

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

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*Have you remembered St. John's in your will?*

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Spring can bring a lot of surprises. One surprise often told happened where I grew up in the middle of May.

A few hundred miles south of Allamakee County, people start planting their corn in April. If sufficiently dry conditions allow, you can work up the ground even in the first week, and if rain holds off, you can pull out the planter. And it doesn't take long, with early May sunshine, for shoots to spring up in little green rows.

Except one warm May, those little green rows were frozen by winds and covered with snow. It was quite a surprise that no one expected.

And seeing those shoots all frozen dead, should you gamble that life is still in the roots, or disk everything down and start over again?

Some worked up the ground and planted again. While others, they gambled, believing there's life beyond what they were seeing.

Those who replanted, using good common sense, had a good crop. And some, just a few, who acted on faith and just left things alone, were also rewarded as new shoots sprang up.

That faith was rewarded at harvest that fall. But as Easter approaches, nobody had this kind of faith when our Lord was taken and hung on a cross.

Weak and naked, all could see his deep wounds from whip-

ping, the nails pounded in, and his crown of thorns dripping blood. People saw the scorn nailed over his head, proclaiming this sorry sight "King of the Jews." And when people heard him gasping these words, "Father, forgive them," it seemed more like him raving than in his right mind.

Anyone seeing that sight would say that the only things there are shame and weakness and death. Only one simple promise had said anything different: a promise that Jesus had made many times.

"The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

When Jesus first said this, his disciples didn't believe it was true. How could this happen to anyone healing the sick, giving sight to the blind and raising the dead. This man has the power of God.

And when people saw Jesus dying and dead, common sense said there's no way for him to come back, in spite of the fact that he promised he would.

But alive, Easter morning, he showed the whole world we can trust what he says when he promises us our sins are forgiven and we'll be raised from the dead. We can trust that he's with us right now and forever.

Come Easter morning, this is the faith that we'll sing: "Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!" Get ready to celebrate Easter!

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*Peace,*

*Pr. Bryan*

## Radio Ministry April 2025



- Apr 6 given by listeners from Decorah  
Apr 13 given by Church funds  
Apr 20 given by Church funds  
Apr 27 given by Church funds

**\*\*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 put cap on electrical box in elevator and put a strip on women's bathroom door, replaced toilet seat and to rake rocks off the lawn. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



## Book Nook

**"Camp Grandma"** by Judi Braddy

The author imparts wisdom & provides the tools for embracing modern-day grandparenting. Using humorous insight & a clever camping theme, she equips you with ideas & encouragement for playing active roles in your grandchildren's lives. The author teaches you how to put down spiritual stakes for your grandchildren.

*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](http://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](http://www.stjohnswaukon.net) and Facebook [stjohns@waukon](mailto:stjohns@waukon)



## Trustee Mtg March 20, 2025



~Set up Self-Insurance Fund to cover property damage; put in \$800 per month starting January 2025

~Approve donation to Disaster Relief Fund

~Discuss Bell Tower Tuck Pointing issues

~Review copier lease agreement

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

*Easter Lilies* have been ordered to add to the festive holiday decorations during the upcoming Easter season. Orders for the plants will be taken in the Narthex by the Altar Guild on Sundays, April 6 & 13. You may also call the church office during the week to order a flower. The price per lily is \$11. You may pick up your lily anytime after the Easter services. Thank you for adding to the beauty of the sanctuary during the special season.



# April 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			7pm Lenten service 5:30pm Casserole supper 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7:45pm Confirmation			Cluster 8 Meeting: Highland Lutheran Church
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 5:30pm Sr Bells 7pm Mens Choir		9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle - virtually	7pm Lenten service 5:30pm Casserole supper 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7:45pm Confirmation	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 5:30pm Sr Bells 7pm Mens Choir		6pm Trustee mtg	4:30pm-7pm Meatball Supper	7pm Maundy Thursday service	1pm Good Friday service @ First Presbyterian Waukon	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
6:30am & 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 7:15am Breakfast		1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergreen Ctr 3pm Good Sam Ctr	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			
27	28	29	30			
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			

## Music Ministry

We continue with the Lenten Schedule through Wed, April 9 & Palm Sunday April 13, Wed. April 16 is the church Meatball Supper with no choir rehearsals that night.

