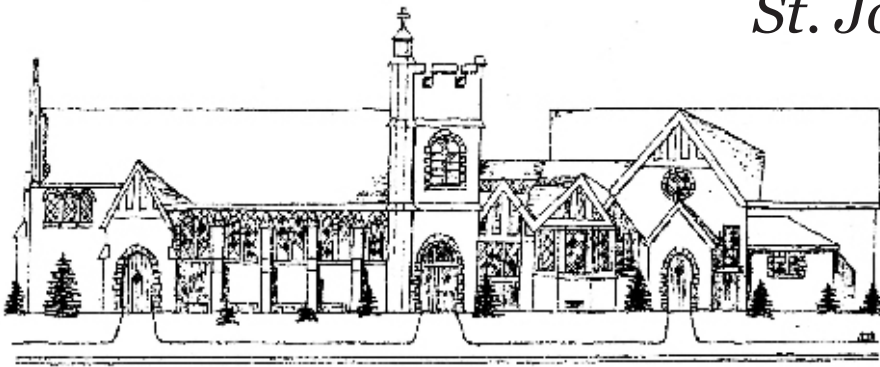


St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

May, 2021

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I have held off doing it up to now, because Lent and Easter have been really busy. But after the good news of Easter, and doing my taxes, I've started Spring cleaning, rake in hand.

There's an old rhubarb patch in the back that doesn't need much attention. Their shoots aren't weighed down by leaves and dead grass.

But there is an old flower bed growing beside them, with peonies and tulips and such. And it was a mess.

There were old, soggy weed stalks beat down by the snow, mixed with Styrofoam tableware, snagged as the wind blew them by. And they would have been easy to rake in themselves. But they didn't release easy.

There was a carpet of rotting and dead leaves, tangled and matted together, choking the life out of what's underneath. And that took some effort and time to clean that all up.

But after five or six passes, there were little

red peony shoots trying to spike up. There were small tulip spears, shaded by the rot, but still green. Getting rid of the dead, there was life underneath. And in four or five weeks, this new growth will bloom, to the delight of our bees and whoever likes flowers.

It's the story of Easter that God wrote in nature: haul off or disk up the rotting and dead, and there's new life beneath it, growing and flourishing. And it's the same with our lives, weighed down by death, sin and the devil.

Each springtime at Easter, we hear the good news: that death is destroyed; sins are forgiven; Jesus is with us; what has passed is the past and our futures are open to new life and new growth. Each day, even the day of our death and beyond, is growing and green because Jesus is risen.

Each day is a day that Jesus is with you, and each day is a day to love one another as Jesus loves us. Our buds and our blossoms tell a bit of the story. God tells it clearly through his Son, Jesus Christ.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry

May 2021



- May 2 In honor of the 100th birthdays in May for Irene Allison & Ginny Rice
- May 9 In memory of Lorna Thune's 1st Heavenly birthday
- May 16 Remembrance of Deb Tweedy's passing
- May 23 given by faithful listeners
- May 30 memory of Lorna Thune

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



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to sweep the church parking lot, put sealant on the roof, realign down spouts and change batteries. We appreciate everything you have done for us and thank you for your service to our church!

Trustee Meeting Highlights April 13, 2021



Trustees did not have a meeting.



Congratulations to Irene Allison and Ginny Rice who will be celebrating their 100th birthdays this month!! What a blessing to have reached this milestone. And what a blessing they have been to their families, friends, and to St. John's. Irene was always one of the first ladies to come to the Mini-Do Days. She would set up her table with the donated fabric, scissors, and templates then cut away. So many of the squares that went into the quilts were cut by her hand. Ginny was an artist. Using different mediums she created scenic and religious pictures that hang in so many of our homes. Thank you to both of you for sharing your gifts and friendship. If you subscribe to Living Lutheran, check out the April edition. They were both recognized on page 47 along with other ELCA Lutherans celebrating "100+ Birthdays!"

Sunday School

Last day of Sunday school is May 2

We're going to have a pizza party.



Kids from "He Is Risen" project.

MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 8:30am worship w/comm. Senior Recognition 9:30am Sun School- <i>last day</i> LYO mtg	3	4	5 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Men's Choir	6	7	8
9 8:30am worship Mother's Day	10	11	12 9am-5pm WIC 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Men's Choir	13	14	15
16 8:30am worship w/comm. Choir Recognition	17	18 7pm Church Council mtg	19 6pm Youth Bells 8pm Men's Choir	20	21	22
23 8:30am worship Graduation	24	25	26 8am-Vacation Bible School- Village Creek 8pm Men's Choir	27	28	29
30 8:30am worship Memorial Day	31	1	2	3	4	5

Activities subject to change based on COVID19

Music Ministry



St. John's choir schedule is gradually winding down during the month of May. However, there are several special Sundays virtually every week beginning right away and on into the month.

- Sunday, May 2 – Senior Sunday
- Sunday, May 9 – Mother's Day
- Sunday, May 16 – Choir Recognition
- Sunday, May 23 – Baccalaureate/Commencement
- Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day Weekend

The Youth and Senior Bell Choirs along with the Men's Choir will be providing music on the various Sundays. The Men's Choir will be singing two selections on May 30 in commemoration of Memorial Day.

Congratulations to our two seniors, Madelyn Moser and Madalyn Palmer, who will be receiving their engraved brass bells in recognition of their many years of service in the Youth Bell Choir. Thank you for sharing your talents and time with the St. John's congregation.

Also, congratulations to all of our youth who participated in a variety of parts in the wonderful Waukon Middle School/High School musical production of "West Side Story" recently. This group also continued to play in Youth Bells. Plus, both Director Sarah Bieber along with Sarah Hagen who provided special assistance to the musical are playing in the Senior Bell Choir.

The Men's Choir will be taking the month of June

off from special music on Sunday services, but they will continue to rehearse in preparation for singing on Sunday, July 4. They are also preparing for singing an hour-long program as part of the summer music program at the City Park on Thursday, July 8. At that time, they will be singing a wide-variety of music including some barber-shop arrangements that the Beach Boys made famous.

There a few Sundays available for special music provided by vocal solos, vocal ensembles, and instrumentals during June through August. Please contact me to schedule a Sunday for your sharing your talents with the St. John's congregation. Thank you very much.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

Summer Camperships

If you are planning on attending a summer camp, please let the Church Office know as the Trust Fund gives \$100, WELCA gives \$10 and the Orrin Grangaard Campership Fund gives \$100, for a total of \$210 toward costs of attending camp. Checks will be given out in May.



St. John's Volunteer Duty List

May 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
5/2/21	8:30 AM	E W	Ross Stammeyer family Corb Grimstad family	Gloria Payne	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Senior	Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson	Ushers	Ron Dahlstrom family
5/9/21	8:30 AM	E W	Darlene Schlake Cynthia Wuebker	Sue Blagsvedt		X	Ushers	Ron Dahlstrom family
5/16/21	8:30 AM	E W	Bill & Linda Halvorson Wendy & Sadie Bucheit	Ann Rademaker	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt, Rhonda Barr	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr	Ushers	Ron Dahlstrom family
5/23/21	8:30 AM	E	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Jens & Jane Kallevang	Dave Sanderson		X	Ushers	Ron Dahlstrom family
5/30/21	8:30 AM	E W	Randy & Lori Hesse Bailey Benson & Mary Jo Meyer	Lori Hesse		X	Ushers	Ron Dahlstrom family

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St. John's Women Serving and Socializing

Women of the ELCA

Many, many thanks to all of our St. John's women who played an important role in making our Congregational Meatball Supper such a successful event with their donations of food requests, filling our work schedules, and/or giving \$10 to help purchase our potatoes, meatballs, and fruit items!! It was a rather new experience this year in preparing for and making up the food containers for all of the carryout meals. Congregational women, men, and youth all made it possible for us to have a delicious meal for everyone to receive and to eat.

We are not having our Ladies Luncheon this May because of the coronavirus situation. We will not be gathered together to sing "Happy Birthday" to any of our Senior Women who would be in attendance. We do hope and pray that Ginny Rice (May 17th) and Irene Allison (May 2nd) get to celebrate their 100th birthdays in a special way at the Good Samaritan Center with their family members since we will not get to celebrate with them at St. John's!

Beginning in April, we placed our Pennies for Presents containers in the narthex on the third Sunday of the month. We will continue to do this through November. Thank you to all who donate to this very caring cause. We are so glad that we can use the donations to purchase gifts for six children at Christmas. Thank you for a generous beginning of giving in April.

