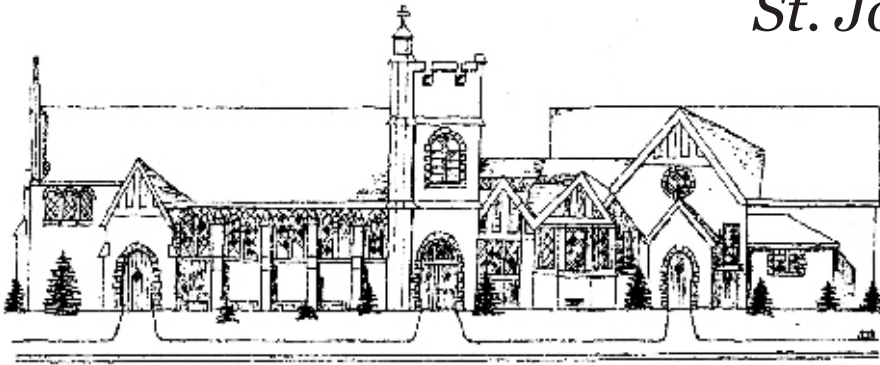


# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

May, 2020

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

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I took a drive down Elon Road the other day. It wasn't because I was tired of being cooped up in the house. I wanted to see how fit the fields were for cultivation and how fieldwork was progressing. And I saw something encouraging:

Spring is still happening.

I saw emerald green conservation strips of seeding literally glowing next to fields of stubble; I saw a couple of absolutely huge honey wagons on their way to or from spreading their contents on our warming soil; and there was this pretty big grain drill, pulled by a pretty big tractor, making short work of a field around Waterville, probably drilling oats.

A lot of things in our lives have been put on hold in this current health emergency, but a lot of good things haven't been: Spring calves have hit the ground and are doing well; the ground is solid underfoot for fieldwork; and even in this time of social distancing, we are finding ways to still keep connected in our personal lives and even in our church.

Like many of you who have been using the internet and social media to keep connected with family and friends, our Confirmation youth at St. John's have been keeping connected through Zoom meet-

ings on the internet and through postings on Facebook. Our Education Ministry volunteers are offering Zoom Sunday School and have been preparing weekly Sunday School lessons for pick up at our parking lot door, and our radio ministry, a long-standing ministry of St. John's, continues to broadcast a worship service each Sunday.

Volunteers from our church and community have been working together to provide anthems for our worship and background voices for our hymns. James Bieber and Lindsey Lund have provided accompaniment for our songs, and solo and duet work on our keyboards. And we have had the honor of having Fr. Mark Osterhaus from St. Patrick Church, Waukon, and Pr. Grant Vandervelden from the First Presbyterian Church, Waukon, join us for worship and share a few words with our radio worshippers.

With these good things happening, there are still many challenges that you and I are currently facing in our ministries:

I cannot visit our members yet in their homes, hospitals, or care facilities. Funerals are currently limited to small, graveside services, and I have limited access to be with grieving families. Sunday School, Confirmation, and first communion instruction are on hold until we can worship together, again. And although we were able to broadcast Easter worship, the biggest day in our life of faith, we were not able to celebrate it together, and we won't be gathering for worship until it's once again deemed safe.

These are challenging times. But please know

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that we are safe in Jesus' hands and that our future, even though we don't know what it will hold in the short term, is secure. We have a Lord, after all, who rose from the dead after he was killed, and we have a God who can turn bad things like the cross on their heads, and bring life out of death.

We thank God for this good news of Easter, the new life of Spring sprouting around us, and the ways we continue to connect with Jesus and each other. May the Holy Spirit continue to give us faith, hope, and patience until that time when we can gather together again.

*Peace,  
Pr. Bryan*

### *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.

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)



## **Confirmation NEWS**

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### ***Dear Confirmation Families:***

First and foremost, we miss you! Our time together has been cut much too short! We appreciate all those who have been able to participate in our Zoom Wednesday evening online gatherings. If you haven't been able to join us, please check the confirmation Facebook page for updates. This is not a required meeting and attendance is not taken, but it is great to stay connected.

We hope you are continuing to work on your sermon notes. Please hang on to them. We will turn them in when we can gather together again.

As for our confirmation service, we will be postponing it until the fall. This will give us as leaders an opportunity to meet with this class a few more times to finish up the lessons we intended to go over. We will give you more details as soon as possible as to when the service will be taking place. We want to give full attention and honor to our young ones as they become adults in our church community.

We thank you all for your patience and understanding during this uncertain time. If you or your students have any questions or concerns that we as a confirmation team can help with, please contact us via the church office or through Facebook. We want to be available to all of you and support our kids the best we can.

