

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

July, 2022

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

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Every now and then, I head out of town to meet with some friends: drive over to Rossville for lunch or over to Ridgeway, Decorah, or Cresco for Friday night fish fries. And there are a lot of good things to see on the way.

There's a lot of first crop hay that's been chopped or baled up. You can see a few fields of no-till soybeans peaking up through their rye cover crop. And the corn? At the time of my writing, it's still kind of short. It's not taken off like it has in previous years. But by the first week of July, it will have passed the old saying: "knee-high by the Fourth of July."

And yes, it is already July.

For some with deep rural roots a bit further down south, this month has always meant coming together for work in the heat. Neighbors, young and old, men and women, would band together in threshing crews for harvesting oats.

Where a driver and combine can now cut and separate oats in one swoop, leaving a trail of straw in their wake, it took a whole crew to first cut it, then bind it in shocks, haul the shocks to a grain separator—a threshing machine—work the oats with a shovel coming out into wagons, and then hauling and unloading the wagons into your granary.

From a child small enough to crawl in the separator to oil

the internals to the older and stronger who could shovel all day and throw and haul shocks, it took lots of people working together—out in the field and inside the kitchen. All that work couldn't get done without heaping servings of meat and potatoes and pie, and plenty of food ferried out to the field every few hours.

Men and women, the old and the young in this month of July, all got together, being good neighbors, each with a job, pulling in the same direction to the good of each other.

With our modern combines and grain handling, it doesn't take a whole crew, a community to all come together to get this job done. We don't see it happening out in our farms and our fields like we used to. But we see something like it happening here every day: where men and women and children of all races, and classes and creeds are called together by Jesus to be a part of His family and to work together as part of His church.

On these Sundays following Pentecost, Jesus will pull us together and teach us and show us the work that he'd like us to do as His brothers and sisters. He will show us his care. He will show us his love. He will show us and call us to love like He does.

May God bless you and the work that we're doing together.

*Peace,*

*Pr. Bryan*

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## Radio Ministry

July 2022



- July 3 in memory of Paul Selberg's birthday
- July 10 in memory of Ben Kerndt
- July 17 honor of Ron & Linda  
Dahlstroms anniversary
- July 24 in memory of Deb Tweedy's birthday  
& Deb & Al's wedding anniversary
- July 31 in memory of Kevin Haas

### Trustee Meeting June 14, 2022



- ~Approve purchase of new carpeting for Sunday School rooms
- ~Possibility of installing remote door openers
- ~Choir Account to be incorporated into Church accounting system
- ~House sale agreement to be filed with Assessor

**The Board of Deacons** has decided to suspend the Coffee and Donuts for the summer months. We will resume this on October 2, 2022.

**The Board of Deacons** is planning to hold another church service in our beautiful city park. This will be held on September 11, 2022. There will be a brunch following the service, much like last year. Details on this will be in the August Newsletter. We had great attendance last year and look forward to another day of celebrating our Lord Jesus Christ in his beautiful outdoors.

## 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)  
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**Thank you to the volunteers** who have quietly slipped onto the church property to assist with installation of roof vent fan. We appreciate everything you have done for us

and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*



June 2022



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Memorial Service for  
Hazel Kolsrud - June 11



CIRCLE NEWS

**SARAH Circle:**

**MARY Circle:**

**RACHEL Circle:**

**DORCAS Circle:**

Circles do not meet in July

# July 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 8:30am & 10am		6pm Trustee mtg				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm				8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 8:30am & 10am		2:30pm Evergrn Crt & Good Sam communion				
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Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm						

## Music Ministry



Thank you to the following people who have provided special music for our Sunday church services in the month of June.

June 5 – Sarah Stock, piano solo

Kathy Murray, substitute organist while Jim was in Mississippi visiting his grandson, Abe, at Keesler Air Force Base.

June 12 – Olivia Dougherty and Eva Whalen, vocal duet

June 19 – Sarah and Jim Bieber, piano duets

June 26 – Vickie Larson, vocal solo

There are openings in July and August for special music opportunities. Please contact Jim Bieber at 563-380-5355 or leave a message with the church office at 563-568-3623.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your musical talents.

*James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music*

**“Better Together”** was the theme for the 2022 **Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly** held June 10 and 11 at Wartburg College in Waverly. Pastor Bryan and Linda Groe represented St. John’s as delegates; Kevin Stinn served on the Resolutions Committee; and Technical Support was provided by former member Deacon Coco Lyons. This was the first in person Assembly since 2019. It was the perfect time to make introductions since the majority of the Synod staff was new. In his presentation, the Bishop emphasized the support of clergy, small congregations, and diversity. The workshop sessions offered opportunities for new information and sharing among the delegates.

