

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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It's March, and 5 or 10 degree days below zero can still happen, but their days are definitely numbered. With a quick look at the clock, each sunrise and sunset show our days getting longer, and whatever fresh sleet or snow hits our fields and our lawns won't be lasting too long.

There's still darkness around us, just like the darkness we've seen in the depths of the winter, but Springtime and green are quickly approaching. We only need watch and wait for new life to break out.

This watching and waiting is something we do in the season of Lent, starting Ash Wednesday. We'll see Jesus, throughout our Sundays in worship, walking quicker and deeper towards darkness and death on his cross.

We'll see him reject the wisdom of Satan, tempting Jesus to use the power of God to save him from hunger and danger. We'll see Jesus laugh off the warnings that Herod is working to kill him. And we'll hear the story about Pontius Pilate, who mercilessly killed people from Galilee while they were worshipping. We'll start holding our breaths, waiting for worse things to happen.

Finally, we'll see people offended by Jesus and we'll hear them complaining: "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." And we know that he'll soon be called a sinner himself.

As the light around us comes sooner and longer in March, we'll see darkness approaching throughout the season of Lent, threatening violence and pain, as our Lord begins walking towards his death on his cross. But just like the days of cold and winter are numbered among us, the days of death and violence and pain will come to an end for Jesus and us when he's raised from the dead on Easter morning.

We will find, just as the light grows longer among us and the buds on our trees start showing green, "...that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship, March 2, and will continue our worship on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. God bless you this season as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry
March 2022



- Mar 6 Church Funds
- Mar 13 Church Funds
- Mar 20 In memory of Marcella Selberg
- Mar 27 Church Funds

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

Church Council Meeting
February 15, 2022

- ~ Bd of Ed planning a child-led worship service on 3rd Sunday of each month
- ~Confirmands to serve as acolytes 
- ~Lenten dinners to start on Ash Wednesday
- ~Possible install of intercom & remote locking system
- ~Bd Trustees *may* move meetings to 2nd Thursday of month

CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: not meeting

MARY Circle: not meeting

RACHEL Circle: not meeting

DORCAS Circle: virtual Mar 8 @7pm; contact Linda Groe with questions or if you want to join.



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to finish wiring up to the balcony for the transmitter. Ordered controls for #1 boiler and performed maintenance on them. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*



We will have a **New Member Service on April 24** to welcome all who have joined the Church in 2021 and 2022 at both services.



New Members Are Joining

March 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			Ash Wednesday 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Worship 7:45pm Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir		1:30pm World Day of Prayer @Zion UCC	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30 & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am S.S. 11:45am Baptism 6pm Sr Bells 7:45pm Mens Choir		6pm Trustee mtg?	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Worship 7:45pm Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir			
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Music Ministry

Thank you to the Senior Choir for singing each Sunday since mid January. Also, thanks to the Sunday School Choir for singing on Sunday, February 13.



Thank you to all of our choir members for adapting to this revised schedule as we experience the Lenten Season and the joy that we will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

March and Lent are fast approaching. A revised rehearsal schedule has been established beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 2, with the following adjusted changes for each Wednesday in March.

- 6:00 p.m. – Youth Bells
- 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Service
- 8:00 p.m. – Senior Choir

The Sunday evening rehearsal schedule beginning March 6 is as follows:

- Senior Bell Choir – 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Choir – 7:30 p.m.

Board of Education

March 6: Sunday School kids singing at 10:30am church service

March 20: 10:30am Youth & Family Worship Service

***Please watch for survey** coming in the mail & return to Church Office by March 20.

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Mar 2022

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
3/2/22 Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	E W				Linda Groe	Ushers	
3/6/22	8:30 AM	E W	Randy & Lori Hesse Gary & Marlene Houg	Lori Hesse	Greg & Ann Hagensick Bev Haas	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow	Keagan Palmer	Clay Rathbone family
	10:30 AM	E W	Todd & Marlene Hills	Sue Bieber	Erika Fish	Altar Guild	Owen Grimstad	?
3/13/22	8:30 AM	E W	Greg & Ann Hagensick Bev Haas, Sandy Deal	Bev Haas			Trudy Baxter	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Harlan & Carole Yohe	Brent Roe	X	X	Brent Roe	Darrel & Rosanne Wicks
3/20/22	8:30 AM	E W	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit Tharin Benson family	Bailey Benson	Randy & Lori Hesse Dan Treangen	Annette Stock Marlene Hills	Taylor Jackson	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Steve & Sheryl Evanson	Nona Sawyer	Bill Halvorson	Sherry Knudtson Kasey Iverson	Ushers	Darrel & Rosanne Wicks
3/27/22	8:30 AM	E W	Bonnie Roe, GERALYN SMITH Ron & Linda Dahlstrom	Olivia Rathbone			John Marti	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Jo Ann Sherman family	Sadie Bucheit	X	X	Ushers	Darrel & Rosanne Wicks

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing

It is still winter with all the cold weather and cold winds that we have been having. However, with Lent right around the corner at the time of this writing we know that the weather will get warmer in the very near future. Plus, we can at least think positive and plan for warmer weather.

