

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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It's amazing the difference a few miles can make when it comes to what people are seeing and doing.

You don't have to drive a great distance down south and you'll soon start to see some ground getting tilled, some oats getting sowed, and some crocuses pushing up shoots in the sun. Spring hasn't sprung, but it's close to arriving. The signs are all there, and those making their livings from cropland and pasture—they're all getting antsy to work in the south.

While up here in Allamakee County, it's mostly still winter. No daffodil shoots have shot up by the house. And our livestock's still chowing down hay like it's still below zero. But here in the church, still in the cold, we have signs that are saying that new life is here.

The season of Lent has just got it start, and each Sunday is pointing, like our sunshine increasing each day, to the good news of Easter: that our Jesus lives and is with us right now.

And the very fact he's alive after his death means the things he did and he said in his life, like welcoming sinners, and calling disciples

from regular people—the fact he's alive means our God is like that. The fact he's alive means that God loves us sinners. God cares for the weak. God cares for people who don't stand out much, and even for people that nobody likes.

And that includes people who've died. The dead will live also because Jesus lives. And we will live also, no matter the fact that we're poor and forgotten, sinful and weak.

Jesus didn't come to condemn us for sin, but he came here to show us God's love for us all, even going so far as to die on a cross. And dying that death and arising on Easter, he's shown us that sin and death and the devil can't beat him or us.

Lent will show us the signs, like fresh green the Spring, that Jesus is heading his way to his cross to show us his love. And he'll show us his power, come Easter morning, over sin, corruption and death—to our good and God's glory.

Join us for worship in Lent, as we get ourselves ready to celebrate Easter.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry March 2024



- Mar 3 in loving memory of Sue Bieber
- Mar 10 Church Funds
- Mar 17 Listeners from Decorah
- Mar 24 Listener from Decorah
- Mar 31 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 and Facebook stjohns@waukon



Book Nook

"Dear Henry, Love Edith" by Becca Kinzer

After a short and difficult marriage, recently widowed Edith Sherman has learned her lesson. Forget love and marriage and plan a humanitarian trip to South Africa. She accepts a short-term nursing position in the Midwest.

Edith meets Henry but her departure date is rapidly approaching and she must decide if Henry is the adventure of her dreams or South Africa is.

"He Chose The Nails" by Max Lucado

In this five-season Bible study, Max Lucado explores the gifts Christ gave at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow, nails that tore his flesh, and empty tomb where he defeated death. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you".

Submitted by Karen Grimstad

Thank you to the volunteers

who have quietly slipped into the church property to adjust door strikes and delime the hot water on demand and repair of auto door opener. We appreciate everything



you have done for us and *Thank*

You for your service to our church.

Trustee/Council Meeting

Feb 20, 2024



- ~Plumbing concerns in upstairs bathroom
- ~Easter food baskets being planned
- ~Bd of Ed still seeking another member
- ~How do we increase membership & get more involvement from members

SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details

March 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am SS & Sr Choir 5pm Mens Choir 6pm Sr Bells			8:45am-noon Quilting 5:30pm-7pm Lenten Supper 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7pm Lenten Service			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am SS & Sr Choir 5pm Mens Choir 6pm Sr Bells **Daylight Savings time begins**		7pm Trustee mtg	5:30pm-7pm Lenten Supper 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7pm Lenten Service	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sr Choir 10:30am Baptism 5pm Mens Choir 6pm Sr Bells			4:30pm-7pm Meatball Supper	7pm Maunday Service		
31						
6:30am, 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm.						

Music Ministry



February 2024



Thank you to the choirs for adjusting to our Lenten schedule of rehearsals which will continue the same through Palm Sunday and are listed as follows:

Sundays: 9:30am Sr Choir rehearsal
5pm Mens Choir rehearsal
6pm Sr Bell Choir

Wednesdays: 6pm Youth Bell Choir

Holy Week schedule of rehearsals are as follows:

