But you do simple math of 3 times 28, at the end of the month we'll have 84 more minutes of light in the sky.

Simple math can be fun if it gives you good news, because more light in the sky will certainly put a spring in our steps: Waking up will be easier, driving much safer, and we won't feel like going to bed after 8.

Light's a good thing, letting us see where we are, and see dangers around. We relax a bit more when we're walking and driving. And light even shows us what others are thinking: showing us how they act and the look on their face.

Little wonder that light's the very first thing God made in world: Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4And God

saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Light's the very first thing our Lord ever made. And you call someone "light," it's a pretty big deal.

John 1:12In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life,* and the life was the light of all people.

Throughout this Epiphany season, this season of light, we'll begin to see this man, Jesus, who is the light of the world. We'll see who he is and what he made of, including the fact that this man is God.

Which will get us all ready to see this man walk into darkness and death and show us God's love, as clear as can be, when he's hung on a cross.

In that darkness, we'll see God's forgiveness and love for us all shining bright when he died—forgiving the sinners who hung him up there. And we'll see his power—just like the power God spoke and made light—we'll see his power, along with his love, when dawn reveals he's raised from the dead and come back to be with us.

We'll be seeing our Jesus as clear as can be through Epiphany season, and as daylight lasts longer, we'll see his power, forgiveness and love beam bright Easter morning.

As light lasts longer, we're filled with good news. Thanks be to God. Peace,
Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry February 2025



- Feb 2 given by Vickie Larson
 - Feb 9 given by Ken & Mary Timmerman
 - Feb 16 given by friend of congregation
 - Feb 23 given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie
- **select a hymn of your choice on your sponsored radio broadcast Sunday**

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



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped into the church property to resize bathroom doors, rehing & resealing, adjusting closure on doors and rehangng stall divider. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

"Just A Minute" by Wess Stafford

68 Stories that will inspire you to bless a Child's life

All it takes is one moment out of your busy day, and you can be that someone in the life of the very next child who comes across your path. Stay alert--you never know when your opportunity will come!

Submitted by Rhonda Barr

Trustee Meeting January 21, 2025



- ~Bid for wall mounted microphone tabled until money received
- ~Motion made to pay organ repair invoice
- ~Insurance renewal: review property for billing purposes
- ~Motion made to pay World Hunger, Synod Missions and Synod Bevevolence
- ~Talk with custodians about turning up heat for special occasions
- ~Outgoing members of Boards expressed their thanks for all work groups completed
- ~Appreciation expressed by Boards to outgoing members
- ~SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details**

February 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir			9am - noon Quilting 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir		9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle - virtual	9am - noon Quilting 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir		6pm Trustee meeting	9am - noon Quilting 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			
23	24	25	26	27	28	
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir		1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam Ctr	9am - noon Quilting 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			

Music Ministry



Thank you to the Senior Choir for singing each Sunday in January without any weather related interruptions.

Bell Choirs are busy learning new music and will begin playing in worship services in February.

The Senior Bell Choir cleaned our newest set of bells before the Ecumenical Choir Concert in December and they cleaned our original set of bells on Wednesday, January 22nd during their rehearsal. Both Bell Choirs use that set of bells each week for rehearsals and they needed serious cleaning. Thank You Choir for completing that project.

Regular rehearsal schedule for the choirs will remain steady for the entire month of February. Adjustments will not be needed until March when Lent begins.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music

CIRCLE NEWS
Jan 2025



SARAH Circle: 9:15am, Feb 11 in the Lounge with hostess Joan Moody & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: Feb 11, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

