

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

June, 2022

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

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Some of us are old enough to have learned a few things that no longer apply in this day and age. For instance:

When the telephone rang in our homes, the call might not have been ours. Once upon a time, three or four of our neighbors all relied on something called a "party line" for our phone service. That meant, if the call wasn't for us, we could pick up the receiver and listen in to our neighbors. We learned to measure our words when we talked on the phone, knowing full well our conversation one evening might be shared the next day at the restaurant.

Watching our words wasn't a bad practice to learn, back then, or even today.

Likewise, some of us learned to start up our tractors with a thing called a crank. To get the thing going, we would manually crank with a crank our engines to start them. And the better our maintenance, making sure that our plugs and our points and changes of oil were all fresh, the better and safer it was for starting our tractors.

Regular maintenance wasn't a bad practice to learn, back then, or even today.

And there once was a day when you couldn't do a word

search on your computer. You had to look in a thing called a book for whatever you wanted instead of typing a name or a subject in Google or Yahoo or Bing. We had to slow ourselves down and look in the index and table of contents to possibly find what we wanted to know.

It was slow, and not every book had what you wanted, but to get to the chapter on planting potatoes or how to raise roses, there was other stuff, too, that might catch your eye, like a few pages caring for rhubarb or cutting your raspberry canes.

Slow is okay, at the right time and place.

Which is good to remember as summer approaches. School is on break and our crops have been planted. Our day-to-day work may all be the same, but at least for a few weeks ahead we can breathe and slow down. And as we slow down, we can take time to see and believe the blessings God gives us all through the year, not just in summer:

....our blessings of friends and our family; our food and our homes; our officials that work to keep us all safe; and this family God gives us, making us brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving our sins, and raising us all from the dead.

Let's slow down—and not just this summer. Let's count our blessings, and give thanks to God.

*Peace*

*Pr Bryan*

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Radio Ministry  
June 2022



- June 5 Church Funds
- June 12 Church Funds
- June 19 in memory of Greg Hamm
- June 26 in memory of Al & Irene Tweito

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) and Facebook [stjohns@waukon](mailto:stjohns@waukon)



Church Council Meeting  
May 17, 2022



- ~ Curriculum decided for Fall Sunday School
- ~ Worship service in Park planned for Sept.
- ~ Pay 1/2 budgeted benevolence by June 30
- ~ Paperwork to be completed for sale/purchase of 404 West Main house
- ~ VBS to be held June 14 @ Village Creek Bible Camp

**Thank you to the volunteers** who have quietly slipped onto the church property to *dismantle fence at 404 West Main and mow lawn.* We appreciate everything you



have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*

May 2022



Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Deaths: Marian Smedsrud



CIRCLE NEWS

**SARAH Circle:** June 14 @ 9:15am in Lounge with Ann Rademaker @ hostess & Nancy Brandt @ Bible study leader

**MARY Circle:** ?

**RACHEL Circle:** ?

**DORCAS Circle:** virtual June 14 @7pm; contact Linda Groe with questions or if you want to join.

LYO News

The LYO will be hosting a breakfast on Sat, June 11 at the Waukon Banquet Ctr from 8am-11am in coordination with the Mags/Byrnes Memorial Ride. If anyone is interested in donating to this fundraising event, please contact the Church Office to find out what items are needed or you may also consider monetary donations to help offset the expenses. **Thank you!**

# June 2022

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

## Music Ministry

Congratulations to Hailey Houg, Hannah Teslow, and Peyton Vertheim who received their engraved brass Graduation Bell Awards. We are so thankful for their years of service in Youth Bell Choir and also for their being regular members in Senior Bell Choir for the past two years. The three of them together have accumulated 25 years of combined Youth and Senior Bell Choir experience. We hope they will be able to participate in bell choir in the years to come.

Three Senior Bell Choir members were also recognized on Choir Recognition Sunday. We awarded a 40-year engraved bell to Sue Torkelson for her years of service. Sue Blagsvedt and Nona Sawyer did not formally receive their 40-year engraved bells two years ago because of the corona virus situation, but they were presented to them at our Recognition church service.

Nona had additional engraving on her bell signifying



her retirement after 42 years of dedicated service. What a legacy of time and sharing of their talents these ringers have contributed to the choirs of St. John's over the years.

We thank not only the Bell Choirs but also the Children's Choir and Senior Choir for their service each week and are grateful to the Senior Choir members who resumed providing music each week since the covid restrictions were lifted.

The Heartland Barbershop and Gospel Men's Choir will sing on Memorial Day weekend and then take a much needed break for the summer along with all of our other choirs.

We welcome solo singers, instrumentalists, and small ensembles to provide special music during the summer months. Please contact me at the church or call 563-380-5355 to arrange for your participation. Again, thank you to everyone for sharing your talents throughout the year. *James Bieber- Organist / Director of Music*

### St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jun 2022

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
6/5/22 Pentecost	8:30 AM	E W	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Ross Stammeyer family	Matt Teslow	Bob Joachim, Kathy Hay Bonnie Roe	Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson	Ushers	V & D Thorstenson D & W Sanderson
	10:00 AM	E W		Sadie Bucheit	Wendy Bucheit	Sandy Deal	Ushers	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
6/12/22	8:30 AM	E W	Mark Stock family	Dan Headington			Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Sarah Bieber	X	X	Ushers	same as above
6/19/22	8:30 AM	E W	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt	Sue Blagsvedt	Nona Sawyer, Karen Soper, Sue Blagsvedt	Nona Sawyer Cindy Wuebker	Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Karen Stamper	Karen Stamper	Evonne Kistler Jill Mirich	Ushers	same as above
6/26/22	8:30 AM	E W	Verland & Ellen Lenth	Lori Hesse			Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W		Ed Stamper	X	X	Ushers	same as above

