

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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

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So, a few days ago I did an internet search for something important. I typed in the letters, A, L, L, A, M...and the search engine didn't let me finish, but filled in the rest:

A, L, L, A, M....akee school district year calendar 2024-2025.

And up came a link to click on and download. And printing it out, I now have in my hands an overall picture of everyday life for our area youth: contact hours in class, early dismissals, and holiday breaks. If the good Lord's willing and the creeks don't rise, our last day of class is May 29.

Of course, this calendar doesn't include what's happening each day in the lives of our students. It doesn't include all the things that they'll learn, or the friends they will make, their wins and their losses while competing on teams, and their growth in body and mind as the months turn to years.

There are lots of blanks on this calendar page. But these blanks on a page, not knowing the future, aren't things we're afraid of or make us feel small. Because we're not alone as we live out our lives.

We have someone who's with us, who had us in mind before we were born. We have someone who watched us as crawls turned to walking, and walks turned to runs. We have mothers and fathers, and

family and friends, all brothers and sisters in Christ, who showed us the one who is with us in life and with us in death and all in between. He's been with us through all our blank pages we're filling each day.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has always been with you through birthing and growing, playing and learning, while we're living our lives and dying our deaths. And through all of our time, from beginning to end, he gives us good news that our sins are forgiven and God's Holy Spirit will raise us from death.

Which still leaves a whole lot of blanks on our calendar page, except this entry that's there every day: "Jesus is here and with me right now."

May God's Holy Spirit help us believe this good news.

Peace, Pr. Bryan

Dinner News!

We're hosting a Rieck's Chicken Dinner

Fried chicken, potato wedges, baked beans and bun

Friday, August 30,
4:00-7:00 P.M.

Dine-in/Carry-out
before football home
game



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Radio Ministry August 2024



- August 4 in memory of Edith Johnson
- August 11 in honor of Rich & Jo Leiran's anniv
- August 18 memory of Dale Rademaker
- August 25 given by Vic & Diane Fye

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 assist with set up for our outdoor service. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

That's My Son by Rick Johnson

Mom, you have an incredible influence on your son's life, not just when he is a boy, but as he grows into a man. But have you ever been confused about what makes him tick? Why he does the things he does? Why a trip to garbage dump would be a highlight of his week?

You're not alone.

With refreshing honesty and a man's insight, Rick Johnson offers the advice, understanding and support every mom is looking for when it comes to raising godly sons. Using extensive research & humorous personal examples, he helps moms.

With your guidance, your son can grow into a man of character & integrity. With Rick's guidance, you'll feel more confident every step of the way.

submitted by Rhonda Barr

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



Outside Worship Opportunities

Save the date for our 8:30am service: Our annual Worship in the Park on Sunday, **September 8** at 8:30 which will be followed by a brunch in the nearby shelter. Both services are scheduled for the radio broadcast. **Put this date on your calendar – September 8!**

Submitted by Deacons

Trustee Meeting
July 16, 2024



- ~Continue repair on damaged NW door
- ~Carpets scheduled for cleaning 9/9/24
- ~Continue to monitor bat activity
- ~Estimate to be sent on solar panels
- ~Reicks dine in or carryout meal
- ~Green Space Worship Service success

SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details

August 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 8:30am-4pm WIC	2	3 Smith use of FH 8am-5pm
4 8:30am & 10am worship w/comm. 11am-4pm Goeke use of FH	5	6 2pm WELCA lounge	7 no rehearsals	8 8:45am-noon Quilting	9	10
11 8:30am & 10am worship **college scholarships 8:30am ONLY**	12	13 **Circles meet: see pg 4	14 no rehearsals	15 8:45am-noon Quilting	16	17
18 8:30am & 10am worship w/comm.	19	20 6pm Trustee mtg 7pm Church Council mtg	21	22 8:45am-noon Quilting	23	24
25 8:30am & 10am worship	26	27 1pm Northgate 2:30pm Evergrm Crt 3pm Good Sam Ctr	28	29 8:45am-noon Quilting	30 4pm-7pm Reicks meal	31

Music Ministry

We have had a nice variety of special music for our Sunday worship services in July with the following:



CIRCLE NEWS
July 2024

- July 7: baritone horn solo by Shawna Johnsen
- July 14: Service on the Green with Men's Choir
- July 21: special Patriot's organ solo
- July 28: vocal solo by Hailey Houg

SARAH Circle: 9:15am, August 13 in the Lounge with hostess Nancy Brandt & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: August 13, 7pm virtual-ly, contact Linda Groe with questions.

