

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

August, 2023

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It's getting about time to shift gears from our summer to fall, from vacation to school, from leaves growing green to grain in the bin. August's our last chance to take a last breath before things get real busy and our calendars fill with all kinds of action.

It's the same here in church, preparing for Sunday School, choirs learning music, Confirmation soon meeting, and our hallways soon filling with the hustle and bustle of youth and adults. This upcoming month, our ministries here are getting warmed up, getting ourselves ready for lots of good things.

One good thing to note is happening in just a few weeks. On August 27, The Rev. Robert Lee Berger is planning to join us at worship, offering personal stories and witness to ministries offered by Food for the Poor. Food for the Poor, a ministry St. John's has supported for years, provides direct relief to people in need throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

Pastor Berger's bio includes serving parishes in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Florida for more than 40 years. He has spoken and shared the ministries of Food for the Poor since August 2011. We look forward to receiving his service and ministry.

And we'll begin to take part in a ministry specially offered to our Lutheran Youth: The ELCA National Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans

next year, July 16-20, 2024. The theme for this event is "Created to Be", inspired by Psalm 139:14: 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

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Whatever the total cost of attending, our congregation will support our youth financially through gifts and fundraisers so that anyone who wishes to attend can do so affordably. *An informational meeting will be held at Decorah Lutheran Church on Wednesday, August 2, from 6:30-7:30.* Youth and their families are invited to join me in attending this meeting.

There are many good things happening this month and ministries soon to begin for the fall. Enjoy these weeks before things start to get busy. Join us for worship. Keep our ministries and volunteers here in your prayers.

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Peace,
Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry August 2023



- Aug 6 given anonymously
Aug 13 given by Vic & Diane Fye
Aug 20 given by faithful listener
Aug 27 Church Funds



Book Nook

"The Ark Builder's Wife" Zarah's Story by Tracy Higley

Zarah's husband, Noah, has been preaching about the coming destruction of the world for years; as he builds a monstrous ship in the middle of his grain field. But Zarah, Noah's wife and mother to their three sons does not hear from God the way Noah does. Her hidden past as a captive in a pagan temple has led her to believe she is damaged and unworthy. Can she prove her worth to her family by confronting and confessing the dark secrets of her past?

submitted by Joan Moody



CIRCLE NEWS August

SARAH Circle: 9:15am August 8 in the Lounge with hostess Kathy Murray & Bible study done together

DORCAS Circle: Does Not Meet

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 continue watering shrubs. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!*



Please join us on Sunday, August 27, to hear The Rev. Robert Lee Berger speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Berger will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

The Reverend Robert Lee Berger was ordained June 15, 1969 in St. Paul Lutheran Church, Reading, Ohio. Since August 2011, after more than 40 years serving in ELCA parishes in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, he has been privileged to be a speaker for Food For The Poor. Pastor Bob lives in Orange City, Florida with his wife Connie. They have two grown and married daughters, also living in Florida, with five marvelous grandchildren.



August 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			8:45am-noon Mini Do Day			Smith use of FH.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm		9:15am Sarah Circle in Lounge	8:45am-noon Mini Do Day			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 8:30am & 10am		1pm Northgate 2:30pm Evrgn Crt 3pm Northgate 6pm Bd Deacons 6:30pm Trustees 7pm Church Council mtg	8:45am-noon Mini Do Day			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm			8:45am-noon Mini Do Day	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/Food for Poor Speaker			8:45am-noon Mini Do Day			

Music Ministry



Thank you to those who provided special music for our services in July. Thank you to Randy Johnsen, baritone solo on July 2, Vickie Larson, soprano solo on July 9, Greg Hagensick, tenor solo on July 16, selected hymn with commentary on July 23 and Haylee & Hannah Jeglum, piano on July 30.

Our August schedule is filling up but we still have some Sundays available yet for special music if anyone is interested in sharing their talents.

The fall schedule of choir rehearsals will be posted in the September Newsletter & individual letters sent out to choir members prior to

the first fall rehearsals.

Thank you to everyone who has provided music for our services this summer and we look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

James H. Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

Trustee Meeting
July 18, 2023



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NO MEETING HELD

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St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Aug-23

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
8/6/2023	8:30am	E	Dave & Brenda Dougherty	Bob Joachim	Jens & Jane Kallevang	Linda Groe	Ushers	V & D Thorstenson
		W	Jon Payne, Bob Joachim		Nona Sawyer			Ron Dahlstrom
	10am	E	Zach Clarke family	Sadie Bucheit	Wendy Bucheit	Altar Guild	Ushers	Bill & Linda
		W						Halvorson
8/13/2023	8:30am	E	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer	Mary Jo Meyer			Ushers	same as above
		W	Wendy Bucheit		X	X		
	10am	E	Vickie Larson	Vickie Larson			Ushers	same as above
		W						
8/20/2023	8:30am	E	Karen Grimstad, Rhonda	Lori Hesse	Greg, Ann, Michael	Annette Stock	Ushers	same as above
		W	Barr		Hagensick	Marlene Hills		
	10am	E	Ed & Karen Stamper	Chuck Larson	Karen Stamper	Wendy & Sadie	Ushers	same as above
		W				Bucheit		
8/27/2023	8:30am	E		Jon Payne			Ushers	same as above
		W			X	X		
	10am	E	Ron & Nancy Brandt	Karen Stamper			Ushers	same as above
		W						

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Thank you for your Church "No Bake" Bake Sale gifts during the month of July. We are still gathering donations in the Cookie Jar in the Narthex on Sunday mornings at this time. With August almost here, you may plan on Quilting later in August. Just check your Events Booklet for the time in the Fellowship Hall. Also, please call the church office to make sure the church is open in the morning at that time.

