

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

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The last time I mowed around the house, I scared up some rabbits. And they weren't full grown bunnies from the previous year. When I took a pass past the rhubarb, two little rabbits suddenly bolted, looking for new cover. It was a wonderful sign that Spring had arrived.

And this was just one of the signs of new life in the neighborhood: the peonies and tulips are all showing their leaves and their stems; the trees have been blooming; and I think that there's some sort of bird building a nest in one of my eave spouts.

And my neighbors next door: they marked out a patch on their property, started tilling the ground, and now it's all ready to plant.

As we have all seen these wonderful signs of Spring outside the doors of our houses and churches, we have heard in our worship how new and wonderful life suddenly sprang up early on Easter. And during the days Jesus remained on this earth after he rose, we saw him prepare his disciples for the day when the Holy Spirit would come and for his church of believers to take off and grow.

And the season of growth of the church which began on Pentecost Sunday is the very same growth that is happening now.

The good news of Jesus is not as brand new as it was. And God's Holy Spirit has been with us for ages, and much of the work of the church isn't new. We continue to proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body. God's Word and God's Spirit continue to bring us together, feeding the

hungry, nursing the sick and loving people that nobody loves.

In this upcoming season following Pentecost, we find ourselves in the same boat as the earliest disciples: God's Holy Spirit is showing us how to share Jesus with people who are suffering from sin and suffering from death and the devil.

These old foes of God's love haven't changed over the years, while new strides in technology make the lives lived by our grandparents seem ancient. Our forefathers understood the words "work, raising a family, and school." But the ways we now do them are stunningly different from past generations.

The church and how we do church is now serving parents who both work, while raising their families and paying their bills. Believers are now called to serve people living alone with no children to help them or love them nearby. We are being called to share Jesus love with children endangered by internet bullying and internet content that's dangerous if lived out in real life. We are called to be a family of God, where sin and the devil are doing their all to keep us judging each other, rejecting each other and forgetting the love of Jesus that we see on his cross.

The season we're entering following Pentecost is the time where the disciples first began to work out how to share Jesus' love as a church. Two thousand years later, we're still doing the same in new times for new people who are living new lives.

That's what we're doing at St. John's. We ask for God's Spirit to open our eyes and our hearts and our minds as we move forward in faith to love others now as Jesus loves us.

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In Christ,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry June 2021



June 6 -----
June 13 -----
June 20 given by Vic & Diane Fye
June 27 given by David & Phyllis Morgan



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to *add additional outlets in the Fellowship Hall which will be an improvement for the Meatball Supper. Also to assist with the boiler inspections and additional requirements.* We appreciate everything you have done for us and thank you for your service to our church!

Church Council Meeting Highlights May 18, 2021



- ~Survey to be sent to members about Sunday morning services
- ~Return to communion at rail
- ~Donor of radio broadcast has privilege to select a hymn for worship
- ~Children's church scheduled to resume in fall
- ~Bd of Ed planning a summer activity for families
- ~Plans are being made to repaint the parking lines in the parking lot
- ~Church received \$34,110.79 from Wes Goeke estate. Funds will be set aside until needed for specific project
- ~House adjacent to church property will be for sale. Church to make inquiries
- ~Motion to pay \$7500 in Synod benevolence approved. To be paid after books close in June
- ~We will discontinue use of communion registry cards
- ~Lutheran Services of Iowa has requested use of a room at church. Contract to be signed and proof of sufficient insurance listing St. John's as additional insured required.
- ~Trustees to discuss where Meatball Supper Proceeds to be applied

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2 Olivia Marti use of kitchen 8pm Mens Choir	3 Olivia Marti use of kitchen	4	5
6 8:30 worship w/comm 8pm Mens Choir	7	8 6pm Trustee mtg	9 8pm Mens Choir	10	11 5pm wedding rehearsal Hagensick	12 Hagensick wedding
13 8:30 worship 8pm Mens Choir	14	15	16 9am-5pm WIC 8pm Mens Choir	17 8:30-4pm WIC	18	19 WELCA gathering/ Waverly IA
20 8:30 worship w/comm 8pm Mens Choir	21	22	23 8pm Mens Choir	24	25	26
27 8:30 worship 8pm Mens Choir	28	29	30 8pm Mens Choir	1	2	3