Bell Choirs will perform on the following Sundays & midweek services:

Wed April 9	Youth Bells
Sun April 13	Senior Bells
Thurs April 17	Senior Bells
Sun April 20	Youth Bells

The remainder of the month of April all choirs will be back to regular schedule.

Looking ahead to May, Choir Recognition Sunday will be at the 8:30am service, Mother's Day, May 11.

*James H. Bieber / Director of Music*



CIRCLE NEWS  
April 2025

**SARAH Circle:** April 8, 9:15am in the Lounge with hostess Joan Leiran. Bible study done together.

**DORCAS Circle:** April 8, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

**March 2025**



**Baptisms:** none

**Weddings:** none

**Deaths:** none

**St. John's Volunteer Duty List**

**Apr 2025**

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
4/6/25	8:30 AM	E	Lee & Chris Ellickson	Dan Treangen	Dave/Wendy Sanderson Vickie Larson	Cindy Barness Jane Kallevang		Bill/Becky Roe family
	10:30 AM	E		Sadie Bucheit	Sadie Bucheit	Evonne Kistler Jill Kistler		Norman Peterson Eric Kirkeby
4/13/25 Palm Sunday	8:30 AM	E	Bev Haas	Joan Moody				Same
	10:30 AM	E		Lori Hesse				
4/17/25 Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	E		Linda Halvorson	Matt Teslow	Linda Groe		****
4/20/25 Easter	6:30 AM	E		Linda Debuhr	Linda/Dennis DeBuhr family	Ann Hagensick Allie Rottnick		Ron/Linda Dahlstrom
	8:30 AM		Mary Jackson	Sue Blagsvedt	Russ/Mary Jo Meyer	Linda Groe		
	10:30 AM	E		Linda Groe	Altar Guild	Altar Guild		
4/27/28	8:30 AM	E	Randy & Lori Hesse	Nona Sawyer				
	10:30 AM	E		Wendy Bucheit				Same

## St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



As the weather seems to be turning a corner and spring is in the air, we turn our thoughts to events that are coming up for us.

Our meatball supper is coming up on April 16th this year. It takes many hands to make light work in preparing and serving our meal. Help is needed in peeling potatoes in the morning from 9-11, serving the food from 3:30-5:30 and 5:00 – clean up, cooking vegetables and potatoes 2:30-5:30 and 5:00- clean up, organizing salads from 3:30 – 5:30 and 5:30-clean up, cutting and dishing up pies from 2:30- 5:00 and 5:00 through clean up. Help is also needed to dish and deliver the carryouts. There is also a need for food donations of pies, butter, and salads. Someone from your circle will be calling you to ask for your help. Look for more information of the bulletin board in the back of the church. Please sign up and help as you are able.

The quilters have started up on Wednesday mornings and could really use some more help. Help is needed to pin and tie the quilts. The quilters are running short of the quilt backs (70" X 90"). So far, 5 quilts have been completed with two more tied.

The response to donating supplies for the school kits was amazing! Thank you to those who donated to this cause. Nona Sawyer has 25 school kits ready to be shipped out in the fall. This year we are going to be concentrating on putting together baby kits. Please refer to your booklet for a list of supplies needed for the baby kits. Next year we will add fabric kits to our list of kits. There is a booklet on the stage called "Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide". It has instructions for making the fabric kits. There will be some sample kits on a table in the narthex to give you an idea of what those kits are like. Please look for those when you come to church.

There are a couple of cluster meetings coming up in April. One will be on April 5th at Highland Lutheran Church. The other will be at the end of the month. That meeting will include a representative from Lutheran World Relief. Each year we send a donation to Lutheran World Relief. Both men and women are welcome to attend the Lutheran World Relief cluster meeting.

