

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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If you open your copy of the Farmer's Almanac, you'll find some fun facts: sunset on our shortest day of the year, December 21, should happen at 4:33. As our new year begins, we'll find ourselves with a bit more light, with our New Year's sunset clocking in later at 4:41.

It's not much of an improvement. But if you're thirsting for more light in the sky, we can say that we're headed in the right direction. An extra minute here and an extra minute there, and sooner or later it's going to be Spring.

But as we begin the season of Epiphany, we'll see another kind of light in the sky that doesn't come on slowly, but has suddenly switched on. And this light is showing us Jesus.

Matthew 2:1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

This literal light in the sky is showing the world that God is now with us. And as the weeks of Epiphany go by, we'll see Jesus, even more clearly.

On the day that he's baptized, our Father in heaven, who put his star in the sky, will say this:

Matthew 3:16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,* with whom I am well pleased.'

And finally, if a star in the sky and the voice of His Father booming from heaven aren't enough to show us he's God, there'll be one more light that will make it all clear before he walks toward his cross:

Matthew 17:1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3 Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

This last light before Easter shows us clearly he's God. But in the gathering darkness of Lent and his death on a cross, you'll clearly see love beyond measure for you.

Have a blessed Epiphany!

Peace,
P. Bryan

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Radio Ministry
January 2022



- Jan 2 Given in memory of Robert Dotseth
- Jan 9 Trust Fund
- Jan 16 Trust Fund
- Jan 23 Trust Fund
- Jan 30 Given in memory of Lorraine Taake

**Trustee Meeting
December 14, 2021**



- ~Guidelines for use of Fellowship Hall
- ~Arica Grimstad resigns position as Treasurer
- ~Church Ministry groups encouraged to move their separate savings & checking accounts into Church main account
- ~New transmitter ordered with a pledge to cover costs
- ~Benevolence will be paid at years end
- ~Salaries discussed
- ~Utility & ministry expenses increased for 2022
- ~Custodian duties defined; with signature required

CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: meet Jan. 11 in Lounge at 9:15am w/Nancy Brandt hostess & Sue Bieber Bible study leader.

MARY Circle:



RACHEL Circle:

DORCAS Circle: virtual Jan 11 @7pm; contact L Groe with questions or if you want to join.

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

Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to replace LED's in the offices and replacement of upper lights in the Sanctuary. Also for running coaxial cable for the new transmitter and sound system. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*

Make Plans to attend the ANNUAL MEETING on January 30, 2022

The Financial Review Committee is requesting all Church Committees to have their reports to the Church Office by **January 10**. **The Committee will be reviewing the reports soon after.**

Thank you

January 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30 & 10:30am service w/comm 9:30am S.S.			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:30 & 10:30am service 9:30am S.S.		2:30pm comm. at Evergrn Crt & Good Sam	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
8:30 & 10:30am service w/comm 9:30am S.S. 12:30pm Annl Mtg						

Music Ministry



Thank you to the WHS Choir and to Director Sarah Bieber for providing special Christmas choral music for Sunday, December 5, to usher in our season of Advent and a month of Christmas music to enjoy throughout the season. Also, thank you to the Men's Choir (Heartland Barbershop and Gospel Singers) along with the St. John's Senior and Youth Bell Choirs and a Women's Ensemble for making the 45th Annual Ecumenical Concert a special event this year. Plus, thank you to the ushers and women servers of the after-the-concert treats in your taking part in the evening event. Thank you to the Youth Bell Choir and Senior Choir members for participating in the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24.

There will be no choir rehearsals on Wednesday, December 29. Youth Bells, Senior Bells, and the Senior Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednes-

day, January 5, at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m. respectively.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

COMING IN JANUARY - PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

In early January, Prayer Request cards will be showing up in the pews (where previously the communion cards were placed). Please feel free to fill one out if you find yourself, or another, in need of prayer. They then can be placed in the collection plate, or if you would rather, we have placed a designated Prayer Box in the Narthex. Pastor Bryan and/or the deacons will pray over them. There is Power in Prayer!

Submitted by the Deacons

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jan 2022

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
1/2/22	8:30 AM	E W	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Wayne & Nona Sawyer	Karen Grimstad	Dave & Brenda Dougherty & Kevin Stinn Bill Roe	Bev Leiran Kayla Leiran	Ushers	Tom Leiran family
	10:30 AM	E W		Bill Roe		Evonne Kistler Jill Mirich		Corb & Owen Grimstad
1/9/22	8:30 AM	E W	Mark Stock family Ross Stammeyer family	Mary Jo Meyer	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W						same as above
1/16/22	8:30 AM	E W	Jerry & Carla Schnuelle Geraldyn Smith & Peggy Slaughter	Sue Blagsvedt	Bob Joachim, Kathy Hay, Nona Sawyer	Randy & Lori Hesse	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W		Karen Stamper	Karen Stamper	Carole Yohe Christi Fahey		same as above
1/23/22	8:30 AM	E W	Verland & Ellen Lenth Lee Ellickson family	Sue Bieber	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W		Ed Stamper				same as above
1/30/22	8:30 AM	E W	Dan Headington & Clay Rathbone Matt Teslow family	Diana Johnson	Randy & Lori Hesse	Linda Groe	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W		Vickie Larson	Vickie Larson	Linda Groe		same as above

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



January 2022 already? Where did 2021 go? We are thankful for another year of church activities even if they were decreased a bit and with our not exactly being able to do all that we have done in previous years. Let us hope for a situation where even more participation by all of our women in 2022 is truly possible!

