

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

April, 2023

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

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A three hour drive out of Allamakee County can show you some things we don't see around here.

A drive heading north will find you surrounded by record snow falls, 80 inches piled up through the winter around the Twin Cities, and a few other places with over 100". Hints of Spring coming on, with green patches of pasture, won't come for a while.

While a drive heading south, the same distance and time, you might find some fields that are already seeded, with a little green haze of oats coming up. And seeing machinery pulled out from the sheds, you get the impression that folks are impatient to get the corn planted.

Parts north and parts south both are different from here at this time of year. But beyond what we see not too far from home and how people are living, some things are the same for all of us here.

Whether our sunrise will reflect off the snow in the north or start warming up seeding down south at 6:30, we will all hear the good news of Jesus on Easter. We'll all hear the news that He's risen from death and is with us right now with all of his gifts: the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

These gifts are all given, whoever we are, wherever we live, and whatever the date we were born. We may speak in Spanish, we may come from Cuba, we may have an accent from Norway or Scotland or Springfield, Missouri. But all of us are a family of God, whom Jesus all died for, whom Jesus all rose for, and whom he now calls to share his good news, starting with this: He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

April 9th is the day that many believers will celebrate Easter, including ourselves at St. John's. Our sunrise service will start at 6:30. We'll have breakfast beginning at 7:30, and there'll be more worship services at 8:30 and 10:30.

We'll be joining our family of God all over the world on that day to celebrate Jesus' good news. May this news and our worship be a blessing to you, and with the help and power of God's Holy Spirit, may all who hear it believe it and live it, both now and forever.

Happy Easter, Peace
Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry

April 2023



- Apr 2 in honor of Wayne & Nona Sawyers
65th wedding anniversary
- Apr 9 given by listener from Waupaca WI
- Apr 16 in loving memory of Gertrude
Norden and Nan Grangaard
- Apr 23 Church Funds
- Apr 30 Church Funds

Trustee Meeting Mar 21, 2023



- ~ Installation of new hand rails in Sanctuary
- ~ Second spotlight installed for north stained glass window
- ~ Dollar amount for undesignated memorials to Trustee Bldg Improve Fund or Trust Fund
- ~ New copier to be leased as current has expired
SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details

CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: 9:15am, Apr 11 in F.H, with hostess: Joan Leiran & Bible Study done together.

MARY Circle: tbd

RACHEL Circle: tbd

DORCAS Circle: Apr 11 @ 7pm virtual. Contact Linda Groe with questions.

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 onto the church property to replace lights and rehook eve spouts. We appreciate everything



you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!*

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, March 26 th and April 4 th . You may also call the church office during the week to order a flower. **Cost is \$10.00 with checks made out to St. John's Altar Guild.** You may pick up your poinsettia any time after the Easter services. Thank you for adding to the beauty of the sanctuary during this special season.



April 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30 & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am S.S. 6pm Sr Bells			Meatball Supper 6pm Youth Bells	7pm Maundy Thursday service		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6:30am, 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/communion NO SS	5:30pm Task Team mtg	6pm Bd Deacons & Bd Ed mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells & Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm & New Members 9:30am SS		6pm Trustee mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells & Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am SS	5:30pm Task Team mtg	1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam communion	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells & Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir			10am 4th gd communion instruction
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8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am SS						

Music Ministry



Thank you to the Senior Choir for performing at Sunday 8:30 a.m. services and the Wednesday night Lenten services throughout the month of March. Also, thank you to the Senior and Youth Handbell Choirs who each performed at Sunday and Lenten services early in March.

Our April Choir schedule will be very busy beginning with **Palm Sunday, April 2.**

Senior Bell Choir plays for the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday morning services.

Senior Bell Choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m.

7 Youth Bell Choir members will rehearse with the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, tentatively the Youth Bell Choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m.

Maunder Thursday

Senior Bell Choir rehearses at 6:00 p.m.

Senior Choir rehearses at 6:40 p.m.

Both Choirs perform at the 7:00 p.m. service

Easter Sunday

Youth Bell Choir's tradition resumes with 5:30 a.m. rehearsal

Youth Bell Choir performs at 6:30, 8:30, and 10:30 morning services

Senior Choir rehearses at 8:00 a.m. for the 8:30 a.m. service

Wednesday, April 12

Regular Choir rehearsals resume with Youth Bells at 6:00 p.m., Senior Bells at 7:00 p.m., and Senior Choir at 8:00 p.m.