**The Confirmation Team,  
Pastor Bryan, Leah Stammeyer & Sadie Bucheit**

**\*\*Scheduled activities subject to change based on Covid-19.\*\***

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26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Ladies Luncheon - POSTPONED
3 worship 8:30 *Radio Broadcast ONLY* Confirmation - POSTPONED	4	5	6 6:15pm Youth Bells 7:15pm Sr Bells, Confirmation 8:15pm Sr Choir - subject to cancellation**	7	8	9
10 worship 8:30 *Radio Broadcast ONLY*	11	12	13 6:15pm Youth Bells 7:15pm Sr Bells, Confirmation 8:15pm Sr Choir - subject to cancellation**	14	15	16
17 worship 8:30 *Radio Broadcast ONLY*	18	19 7pm Church Council mtg	20 6:15pm Youth Bells 7:15pm Sr Bells, Confirmation 8:15pm Sr Choir - subject to cancellation**	21	22	23
24 worship 8:30 *Radio Broadcast ONLY*	25	26	27 9am Assemble Newsletter **subject to cancellation**	28	29	30
31 worship 8:30 *Radio Broadcast ONLY*	1	2	3	4	5	6

## Radio Ministry



- May 3            Anonymous gift
- May 10          in loving memory of our mother,  
Margaret Halverson
- May 17          in loving memory of Deb Tweedy by Al  
Tweedy and sons
- May 24          Anonymous gift
- May 31          SPONSOR REQUESTED



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to sweep up and dispose of all the winter sands. We appreciate everything you have done for us and thank you for your service to our church!



## Church Council Highlights

Actions taken at the  
April 14 Trustee Meeting

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Council did not meet due to Covid-19

## Music Ministry



As we look toward May with uncertainty as to our schedule of rehearsals, the Sundays traditionally including Senior Sunday, Sunday School Teacher's Recognition, Choir Recognition, Graduation Sunday, and Memorial Day, we hope the pause button on our lives will be released so we can resume our usual activities. Until then, we remain on hold and wait for the "all clear" whenever that may be. Also, until then, we will continue with Lindsey Lund and myself enjoying the unique opportunity to make Sunday Church music together with piano and organ duets and the Men's Choir sharing their voices over the radio.

Many thanks to Sarah Bieber for playing all the handbells herself on the opening hymns for Palm Sunday and Easter, to Lindsey for organ and piano playing, and to all the faithful and dedicated Men's Choir Members who continue to share their talents with you each week.

*Jim Bieber-Organist/Director of Music*



## April Statistics



Baptisms:    none

Funerals:    Virginia Roe - March  
Bob Anderson

Weddings:    none

**Volunteer List may be cancelled for May.**

**\*\*The Executive Committee will meet again on XXXXXXXX to assess the current situation with Covid-19 and decide whether or not to hold church services.\*\***

St. John's Volunteer Duty List							May 2020	
Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
5/3/20 Confirmation	8:30 AM	E W	Clay/Olivia Rathbone J&J Kallevang	Karen Soper	Olivia Rathbone D&W Sanderson	Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson	Brandon Teslow	Randy Hesse Bernie Pausch Matt/Brandon Teslow
	10:45 AM	E W	Daryl & Roseanne Wicks Erika Fish Fam.	Sue Bieber	Dave Sorum, Jon Payne Linda Groe	Sherry Knudtson Kasey Iverson	Olivia Dougherty	Eric Kirkeby Norman Peterson Karlton Gruel
5/10/20	8:30 AM	E W	Wayne & Nona Sawyer Geraldyn Smith	Keagan Palmer			Dalton Ellickson	Same as 5/3
	10:45 AM	E W	C&A Grimstad Norman Peterson	Corb Grimstad			Sean Bieber	
5/17/20	8:30 AM	E W	Lyle Stock Fam. Fred Oelberg	Olivia Rathbone	Brenda & Dave Dougherty Dan Headington	Linda & Dennis DeBuhr	Lynsey Houg	Same as 5/3
	10:45 AM	E W	Jill Kistler/ C. Mirich	Jill Kistler	Erika Fish	Kathy Hay/Bob Joachim	Layne Dahlberg	
5/24/20 First Communion	8:30 AM	E W	V&D Thorstenson George Pickett	Joan Moody	R&L Dahlstrom Mike Dahlstrom	Nan Grangaard Ann Rademaker	Ushers	Same as 5/3
	10:00 AM	E W		Arica Grimstad	Arica Grimstad	Linda Groe	Ushers	
5/31/20 Pentecost	8:30 AM	E W	K&K Stinn Tom & Carol Schreiber	Kevin Stinn	Kevin Stinn D&W Sanderson		Ushers	Same as 5/3
	10:00 AM	E W		Sadie Bucheit	Wendy Bucheit		Ushers	



**St. John's Women  
Serving and Socializing**

Coronavirus has made it difficult for our women to “serve” and “socialize” with the members of St. John’s. Circles did not meet in April, we were not having any funerals with family gatherings afterward to be served by our women, we are not having our Ladies Luncheon at the beginning of May, and our Circles are not taking treats to the Nursing Homes in April and possibly in May. I am guessing that Circles will not meet on May 12 unless an announcement is made that we may do so.

