

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

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I have barely cracked the pages of my calendar book for this new year. Notable days, like our holiday celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr., are not only listed, but they are written in red ink to make them stand out. Other notable days written in red include George Washington's birthday, Valentine's Day, and our yearly resetting of clocks. Daylight Saving Time springs them forward on March 14.

Our church calendar, however, didn't wait for January 1 to begin our new year. On the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, we once again began our preparations to celebrate the birth of our Lord. With him safely delivered, we entered the season of Epiphany, shining a light on just who he is as an adult.

And coming quite soon, we'll begin the season of Lent, February 17, with Ash Wednesday worship.

Describing our new church year in broad terms, we prepared for Jesus' arrival, we celebrated his birth, and we have seen who he is: the dear Son of God. And beginning with the first day of Lent, we will see just what he has

come here to do.

Our worship together in the season of Lent will begin at 7:00 P.M., starting with Ash Wednesday on February 17. On the Wednesdays to come throughout this new season, we will worship together with the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy, special music, and prayer. Our readings from the Bible and their sermons will lift up and expand on the petitions of The Lord's Prayer.

Our other ministries are continuing, as conditions continue to allow: children are meeting for Sunday School; our middle school youth continue to meet for Confirmation classes; in-home visitation has begun for those who would like it; and ministry to those who are grieving or in crisis continues to be offered.

As our medical care continues to improve, and inoculations for the COVID-19 virus become more widely available, there will come a time when we can gather for worship in a way that is safe for all of us. For this time now, whether we worship together by radio, or by Facebook or in person, remember that you are a dear child of God, a brother and sister in Christ, and a part of this family of God—St. John's Lutheran Church.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry 2021



- Feb 7 -----
- Feb 14 in honor of Gertrude Sanders Norden
~anonymous~
- Feb 21 -----
- Feb 28 -----



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to change out light bulbs. Also a special thank you to the Dahlstrom family for the great job they do keeping our sidewalks clear of snow! We appreciate everything you have done for us and thank you for your service to our church!

Trustee Meeting Highlights Jan 12, 2021



- ~new locks installed and dispersement of keys discussed
- ~Combine Sunday School savings & checking accounts into Church General Acct.
- ~Agree to pay Synod benevolence of \$3000
- ~Review 2021 budget and raise Music Supply fund (due to increased costs for tuning), phone fund, elevator maintenance and insurance: building & comp.
- ~Senior Choir is requested to pay for Ecumenial Concert costs for radio broadcast

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



February 17 @ 7pm

*Installation of
Church Council Members
on February 14 @ 8:30am service.*



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FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3 7pm Confirmation Activity 6:15pm Youth Bells 7:15pm Sr Bells	4	5	6
7 8:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School 9:30am LYO mtg	8	9	10 6pm & 7:15pm Confirmation 6:15pm Youth Bells 7:15pm Sr Bells	11	12	13
14 8:30am worship, Installation of Church Council Members 9:30am Sun School 6pm Sr Bells	15	16 7pm Church Council mtg	17 6-6:45pm Youth Bells 7pm Ash Wed Service 7:45pm Confirmation	18	19	20
21 8:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School 6pm Sr Bells	22	23	24 7pm Lent worship 6-6:45pm Youth Bells 7:45pm Confirmation	25	26	27
28 8:30am worship 9:30am Sun School 6pm Sr Bells	1	2	3	4	5	6

Activities subject to change based on COVID19

Music Ministry

Thank you to the Men's Choir for continuing to provide special music for our Sunday morning worship services on January 3, 10, 24, and 31. We thank Addyson Bixby for providing two beautiful viola solos on January 17. Her performance allowed the Men's Choir to have a well deserved Sunday off since they have been singing at nearly all of our Sunday services since mid March of 2020.



If there are any changes to the schedule, all choir members will be notified. Thank you for your patience and may we all keep a strong faith as we continue to work through the coronavirus pandemic.

James H. Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

Addyson Bixby providing a beautiful viola prelude and anthem on January 17.

The choir rehearsal schedule for the first two weeks of February will "tentatively" be as follows beginning on Wednesday, February 3, as follows:

Youth Bells at 6:15 p.m.

Senior Bells at 7:15 p.m.

There will be no Senior Choir rehearsals until further notice.

The week of February 14 the Senior Bell Choir will begin rehearsing on Sunday evening, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. The Youth Bell Choir will continue rehearsing on Wednesday, February 17, but at 6:00 p.m. for the following reason. ASH WEDNESDAY and Lent begin on Wednesday, February 17, with the church service at 7:00 p.m.



St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Feb 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
2/7/21	8:30 AM	E W	X	Brenda Dougherty	X	Linda Groe	USHERS	Scott Houg Family
2/14/21	8:30 AM	E W	X	Mary Jo Meyer			USHERS	Same as 2/7
2/17/21 Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	E W		TBD Confirmand	X	Linda Groe	TBD Confirmand	TBD Confirmand
2/21/21	8:30 AM	E W	X	Owen Grimstad	X	Linda Groe	USHERS	Same as 2/7
2/28/21	8:30 AM	E W	X	Bob Joachim	X		USHERS	Same as 2/7

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing

Unfortunately, the activities for our St. John's women have been on hold for quite awhile. We did not do any quilting in January, and it looks like our Mini-Do-Days and Do-Day quilting will not take place in February either. We want to be together only when everyone feels safe from the coronavirus.

