

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

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

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We know we'll be seeing lots of new things these next couple of weeks.

With weather permitting, lots of seed will be planted, and rows of green shoots will soon fill our fields. Likewise, after some warmth and the first signs of budding, our apples will blossom and start to set fruit, as will our plums and crab apples, honey locusts and hackberries.

We've seen it before and we'll see it again, and even though it looks new, it's still no surprise. But there are also new things that come as surprises—things outside the rhythm of everyday life.

Old timers will tell us of buds getting bitten and leaves hanging limp from late frosts in the spring, and of snows in our Mays and flooding around us that much younger people haven't yet seen.

There is "good" new and "bad," and in spite of advancements in knowledge and science that make our lives better and give us a feel-

ing of being secure, each day can surprise with a thing unexpected: something good or very bad, or a thing where the jury's still out.

But in good and in bad, or when we're confused, we've all heard the news that we're not alone. In the ugly and awful, like we've seen on Good Friday, our God is present, even up on a cross.

Jesus shows us God loves us up to and beyond his last breath. And just as he's raised the dead Easter morning, he's shown us that sin and death and the devil can't keep him from us or keep us from him.

Which is something we've heard for most of our lives. It's really not new or very surprising. But the sight of his cross where he died for all people, who all fall way short of the wisdom and power and goodness of God, can't help but seem new every day.

He has called us together, forgiving our sins and promising us we'll be with him forever... including right now in the good and the bad.

You are not alone.

*Peace,
Pr. Bryan*

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Radio Ministry May 2023



- May 7 Church Funds
- May 14 in memory of Deb Tweedy
- May 21 Church Funds
- May 28 in memory of Larry Syhlman

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



Trustee Meeting Apr 18, 2023



- ~Sound System speakers delivery expected soon
 - ~New sign tested; waiting on welder to attach brackets
 - ~Review changes for Leadership Handbook
 - ~Need for heat in elevator shaft
- **SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details****

CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: 9:15am, May 9 in F.H, with hostess: Ann Rademaker & Bible Study done together.

MARY Circle: tbd

RACHEL Circle: tbd

DORCAS Circle: May 9 @ 7pm virtual. Contact Linda Groe with questions.

Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to replace lights and install the new hand rails. We appreciate everything you have done for us and



thank you for your service to our Church!



Book Nook

"When Tomorrow Came" by Hannah Linder

Abandoned by Papa and abused by their guardian, Nan and Heath survive on the streets until Nan is rescued by a kind gentleman. Inhabiting vastly different worlds, both eventually begin to flourish. Then Papa reappears! Can the reunited siblings weave their way through a maze of dangers, new loves and murder before it claims one of their lives?

Submitted by Joan Moody

May 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			10:30am 4th gd comm. instruction
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30am & 10:30am Worship w/comm <i>1st comm 4th gd</i> Senior Sunday Senior Women Sunday 9:30am last day of Sunday School		9:15am Sarah Circle 6pm Bd Deacons & Bd Ed mtg 7pm Dorcas Circle- virtual	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30am & 10:30am Worship <i>Choir Recognition</i>		7pm Church Council mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30am & 10:30am Worship w/comm <i>Graduation</i>		1pm Northgate Care 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam	8:30am-4:30pm WIC **NO choir practices			
28	29	30	31			
8:30am & 10am worship			**NO choir practices			

Music Ministry



The month of April has slipped by us and a third of the 2023 year is already behind us. Youth Bell and Senior Bell Choirs along with Senior Choir were busy the first two weeks providing music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. We thank each and every choir member for their time and service to enhance our worship during this busy season of celebration.

With May approaching, each week is filled with musical activity for our choirs beginning Saturday, May 6, when the Senior Bell Choir and the Men' Choir will be performing at the Lions Variety Show in the Waukon High School Auditorium.

Sunday, May 7, is St. John's High School Senior Sunday. Youth Bell Choir member and senior Emma Palmer will be involved with that service.

Sunday, May 14, is Choir Recognition Sunday as we acknowledge new members and graduates. Sunday, May 21, is the Baccalaureate Service. Sunday, May 28, is Memorial Day weekend with the Men's Choir tentatively singing.

The Men's Choir will also be performing on Thursday, May 11, for NICC Graduation Ceremonies at Luther College's Faith and Life Center and on Tuesday, May 23, for festivities at the Clermont Opera House.

Anyone interested in providing special music for our Summer Worship Services, please contact Jim Bieber at church or call 563-380-5355. Thank you to everyone who shares their God-given musical talents for the enjoyment of others in and out of church!

