

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Pastor

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

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Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything there is a season, And a time for every purpose under heaven.

The changing of the seasons, Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the crisp mornings, the warm, sunny afternoons and the cool evenings, excellent for sleeping. We look around and see our fields full of corn and beans, ripening and soon to be harvested. Our gardens have produced abundantly and we are thankful for all the bounty. It is easier to get to all those tasks that we have put off during the hot, sweltering summer days. But there is also always some trepidation as we look forward to winter - How much snow will we get? How cold will the temperatures be?

So too are we as a congregation at a time of change. The retirement of our pastor has probably caught some of us by surprise and the thought of calling a new pastor invokes images of much work and change. Most of us, especially as we get older, view change in a negative light. We dislike not knowing what is coming or learning new routines. But this can also be a time of reflection and review. What do we want for our church in the coming years? Are there ways we could be reaching our parishioners and others in our community in a better way? Just because we have always done something one way does not mean it is the only way to be done.

By the time you read this, our Call Committee will have been selected. I hope you will all keep each and every one of them in your thoughts and prayers. They have an enormous responsibility and will need guidance from all of us. Let the Holy Spirit be in our hearts and minds as we enter this new change and pray that we will find a new and better way to serve God and our community.

Remember, Jesus came into the world to change it. Let us embrace this change with God's help.

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Vickie Larson

Church Council President

Radio Ministry October 2025



Oct 5	Church Funds
Oct 14	Church Funds
Oct 19	Church Funds
Oct 26	Church Funds

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 mow the church lawn; Ron & Rick Dahlstrom. We appreciate everything you have done for us and

Thank You for your service to our Church!



Trustee Meeting

Sept 16, 2025



~Dennis DeBuhr to sign the policy with Lightwell Insurance.

~add Lana Dahlstrom to Lightwell Insurance as authorized contact.

~Office Secretary hours 8:00 am to 2:15 pm Monday - Thursday flexible to change on case-by-case basis.

Fields of Faith

Confirmation & LYO Students

Please join us for the "Fields of Faith" event at the Waukon High School football field on October 8!

Event starts at 7pm with gates opening at 6:30pm.

Come to the Wellness Center before the event for pizza and fellowship beginning at 5:45pm until 6:30pm. We can sit as a group or feel free to sit with your family!

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

Solar Project Update as of September 18

*Perry Novak Electric has started sawing cement

*They will install support posts in the coming week

*Boring underneath parking lot to church to run wires to the church

*Put solar panels on supports

October 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation (students & parents) Sr Bells			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 8:30 & 10:30am w/comm, Choir Dedication 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir			7pm Fields of Faith & Sr Bells			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 8:30 & 10:30am 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir		9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation, Sr Bells	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 8:30 & 10:30am w/comm 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir		6pm Trustee mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation, Sr Bells			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Worship 8:30 & 10:30am 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 10:30am Confirmation 7pm Mens Choir		1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergreen Ctr 3pm Good Sam Ctr	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation, Sr Bells			

Music Ministry

Choirs have been actively and enthusiastically rehearsing for a month already and performing on a regular schedule.

Senior Bell Choir has three new members who will replace our three high school graduates. The new members Sara Berges, Kris Rausch, and Johnathon Marti who is a full time Senior Bell Choir member along with playing in Youth Bell Choir.

Our Youth Bell Choir consists of several new younger members, Jocelyn Berges, Thomas and Theodore Wilkes. They will be performing on Sunday, October 5th and have been coached by our own assistant, Youth Bell Choir Director, Sarah (Bieber) Sweeney.

Senior Choir remains steady with very faithful members who would enjoy the support of previous members who have not returned since the COVID year.

Ecumenical Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday evenings beginning October 19th at 7:00 pm.

Men's Choir rehearsals will move up to 6:00 pm, beginning on Sunday night October 19th as well.



CIRCLE NEWS

Sept 2025

SARAH Circle: will meet Oct 14 at 9:15am at the church with hostess Gloria Payne. The Bible study will be session 1 on pg 12 of the Sept/Oct/Nov issue of Gather magazine.

DORCAS Circle: Will meet Oct 14 via Zoom. Contact Linda Groe to join.

September 2025



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: none

Submitted by,

James H. Bieber / Director of Music

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Oct 2025

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
10/5/25	8:30 AM	E	Irv & Chris Engstrom Fosaaen	Diana Johnson	Linda/Dennis DeBuhr Matt Teslow	Diana/Jeff Johnson		Matt/Dawn Teslow Bob Joachim
	10:30 AM	E		Jill Kistler	Jill Kistler	Rosanne Wicks		Lyle/Brenda Kurth
10/12/25	8:30 AM	E	Ken & Rose Beardmore	Dave Sanderson				
	10:30 AM	E		Ed Stamper				Same
10/19/25	8:30 AM	E	Joan Moody	Vickie Larson	Dan Treangen Brenda Dougherty Ron Dahlstrom	Dave/Cindy Wuebker		
	10:30 AM	E		Karen Stamper	Karen Stamper	Altar Guild		Same
10/26/25	8:30 AM	E	Dan & Lori Treangen	Karen Grimstad	Randy Hesse Cindy Barnes Sarah Bieber	Altar Guild		
Reformation Sunday Confirmation	10:30 AM	E		Linda Groe	Lori/Randy Hesse Jill Kistler	Altar Guild		Same

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



It was brought to our attention that the coffee pots in the church kitchen needed to be replaced. After some research done by Carol Schreiber and Ann Rademaker, a 65 cup stainless steel coffee pot has been purchased. We will be trying this one out to see how well we like it before deciding on buying additional ones.