I think about all the activities we had in May of 2019, and I especially remember our Ladies Luncheon. It was on that Saturday that we recognized two of our St. John’s Senior Women, Irene Allison and Ginny Rice. The four guys who presented their musical program that day sang “Happy Birthday” to these two special ladies in honor of their 98th birthdays to be celebrated in May. We hope they have special birthdays this year as they celebrate 99 years of life. Congratulations!!

Lutheran World Relief is not gathering Quilts and Baby Care Kits in May. We will keep everything for next fall to be transferred out of Decorah as usual.

All of our women may continue to keep a contain-

er for their Thankoffering money gift and Pennies for Presents.

May we all continue to pray for the end of the spreading of Coronavirus and the end of deaths brought on by this virus. We also give thanks for the many people in a variety of areas of work who are there for those needing care.

Please pray for peace, for the safety of our military men and women, for people suffering from natural disasters and diseases 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*



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26	27	28	29	30	1 Kevin & Judy Selberg (A)	2 Irene Allison Colin Jones Rachel Meyer
3 Chuck Larson Zach Lensing Steve & Maxine Grotegut (A)	4	5 Kayla Larkin Kevin Leiran	6 Quinn Bieber Jodi Kallevang Vern & Bonnie Roe (A)	7 Kelsey Jacobs Derek Thompson	8 Jamie Halse Dick & Evonne Kistler (A)	9 Stella Christen Kyle Johnson
10 Ashley Jones Nona Sawyer Erica Thompson	11 Sue White	12 Daniela Larkin Marshall Moe Lorna Thune Greg & Jan Gordon (A)	13 Kay Christensen Therese Johnson Randy Nordheim Caleb & Sarah Rosenke (A)	14 Trudy Baxter Ronda Hansen Joan Leiran Mackenzie Lyons	15 Josh Barr Hope Woodman	16 Rachel Knudtson Mike Peterson Dave & Brenda Dougherty (A) Francis & Molly Ottaway (A)
17 Brenda Houg Becky O'Neill Ginny Rice Paul & Janelle Snitker (A)	18 Jenny Dietrich Brian Heydn	19 Leah Bossom Mary Halvorson Kyle & Jamie Halse (A)	20	21 Lane Treangen	22 Sue Stamper	23 Geraldyn Smith Pat Snitker
24 Don Fruechte Marilyn Jahnke Charles Rolfs	25 Damon Berger Jim Christensen Joan Moody Bob & Dawn Thorsten (A)	26 Talin Hemann Derrick Nelsen	27 Lucas Treangen	28 Sue Freese Parker Yohe Greg & Jean Bossom (A)	29 Joyce Bosley Dennis & Sandy Deal (A)	30 Drew Stock
31 Lori Hesse Brady Iverson Jim Pfiffner	1	2	3	4	5	6



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



**May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**No. 854 Blessing and Honor**

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

**No. 764 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

During Distribution No. 789 & 790

**No. 482 I Come With Joy**

**May 10 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**No. 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

**No. 758 You Are the Way**

**No. 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**

**May 17 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**No. 845 Voices Raised to You**

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

**No. 595 Jesus Loves Me!**

During Distribution No. 592 & 599

**No. 628 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

**May 24 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**No. 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

**No. 756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

**No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign**

**May 31 Third Sunday of Easter**

**No. 400 God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind**

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

**No. 800 Spirit of God**

**No. 548 Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen**

*Book Nook*

Nothing to report



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Remember May 10



"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path."



"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children."

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**\*\*Circle News**



**SARAH** Circle

**MARY** Circle

CIRCLES DID NOT MEET IN APRIL & MAY

**RACHEL** Circle

**DORCAS** Circle

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Board of Education

***A Note from the Board of Education:***

**Zoom Sunday School** will continue  
through May 10th.

We meet at 9:45 AM on Sundays.

The Zoom Meeting ID and password  
can be found on

the St. John's Lutheran Church Face-  
book page.