Thank you to everyone for your time and patience in adapting to a rigorous schedule and for making Easter week services even more special with your participation as we celebrate our risen Savior!

James H. Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Apr-23

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
4/2/2023 Palm Sunday	8:30am	E W	Tom & Caroll Schreiber Irv & Chris E Fosaaen	Chris E Fosaaen	Randy & Lori Hesse Tiffany Evans	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow	Confirmands	B Pausch, B Joachim D Sanderson
	10:30am	E W	Gerald & Diane Piittmann	Blake Roe	Corb Grimstad	Altar Guild	Ushers	Eric Kirkeby Norm Peterson
4/6/2023 Maunder	7pm Thurs	E W	Bev Haas, Vickie Larson Tiffany Evans	Linda Groe	Chris Stuckman	Linda Groe	Confirmands	Matt Telsow family
4/9/2023 Easter	6:30am	E W	X X	Linda Groe	Greg, Ann, Allie Hagensick	Linda Groe	Confirmands	Ron Dahlstrom family
	8:30am	E W	Joan Moody, Ann Rademaker Randy & Lori Hesse	Sue Blagsvedt	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Rhonda Barr	Altar Guild	Confirmands	B Pausch, B Joachim D Sanderson
	10:30am	E W	Sandy Deal	Arica Grimstad	Sadie Bucheit	Altar Guild	Ushers	Eric Kirkeby Norm Peterson
4/16/2023	8:30am	E W	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson Bailey Benson family	Bailey Benson	Jens & Jane Kallevang Bob Joachim	Bonnie Roe Ron Dahlstrom	Confirmands	same as above
	10:30am	E W	Wendy Bucheit	Sunday School	Bill Roe	Evonne Kistler Jill Kistler Mirich	Ushers	same as above
4/23/2023	8:30am	E W	Mary Jackson & Jane Dietrich Steve Wilkes family	Donnalee Osland			Confirmands	same as above
	10:30am	E W	Vickie Larson	Chuck Larson	X	X	Ushers	same as above
4/30/2023	8:30am	E W	Bill Roe family Bill & Sue Blagsvedt	Bill Roe	D & W Sanderson Bailey Benson	Mary Jackson Deb Thorstenson	Confirmands	same as above
	10:30am	E W	Norm Peterson	Vickie Larson	Wendy Bucheit	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit	Ushers	same as above



Thank you to our Circle members and Choir members who provided casseroles, bars, and workers for our March 22, Wednesday night, Lenten meal. We hope many of you were able to enjoy the delicious food and fellowship before the Lenten Service.

April brings another busy time for our congregation as we prepare for and take part in our CONGREGATIONAL MEATBALL SUPPER ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5. Thank you to all of St. John's women as they work in different areas, as each Circle provides 23 pies, as each Circle provides 10 salads, and those women who do not provide food items donate \$10 to help to pay for our food that must be purchased for the supper. The \$10 must be given to the church office. IF A CHECK IS WRITTEN, IT MUST BE MADE OUT TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. EITHER CASH OR A CHECK SHOULD BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED WITH YOUR CIRCLE'S NAME AND YOUR PERSONAL NAME. Thank you for doing your part in making this a successful event for our church. Also, we hope everyone enjoys a delicious meal to take home!

Just recently, Ginny Rice died. She was the oldest member of our congregation nearing 102 years of age. For many years, she was a very active member of our church participating in Circle activities and a variety of church activities. Years ago, I believe she even created our posters for our Meatball Supper. What a great example of how all of our women should play a part at St. John's. May she rest in peace.

May everyone be participating in providing funds to our St. John's WELCA at Circle meetings or at church giving to the White Container in the narthex on the second Sunday of the month and/or to the Pennies for Presents Container in the narthex on the third Sunday of the month. Thank you to everyone!

Please remember to give to your Thankoffering container at home.

May we all take part in the meaningful Lenten Season as we walk to the cross with Jesus and celebrate his resurrection on Easter Sunday as we attend our church services and give thanks for our Savior's love for all of us.

Please pray for peace, for the safety of our military men and women, for people suffering from natural disasters all over the world, and for Christians everywhere.

Thank you for MAKING TIME and TAKING TIME for our privileges and responsibilities at St. John's.

