

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

June, 2023

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

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We're about to begin the shortest month of year, in spite of what the calendar tells us. Hoping to spend a few weeks with some rest, our Junes pass by in the blink of an eye. And then comes the crunch of getting things done, getting ready for Fall.

Without the thought of school starting soon, our kids can spend time on the diamond, whacking a softball, or up at the pool, having some fun and soaking up sun, or casting a line for bluegills and crappies.

Likewise, adults, before getting kids ready for school sports and more study, or doing home maintenance before winter comes, or for some, with their children soon moving to college....we can take a brief breath before time starts forcing our hands to get busy.

So, enjoy these brief weeks for a bit of relaxing.

Here at St. John's, there's less of relaxing, but more like a changing of gears.

Our Sunday School classes won't be in session until September, but Vacation Bible School's happening June 6th at Village Creek Bible Camp.

And our church is supporting our youth going to church camp, with our Trust Fund and Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund offering scholarships.

Our Sunday School teachers are planning our Sunday School kick-off, while our Deacons are planning its worship at our park. And believe it or not, we'll be looking at scripts and music for our children's Christmas program.

We'll follow our summer schedule for worship, from June through August at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00. And our readings and music will follow this Pentecost theme, where Jesus will teach us all how to be Christians and what he calls us to do as a church.

As you take a brief respite from the year's hustle and bustle this month, our doors here are open each Sunday for worship. Wherever our radio broadcast can reach in the area, God's Word will be there with beautiful music. And for those of you traveling outside our country or state, our worship is hosted on Facebook or KNEI's webpage.

These weeks will go fast, but enjoy them in your work and your play, in your families and church.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry June 2023



June 4 memory of Gertrude Norden &
Nan Grangaard

June 11 given by Vic & Diane Fye

June 18 in honor of Greg Palmer

June 25 faithful listener

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



Book Nook

"The Tapestry of Grace" by Kim Vogel Sawyer

When a group of Kansas women start a benevolent society devoted to aiding widows and orphans-life changes for more than just the hurting people they seek to help. School teacher Augusta is glad for some meaningful work to occupy her summer. She knows exactly who the society should help first: quiet reserved widower Konrad Kempel and his mischievous twin sons. And although Konrad may be struggling, he does not want help-anyone sticking their nose in telling him what he or his sons need.

The charities founder, Martina is relieved to have a reason to spend time outside her unhappy and childless home.

They each have deep needs and desires and each imagines how they should be met, but God indeed knows best. Will the members of this small Mennonite community find the answers to their prayers in the very last place they expect--in one another?

Submitted by Joan Moody



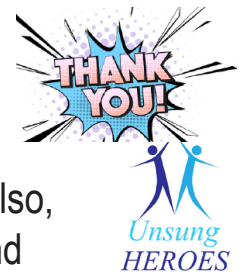
CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: 9:15am, June 13 in F.H. with hostess Maudie Syhlman & Bible study done together

DORCAS Circle: June 13 @ 7pm virtual. Contact Linda Groe with questions

Thank you to the volunteers

who have quietly slipped onto the church property to repair sink in bathroom on 3rd floor. Also, thank you to Dennis DeBuhr and Norm Peterson for installing a programmable lock on the south door. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!*



Church Council Meeting May 16, 2023



- ~ Class dedicated to 3 yr olds will be added
- ~ Sunday Funday scheduled for August 27
- ~Vacation Bible School is June 6
- ~Leadership Handbook revisions continue

****SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details****

June 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm					NE IA Synod Assembly- Luther College	NE IA Synod Assembly- Luther College
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship 8:30am & 10am		9:15am Sarah Circle 6pm Bd Deacons & Bd Ed mtg Dorcas Circle - virtual		8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship 8:30am & 10am w/comm		6pm Trustee mtg			George Pickett committal service, Preston MN	Hagensick/Rottink wedding
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Worship 8:30am & 10am 9:30am Bd Deacons mtg/Lounge		1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergrm Crt 3pm Northgate Ctr				

Music Ministry



With the end of the active school year and church choir's year with choirs adding special music to our Sunday Services, we have experienced school concerts and contests, Senior Sunday, Choir Recognition Sunday, Baccalaureate, Graduation, Memorial Weekend, and Graduation Parties which have all been a part of the busy 31 days of May.

We thank the Youth Bell Choir, the Senior Bell Choir, Men's Choir, and Senior Choir for their time and service in providing music to enhance our worship services throughout

this year. We congratulate Emma Palmer who on Sunday, May 14, received the first ever 10 year engraved brass Youth Bell Choir Graduation Award Bell for reigning as the longest tenured member of the St. John's Youth Bell Choir to date. Thank you, Emma!!

Our summer music program begins on Sunday, May 28, with a vocal duet by Olivia Dougherty and Eva Whalen. Anyone interested in providing special music during the summer, please contact Jim Bieber at 563-380-5355, 563-568-3435, or at the church office of 568-3623.