Special music is arranged for the first two Sundays in August. If anyone or a group would like to provide music for the last two Sundays in August, please call the Church Office 563 568-3623 or Jim Bieber 563 380-5355.

July 2024



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Chester Thune - June
Eric Palmer
Lyla Hanson

James H. Bieber / Director of Music

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Aug-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
8/4/24	8:30 AM	E W	Tom & Caroll Schreiber Geraldyn Smith	Dawn Teslow	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Linda Groe	Linda Groe	Ushers	Bill Roe family
	10:00 AM	E W	Vickie Larson	Randy Johnsen	Vickie Larson	Carole Yohe Kristi Fahey	Ushers	Wendy Bucheit Sadie Bucheit
8/11/24	8:30 AM	E W	Randy & Lori Hesse Bev Haas	Lori Hesse			Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Darlene Schlake	Sadie Bucheit	X	X	Ushers	same as above
8/18/24	8:30 AM	E W	Jens & Jane Kallevang Jon Payne	Mary Jackson	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Joan Moody	Randy & Lori Hesse	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Ron & Nancy Brandt	Vickie Larson	Tiffany Evans	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above
8/25/24	8:30 AM	E W	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Joan Moody	Joan Moody			Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Sandy Deal	Linda Groe	X	X	Ushers	same as above

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Quilting will be resuming in August, beginning on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Quilting dates and times in August are from 8:45am to noon on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

For those who might be interested in sewing tops for the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilts: LWR has requested that quilts sent to them are to be no larger than 60" X 80". LWR also requests that the tops being sewn/pieced together are to have 1/2 " seams, due to the fact that these will have some rugged use, and be laundered often.

We will be collecting donations of items for School Kits, and Baby Kits, this fall. Items can be placed in a designated box in the coat room. We also gladly accept monetary donations to make bulk purchases of items needed for these kits, for purchasing batting or good quality quilting fabric, or to cover shipping costs to send them around the world.

Information regarding items needed for each kit is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Please join us in making a difference in the world. Whether by donating funds to supply a kit; making a kit yourself; joining together to tie quilts; or supplying good quality quilting fabric to use for making quilts; working together to serve others is our mission.

Submitted by Kathy Murray

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 11, at 8:30am service ONLY.



Hymns for August at St. Johns



August 4 Time after Pentecost

No. 607 Come Ye Consolate

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

No. 781 Children of the Heavenly Father During Distribution No. 462 & 466

No. 676 Lord Speak to Us

August 11 Time after Pentecost

No. 521 O Day of Rest and Gladness

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

No. 658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

No. 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

August 18 Time after Pentecost

No. 488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

No. Wonderful Peace

During Distribution No. 522 & 542

No. 845 Voices Raised to You

August 25 Time after Pentecost

No. 853 When Morning Guilds the Skies

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

No. 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

August 2024

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

Special Music



Shauna Johnsen, baritone
horn July 7, 2024

Sarah Stock, piano
June 30, 2024

Sunday, July 14th we held our first "Service on the Lawn". We were blessed with a beautiful sunny morning and many helping hands to set up and clean up afterwards. The dew on the grass did not stop Pastor from having the kids join him for the Children's message or those walking by to join us for the service. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this special service happen!

St. John's Board of Deacons



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Special Notice.....

Effective on July 14, 2024, all postal rates increased significantly. In addition to this, the cost of paper, envelopes & other office supplies has nearly doubled over the past couple of years. The costs of postage increases are likely to occur in the future.

We want to be good stewards of your donations & mindful of how we use the resources of God's good creation. As a result, some changes will be implemented in how we communicate with you.

Effective January 1, 2025, we will no longer be sending newsletters, meeting notices, contribution statements & other correspondence by bulk mail.

Contribution statements will be sent by email or printed out for distribution. We also currently send over 240 newsletters a month by bulk mail. Instead, we will make them available on our website and through email . By doing this, we will save \$1,000.00 per year along with the cost of office supplies.

As always, we wish to maintain clear & effective communication with everyone in the congregation. Printed newsletters will still be available every month in the Narthex, and if you do not have internet or email service, or simply prefer to receive a monthly paper copy instead of email, let the office know and we will make sure that you continue to receive it.

In order to make this transition, we will begin the process of getting your email contact information this fall. Please let us know if you have any questions and concerns.

In Christ,

St. John 's Trustees