January 2025



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Charles Rolfs

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Feb-25

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
2/2/25	8:30 AM	E W	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom Dan & Lori Treangen	Nona Sawyer	Chris Stuckman, Vickie Larson, Linda Groe	Randy & Lori Hesse	Ushers	Gary & Scott Houg Dan & Lori Treangen
	10:30 AM	E W	Dan & Lori Treangen	Dan Treangen	Karen Stamper	Darrel & Rosanne Wicks	Ushers	Wendy Bucheit, Sadie Bucheit
2/9/25	8:30 AM	E W	Jane Dietrich Jon Payne	Sarah Bieber	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Randy Johnsen	Randy Johnsen			Ushers	same as above
2/16/25	8:30 AM	E W	Ann Rademaker Geraldyn Smith	Mary Jo Meyer	Sarah Bieber, Ron Dahlstrom Tiffany Evans	Linda Groe	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sunday School	Sunday School	Linda Groe	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above
2/23/25	8:30 AM	E W	Tom & Carole Schreiber Mary Jackson	Mary Jackson	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Norm Peterson	Carrie Niehaus			Ushers	same as above



Happy New Year to all of our WELCA members! St. John's Church hosted the Ecumenical Concert again this year in December. The Sarah Circle served treats after the concert. Coffee, treats, and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

Looking for something to do on Wednesday mornings? Our quilting crew is going to be starting up quilting again. They will be quilting from 9 AM until noon on Wednesdays. Quilting sessions will start January 22 and run through February 26th. We hope that more members will join in this service project of making quilts. The quilts are donated to people in need. No experience in quilting is necessary.

Please pick up your WELCA booklet from the back of the church. Check out who is in your circle. Some changes have been made. We tried very hard to make sure that everyone was included in the WELCA booklet. If we left anyone out, please let the church office know.

Respectfully,

Karen Stamper



**Feb 2 Presentation of Our Lord
No. 665 Rise, Shine You People**

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-24

No. 671 Shine Jesus Shine

During Distribution No. 466 & 471

No. 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Feb 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

No. 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

No. 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

No. 575 In Christ Called to Baptize

Feb 16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

No. 726 Light Dawns on a Weary World

During Distribution No. 754 & 758

No. 449 We Know That Christ is Raised

Feb 23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

No. 835 All Creatures Worship God

Most High

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,
42-50

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

No. 603 God When Human Bonds

No. 711 O Day of Peace

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Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Owen Allison Matt & Dawn Teslow (A)
2 Jan Gordon	3 Adam Bieber Layne Dahlberg Hailey Houg Leslie Miller Bryan Robertson	4	5 Dave Bahr Marcus Bell Keagan Palmer Wayne Sawyer Allen & Ella Mae Goeke (A)	6 Elsie Clarke	7 Carla Schnuelle	8
9 Paul Snitker	10	11 Jeremy Wicks Lyle & Annette Stock (A)	12	13 Peggy Slaughter	14 LaVern Roe	15 Erin Bunge Katie Hanson Allison Rottink
16 Sean Bieber Judith Engle Charles & Lois Rolfs (A)	17 Zach Clarke LeAnn Smith	18 Adam Hagensick	19 Lynda Palmer	20	21 Melissa Wicks Carole Yohe	22 Adelle Clarke Cindy Copp Lucas Walby
23 Tucker Jackson Nathan O'Neill	24 Sarah Jackson Kathy Wiedner Lillianna Wilkes	25 Olivia Bell Melynda Emerson Jonathan Erb	26 Jace Gossman Taylor Knudtson Dawn Teslow	27 Linda Halvorson Cyril & Shirley Larkin (A)	28	29 Mary Ament

Baptism



Sunday School Christmas Program January 12, 2025

Due to ice and fog our Christmas program "The Christmas Clinic" was postponed until January 12. Thank you to the Sunday School Staff & kids for doing an excellent job. Thank you to Scotti Hagensick for playing the piano. Thank you to all parents & grandparents for attending.



Owen D Martin
Baptized Dec 29, 2024
Parents: Kevin & Trish Martin



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Join us.....

Please join us for supper before Ash Wednesday service March 5, from 5:30pm-7pm

We will also be having casserole suppers during Lent: March 12, 19 & 26 and April 2 & 9.