We are so lucky to have our church family to work with and to socialize with throughout the year. Our yearly Events Booklet keeps us aware of what to do and to plan ahead for events. I have been so lucky to work with a great bunch of women throughout the years in planning all of this. Now I think I must step down and allow the remainder of this great WELCA Executive Board to make plans and to find another president. I know we cannot do things forever, but it breaks my heart to have to say I must quit. In my current health situation, I may get better and I may not. "Thy will be done" is not always easy to accept, but I am at the point where I really want peace and hope that it is in heaven soon if I cannot have it soon here on earth with my family and church community. Overall, I am thankful for having a wonderful family life and a wonderful church life with our women, participating in choirs, and teaching Sunday School with great kids. Our whole family appreciates your support and caring!!

Please remember your Thankoffering containers at home, Pennies for Presents Fund, and monthly offerings for St. John's WELCA General Fund.

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

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

Sue Bieber, President

Hymns for August at St. Johns



August 6 Time after Pentecost
No. 689 Praise and Thanksgiving
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5
Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21
No. 712 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
During Distribution No. 484 & 491
No. 674 Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

August 13 Time after Pentecost
No. 755 Jesue, Savio, Pilot Me
First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18
Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
No. 773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
No. 763 My Life Flows On In Endless Song

August 20 Time After Pentecost
No. 886 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
No. 650 In Christ There Is No East or West
During Distribution No. 758 & 759
No. 665 Rise, Shine, You People!

August 27 Time After Pentecost
No. 645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
No. 812 Faith of Our Fathers
No. 820 O Savior, Precious Savior



July 2023



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Chris Mirich

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Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Jessie Emerson Eva Miller Maximus Neuzil Anita Sorum	2 Glen Moe	3 Logan Houg Justin Jones Sutton Jones Mike & Sherry Tuttle (A)	4 Betty Johannngmeier Jeff & Pat Snitker (A)	5 Sully Bucheit Steve Wilkes Kevin & Kristin Stinn (A)
6 Eliana Erb Christina Peterson	7 Ron Brandt Elisha Marti	8 Bob Joachim	9 Jim Allison	10 Bryan & Erika Fish (A)	11 Matt Jones Jaxon Moe Ernie Palas Randy & Lori Hesse (A) Rich & Joan Leiran (A)	12 Nash Treangen Ron & Nancy Brandt (A) Matt & Jessie Emerson (A)
13 Jack Allison Rudy & Marian Hesla (A)	14	15 Rhonda Bahr Mary Jackson	16	17 Edwin Runice	18 Dixie Libbey Bernard Pausch Nick & Ashley Dougherty (A) Dean & Mary Jackson (A)	19 Hannah Teslow
20 Trent & Lori Jacobs (A)	21 Maryellen Politowitz Katelyn Snyder Quinn Snyder Cynthia Wuebker	22 Dennis & Linda DeBuhr (A) John & Becky O'Neill (A)	23	24 Joe Christen Casey Treangen	25 Richard Kistler Rosanne Wicks	26
27 Kevin Baxter Jay Erb Diane Piittmann Dani Stock Shawn Tuttle Kim Welper Jon & Serene Thorstenson (A) Dave & Cynthia Wuebker (A)	28 Brandon Teslow	29	30 Eric Kirkeby Mark & Tammy Knudtson (A)	31 Duel Stock		

Dear St. John's Youth and Families:

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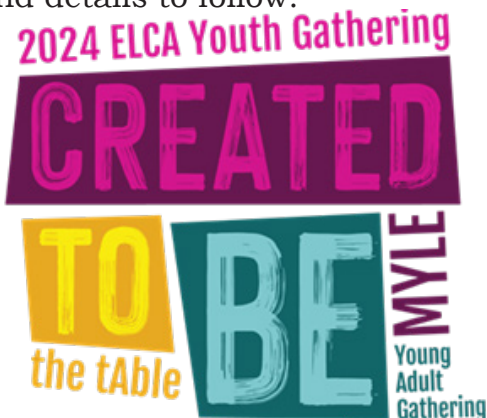
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The total cost for each participant will be available once we know the total travel expense, and daily estimate of meal costs. Whatever the total cost of attending will be, our congregation will support our youth financially through gifts and fundraisers so that anyone who wishes to attend can do so affordably.

We will be traveling with First Lutheran Church and Decorah Lutheran Church by bus to the Gathering. An informational meeting to answer any questions or concerns you might have will be held at Decorah Lutheran Church on Wednesday, August 2, from 6:30-7:30.

This is a great opportunity and ministry that St. John's can offer our youth. I welcome any questions you might have at this time about attending the Gathering. I'll have much more information and details to follow.

Pr. Bryan



Scholarships

Members of St. John's attending post high school education institutions this fall, please let the Church Office know. Those who are attending ELCA colleges will receive a \$100 EPIC

Scholarship from the Church that is matched by the college. All students receive a \$50 general scholarship from the Church.

These gifts are funded through proceeds from the Youth & Education portions of the St. John's Trust Fund. **Scholarships to be distributed on Sunday, August 13.**

Save the Dates

**Service in the Park/Rally Sunday
September 10**

**Pastor Bryan's 35th Ordination Anniv &
St. John's 135th Anniversary
October 15, 9:30am**



*Matthew & Allison Hagensick Rottink
June 24, 2023*

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Special Music.....



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