

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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A few hundred miles makes a whole lot of difference in matters of winter and spring.

Take a trip up to Brainard or parts farther north, and the skies and the weather seem deep in the winter. While a ride down to Branson, or parts farther south, will show you some sights that'll make you think "Spring."

Our calendar doesn't really control the season we're in as much as our north or south place on the map.

For us here in Allamakee County, February's a time when we see the sun shine a little bit more, and on one or two days there are faint hints of Spring. But there are still weeks to wait for our maples to start running their sap.

It's still the season of winter right here—no change for a while. But here in the church, a new season's starting that's getting us ready to sing praises to God.

While Epiphany season has shown us that Jesus is really God's Son, the season of Lent, soon to be starting, will start showing us why he came here among us. With Ash Wednesday worship, we'll see Jesus start his walk to a place where he'll die on a cross for your sins and mine.

Our Ash Wednesday worship is 7:00 p.m., on February 14. We'll have ashes traced on our foreheads, marking the sign of the cross with these words: "you are dust, and to dust you will return." And following these ashes, we'll hear Jesus' words at Holy Communion, saying "this is my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins."

As we prepare to celebrate his gift of his life on the cross, and then Easter Sunday, when Jesus arose from the dead, we'll have worship each Wednesday through the season of Lent. We'll have dinner preceding, beginning at 5:30pm. We'll have music and liturgy from Holden's Evening Prayer. And our scripture and sermons will follow the things we confess in the Creed about God's Holy Spirit.

Using the third article of the Apostles' Creed as a guide, our sermon series will cover the works of God's Spirit: "the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting."

As February shows us the first hints of spring, we'll start following Jesus' path to his cross to win for us all the forgiveness of sins and life and salvation. And we'll hear every Wednesday, in music and scripture, the work of God's Spirit in all of our lives.

This is a good place to be in the season of Lent.

Peace,

Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry February 2024



- Feb 4 Church Funds
- Feb 11 Faithful listener
- Feb 18 Listener from Decorah
- Feb 25 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



Book Nook

"Pursued By A King: Abigail's Story"

When David, the rumored next king of Israel, approaches Nabal seeking customary kindness, Nabal turns him away, incurring the future king's wrath. Nabal's wife, Abigail, must act swiftly in order to save her household. Upon hearing the news of David's wrath and what Abigail did to appease the future king, Nabal collapses, never to rise again. When David's men appear at her doorstep with an offer of a new life, Abigail must choose between returning to her father's home, or embarking on the adventure of a lifetime.

Submitted by Joan Moody



CIRCLE NEWS February 2024

SARAH Circle: 9:15am Feb 13 meeting in the Lounge, with Betty White as hostess & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: Feb 13, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

Thank you to the volunteers

who have quietly slipped into the church property to clean our sidewalks and air intake on boilers and change out light bulbs. We appreciate everything you have done for us and

Thank You for your service to our church.



Trustee Meeting Jan 16, 2024



- ~Sound System problem detected and under warranty
- ~Review of Fellowship Hall agreement
- ~Positions on ballot to be filled still
- ~Possibility of modified dine-in meal in addition to carryouts for Meatball Supper

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

February 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 WIC 8:30am-4:30pm	2	3
4 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am SS & Sr Choir 1pm Good Sam service	5	6	7 8:45am-noon quilting 6pm Youth Bells, 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells	8	9	10
11 8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am SS & Sr Choir 1pm Good Sam service	12	13 9:15am Sarah Circle- lounge 1pm Northgate Ctr 7pm Dorcas Circle- virtual	14 8:45am-noon quilting 6pm-6:45 Youth Bells, 7pm Ash Wed. service w/comm.	15	16	17
18 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am SS & Sr Choir 1pm Good Sam service 6pm Sr Bells	19	20 6pm Trustee mtg 7pm Church Council mtg	21 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7pm Lenten service	22	23	24
25 8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am SS & Sr Choir 1pm Good Sam service 6pm Sr Bells	26	27 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam	28 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7pm Lenten service	29		

Music Ministry



Thank you to the Senior Choir for providing music at our 8:30am services throughout the month of January. In spite of the frigid temperatures the choir faithfully led the services on the radio. They have moved their rehearsals to Sunday mornings right after the 8:30am service which has worked out well for everyone thus far.

With Lent beginning Wednesday, February 14th, our rehearsal schedule for Bell Choir will be adjusted to accommodate the 7:00pm worship services.

Youth Bells will continue to rehearse at 6:00pm to 6:45pm. Senior Bells will move to Sunday nights beginning Sunday, February 18th at 6:00pm.

James H. Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

As with any home, we have had maintenance issues crop up over the year that we did not expect. One of our **sound system speakers** in church stopped functioning well, and significant evidence of bats began to be seen. Replacing this speaker in the front, along with the same vintage speaker in the back of the church, totaled \$7479. **Bat proofing** our sanctuary totaled \$1284, and is so far successful. Your generous past and current donations have lowered the balance of each expense to \$2258.11 and \$00 respectively. Your gifts to defray these expenses will help us continue to care for this place, which serves as a base for our ministries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