Music Ministry



Choir Recognition Sunday, May 16, was especially meaningful this year with the Youth and Senior Bell Choirs present along with the Men's Choir since the coronavirus shut our open public services down in 2020. We were thankful to have the congregation present to enjoy the music and share the Recognition Liturgy together. We were able to publicly recognize and thank our two graduates in Youth Bell Choir, Maddy Moser and Madi Palmer, who received their brass engraved bells for 14 years of combined service in the Youth Bell Choir.

Several special music groups are scheduled for Sundays in June, July, and August already including a girl's handbell quartet, a girl's vocal quartet, and a girl's trio. The Men's Choir will have a well-deserved summer off except they will perform on Sunday morning, July 4. They will give a special program in the Summer In The Park Series on Thursday evening, July 8.

We still have openings for special music for our Sunday services. If you are interested or know of someone who is also interested, please contact me.

And finally, thank you again Youth and Senior Bell Choirs, Men's Choir, and Pastor Bryan and his Sunday School Children's Choir for sharing your musical talents throughout the year.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music



11 kids from St. John's Lutheran Church will be attending Bible camp this summer. Those kids include:

Keeran Barr	Kade Halse
Elsie Clarke	Belle Grimstad
Olivia Dougherty	Sutton Jones
Delilah Jones	Sheylynn Neuzil
Maximus Neuzil	Landon Wilkes
Lillianna Wilkes	

The kids received \$ 110 from the Trust Fund, \$ 100 from the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund and \$ 10 from WELCA.

May Statistics

Baptisms: none



Weddings: none

Funerals: none

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jun 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
6/6/21	8:30 AM	E W	Ken & Rose Beardmore Rudy & Marian Hesla	Sue Blagsvedt	Bob Joachim Kathy Hay Bonnie Roe	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow	Ushers	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom, Clay Rathbone, Bernie Pausch
6/13/21	8:30 AM	E W	Marilyn Henkels, Ann Rademaker Irv & Chris Fossaen	Linda Groe	X	X	Ushers	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr, Clay Rathbone, Bernie Pausch
6/20/21	8:30 AM	E W	Jane Dietrich, Sue Bieber Ron & Linda Dahlstrom	Sadie Bucheit	Nona Sawyer Karen Soper Ann Rademaker	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom	Ushers	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr, Clay Rathbone, Bernie Pausch
6/27/21	8:30 AM	E W	Ellickson family Bill & Sue Blagsvedt	Sue Bieber	X	X	Ushers	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr, Clay Rathbone, Bernie Pausch

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Thankfully, we are into the sixth month of 2021 and hoping that our lives can be so much closer to being normal once again! Circle members may choose to meet in person or not in June; traditionally our Circles have not met in July; hopefully, all Circles will feel comfortable to meet in person in August and move ahead with our normal church activities.

During the month of June, I hope all of our women who normally attend Circle meetings will consider giving three months of offering for April, May, and June; three months of Pennies for Presents (if you have not placed Pennies in the containers at the church service on the third Sunday of the month which began in April); and three months of giving to the Birthday Box if you would have done such. You may write out a check to ST. JOHN'S WELCA, identify how much money goes to each area, and mail your check to St. John's Church or take your check or cash to the church office. AGAIN, PLEASE IDENTIFY HOW MUCH MONEY GOES TO EACH AREA! We still have obligations to take care of such as camperships, death memorials for church members, etc. I send this message to active Circle members; however, all women of St. John's may contribute to these needs. Thanks to all who share and contribute to any and all of these items!

Please remember your Thankoffering containers at home. We will collect this offering in November to be dedicated at our church service and hopefully to be followed with our Thanksgiving Coffee.