James H. Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jun-23

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
6/4/2023	8:30am	E W	Cindy Wuebker family Peg Slaughter, Mary Jackson	Mary Jackson	Vickie Larson, C Stuckman Michael Hagensick	Linda Groe Bob Joachim	Ushers	Dan & Lori Treangen
	10am	E W	Rich & Jo Leiran	Wendy Bucheit	Sadie Bucheit	Altar Guild	Ushers	Corb Grimstad family
6/11/2023	8:30am	E W	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt Matt & Dawn Teslow	Dawn Teslow	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10am	E W	Dick & Evonne Kistler	Ed Stamper			Ushers	same as above
6/18/2023	8:30am	E W	Randy & Lori Hesse J Fransen, Ann Rademaker	Lori Hesse	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit Bonnie Roe	Linda DeBuhr Nona Sawyer	Ushers	same as above
	10am	E W	Lyle & Brenda Kurth	Becky Roe	Karen Stamper	Darrel & Rosanne Wicks	Ushers	same as above
6/25/2023	8:30am	E W	Jane Dietrich, Joan Moody Lee & Rachel Moser	Joan Moody	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10am	E W	Peggy Slaughter	Belle Grimstad			Ushers	same as above



We thank Norman Peterson for taking our quilts that were finished in February to Decorah to Olson Exploratives to be taken on to the Twin Cities area to the Lutheran World Relief facility on May 6. Our eight quilts were a part of 1587 quilts that were collected in Decorah from many area churches. There are many thankful people who will receive a quilt. We are thankful for all of our women who play a part in our quilt making and always hope that more of our members will join us in the next season of working together to help those in need.

Wow, it is June already, and summer is here. School is out for about three months, and there are a variety of summer activities for all ages available to all of us. LET US MAKE SURE THAT ATTENDING CHURCH IS ON OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE. GOD DOES NOT TAKE A VACATION FROM HIS PEOPLE. LET US NOT TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH SERVICES AND REMEMBERING "THE SABBATH DAY AND KEEP IT HOLY." We all benefit from growing spiritually and personally. We hear the word of God at church. This helps us to grow and leads us to help others to grow as well. Hope to see our women at St. John's on Sunday morning along with any and all family members. They also say that church attendance can improve your motivation, health, and happiness by being with other church members.

The White \$1 Pail will be in the narthex on the second Sunday of the month for our women to help with our General Fund expenses. Our Pennies for Presents containers will be in the narthex on the third Sunday of the month for our women to help with Christmas gifts for six children.

Remember to give to your Thankoffering containers at home in thanks for your blessings.

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

June 4 The Holy Trinity

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

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

No. 412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

During Distribution No. 684 & 685

No. 665 Rise, Shine, You People!

June 11 Time After Pentecost

No. 836 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

First Lesson: Hosea 5:15--6:6

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

No. 764 Have No Fear, Little Flock

No. 722 O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

June 18 Time After Pentecost

No. 526 God Is Here!

First Lesson: Exodus 19: 2-8a

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35--10:8 [10:9-23]

No. 579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

During Distribution No. 661 & 663

No. 668 O Zion, Haste

June 25 Time After Pentecost

No. 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

No. 806 O God, My Faithful God

No. 810 O Jesus, I Have Promised

May 2023



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: none

June 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
				Olivia Dougherty Marilyn Henkels Brent Roe	Janice Allison Kristina Libbey Carl Thornton Darold & Deb Berger (A) Brian & Beth Heyden (A)	Kayla Nuehring
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Jonah Larkin Marissa Martins Suzy Pierson Sarah Rosonke Brandon Urmanski Marcus & Alyssa Bell (A) Glenn & Karen Grimstad (A)	Kyle Halse Stacy Stock	Emily Baade Leah Stammeyer Ivy Urmanski	Joyce Thornton Daren & Jenny Dietrich (A)		Charles Bieber Jill Bieber Ava Bossom Olivia Bossom Ernie Osland Brad & Kim Yohe (A)	Jean Bossom
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Jerry Goeke	Brysen Hills Jeremy Troendle Josh Tweedy	Greg & Ann Hagensick (A)	Creed Nuehring Michael & Scotti Hagensick (A)	Adrick Christensen Beth Heydn Jacob & Carissa Howe (A)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Alexis Martin Richard & Kathy Murray (A) Vic & Jean Stuckman (A) Brandon & Eva Urmanski (A)	Kayden Copp	Sandy Deal Chris Engstrom Fosaaen Adam Hansen Olivia Rathbone Derek Wicks John & Marian Bauercamper (A) Tom & Bev Leiran (A)	Kirby Jones Brad Larkin Ken & Rose Beardmore (A)	Cole Horgen Dave & Rhonda Bahr (A) Lyle & Brenda Kurth (A)	Lyla Hanson Carmen Lee Chester Schlake Karen Soper Al Tweedy	Carol Moe Darrell Stone Ann White
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Nolan Hanson Sharon Roe Virgil & Betty Johanningmeier (A) Ernie & Donnalee Osland (A) Bill & Jill Poock (A)	Mason Bell Lyle Stock	Nathan Meyer Harlan & Carole Yohe (A)	Doug Joachim Dylan O'Neill Ann Rademaker Jesse & Erin Bunge (A) John & Sharon Roe (A)	Joe Jackson Steve Welper	Colin Bieber Sadie Bueheit Gloria Payne Deb Sickles	

New Church Sign installed and running
May 1, 2023.



Thank you Randy Hesse for assisting the electrician in installation of new Church Sign.



****Save the Date****

Service in the Park/
Rally Sunday
September 10



Outdoor Worship Service



Senior Emma Palmer receiving her bell from Music Director, Jim Bieber

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And Finally.....



Children's Sermon



Graduating Seniors:
Grace Solberg, Tucker Jackson, Sean Bieber & Emma Palmer