We still are not able to visit our Care facilities and to take treats to them at the time of this writing. Therefore, we will not call on them during February.

Those of you who are receiving your GATHER magazines may still read through them even though your Circle may not be meeting. If your Circle wishes to meet at the church on the second Tuesday in February, please notify the church office. Those who are able to get together through ZOOM we are pleased that you can continue to do so.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday and is the beginning of the Lenten Season. We hope that many of our women can attend the church services which will start at 7:00 p.m. and continue until Easter on Wednesday evening. Wow, I am going to miss our not having our Lenten Casserole Suppers with great food and fun socializing before the church service. Of course, we always appreciated the different groups that provided the food which included the members of our Circles and chatting with our youth as they helped with the serving in the Fellowship Hall. May we still have a blessed Lenten Season as we walk to the cross with our Savior at both our Wednesday night and Sunday Church Services.

Please remember your Thankoffering Containers and Pennies for Presents to keep at home for now.

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



LYO

The LYO is planning a winter youth activity of a ski trip to Mount LaCrosse or a sledding outing.

Details to follow.



January Statistics

Baptisms: none

Funerals: Orrin Grangaard-December
Lorna Thune (TBA)

Weddings: none

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1 Owen Allison Bob Thorsten Matt & Dawn Teslow (A)	2 Jan Gordon	3 Adam Bieber Layne Dahlberg Hailey Houg Leslie Miller Bryan Robertson	4	5 Dave Bahr Marcus Bell Keagen Palmer Wayne Sawyer Allen & Ella Mae Goeke (A)	6 Elsie Clarke Aaron Welper
7 Carla Schnuelle	8 Trent Larkin	9 Paul Snitker	10	11 Jeremy Wicks Lyle & Annette Stock (A)	12	13 Peggy Slaughter
14 LaVern Roe	15 Erin Bunge Allie Hagensick Katie Hagensick	16 Sean Bieber Judith Engle Charles & Lois Rofls (A)	17 Zach Clarke LeAnn Smith	18 Adam Hagensick	19 Lynda Palmer	20 Stella Berger Mark Sherman
21 Aaron Palmer Melissa Wicks Carole Yohe	22 Adelle Clarke Cindy Copp Lucas Walby	23 Lyle Jackson Nathan O'Neill	24 Sarah Jackson Kathy Wiedner Lillianna Wilkes	25 Olivia Bell Johnathan Erb Rosella Rausch	26 Taylor Knutson Dawn Teslow	27 Linda Halvorson Cyril & Shirley Larkin (A)
28 Mary Ament	1	2	3	4	5	6

****Hymns for February at**

St. John's**



Feb 7 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
No. 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

No. 791 We Sing to You, Oh God
During Distribution No. &
No. 1 Love to Tell the Story

Feb 14 Transfiguration of Our Lord
No. 553 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

No. 315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!
No. 318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
No. 319 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

No. 599 Lord Jesus, Think on Me
No. 811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Feb 21 First Sunday in Lent
No. 321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

No. 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
During Distribution No. &
No. 325 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Feb 24 Second Wednesday in Lent
No. 335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Lessons/Gospel: Lord's Prayer Sermon Series
No. 320 The Glory of These Forty Days
No. 328 Restore in Us, O God

Feb 28 Second Sunday in Lent
No. 806 O God, My Faithful God
First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38
No. 323 God Love the World
No. 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Book Nook

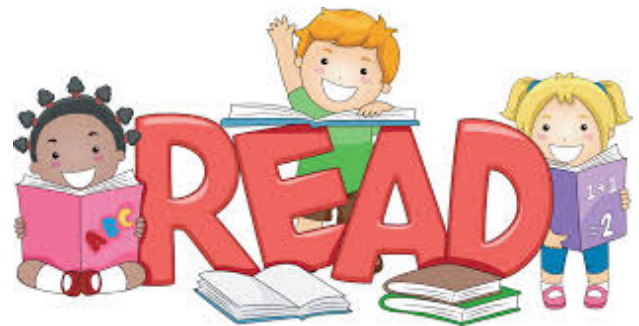


"The Reason for My Hope" by Billy Graham

Get back to the basics of your faith and discover how to share your hope with others. Graham presents the message of Jesus in clear terms, and uses current world events to emphasize timeless truths.

"The Bright Unknown" by Elizabeth Younts

Brighton Turner grew up inside a dreary asylum in rural Pennsylvania. After she befriends a boy she calls Angel, they fight to escape. But the world isn't what either expected. They don't have money, real names or any help - beyond the kindness of strangers. Will they ever find answers, a family or someplace to call home?



Circle News



SARAH Circle

MARY Circle

RACHEL Circle

DORCAS Circle ****see below****

Circles can meet.

Contact your Circle President for details.



****Dorcias Circle** will meet February 9 at 7:00pm via computer. If anyone would like to join the discussion (via any device, computer, tablet, phone) please contact Linda Groe at 563 568-3526

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Vickie Larson 2023 Bill Roe 2023

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Annette Cook 2022 Lauren Allison 2022

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