

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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My oversized calendar up on the wall only shows me the month that we're in. And to look any further into the future, I have to go through the hassle of taking it down, and awkwardly flipping the big pages over....

....which I just did. And while July's considered a month for vacations, that isn't the case here at St. John's.

First up, we're planning to have a church service out on our lawn on July 14. We have lots of green space now, thanks to our purchase of property next door. Weather permitting, we'll put it to use for our 8:30 service. Plan "B", if it's raining, is worship inside.

We're also sending two of our youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering, July 16-20, in New Orleans. We'll travel by bus with other youth from area churches, joining over 400 youth from our Northeastern Iowa Synod, and 15,000 attending from all over the country.

That's a big crowd.

And the following week, July 22-26, we'll pitch in to help the Feed the Kids program, supported and organized by area churches. While the school cafeteria was closed in the month of July last year, an average of 75 youth were served each day. This

year, we expect to serve more because the number of summer meals served at school is considerably more than last year.

We'll be asking you for volunteer help to serve, cook and clean up on the days we are working. And we're thankful for any donations to help fund what we're doing.

Our worship this month will continue to follow the ministry of Jesus: all the things that he said and the things that he did, that teach all of us how to be his disciples and what we can do together as a church.

One difference we'll see in worship this month are the Sundays we're serving Holy Communion. We usually receive the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sundays. Through the month of July, Communion will be served at worship on the second and fourth Sundays, July 14 and July 28.

At our worship on July 21, we'll welcome one of our members, Kristin Kopperud-Stinn, to help with worship and preaching. Kristin is enrolled in Luther Seminary, preparing for service as an ordained minister of the church.

So, like I said, there's a lot going on in the month of July. We're all thankful for these opportunities to worship and serve as disciples of Jesus.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry

July 2024



- July 7 Church Funds
- July 14 Friend of Congregation
- July 21 Listeners from Decorah
- July 28 Memory of Deb Tweedy

select a hymn of your choice on your sponsored radio broadcast Sunday

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



Thank you to the volunteers

who have quietly slipped into the church property to spray the weeds in the parking lot. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

Ordinary Women of the Bible; A Perilous Journey, Phoebe's Story by Mary DeMuth

Tasked with taking the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome, Phoebe embarks on a tumult-filled journey over land & sea accompanied by her closest friend & a mysterious freed slave. Already having suffered persecution for her stalwart belief in Yeshua, Phoebe must overcome deep betrayal, a violent pirate raid, & the loss of every scrap of security she's ever had, to travel to an unknown location & deliver Paul's greatest treatise of the faith. Will she find the resources & the trust she needs to complete the seemingly impossible task? Or will the ever-multiplying obstacles before her strangle her resolve?

Submitted by Rhonda Barr

Outside Worship Opportunities

Save the date for 2 opportunities to worship outside. **Sunday, July 14**, we will gather on the church lawn for our 8:30 service. Our second outside worship is the annual Worship in the Park on Sunday, **September 8** at 8:30 which will be followed by a brunch in the nearby shelter. Both services are scheduled for the radio broadcast. Details for these services are still being worked out and will be printed in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

**Put these dates on your calendars –
July 14 and September 8!**

Submitted by Deacons

Trustee Meeting June 18, 2024



- ~Continue with bat control project
- ~Carpet cleaning for Fellowship Hall, East Door entrance
- ~Green Space seeded
- ~3rd floor bathroom locked
- ~Eave spout damage repaired
- ~July communion 2nd & 4th Sunday

SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details

July 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			8:45am-noon Quilting 8:30am-4:30pm WIC			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30am & 10am worship *no communion*		**Circles Do Not Meet				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30am worship on Church lawn w/comm 10am worship in Church w/comm		6pm Trustee mtg New Orleans Youth Gathering	New Orleans Youth Gathering	New Orleans Youth Gathering	New Orleans Youth Gathering	New Orleans Youth Gathering
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30am & 10am worship *no communion*	Feed the Kids	Feed the Kids 1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam	Feed the Kids	Feed the Kids	Feed the Kids	
28	29	30	31			
8:30am & 10am worship w/comm.						

Music Ministry



We thank the following soloists who provided special music for our Sunday services in June.

- June 2: Vickie Larson, vocal solo
- June 9: Ila Johnsen, table bell solo
- June 16: Greyson Sanderson, piano
- June 23: Randy Johnsen, baritone solo
- June 30: Sarah Stock, piano solo

The first three Sundays in July are already committed with the following musical offerings:

- July 7: patriotic organ solo
- July 14: Men's Choir
- July 21: Shawna Johnsen, baritone horn solo

We have just three Sundays remaining open for special music for the rest of the summer. If you would like to participate, please call Jim Bieber at 563 380-5355 or the Church Office.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