January 2024



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Agnes Anderson

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Feb-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
2/4/2024	8:30am	E W	Todd & Marlene Hills Matt & Dawn Teslow	Bailey Benson	Vickie Larson, Randy & Lori Hesse	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow		Gary Houg, Scott Houg Bernard Pausch
	10:30am	E W	Chester & Darlene Schlake Ushers	Linda Groe	Sadie Bucheit	Altar Guild		Harlan & Carole Yohe Eric Kirkeby
2/11/2024	8:30am	E W	Joan Moody, Jane Dietrich Jane Fransen, Ann Rademaker	Vickie Larson				same as above
	10:30am	E W	Dave & Mary Lou Sorum Ushers	Karen Stamper	X	X		same as above
2/14/2024 Ash Wed.	7pm	E W	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt Virgil & Deb Thorstenson	Sarah Bieber	Bev Haas	Linda Groe		Confirmation Students
2/18/2024	8:30am	E W	Bev Haas, Geralyn Smith Dan & Lori Treangen	Matt Teslow	Bill Halvorson, Linda Groe, Dan Treangen	Ann Hagensick Allie Rottink		same as above
	10:30am	E W	Norm Peterson Ushers	Sunday School	Karen Stamper	Linda Groe		same as above
2/25/2024	8:30am	E W	Bill & Linda Halvorson	Bev Haas				same as above
	10:30am	E W	Gerald & Diane Piittmann Ushers	Ed Stamper	X	X		same as above

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Hymns for February at St. Johns



The Quilters are busy and working on cleaning out storage areas with quilting supplies. The weather kept them from quilting on January 10th, but they are planning on starting up on January 17th and quilting for 6 straight Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to come one time or every time. No experience is necessary. Check out the bulletin board in the back of the church to see just where the quilts are shipped to. The quilters are looking for suggestions as to when to quilt. Would it work better to try and quilt sometimes at night as well? Please let Kathy Murray or Ann Rademaker know if you have any ideas or suggestions.

This year we are concentrating on putting together baby kits [this will be an area of concentration every year] and personal care kits as well. Please refer to your yellow WELCA booklet on pages 6-7 to see what is needed for those kits. For the baby kits, they mostly need sleepers with no feet [sizes 6 months to 24 months] and onesies without any snaps.

This is just a gentle reminder that if you are a member of Thrivent you can call and request a designation for your Choice Dollars. The WELCA or our church would welcome those extra funds. This is something that needs to be done each year.

Upcoming items to think about:

We may be asked to volunteer to bring food and serve at a Lenten Supper. If you want to volunteer, please contact Karen Stamper or Caroll Schreiber or the church office.

More information will be coming out about the Meatball Supper this spring. We generally donate food or money and help serve at this event.

The Lutheran World Gathering will be held on November 4th this coming year. Let us know if you would be interested in attending.

WELCA is also going to be donating money for camperships for our youth of our congregation this summer. Please look for more details coming out when it gets closer to summer.

We are going to be putting up a bulletin board in the back of the church. Please check it for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Submitted by,

Karen Stamper & Caroll Schreiber

February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

No. 842 Oh, Worship the King

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

No. 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

During Distribution No. 684 & 773

No. 665 Rise, Shine, You People

February 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord

No. 853 When Morning Gilds the Skies

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

No. 671 Shine, Jesus Shine

No. 316 Oh, Wonderous Image, Vision Fair

February 14 Ash Wednesday

No. 607 Come, Ye Disconsolate

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

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

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

No. 629 Abide With Me

During Distribution No. 592 & 599

No. 319 O Lord, Throughout Those Forty Days Ashes Imposition No. 601 Savior, When In Dust

February 18 First Sunday in Lent

No. 624 Jesus, Still Lead On

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. 613 & 617

No. 326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

February 21 Lent 2

No. 320 The Glory of These 40 Days

No. 323 God Loved the World

February 25 Second Sunday in Lent

No. 796 How Firm A Foundation

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

No. 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

No. 802 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

February 28 Lent 3

No. 338 Beneath the Cross

No. 335 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

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Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Owen Allison Matt & Dawn Teslow (A)	2 Jan Gordon	3 Adam Bieber Layne Dahlberg Hailey Houg Leslie Miller Bryan Robertson
4	5 Dave Bahr Marcus Bell Keagan Palmer Wayne Sawyer Allen & Ella Mae Goeke (A)	6 Elsie Clarke	7 Carla Schnuelle	8	9 Paul Snitker	10
11 Jeremy Wicks Lyle & Annette Stock (A)	12	13 Peggy Slaughter	14 LaVern Roe	15 Erin Bunge Katie Hanson Allie Rottink	16 Sean Bieber Judith Engle Charles & Lois Rofls (A)	17 Zach Clarke LeAnn Smith
18 Adam Hagensick	19 Lynda Palmer	20	21 Melissa Wicks Carole Yohe	22 Adelle Clarke Cindy Copp Lucas Walby	23 Tucker Jackson Nathan O'Neill	24 Sarah Jackson Kathy Wiedner Lillianna Wilkes
25 Olivia Bell Melynda Emerson Johnathan Erb	26 Taylor Knudtson Dawn Teslow	27 Linda Halvorson Cyril & Shirley Larkin (A)	28	29 Mary Ament		

LYO Activities

LYO is planning a skiing/snowboarding activity at Mt. LaCrosse sometime in February. More details coming soon.



Please join us for supper before Ash Wednesday service Feb 14 from 5:30pm-7pm. We will also be having casserole suppers during Lent, Feb 21, 28 and March 6, 13, & 20.



Elsie Elaine Dougherty, daughter of Jacob & Myriah Dougherty, baptized Dec. 31, 2023; with Pr Bryan

Christmas Eve Services



Ila Johnsen playing the Desk Bells

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Quilting.....

Please join us for quilting on Feb. 7th &
Feb. 14th from 8:45-noon, in the
Fellowship Hall.