Mar 24: 9:30am Sr Choir rehearsal
5pm Mens Choir rehearsal
6pm Sr Bell Choir

Mar 27: NO rehearsals; Meatball Supper

Mar 28: 6pm Sr Bell Choir prepares for:
7pm Maunday Thursday service

Mar 31: 7:45am Rehearsal for 8:30am service

No Rehearsal Easter Night

****regular rehearsal schedule will resume Wed, April 3****

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: none



CIRCLE NEWS
March 2024

SARAH Circle: 9:15am Mar 13 meeting in the Lounge, with Joan Leiran as hostess & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: Mar 13, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Mar-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
3/3/24	8:30 AM	E W	Jane Dietrich Ron & Linda Dahlstrom	Brenda Dougherty	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt Brenda Dougherty	Lori & Randy Hesse	Ushers	Lee & Chris Ellickson family
	10:30 AM	E W	Chuck Larson	Sarah Bieber	Karen Stamper	Sherry Knudtson Kasey Iverson	Ushers	Norm Peterson Chuck Larson
3/10/24	8:30 AM	E W	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt Lee & Chris Ellickson	Sue Blagsvedt	X	X	Ushers	Same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Ed & Karen Stamper	Ed Stamper			Ushers	Same as above
3/17/24	8:30 AM	E W	Cindy Barness Brenda Dougherty	Tiffany Evans	Rhonda Barr Vickie Larson Chris Stuckman	Kathy Murray Ron Dahlstrom	Ushers	Same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sunday School Sunday School	Sunday School	Wendy Bucheit	Linda Groe	Ushers	Same as above
3/24/24 Palm Sunday	8:30 AM	E W	Mary Jackson Tom & Caroll Schreiber	Lori Hesse	X	X	Ushers	Same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Darlene Schlake	Jill Kistler Mirich			Ushers	Same as above
3/28/24 Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM	E W	Ushers	Vickie Larson	Jon Payne	Linda Groe	Ushers	Matt & Dawn Teslow family
3/31/24 Easter	6:30 AM	E W	Darlene Schlake	Linda Groe	DeBuhr Family	Altar Guild		Ron Dahlstrom family
	8:30 AM	E W	Geralyn Smith Bill & Linda Halvorson	Linda Halvorson	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Dan Treangen	Altar Guild	Ushers	Same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sandy Deal	Chuck Larson	Linda Groe	Linda Groe	Ushers	Same as above

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Hymns for March at St. Johns



It is that time of year again.... The St. John's Meatball Supper is coming up on Wednesday, March 27th from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. It was voted on at the Annual Meeting to have the Meatball Supper run as it did last year. It will be a carry-out meal. The women of St. John's will be assisting with the fundraiser by donating pies, salads, by providing butter or donating \$10 to help offset the costs of the fundraiser. There will be opportunities to volunteer to help with the preparation of food or helping to assemble the dinners, or clean up tasks. Someone from your circle will be contacting you to ask for donations and/or help with the meal. Here is a wonderful opportunity to work alongside other church members for the good of the church.

Since we only have three circles, each circle is going to be asked to donate 31 pies, 14 large salads and 5 pounds of butter. Someone from your circle will be calling you so be prepared to tell the caller what you would like to donate. The caller will tell you about the different kinds of pies and salads that are needed.

If you choose to donate money for the Meatball Supper, it may be brought to the church office. Salads, pies and butter can be brought in to the church on Wednesday, March 27th.

Many hands make light work! Also, don't forget to stop by the church and pick up supper for your family that night. The food is always delicious.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Stamper

March 28 Maunday Thursday

No. 347 Go To Dark Gethsemane

No. 349 Ah Holy Jesus

During Distribution No. 353 & 359

March 31 Easter

No. 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

During Distribution No. 370 & 378

No. 385 Good Christian Friends Rejoice

No. 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

March 3 Third Sunday in Lent

No. 324 In The Cross of Christ I Glory

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

No. 723 Cantic of the Turning

During Distribution No. 636 & 638

No. 705 God of Grace

Mar 6 Lent 3

No. 335 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

No. 783 Praise and Thanks and Adoration

March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

No. 848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

No. 323 God Loved the World

No. 803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Mar 13 Lent 4

No. 598 For By Grace

No. 714 O God of Mercy

March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

No. 660 Lift High the Cross

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

During Distribution No. 466 & 471

No. 321 Eternal Lord of Love

No. 545 Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Mar 20 Lent 5

No. 602 Your Heart O God Is Grieved

No. 335 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

March 24 Palm Sunday

No. 344 All Glory, Laud and Honor

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

No. 351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

No. 338 Beneath the Cross

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

LYO Activities

Please join us for
casserole suppers during
Lent March 6, 13, & 20.



The LYO enjoyed a day of skiing at Mt LaCrosse on Feb. 25. With the warm temperatures, it's a good thing they can make snow!



Daylight Savings Time
begins March 10 at 2am



Please join us for **Easter Breakfast**
after "Sunrise" service at 7:15am in
the Fellowship Hall

Easter lilies have been ordered to add to the festive holiday decorations during the upcoming Easter season. Orders for the plants will be taken in the narthex by the Altar Guild on Sundays, March 17th and March 24th. You may also call the church office during the week to order a flower. (The price has not yet been set by the provider but will be announced as soon as available.) You may pick up your lily any time after the Easter services. Thank you for adding to the beauty of the sanctuary during this special season.



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