SARAH Circle: Does not meet in July

DORCAS Circle: Does not meet in July

June 2024



Baptisms: Kailey Smith

Weddings: Richard Marti & Sarah Hunter

Deaths: none

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jul-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
7/7/24	8:30 AM	E W	Jane Dietrich Peggy Slaughter	Sarah Bieber	X	X	Ushers	Matt Teslow family
	10:00 AM	E W	Zach & Melissa Clarke	Ann Rademaker			Ushers	Norm Peterson Chuck Larson
7/14/24	8:30 AM	E W	Wayne & Nona Sawyer Marilyn Henkels	Sue Blagsvedt	Michael Hagensick, Linda Groe, Rhonda Barr	Nona Sawyer Cindy Wuebker	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Bill Roe family	Blake Roe	Linda Groe	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit	Ushers	same as above
7/21/24	8:30 AM	E W	Gary & Marlene Houg Mary Jackson	Linda Groe	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Tiffany Evans	Tiffany Evans			Ushers	same as above
7/28/24	8:30 AM	E W	Bill & Linda Halvorson Ann Rademaker	Linda Halvorson	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt Chris Stuckman	Mary Jackson Kathy Hay	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Sandy Deal	Chuck Larson	Wendy Bucheit	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above



Quilters will again be meeting this fall to begin their work. We will also be assembling school kits this year and need your help! You can make up your own kit, or simply supply needed items that we will put together for finished kits. This is a list of school kit items needed: 70 sheet notebooks, 30 centimeter ruler, pencil sharpener, blunt scissor, pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens, box of 16 or 24 crayons and 2 1/2 inch eraser. We will supply the backpacks. A more complete list is posted on the narthex bulletin board. **Thank you so much for taking part in this project!**

July 2024 Ministry Highlights

Worship: Communion will be served at worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of July. On July 21, we welcome one of our members, Kristin Kopperud-Stinn, to help lead worship and preach. Kristin is a seminarian at Luther Seminary and is one of our synod's candidates for ordained ministry.

Worship: On July 14, we're planning to have an 8:30 a.m. service outside on our lawn. This will be our first opportunity to put our beautiful green space to use.

Youth Ministry: Two of our youth, McKinley Rostvold and Brent Roe, are joining area Lutheran youth to take part in our ELCA National Youth Gathering, July 16-20, in New Orleans. Proceeds from our Meatball Suppers are helping fund their attendance at this great Youth Ministry event.

Service: We have the opportunity to once again be a part of our area churches' Feed the Kids program this month. We're looking for volunteers to help serve, clean up and cook during the last week of July, July 22-26. Serving our area youth last year was a great experience.

July 7 Time after Pentecost No. 870 We Praise You, O God

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

No. 888 O Beautiful For Spacious Skies No. 891 God Bless Our Native Land

July 14 Time after Pentecost No. 879 For The Beauty of The Earth

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

No. 679 For The Fruit of All Creation During Distribution No. 556 & 824 No. 805 Lead On O King Eternal

July 21 Time after Pentecost No. 645 Christ Is Made The Sure Founda- tion

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

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

No. 790 Day By Day No. 654 The Church's One Foundation

July 28 Time after Pentecost No. 729 The Church of Christ

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

No. 461 All Who Hunger During Distribution No. 592 & 599 No. 843 Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Kevin Selberg Eric Wyninger	Karen Stamper Mike Tuttle Dan & Lori Treangen (A) Lucas & Casey Treangen (A)	Charles & Jill Bieber (A) Joe & Lynda Palmer (A) Drew & Suzy Pierson (A)	Maxine Grotegut John & Leslie Miller (A) Steve & Natasha Wilkes (A)	Shelby Martin	Jayden Erb Shawn Moe
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
John Roe	Jane Fransen Ron & Linda Dahlstrom (A)	Kevin & Bobbi Jo Baxter (A) Darrel & Rosanne Wicks (A)	Linda Dahlstrom Michael Headington Bev Leiran	Maeve Pierson	Randy Hesse Jill Kistler Marilyn Mathews Harlan Yohe Joe & Sarah Christen (A) Randy & Patty Nordheim (A) Jerry & Carla Schnuelle (A)	Matt Emerson Becky Lomen Trish Martin Amanda Shaffer
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Rosemary Hagensick Cyril Larkin Jill Pock Judy Selberg	Brandi Neuzil Jim & Jan Pfiffner (A)	Janelle Snitker Natasha Wilkes	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
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Cole Dougherty Kristin Stinn	Keith Evanson Mary Jo Meyer Tim & Kristi Fahey (A) Marv & Barb Hill (A) Mike & Audrea Peterson (A)	Mike & Brandi Neuzil (A)	Scott Houg	Dustin Harrington
28	29	30	31			
Lee Ellickson Mark Knudtson Bill & Linda Halvorson (A)	Hannah Fahey	Maya Bossom	Beau Allison Richard Leiran Gerald & Diane Piittman (A) Ed & Karen Stamper (A)			



Kailey Marie Smith baptism on June 12, 2024



Lynsey Houg, Jim Bieber director, Olivia Marti

Youth Bell Choir 2024



Men's Choir 2024

Jon Buhl, Randy Johnsen, Cameron Berges, Jim Bieber director, Zach Troendle, Jeff Gaunitz, Jeff Goettel, Don Fruechte

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VBS 2024.....



On June 5, thirteen children attended the annual VBS day at Village Creek. They had the chance to do archery, creature feature, trampoline, venture scape and more. Chapel lessons centered around being **COURAGEOUS** and Bible verse Joshua 1:9.