James H. Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

May-23

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
5/7/2023	8:30am	E W	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Dave & Brenda Dougherty	Mary Jo Meyer	Dave & Brenda Dougherty Nona Sawyer	Randy & Lori Hesse	Confirmands	Matt Teslow family
	10:30am	E W	Ed & Karen Stamper	Linda Groe	Karen Stamper	Altar Guild	Ushers	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
5/14/2023	8:30am	E W	Tom & Caroll Schreiber Gary & Marlene Houg	Tiffany Evans			Confirmands	same as above
	10:30am	E W	Chester & Darlene Schlake	Arica Grimstad	X	X	Ushers	same as above
5/21/2023	8:30am	E W	Jane Fransen, GERALYN Smith Jon Payne & Bob Joachim	Jon Payne	Sarah Bieber	Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson	Ushers	same as above
	10:30am	E W	Ron & Nancy Brandt	Sunday School	Arica Grimstad	Sherry Knudtson Kasey Iverson	Ushers	same as above
5/28/2023 Pentecost	8:30am	E W	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Steve Wilkes family	Ann Rademaker	Rhonda Barr, Karen Grimstad, Bev Haas	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above
	10am	E W	Vickie Larson	Vickie Larson	Corb Grimstad	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above



We are rearranging our May Events a little bit, for we will not have our Saturday, May 6, Ladies' Luncheon. Instead we are having a SPECIAL RECOGNITION ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, OF OUR ST. JOHN'S SENIOR WOMEN. We thank God for all of them and for the example they have given to all of us as they have served our church in so many ways in the past and the present. May we continue to join them in service at St. John's, and may they know that they are so appreciated by everyone!

ON SUNDAY, MAY 7, may we honor and add a little more brightness to the lives of our SENIOR WOMEN with a small bouquet of colorful carnations especially for them that they, or family members, or friends can pick up in the Narthex after the church service to take home to enjoy. Our Senior Women receiving the carnations are as follows: Agnes Anderson, Anita Sorum, Anita Petersen, Ann Rademaker, Annabelle Marti, Arlene Beisker, Bernice Thies, Betty Johanningmeier, Betty White, Bev Haas, Carol Moe, Carole Yohe, Caroll Schreiber, Darlene Schlake, Delores Johnson, Diane Piittmann, Donnalee Osland, Ella Mae Goeke, Ellen Lenth, Elsie Sanderson, Gayle Larkin, Jane Kallevang, Jane Fransen, Jane Dietrich, Jean Stuckman, Joan Moody, Joan Leiran, Joyce Thornton, Judith Engle, Karen Soper, Kathy Wiedner, Kay Christensen, Kay Sewick, LaVonne Palas, Linda Hawbaker, Lois Rolfs, Lorraine Severson, Louise Ellingson, Lyla Hanson, Lynda Palmer, Margaret Slaughter, Marian Hesla, Marilyn Jahnke, Marlene Houg, Mary Lynn Jenkins, Maryellen Politowitz, Maudie Syhlman, Maureen Wagner, Nancy Murken, Nancy Brandt, Nona Sawyer, Shirley Larkin, Sue Bieber, and Susan Freese.

Please remember to give to your Thankoffering containers at home in thanks of your daily blessings. Also, you may give a dollar to the White Container in the Narthex to help with our General Fund on the second Sunday of the month. The Pennies for Presents container is in the Narthex on the third Sunday of the month for Christmas gifts for six children.

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

May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter
No. 619 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14:1-14
No. 530 Here, O Lord Your Servants Gather During Distribution No. 758 & 816
No. 654 The Church's One Foundation

May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter
No. 449 We Know That Christ Is Raised
First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel: John 14:15-21
No. 397 Loving Spirit
No. 361 The Day of Resurrection!

May 21 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. 825 You Servants of God During Distribution No. 838 & 863
No. 579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

May 28 Day of Pentecost / Memorial Day
No. 578 Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove
First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23
No. 756 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
No. 627 O Day Full of Grace

April 2023



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: none

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Kevin & Judy Selberg (A)	Colin Jones Rachel Meyer	Chuck Larson Zach Lensing Steve & Max Grotegut (A)		Kayla Larkin Kevin Leiran	Quinn Bieber Jodi Kallevang Vern & Bonnie Roe (A)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ashley Dougherty Kelsey Suarez	Jamie Halse Richard & Evonne Kistler (A)	Stella Christen Kyle Johnson	Ashley Jones Nona Sawyer	Sue White	Daniela Larkin Marshall Moe Greg & Jan Gordon (A)	Therese Johnson Randy Nordheim Caleb & Sarah Rosenke (A)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Trudy Baxter Ronda Hansen Joan Leiran Mackenzie Lyons		Rachel Knudtson Mike Peterson Dave & Brenda Dougherty (A)	Brenda Houg Becky O'Neill	Jenny Dietrich Brian Heydn	Leah Bossom Mary Halvorson	Benjamin Gordon Theodore Gordon
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Lane Treangen		Geralyn Smith Pat Snitker	Don Fruechte Marilyn Jahnke Charles Rolfs	Joan Moody	Talin Hemann	Lucas Treangen
28	29	30	31			
Sue Freese Parker Yohe	Joyce Bosley	Drew Stock	Lori Hesse Brady Iverson Jim Pfiffner			

Thank you to Tom & Caroll Schreiber and Norm Peterson for installing the new hand rails.



Thank you to Bruce Barr & Norm Peterson for changing bulbs.



Meatball Supper 2023



The 2023 Meatball Supper was a huge success! We served approximately 550 carryouts (of these 61 were home deliveries) and had virtually no food leftover. Currently we have a profit of \$4371.11 which is income over expenses. **A huge THANK YOU TO EVERYONE** who volunteered their time and talents!

Donna Wood and Matt Testow

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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New Members received on April 16

Carrie
Niehaus



Maudie & John
Syhlman



Melynda, Alaina &
Benny Emerson



Carrie McCartney-Vincent
Oliver Bailey