As a final note, while watching the video presentations I noticed a familiar stained glass window. St. John’s Rose Window in the balcony was featured when a filler was needed in the various videos. Good job Coco!

*submitted by Linda Groe*

### St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jul 2022

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
7/3/22	8:30 AM	E W	Dave & Wendy Sanderson	Jon Payne	Randy & Lori Hesse, Jon Payne	Linda & Dennis DeBuhr	Ushers	Ron Dahlstrom family
	10:00 AM	E W		Sue Bieber	Linda Halvorson	Altar Guild	Ushers	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit
7/10/22	8:30 AM	E W	Steve Wilkes family	Sarah Bieber	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Wendy Bucheit			Ushers	same as above
7/17/22	8:30 AM	E W	Dan & Lori Treangen	Dan Treangen	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Chris Stuckman	Carla & Jerry Schnuelle	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Brenda Dougherty	Brenda Dougherty	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit	Ushers	same as above
7/24/22	8:30 AM	E W	Karen Grimstad, Rhonda Barr	Karen Grimstad	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Kristi Fahey			Ushers	same as above
7/31/22	8:30 AM	E W	Cody Cook family	Nona Sawyer	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson	Ann & Allie Hagensick	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Denise Wullner	Corb Grimstad	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above

## St. John's Women Serving and Socializing

Thank you to a Mary Circle representative for taking muffins plus a dark chocolate covered mint to the 44 residents of the Good Samaritan Center for the June birthday party. There was only one resident celebrating a birthday in June; so instead of celebrating with only one person, it was decided to treat all of the residents a little special that day.

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.

We plan to begin Mini-Do-Days on Wednesday, August 3, at 8:45 a.m. till noon in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies please feel free to join us even if you have never worked with our quilters in the past. We need women to cut material into blocks to be sewn together by others at their homes for quilt tops. We need women to place quilt bottoms, fillers, and quilt tops on the quilting frames to be tied in place. We then need women to pin the edges of the quilts together before the final step of sewing the quilts permanently together. You may work as much as possible during our morning schedule, and we will be so appreciative of your help!!

Please remember your Thankoffering containers and Pennies for Presents. You can give Pennies for Presents donations at church the third Sunday of each month by placing your gift into the containers in the narthex. 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 offering, Birthday Box, and Pennies for Presents. Thank you for supporting each one of our needs!

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*

**\*\*Hymns for July at**

**St. John's\*\***



### July 3 Time After Pentecost

#### No. 893 Before You Lord We Bow

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### No. 838 Beautiful Savior

During Distribution No. 398 & 399

#### No. 891 God Bless Our Native Land

### July 10 Time After Pentecost

#### No. 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

#### No. 787 On Eagle's Wings

#### No. 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

### July 17 Time After Pentecost

#### No. 853 When Morning Gilds the Skies

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

#### No. 754 Jesus, the Very Thought of You

During Distribution No. 742 & 770

#### No. 654 The Church's One Foundation

### July 24 Time After Pentecost

#### No. 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

#### No. 745 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

#### No. 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

### July 31 Time After Pentecost

#### No. 647 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

#### No. 574 Here I Am Lord

During Distribution No. 515 & 542

#### No. 705 God of Grace and God of Glory



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



## Book Nook

**"A Cup of Dust"** by Susie Finkbeiner

Hardships of the 1935 Oklahoma Dust Bowl threaten to pull the sheriff's family apart. In this story of perseverance and love, ten year old Pearl seeks refuge in make-believe. She's weary of watching over her mentally impaired older sister, wrestling with her grandmother's belief in a God who isn't always likeable and trying to evade a mysterious hobo who seems fixated on her. When he reveals why he's there, his secret shocks the entire town and shakes Pearl's world.

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Eva Whalen & Olivia Dougherty provided special music on June 12.

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## 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 14**

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In June, a group of 22 students and 4 chaperones attended **Village Creek Bible Camp** for a day of **Vacation Bible School**. During chapel sessions the students learned about the life of Peter as well as a few new songs. Between chapel sessions students experienced some of the fun activities at camp including: a fire truck ride, jumping on the trampoline, horseback riding, archery, meeting Sheila the snake and other creatures, Adventure Scape (ropes course) and kept cool by playing sprinkle, sprinkle, splash. A fun day was had by all and the students are looking forward to next time!



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