Please remember to give to your Thankoffering containers at home and your Pennies for Presents containers at home when you are not able to attend church on the third Sunday of the month.

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



Youth in Our Community Need A Friend!

Being a mentor to a youth through Youth Mentoring at Helping Services is as simple as **being a friend**. Take **1** Simple Step, Become A Mentor!

When you spend a minimum of four hours per month with a youth, you are giving them opportunities and rewarding experiences. One mentored youth shares, "I love being with my mentor. We do fun stuff together and hangout."

You are needed. There are currently 10 youth ages 6-16 waiting. Some of these kids have been waiting for over two years. Let's not make them wait any longer. NOW is the time to **get involved! Make a difference** in their life and yours!

For more information, contact Kathy or Colinne at 563-387-1720 or mentoring@helpingservices.org or go to: www.helpingservices.org/mentoring

April Statistics

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Funerals: Charles Andregg



Maeve Irene Pierson was received into Christ's family on March 27. Maeve is the daughter of Drew and Suzanne (Grimstad) Pierson.



2021 MAY

<- APRIL

JUNE ->

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Kevin & Judy Selberg (A)
2 *Irene Allison 100th birthday* Colin Jones Rachel Meyer	3 Chuck Larson Zach Lensing Max & Steve Grotegut (A)	4	5 Kayla Larkin Kevin Leiran	6 Quinn Bieber Jodi Kallevang Vern & Bonnie Roe (A)	7 Ashley Dougherty Kelsey Jacobs	8 Jamie Halse Richard & Evonne Kistler (A)
9 Stella Christen Kyle Johnson	10 Ashley Jones Nona Sawyer	11 Sue Ellen White	12 Daniela Larkin Marshall Moe Greg & Jan Gordon (A)	13 Kay Christensen Therese Johnson Randy Nordheim Caleb & Sarah Rosonke (A)	14 Trudy Baxter Ronda Hansen Joan Leiran Mackenzie Lyons	15 Hope Woodman
16 Rachel Knudtson Mike Peterson Dave & Brenda Dougherty (A) Francis & Molly Ottaway (A)	17 Brenda Houg Becky O'Neill *Ginny Rice 100th birthday* 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

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



May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter
No. 449 We Know That Christ Is Risen
First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40
Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21
Gospel: John 15:1-8
**No. 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
During Distribution No. &
No. 389 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter
No. 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48
Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 15:9-17
No. 595 Jesus Loves Me!
No. 640 Our Father, by Whose Name

May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter
No. 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13
Gospel: John 17:6-19
**No. 482 I Come With Joy
During Distribution No. &
No. 845 Voices Raised To You**

May 23 Day of Pentecost
No. 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Gospel: John 15:26-27;16:4b-15
No. 798 Will You Come and Follow Me
No. 545 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

May 30 Holy Trinity; First Sunday after Pentecost
No. 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17
No. 756 Eternal Father, Strong To Save
No. 412 Come, Join the Dance Of Trinity



Book Nook



"What Momma Left Behind" by Cindy Sproles

In 1877, typhoid and influenza ravage an Appalachian mountain community, leaving behind a growing number of helpless orphaned children. Seventeen year old Worie's mother has been secretly feeding them. But when she suddenly dies, Worie is left to figure out how - and why. Will she discover the beauty of unconditional love and forgiveness?

Children:

"Maria Finds Courage" by Tony Dangy

When Maria's family moves to a new town, her parents sign her up for the summer soccer team to help her meet new friends. Maria has never tried soccer before. She is afraid she will be the worst player and no one will like her. Will Maria find the courage to conquer her fear?



Circle News



SARAH Circle

MARY Circle

RACHEL Circle

DORCAS Circle ****see below****

Circles can meet.

Contact your Circle President for details.

****Dorcias Circle** will meet May 11 at 7:00pm via computer. If anyone would like to join the discussion (via any device, computer, tablet, phone) please contact Linda Groe at 563 568-3526



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... Meatball Supper Results



A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the Meatball Supper recently. We served approximately 525 carryout's (of these 45 were home deliveries) and had virtually no food leftover. At this point approximately \$7130.76 was collected in carryout sales minus expenses of approximately \$2551.74 for income over expenses of approximately \$4579.02. Proceeds from this supper will support church ministries.



The Meatball Supper was a huge success!