Thank you to those who were thankful for the blessings in their lives and in turn gave to our Thankoffering which is given to the main office of our WELCA. They in turn use the funds raised to help women in need to educate and/or train them to be able to gain employment which will improve their daily lives and take care of their needs. We collected \$101 this year to be given to this cause.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Pennies for Presents fund. We were able to purchase a \$17 gift certificate from Hartig's, a \$17 gift certificate from Dollar General, and a \$17 gift certificate from Main Feature Theater. All three of these different gift certificates were given to three girls and three boys whose names were on the Christmas Tree in Hartig's placed there by the Allamakee Relief Office. We are certain that receiving these Christmas gifts will truly be appreciated by these children, which makes us feel even happier that we were able to give to them.

We hope many of you were able to enjoy the Allamakee Ecumenical Concert in person, by listening to KNEI radio, or by watching St. John's Facebook page on December 12. Participants in the concert were so happy that we could have the event this year and that they could share their beautiful music in song and with various instruments. We hope this Concert helps everyone to be filled with enthusiasm in enjoying the Advent Season and the coming of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Thank you, also, to the women who provided cookies and/or bars for treats to all after the concert, and thank you to our women who served the goodies. It was fun to have a little socializing and tasty treats to end the evening.

We hope to be able to begin our quilting in January on Wednesday, January 5, followed on the 12, 19,

26, and February 2 and 9. If our health environment and weather cooperate, we will quilt from 8:45 a.m. till noon on each of these Wednesdays. We look forward to being able to make lots of quilts. We invite any and all women to participate by either cutting quilt blocks, tie quilts, or pin quilts. Also, if you have materials for us to use, please feel free to donate these items to us at the church. Thank you to all who make our quilting possible.

All of our women will receive a 2022 EVENTS BOOKLET in the near future. Please look through it to be sure your name is listed with a Circle along with a correct phone number. If your name is not listed or if the phone number is incorrect, please call the church office to get things in order.

Please pray for peace, for 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

Book Nook

"Love In a Time of Hate"
by Hanna Schott



At great peril to their own lives, Magda and Andre Troeme transformed their small French village into a safe haven for thousands of Jews fleeing the Nazis. Their stubborn commitment to the way of Jesus Christ provided a deeply relevant example of courage in the face of hate.

"Out of the Embers" by Amanda Cabat

The orphanage where Evelyn has lived and worked since her parents' murders ten years ago, has burned to the ground. Sure that the arsonist targeted her, she flees with the only survivor from the fire to the Texas Hill Country. They find refuge with a talented horse rancher, but can he keep them safe? A suspenseful and sweetly romantic tale set in the 1850's.

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Bruce Torkelson Landon Wilkes	Jim Bieber Lori Jacobs	Linda Groe Paul Sorum Verland & Ellen Lenth (A)	Kinsley Bosley	Dave Sanderson		John Marti
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nancy Brandt Ann Hagensick Marlene Houg	Diana Davison Jane Kallevang	Jay Hansen Deb Thorstenson	Delores Johnson Kyle & Therese Johnson (A)	Patty Nordheim Elsie Sanderson Mark Stock	Isaac Fink	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Kaia Johanningmeier Nathan Johnson Madelyn Marti Madi Palmer		Pam Decker Tom Fink	Jim Hanson Annika Headington Gavin Smith	Diana Johnson Marvin Winters Denise Wullner	Agnes Anderson
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Kim Rolfs	Nick Dougherty Marvin Hill Gerald Piittmann	Taylor Jackson Madi Ottaway	Mark Goeke	Dennis Deal Jens Kallevang	Tom Schreiber
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	Ashlyn Johnson Evonne Kistler Adam Leiran					

****Hymns for January at
St. John's****



January 2

No. 275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1: [1-9] 10-18

No. 288 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

During Distribution No. 276 & 286

No. 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Deaths: None

January 9

No. 301 Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

No. 306 Come, Beloved of the Maker

No. 677 This Little Light of Mine

January 16

No. 303 Brightest and Best of the Stars

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

No. 487 What Feast of Love

During Distribution No. 460 & 488

No. 310 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

January 23

No. 886 Oh, for A Thousand Tongues to Sing

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

No. 311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

No. 551 The Spirit Sens Us Forth to Serve

January 30

No. 665 Rise, Shine You People!

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

No. O Zion, Haste

During Distribution No. 515 & 520

No. 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Board of Ed

****There will be no Sunday school Jan. 2nd.**

The Sunday school kids did a great job with the Christmas program. We hope everyone enjoyed it. Huge thanks to Brandi, Ann, Allison, Jan, Annette, Chris, Becky & Pastor for all their help with the Christmas program. Thank you to the parents for bringing your children.

Happy New Year! Looking forward to resuming Sunday School Jan. 9th.



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for Christmas