Our quilters have been working hard. For the next two weeks they will be quilting on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays. They will quilt on September 18th and September 25th. After that they will decide if they will keep quilting or be done for now.

Nona Sawyer reported on the baby kits that is the project for this year. She has set up a table at the top of the steps right across for the elevator. It has an example of a finished baby kit and extra supplies that can be used to complete a baby kit that you have started. Please feel free to leave the finished kits on/under that table. Thank you for helping out with this project.

Pennies for Presents money is being collected the 3rd Sunday of each month. The money collected will be used to purchase Christmas presents for kids in our community.

Respectfully,

Karen Stamper

Thank you for the opportunity I was given to be your Office Secretary for the past eight plus years. I so cherish all the wonderful friendships I have made; and the memories to. And thank you for the beautiful quilt.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Rhonda Barr

Hymns for October at St. Johns



Oct 5 17th Time after Pentecost

No. 526 God is Here!

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

No. 796 Now Firm a Foundation

During Distribution No. 758 & 759

No. 545 Lord, Dismiss US with Your Blessing

Oct 12 18th Time after Pentecost

No. 864 Praise, my sould, the God of Heaven

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

No. 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Oct 19 19th Time after Pentecost

No. 717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

No. 769 If You but Trust in God to Guide You

During Distribution No. 772 & 773

No. 624 Jesus, Still Lead On

Oct 26 Reformation Sunday

No. 504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

No. 517 Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your World

During Distribution No. 515 & 516

No. 654 The Church's One Foundation

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			Mary Lou Sorum Russ & Mary Jo Meyer (A)	Oliver Bailey Kloe Leiran	Wendy Bucheit Bill & Sue Blagsvedt (A)	Steve Evanson Brock Iverson Tyler O'Neill
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Grant Nuehring Travis Schnuelle Jeremy & Lana Troendle (A)	Sarah Olson Larry & Pam Dundee (A)		Alaina Emerson Stacey Kolsrud Annabelle Marti Sheylenn Neuzil Brian & Denise Wullner (A)	Darrel Wicks	Cindy Barness Irv & Chris Engstrom Fosaaen (A)	Dave & Renee Martin (A)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Dennis DeBuhr Heath Hagensick Oliver Hagensick Jan Pfiffner	Elsa Thorstenson Craig Yohe Al & Ann Hart Hanson (A)	Greg Hagensick	Stacy Dougherty		Chris Ellickson Tim Fahey Cole & Ashley Horgen (A) Kevin & Trish Martin (A)	Barb Hill Kathy Murray Mike Neuzil Zac & Melissa Clarke (A) Steve & Sheryl Evanson (A) Jeff & Diana Johnson (A)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Tharin Benson Kashton Copp Lee & Chris Ellickson (A)	Karen Grimstad Eric & Stacy Wyninger (A)	Dennis Lyons	Holly Harrington Ila Johnsen Gayle Larkin Drew Pierson Bristol Wilkes Scott & Brenda Houg (A)	Eve Hill Mason Martin Shelby Wyninger Fred & GERALYN Smith (A)	Dave Sorum	Travis Fish Ed Stamper
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Matt & Emily Baade (A) Justin & Ashley Jones (A)	Sarah Sweeney Ron Dahlstrom Heather Nuehring Seth Tweedy	Kade Halse Bill & Becky Roe (A) Carl & Joyce Thornton (A)	Cameron Emerson	Joplin Nuehring Mark & Stacy Stock (A)	Micah Burrow Lori Treangen	

Pastor Bryan's Retirement

On Sunday, August 24, the congregation gathered in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Pastor Bryan's retirement. A joyful brunch was shared by all, as families and parishioners came together to honor his 37 years of faithful service, including his time visiting in Peru. The event was filled with heartfelt stories, laughter, and gratitude for Pastor Bryan's dedicated ministry. It was a beautiful tribute to a remarkable journey of faith, service, and leadership.



Dear St. John's Community,

Hello! My name is Lana Dahlstrom, and I am delighted to introduce myself as your new Church Secretary, starting on September 15. It is with great excitement that I step into this role, and I look forward to working with all of you to support the operations of St. John's.

I live on a farm in rural New Albin with my husband Nick and our three children: Breelyn (a senior), Tegan (a sophomore), and Caleb (in 5th grade). We have a wonderful mix of animals—beef cattle, rabbits, goats, dogs, cats, and our family's favorite, horses. We are a multi-generational farming family, raising beef cattle and crops together.

In addition to my work at the church, I am active in 4-H, where I serve as a club leader, Horse Project leader, and superintendent. In my free time, you can find me supporting my children at their sporting events or showing livestock, and we also enjoy horseback riding around the area.

As your Church Secretary, I am eager to offer my administrative skills and organizational support to help keep things running smoothly here at St. John's. My office hours will be Monday to Thursday, 8:00 AM – 2:15 PM, unless otherwise posted outside the office door.

Please feel free to reach out to me at stjohnswaukon@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

Lana Dahlstrom, Church Secretary, St. John's Church

And Finally.....



Drew & Suzanne Pierson,
Maeve Pierson,

Phoebe & Lenora Pierson,
baptized on August 31, 2025