

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

July, 2021

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

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I think it's time to take a breath. Looking back at our year and all that's gone on up to now, a little rest is in order.

Our school teachers and their support staff need some time to recharge after a very hard year. Our youth right now are going to camp—athletic and church—and they'll soon need some time to relax.

Out in the country, spring calving is done, the first cutting of hay is put up, and cutting the second is a few weeks away. There's always work that needs to be done, but there's nothing wrong with taking a few hours to sit back and enjoy our crops and our livestock living and growing.

It's time to take a breath from all the work we have done. But there's more work to come.

In our church, fall programming will start in only two months. And that means planning and staffing our ministries for our youth and their families. Sunday School and Confirmation will need teachers and aides. Our Lutheran Youth Organization is preparing its calendar; and we'll soon begin registration and fund raising for our youth to attend the 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.

There's work to be done for these ministries. Likewise, there's work to be done to prepare for fall worship.

To keep our worshippers healthy and safe during the pan-

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demically, we temporarily put our second service on hold. Coming this fall, our Deacons would like to offer this service again. And to help in their planning, they are working on ways to hear directly from you about how to make worship more meaningful.

Our youth and their parents need now, more than ever, opportunities to grow in their faith and grow closer to each other. Our education and youth ministries believe that more work is required to respond to these needs, and they have identified tasks that need to be done.

They have laid out the contours of a new job position to help with these ministries: a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. Your questions about this position, your prayers and support are most welcome.

There's a lot to be done before the beginning of school and the start of fall programming, but we're not alone or starved for ideas. We have God's holy Word and Jesus to guide us.

We are in the church season following Pentecost, and our worship together on Sundays will follow our Lord as he teaches and preaches and heals those in need. As we plan for our ministries, we have Jesus to learn from and God's Holy Spirit to open our minds and our hearts to do church together.

So, take a breath and give thanks to God for this year up to now and relax after all that's been done. And start taking another during this month as we start getting ready for good things to come.

*Peace,*

*Pr. Bryan*

## Radio Ministry July 2021



- July 4 in loving memory of Paul Selberg's 95th birthday
- July 11 honor of Chester & Darlene Schlake's wedding anniversary
- July 18 honor of Chester Thune's 91st birthday
- July 25 remembrance of Deb Tweedy's birthday

## 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](http://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](http://www.stjohnswaukon.net)

## Unsung HEROES



**Thank you to the volunteers** who have quietly slipped onto the church property to *continue installing electrical outlets in Fellowship Hall and to move shut-down switches for the boiler for State compliance.*

## Trustee Meeting Highlights June 8, 2021



- ~Wes Goeke estate money has been given to Trust Fund for investment
- ~Church records to be kept at church
- ~Continue with discussion on property adjacent to church that is for sale

**The Board of Deacons** plan on serving coffee/water and a sweet treat the first Sunday of each month. It will be set up and ready to serve at 8:15 before church and it will also be available after church as well if there are still some left. *Come and enjoy!*

*The Deacons are working on setting up an outdoor Sunday church service in the park.* Please watch for details about this worship service. The details are still being worked out at this time.



## Scholarship

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 1.**

There will be a **meeting of the Full Church Council on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00pm.** At this meeting, we will discuss the possible position of a Youth Coordinator and property next to the church that is for sale.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 worship w/comm			8pm Men's Choir	7pm Heartland Barbershop & Gospel Singers concert in the Park		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30 worship		6pm Trustee mtg				9am-5pm Solberg reunion in F.H.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 worship w/comm			9am-5pm WIC	8:30am-4pm WIC		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30 worship		2:30pm Evergrn Crt & Good Sam. Communion				

## Music Ministry



We have had a nice variety of special music solos and ensembles in June. Thank you to Hannah Teslow, Hailey Houg, Peyton Verthein, Maddy Helgerson, and Maddy Moser for their vocal quartet and the bell quartet selections on June 6. Thank you to Emma Berges and Sarah Bieber for their piano duet and vocal solo on June 13; to Sarah Stock for her piano solo on June 20; and to Abram Bixby for his cello solo on June 27.