Sue Bieber, President

Apr 2 Palm Sunday

No. 344 All Glory, Laud and Honor

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

No. 351 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

During Distribution No. 347 & 349

No. 346 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

April 6 Maundy Thursday

No. 338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

No. 353 Were You There

During Distribution No. 323 & 359

Apr 9 Easter Sunday

No. 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

No. 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

During Distribution No. 471 & 476

No. 385 Good Christen Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Apr 16 Second Sunday of Easter

No. 363 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

No. 635 We Walk by Faith

During Distribution No. 480 & 482

No. 376 Thine Is the Glory

Apr 23 Third Sunday of Easter

No. 368 With High Delight Let Us Unite

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Lesson: 1 Peter: 17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

No. 374 Day of Arising

No. 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Apr 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter

No. 548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

No. 539 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

During Distribution No. 789 & 790

No. 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Kasey Iverson Trent & Kayla Larkin (A)		Caroll Schreiber Chelsey Stamper Kevin Stinn Matt & Kirby Jones (A)	Jenna Fish Blake Fosaaen Dustin Otto Haylee Rathbone Kay Sewick Sarah Stock	Gordon Ellingson Mary Flatin Phil Young Wayne & Nona Sawyer (A)	Ethan Harrington Molly Johnson	Keigan Leiran
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kaydence Harrington Marlene Hills Bill Roe Jr	Matt Joachim Cora Marti		Hailey Cook		Jane Dietrich Bryan Fish Alden Leiran Kim Rathbone Jane Regan Adam & Jennifer Bieber (A) Ross & Leah Stammeyer (A)	Rose Beardmore Greg Bossom Jim Evanson Cierra Snitker Dave Svendsen Eva Urmanski Hannah Weiss
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Chris Stuckman		Lynsey Houg Tammy Knudtson Mark Stone	Darlene Schlake	Susan Burrow	Brennan Hartley Jerry Schnuelle Austin Williams	Don Dahlstrom Blake Roe
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sue Blagsvedt	Shawn Gordon Kevin & Kayla Leiran (A)	Hudson Hills Cole Iverson Trent Peterson Tom & Caroll Schreiber (A)	Annette Cook Bonnie Roe Adam & Rosemary Hagensick (A)	Irene Clarke Kari Harrington Jon Payne Virgil Thorstenson	Shawn & Jodie Moe (A)	Bailey Benson Henry Clarke Nicole Lyons Krueger
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Mike Allison Kacey Nuehring Lorraine Severson Jared & Jill Soper						



Book Nook

New to our Library & available to be checked out:

March 2023



Taiwan

Do you want to learn more about Taiwan or need to provide a program? It is ready for you in St. John's library. This program about Taiwan includes: in-depth information about Taiwan, a leader's guide, a map of Taiwan, worship service handouts, a Bible study and CDs including pictures and music. The program was written by women of Taiwan. The materials are a product of the World Day of Prayer.

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Geneva Rice

Our new pictorial directory of St. John's members. Find both of these items on the lower shelf-south wall.

The **Sunday School Students** have been busy learning about events leading up to the birth of Jesus, as well as Lent. Palm Sunday is April 2nd this year. We are looking for children in the congregation to help pass out palms at the 8:30 and 10:30 church services. Our Sunday school students will be working on service projects for both the Humane Society and the Hospital over the next couple of months. They will be using 'noisy offering' money to help fund these projects. On April 23rd, during the 8:30 and 10:30 services, Bibles will be passed out to new 3-4yr old preschoolers, second graders and seventh graders. If you are unable to attend, Bibles can be picked up following that date during Sunday school or Confirmation class.

First communion classes for students in fourth grade (and also for any other child that their parents would like) will be on Saturday, April 29 and Saturday, May 6th from 10:30 to 11:30. Parents are welcome to attend with their child(ren). Look for additional information coming your way. If your child is not a fourth grader and you would like them to attend, please contact the Church Office.

Mark your calendars for August 27. **The Board of Education** will be hosting a potluck on the church grounds during the late afternoon/early evening time frame—more information will be coming once Summer comes!



Serving:
egg bake
cinnamon rolls,
fruit, juice, milk
& coffee
7:30am-8:30am
make plans to
attend

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St. John's Meatball Supper.....

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Meatball Supper

Wednesday, April 5

Carryout Only;

\$12 per Carryout

Serving 4:30pm-7pm

(while supplies last)

Call 563 568-3623 for home delivery