## St. John's Women Serving and Socializing

Perhaps your thoughts have been with Marian Smedsrud and her family the last few days like mine have been. Marian invited me to St. John's back in the fall of 1969 and even had Ruth Toney pick me up and take me to choir practice. Marian was an active member of St. John's and was very active in the work of our women; and because of her invitation, I became an active member also. For the last two Sundays around Mother's Day, I placed names of our St. John's Senior Women on the glass windows in the Narthex thanking them and recognizing them for all they have done at St. John's. On the second Sunday, Marian must have seen her name amongst the group as she looked down from heaven. She would have seen that we still appreciated her at St. John's even though she was no longer with us. Her family was very thankful to have Mary Circle serve the luncheon following the funeral service and to visit with former friends of Marian's. Hopefully, all of our women can keep up her record of service and socializing at St. John's for many more years to come!

We had a very interesting and worthwhile WELCA Cluster Meeting in Decorah at Washington Prairie Lutheran Church. The speakers were excellent and gave us information about a cause for women and girls that we will be telling our Circles about. Our Circles may give donations from their undesignated funds to this very personal cause for females in many parts of our world near and far.

Once again if you are not attending or not having a monthly Circle meeting, we still can put to use your monthly offering, your Pennies for Presents donation, and your Birthday Box donation. Please identify these donations with your Circle name shown and send it all to the church office or take it to the church office. Thank you for your giving which helps pay our normal bills, allows us to give to Missions when a member dies, allows us to give \$10 camperships, etc. Also, just give to your Thankoffering container at home which will be collected in November.

The Pennies for Presents containers are in the Narthex of the church every third Sunday of the month through November.

Please pray for peace, for the safety of our men and women in the military, 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*

Women  ELCA

## Camperships 2022

those attending are:

Keeran Barr, Henley Benson, Soren Benson  
Elsie Clarke, Adelle Clarke, Olivia Dougherty  
Belle Grimstad, Lynsey Houg, Hailey Houg  
Delilah Jones, Sutton Jones, Maximus &  
Sheilyynn Neuzil,  
Sophia Palmer



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

### June 5 Day of Pentecost

#### No. 526 God is Here!

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

#### No. 800 Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

During Distribution No. 398 & 399

#### No. 627 O Day Full of Grace



### June 12 Holy Trinity / First Sunday after Pentecost

#### No. 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15

#### No. 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

#### No. 408 Come, Thou Almighty King

### June 19 Time after Pentecost

#### No. 665 Rise, Shine, You People!

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

#### No. 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

During Distribution No. 620 & 630

#### No. 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

### June 26 Time after Pentecost

#### No. 660 Lift High the Cross

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

#### No. 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

#### No. 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Olivia Dougherty Marilyn Henkels Brent Roe	2 Janice Allison Kristina Libbey Carl Thornton Darold & Deb Berger (A) Brian & Beth Heydn (A)	3 Kayla Nuehring	4 Jonah Larkin Marissa Martins Suzy Pierson Sarah Rosonke Brandon Urmanski Marcus & Alyssa Bell (A) Glenn & Karen Grimstad (A)
5 Kyle Halse Stacy Stock	6 Emily Baade Leah Stammeyer Ivy Urmanski	7 Joyce Thornton Daren & Jennifer Dietrich (A)	8	9 Charles Bieber Jill Bieber Ava Bossom Olivia Bossom 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 Mike & Scotti Hagensick (A)	16 Beth Heydn Jacob & Carissa Howe (A)	17	18 Alexis Martin Brandon & Eva Urmanski (A) Vic & Jean Stuckman (A)
19 Kayden Copp	20 Sandy Deal Chris E Fosaaen 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 Horgan 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 Virgil & Betty Johanningmeier (A) Ernie & Donna Lee Osland (A) Bill & Jill Pook (A)
26 Mason Bell Lyle Stock	27 Nathan Meyer Harlan & Carole Yohe (A) Jesse & Erin Bunge (A)	28 Hillary Cook Doug Joachim Dylan O'Neill Ann Rademaker John & Sharon Roe (A)	29 Joe Jackson Steve Welper	30 Colin Bieber Sadie Bucheit Gloria Payne Deb Sickles		



## Book Nook

### "A Life Once Dreamed" by Rachel Fordham

Six years ago, a shocking secret sent Miss Aggie running in search of a new start. She found it in Penance; a rugged town of miners and lumberjacks in the Dakota Territory. Now a respected schoolteacher, she's unsettled when her former sweetheart accepts a position as town doctor. Will her past come back to haunt her?

### "The Gold in These Hills" by Joanne Bischof

Arriving in California, mail order bride Juniper is met by the workaday sounds of a gold mine and a charming man. When her husband vanishes, Juniper writes to him-but fears she's waiting for a ghost. A century later, Johnny Sutherland discovers her letters. Can loving words from the distant past change his present?

## Senior Sermons

May 8, 2022

Hailey Houg



Hannah Teslow



Senior Bell  
Choir

2021-2022



Junior Bell  
Choir

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## 2022 High School Graduates.....



Front Row: Hailey Houg, Hannah Teslow, Elly Christen, Marin Marti

Back Row: Drew Stock, Lucas Walby, Braden Hemann

Absent: Jenna Fish & Ashlyn Johnson

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