*Respectfully,*

*Karen Stamper*

## Hymns for April at St. Johns



### Apr 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### No. 522 As We Gather at Your Table

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: John 12:1-8

#### No. 685 Take My Life, That I May Be During Distribution No. 466 & 471

#### No. 886 O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

### Apr 13 Palm Sunday

#### No. 344 All Glory, Laud & Honor

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

#### No. 346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

#### No. 351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

### Apr 20 Easter

#### No. 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

#### No. 373 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! During Distribution No. 374 & 381

#### No. 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

### Apr 27 Second Sunday of Easter

#### No. 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Re- sounds

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

#### No. 361 The Day of Resurrection!

#### No. 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



## April 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 Kasey Iverson	3	4 Brooks Dougherty Caroll Schreiber Chelsey Stamper Kevin Stinn Matt & Kirby Jones (A)	5 Jenna Fish Blake Fosaaen Dustin Otto Kay Sewick Sarah Stock
6 Gordon Ellingson Mary Flatin Wayne & Nona Sawyer (A)	7 Ethan Harrington Molly Johnson	8 Keigan Leiran	9 Kaydence Harrington Marlene Hills Bill Roe Jr	10 Matt Joachim Cora Marti	11	12 Hailey Cook
13	14 Jane Dietrich Bryan Fish Alden Leiran Jane Regan Adam & Jennifer Bieber (A)	15 Rose Beardmore Greg Bossom Jim Evanson Cierra Snitker Dave Svendson Eva Urmanski Hannah Weiss	16 Chris Stuckman	17	18 Lynsey Houg Tammy Knudtson Mark Stone	19 Darlene Schlake
20 Susan Burrow	21 Brennan Hartley Jerry Schnuelle Austin Williams	22 Don Dahlstrom Blake Roe	23 Sue Blagsvedt Owen Martin	24 James Emerson Shawn Gordon Kaylie Hanson Kevin & Kayla Leiran (A)	25 Hudson Hills Cole Iverson Trent Peterson Tom & Caroll Schreiber (A)	26 Annette Cook Bonnie Roe Adam & Rosemary Hagensick (A)
27 Irene Clarke Kari Harrington Jon Payne Virgil Thorstenson	28 Shawn & Jodie Moe (A)	29 Bailey Benson Henry Clarke Nichole Krueger	30 Mike Allison Kacey Nuehring Lorraine Severson Jared & Jill Soper (A)			

The Annual St. John's Meatball Supper is coming up on Wednesday, April 16, serving from 4:30pm-7pm. Dine In and Carryout this year. Plan to attend & tell all your friends & neighbors! Volunteers needed and watch for Sign Up sheets.



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## Camperships 2025

If you are planning on attending summer camp, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible as we are handing out checks on May 25 at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from the WELCA, \$100 from the Trust Fund and \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund.



# Easter Food Baskets.....

Each Easter season St. John's delivers food baskets/gifts to families. The Congregation has generously donated both gifts of food as well as cash donations to share with others. At our recent Congregational Council meeting it was suggested we publish a list of food items needed. These donations can be left in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Thank you for sharing with others.

Oranges	Mac & Cheese - 2 boxes
Apples	Canned Tuna
5 lb bag Potatoes	Mayo or Miracle Whip
3 lb bag Onions	Jelly or Jam
Party Ham	Peanut Butter
Individual Fruit Cups - 1 pkg of 4-6	Loaf of Bread
Canned Soup - 2 tomato & 2 chicken noodle	1 lb Butter
Canned Vegetables - green beans, corn, creamed corn, beets, potatoes, mixed vegetables	Pasta - elbow macaroni & spaghetti
5 lb bag Flour	Spaghetti Sauce
4 lb bag Sugar	
Pudding Cups - 1 pkg	
1 dozen eggs	