Our quilting schedule had a couple of Wednesdays that we could not get together in January and February. We were pleased to finish sixteen quilts to be given to several organizations in the near future including Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to our women for working on Wednesdays, and a special thanks goes to an angel named Marlene who sewed so many quilt tops together for us to use. We sincerely hope to have more women work with us in the fall so we can complete even more quilts to give to those in need.

World Day of Prayer will be hosted by Zion United Church of Christ. The service was written by women of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. We are all invited to the service beginning at 1:30 p.m. on FRIDAY, MARCH 4, in their Fellowship Hall. After the service, there will be time available for fellowship with cookies and coffee served by the women of Zion. Hopefully, many of our St. John's women can attend and enjoy this special day observed by women all over the world.

May we all participate in our Lenten church services beginning on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm. What a special time of the church year this is when we have the opportunity to reflect on what our Savior will go through to save us all. At the time of this writing, I am not sure if there will be casserole suppers with delicious foods to choose to eat. Watch for further announcements concerning what will happen.

For our women who normally attend Circle meetings but have not been doing so now, please take or send your offering, Pennies for Presents, and Birthday Box money to the church office with an explanation of what money goes into each category. Yes, we still have bills to pay, missions to give to in honor of deceased members of our congregation, etc. Thank you for your support and giving.

Please remember your Thankoffering containers at home. The Pennies for Presents containers will be in the narthex on the third Sunday of each month through November.

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

February 2022

Baptisms: None

Weddings: None

Deaths: None



Book Nook

"Miracles and Milestones"
by Kent Groethe



Pastor Kent Groethe has heard many marvelous and miraculous stories of God encounters from his twenty years as a Lutheran pastor. In **"Miracles and Milestones"**, he shares thirty-five of these epiphanies that are sure to deepen your faith in Jesus and remind you of the awesome presence of God and His ability to care for His children.

"31 Days Toward intimacy with God"
by Joni Eareckson Tada

Daily inspiration from Joni Eareckson Tada gently guides your steps to a closer more intimate walk with your Savior. And as you travel, new life-His Life!-is freely yours as a gift.

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		Hudson Bieber Sue Bieber Lucas Larkin	Melissa Clarke Kelly O'Connor	Jameson Blake Lee Moser Molly Ottaway		Ely Christen Madelyn Moser Becky Roe Julie Schulte
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sue Kratz Olivia Marti Wendy Sanderson Jean Stuckman Sue Torkelson Riley Wyninger	Charlotte Stammeyer Eric Winters	Sharon Mathews Lois Rolfs	Mary Ann Andregg Ella Mae Goeke Verland Lenth	Dennis & Sherri Lyons (A)	Josh Hills Caleb Rosonke	John Bauercamper Rick Hermeier Donna Wood
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Marshall Lyons Bill Poock	Jennifer Bieber Allen Goeke Darrell & Jean Stone (A)	Jonathan Williams Will & Mary Ament (A)		Erika Fish	Sandy Fink Carissa Howe Aaron Sherman	Daren Dietrich
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Henley Benson Cheryl Fetketter Brooklyn Ottaway		Kreed Leiran David Martin	Ernest & LaVonne Palas (A)	Eric & Steph Palmer (A)	Glenn Grimstad Greyson Sanderson	Alyssa Bell Michael Hagensick Jeremy Hills Jon Thorstenson Richard Yohe
27	28	29	30	31		
Darold Berger David Fetketter Rachel Moser	Wyatt Baxter Jeff Johnson Vic Stuckman Matt Teslow Kyle Torkelson Jamie Weiss Reed & Joyce Bosley (A)	Brandi Folsom	Karen Albee Nick Troendle			

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



LYO Ski Trip to Mt. LaCrosse

March 2 Ash Wednesday

No. 319 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

No. 325 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me During Distribution No. 592

No. 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



March 6 First Sunday in Lent

No. 324 In The Cross of Christ I Glory

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

No. 321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church During Distribution No. 767 & 772

No. 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



March 13 Second Sunday in Lent

No. 714 O God of Mercy God of Light

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

No. 613 Thy Holy Wings

No. 726 Light Dawns on a Weary World



March 20 Third Sunday in Lent

No. 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

No. 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds During Distribution No. 494 & 501

No. 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



March 27 Fourth Sunday in Lent

No. 807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

No. 608 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

No. 663 Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

And Finally.....

At the last Council meeting, **the Board of Deacons** decided to resume having the Confirmation Class acolyte during both worship services each Sunday starting in March. Below is the March schedule. As you can see we do have some services that are not covered yet. Confirmation students will need to work with Pastor Bryan to sign up for those open dates/times. Parents we encourage you to have your students sign up to acolyte as this is one of the ways for your student to grow in their faith during their confirmation years.

Sincerely,

Board of Deacons

Acolyte Schedule for March

8:30am		10:30am
March 6:	Keagan Palmer	Owen Grimstad
March 13:	Trudy Baxter	Brent Roe
March 20:	Taylor Jackson	?
March 27:	John Marti	?