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

Children's Sermon



Children Singing



Birthday Card for Irene & Genny



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1 Olivia Dougherty Marilyn Henkels Ben Rausch Brent Roe	2 Janice Allison Kristina Libbey Carl Thornton Darold & Deb Berger (A) Brian & Beth Heydn (A)	3 Kayla Nuehring	4 Jonah Larkin Suzy Pierson Sarah Rosonke Marcus & Alyssa Bell (A) Glenn & Karen Grimstad (A)	5 Kyle Halse Stacy Stock
6 Emily Baade Leah Stammeyer	7 Dave Berger Joyce Thornton Daren & Jennifer Dietrich (A)	8	9 Charles Bieber Jill Bieber Ava & Olivia Bossom Mary Ann Moody Ernie Osland Brad & Kim Yohe (A)	10 Jean Bossom	11	12 Jerry Goeke
13 Brysen Hills Jeremy Troendle Josh Tweedy	14 Greg & Ann Hagensick (A)	15 Creed Nuehring	16 Adrick Christensen Beth Heydn Jacob & Carissa Howe (A)	17	18 Alexis Martin Vic & Jean Stuckman (A)	19 Kayden Copp
20 Sandy Deal Chris Engstrom Adam Hansen Olivia Rathbone Derek Wicks John & Marian Bauercamper (A) Tom & Bev Leiran (A)	21 Kirby Jones Brad Larkin Ken & Rose Beardmore (A)	22 Cole Horgen Dave & Rhonda Bahr (A) Lyle & Brenda Kurth (A)	23 Lyla Hanson Carmen Lee Chester Schlake Karen Soper Al Tweedy	24 Carol Moe Darrell Stone Ann White	25 Nolan Hanson Sharon Roe Ernie & Donnalee Osland (A) Bill & Jill Pooch (A)	26 Mason Bell Lyle Stock
27 Nathan Meyer Harlan & Carole Yohe (A)	28 Hillary Cook Doug Joachim Dylan O'Neill Ann Rademaker John & Sharon Roe (A)	29 Joe Jackson Steve Welper Wayne & Nona Stone (A)	30 Colin Bieber Sadie Bucheit Gloria Payne Deb Sickles	1	2	3

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



June 6 Time After Pentecost

No. 635 We Walk By Faith

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

No. 466 In The Singing

During Distribution No. 462 & 480

No. 665 Rise, Shine, You People!

June 13 Time After Pentecost

No. 689 Praise and Thanksgiving

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

No. 598 For By Grace You Have Been Saved

No. 663 Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word

June 20 Time After Pentecost

No. 873 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

No. 767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

During Distribution No. 773 & 785

No. 763 My Life Flows On In Endless Song

June 27 Time After Pentecost

No. 879 For The Beauty Of The Earth

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

No. 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

No. 886 Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

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 June 8 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



"Jesus In Me" by Anne Graham Lotz

Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a constant companion, a person who prays for us, guides us in our relationships and decisions, comforts us in pain and stays by our side at all times.

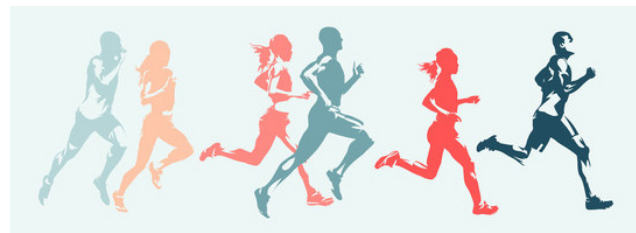
Children:

"My Father Is Taller Than A Tree" by Joseph Bruchac

A tender tribute to dads everywhere, typical rhymes capture heart warming moments between diverse fathers and sons.

"Let's Have A Daddy Day" by Karen Kingsbury

Daddy Days can happen anytime because what Dad loves best is spending time with his little ones.



Pave The Way 5K* June 12, 2021

being put on by Chance and Chase Adam (grandsons of Jan Pfiffner). Registration @ 8am with race starting at 8:30am. Registration forms on Calmar Lutheran Church FB page and Narthex bulletin board. Registration fee \$25. Everyone welcome.

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... Our Graduating Seniors 2021



Front Row: Annika Headington, Madelyn Moser
Second Row: Madalyn Palmer Dianna Davison, Eve Hill, Maya Bossom
Not Pictured: Shelby Martin, John O'Neill, Magdalene Rostvold, Shelby Wyninger