Sunday, July 4, the Men's Choir will return to sing several selections at our morning worship service. After our church service, they have been invited to sing at the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist Churches in Waukon.

A special invitation goes out to our congregation members, friends, and neighbors to come to enjoy our Heartland Barbershop and Gospel Singers for a concert in the Waukon City Park. They will perform on Thursday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. as a part of the Summer Music In The Park Series. The men will be performing a wide selection of music from traditional barbershop, gospel, and folk music. They will conclude with several selections from the Beach Boy era.

*James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music*



Katherine Hagensick & Connor Hanson  
married June 12, 2021

## June Statistics

Baptisms: none  
 Weddings: Katherine Hagensick & Connor Hanson  
 Funerals: Rose A Snitker



## St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jul 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
7/4/21	8:30 AM	E W	Jan Piffner & Peggy Slaughter Jens & Jane Kallevang	Nona Sawyer	Joan Moody Greg & Ann Hagensick	Ann Hagensick Allison Hagensick	Ushers	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
7/11/21	8:30 AM	E W	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Chester & Darlene Schlake	Mary Jackson	X	X	Ushers	same as above
7/18/21	8:30 AM	E W	Geralyn Smith & Ann Rademaker Jane Dietrich	Kirby Jones	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Rhonda Barr	Jerry & Carla Schnuelle	Ushers	same as above
7/25/21	8:30 AM	E W	Bill & Becky Roe Virgil & Deb Thorstenson	Jon Payne	X	X	Ushers	same as above

## St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Thankfully, things are getting closer to normal for our women as we were finally able to serve at a funeral meal at St. John's. We were sorry about the death of Rose Snitker, but we were also happy to be of help to her family in serving them and those attending her funeral. Rose had been a member of Dorcas Circle, and the ladies of her Circle were there to provide workers for the meal.

Circles normally do not meet in July. Therefore, there probably will not be any gatherings. However, for many years we have had a "NO BAKE" CHURCH BAKE SALE AT ALL OF OUR JULY SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES. There will be a Cookie Jar in the narthex for our women to place a donation into instead of taking time to bake something to sell in the hot July weather. Of course, we invite our men to also make a donation if they wish, for they normally would buy an item at the bake sale. Thank you to everyone for giving to this event, for it helps us to maintain our normal WELCA General Fund and pay our normal expenses throughout the year.

If any of our women are going to garage sales this summer, we suggest that you might look for items for the Baby Care Kits. Long or short-sleeved gowns or pajamas (WITHOUT FEET) may be easier to find at summer sales. THE SIZES HAVE TO BE 6 MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS.

Thank you if this happens to work for you.

If things keep getting back to normal, we hope to begin Mini-Do-Days on Wednesday, August 4, at 8:45 a.m. till noon. We also hope our women will feel comfortable having our normal Circle meetings in August. We shall see.

Please remember your Thankoffering containers and Pennies for Presents. You can also send your normal Circle offerings for April, May, and June to the church office and designate what is to go to the normal offering fund, Birthday Box, and Pennies for Presents.

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*



### *Save the date*

**Who:** Students Entering 8th-12th grades

**What:** *ELCA National Youth Gathering*

**When:** July 24-28, 2022

**Where:** Minneapolis, MN

**Why:** An Amazing Opportunity &

**An Experience of a Lifetime**

**To the Parents/Guardians:**

We wanted to get this on your radar as soon as possible so you can start planning. We will be receiving more details in June & July and will pass that on as soon as we can, as well as holding some informational meetings. There will be many opportunities for fundraising, so don't let cost hold you back.

Feel free to check out: [www.elca.org/YouthGathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering)

*~ Your St. John's Youth Ministry Team*

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1 Kevin Selberg Eric Wyninger	2 Karen Stamper Mike Tuttle Dan & Lori Treangen (A) Lucas & Casey Treangen (A)	3 Charles & Jill Bieber (A) Joe & Lynda Palmer (A) Drew & Suzy Pierson (A)
4 Maxine Grottegut John & Leslie Miller (A) Steve & Natasha Wilkes (A)	5 Shelby Martin	6 Owen Grimstad Shawn Moe	7 Kylie Kielsmeier John Roe	8 Jane Fransen Ron & Linda Dahlstrom (A)	9 Chris Mirich Kevin & Bobbi Jo Baxter (A) Darrel & Rosanne Wicks (A)	10 Linda Dahlstrom Mike Headington Bev Leiran Chester & Darlene Schlake (A)
11 Maeve Pierson Maggie Rostvold	12 Randy Hesse Jill Kistler Mirich Marilyn Mathews Harlan Yohe Joe & Sarah Christen (A) Patty & Randy Nordheim (A) Jerry & Carla Schnuelle (A)	13 Matthew Emerson Becky Lomen Trish Martin Amanda Shaffer	14 Rosemary Hagensick Cyril Larkin Jill Poock Judy Selberg	15 Brandi Neuzil Jim & Jan Piffner (A)	16 Ann Gearhart Janelle Snitker Natasha Wilkes	17 Todd Hills Marvin Petersen Jaydon Snitker Nona Stone Brett Yohe
18 Carissa Otto Jon & Gloria Payne (A) Bruce & Sue Torkelson (A)	19 Brantley Steiber Chester Thune	20 Sophia Palmer Jill Soper Kim Yohe	21	22	23 Cole Dougherty Kristin Stinn Corbett & Arica Grimstad (A)	24 Keith Evanson Mary Jo Meyer Tim & Kristi Fahey (A) Marvin & Barb Hill (A) Mike & Audrea Peterson (A)
25 Jim & Sue Bieber (A) Mike & Brandi Neuzil (A)	26 Scott Houg	27 Dustin Harrington	28 Lee Ellickson Mark Knudtson Bill & Linda Halvorson (A)	29 Hannah Fahey	30 Maya Bossom	31 Beau Allison Richard Leiran Gerald & Diane Piittmann (A) Ed & Karen Stamper (A)

**\*\*Hymns for July at  
St. John's\*\***



**July 4**

**No. 893 Before You, Lord, We Bow**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

**No. 838 Beautiful Savior**

**During Distribution No. 497 & 501**

**No. 796 How Firm A Foundation**

**July 11**

**No. 645 Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation**

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

**Insert: In The Garden**

**No. 812 Faith Of Our Fathers**

**July 18**

**No. 645 The Church's One Foundation**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**No. 676 Lord Speak To Us, That We May Speak**

**During Distribution No. 460 & 461**

**No. 789 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us**

**July 25**

**No. 533 Open Now The Gates of Beauty**

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

**No. 767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

**No. 729 The Church of Christ, In Every Age**

**SARAH** Circle

**Circle News**



**MARY** Circle

**RACHEL** Circle

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

**Circles can meet.**

**Contact your Circle President for details.**

**\*\*Dorcas Circle will meet July 13 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.**

**Book Nook**

**"Divine Interventions"**



Be inspired by nearly 60 faith-building true stories of answered prayer.

Rediscover that God's hand is always at work in your life.

Be reminded of God's presence and promise to never leave or forsake you.

Embrace spirit-lifting stories that will remind you of His goodness and renew your soul.



The family of Pastor Lynn G. Groe has purchased another banner in his memory. The theme of the banner comes from 1 Corinthians 13:4, Love... patient and kind...does not envy... does not boast...it is not proud. This banner was used for the recent wedding of Katie (Hagen-sick) and Connor Hanson and will be hung on days we celebrate future weddings. Thank you for this gift.

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## ... *Vacation Bible School 2021*



St. John's kids attend  
Village Creek Bible Camp  
Lansing, IA  
May 26, 2021

