

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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Dutchman's Breeches, Trillium, Jack-In-The-Pulpit, Bluebells and Bloodroot: Like we do every year around May, we'll be seeing these wildflowers soon.

In just a few weeks, so much life will get started and grow. Our calves born in April will have filled out and grown and begun looking at grass like it might be good. We'll see a green carpet of oats in the field, having been fed by a snowstorm in April, cool and damp mornings, and sunshine with power. And little green shoots will start raising their heads and start standing in rows in thousands of acres of Iowa corn.

There's life and new life breaking out all around us. And this life isn't only the green in our fields, wildflowers in timbers, and health in young livestock.

We have new life right here that started that very first Easter, when Jesus arose and laid low the power of death and the devil. Because Jesus lives, we also live, both now and forever. There's nothing to keep us apart from our Lord.

And throughout this season of Easter, we'll see how this new life began to take root among those who were first to see Jesus alive. And we'll see Jesus ascend to our Father in heaven, hearing the promise he'll return the same way. And we'll celebrate Pentecost, Pentecost Sunday, when God's Holy Spirit got out the Good News in all kinds of languages, all about Jesus.

We'll see new life in Jesus that no power on earth has been able to stop. Those first shoots of faith in the first of believers is living and working in all of us now. As we're called together around Jesus good news, that very first church is still our church right now.

And this month our church will give thanks for God's blessings and gifts.

Our youth are preparing to receive their first communion on May 5th. And on that same day, we'll recognize those who are graduating high school—Senior Recognition Sunday.

On the following week, May 12th, we'll lift up and give thanks to God for our vocal and bell choirs, and thank all of their members for sharing their talents and time spent in practice. And the following Sunday, May 19th, we'll have worship and prayers for the graduates that day—a Baccalaureate service at 8:30 A.M.

Finally, May 26, we'll celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the day when believers first heard about Jesus and gathered as church. That very same weekend, we'll take special time to give thanks for all those who've given their lives in service to us and our country—Memorial Day.

With new life around us and faith our Lord lives, this month will be filled with thanks for God's blessings.

Peace,

Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry

May 2024



May 5 given by Alan Tweedy

May 12 in memory of Agnes Anderson

May 19 Church funds

May 26 given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie

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



**Thank you to
the volunteers**



who have quietly slipped into the church property to continue with pew repairs, and changing out lighting to led . We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*

Save the Dates:

Service in the Park
Sunday, Sept 8, 8:30am

Service on the Church Lawn
Sunday, July 14, 8:30am
**bring your own lawn chair*



Book Nook

"Don't Miss Love" by Steven Batchelor

Life rarely goes as planned. In fact, sometimes it can be downright uncooperative. For the author it is throat cancer. With a ninety percent cure rate; a small speed bump in the road of life becomes a long & winding road. Steven connects more closely in personal relationships but he begins to see the opposite happening in our culture & society. Society is more disconnected. Steven finds that love is the key and works to get us pointed in the right direction. It's time for a comeback!

submitted by Karen Grimstad

Trustee Meeting April 18, 2024



- ~Ron Dahlstrom to salt parking lot
 - ~Consider closing 3rd floor bathroom
 - ~Ron Herman spray 404 W Main lawn, & get quote for reseeding
 - ~purchase items for use at Meatball Supper
- **SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details****

May 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			8:45am-noon Quilting 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells			In-gathering: Upper IA Cluster
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. Senior Sunday 4th gd 1st communion 9:30am SS LAST DAY, & Sr Choir 6pm Mens Choir		6pm Bd Deacons-lounge	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30am & 10:30am worship, Choir Recognition 9:30am Sr Choir		8:30am Sarah Circle meet in kitchen to clean	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. Baccalaureate **hand out Camperships**		6pm Trustee mtg 7pm Church Council mtg	8:30am-4:30pm WIC			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30am & 10am worship						

Music Ministry

With so many special services coming up, May will be a flourish of events with Senior Sunday, Mother's Day, Choir Recognition Sunday, Baccalaureate Sunday & Memorial Day. June and summer music scheduling will be here before we know it. Our two Youth Bell Choir graduates, Lynsey Houg and Olivia Marti, will be participating in the Senior Sunday Service on May 5 and each will be receiving their engraved brass bell for seven years of service each in Youth Bell Choir.

Thank you to Lynsey and Olivia for their dedication and years of service to the St. John's Music Program and to all of our Senior Choir & Senior Bell Choir members for your continued dedication and service as well.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



SARAH Circle: 8:30am May 14 meeting in the kitchen to clean, with Ann Rademaker as hostess & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: May 14, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

April 2024



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Chester Schlake

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

May-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
5/5/24	8:30 AM	E W	Jens & Jane Kallevang Tiffany Evans	Eva Urmanski	Jens & Jane Kallevang Ron Dahlstrom	Linda Groe Cindy Barness	Ushers	D & W Sanderson, Jon Payne, Nona Sawyer
	10:30 AM	E W	Eva Urmanski family	Ed Stamper	Karen Stamper	Rosanne & Darrel Wicks	Ushers	Eric Kirkeby Chuck Larson
5/12/24	8:30 AM	E W	Bill Roe family Joan Moody	Joan Moody			Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Steve & Sheryl Evanson	Carrie Niehaus	X	X	Ushers	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
5/19/24 Pentecost	8:30 AM	E W	Matt Teslow family Jon Payne	Becky Roe	Bev Haas, Bill Roe, Ann Rademaker	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Brenda White	Sunday School	Linda Groe	Linda Groe	Ushers	Steve & Sheryl Evanson
5/26/24	8:30 AM	E W	V & Deb Thorstenson Ann Rademaker	Bailey Benson			Ushers	same as above
	10:00 AM	E W	Gerald & Diane Piittmann	Linda Groe	X	X	Ushers	Steve & Sheryl Evanson

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Hymns for May at St. Johns



As we wrap up our WELCA meetings for this spring, we are thankful for many things.

We are thankful for Judith Engle who continues to send beautiful cards to people from our congregation who are residing in the nursing homes. Judith also sends out many cards of thanks to the people who have helped out our congregation in many different ways.

We are thankful for the people who put together baby and personal packets. They have six baby packets and six personal packets that are ready to be shipped out with the quilts. All of the packets and quilts will be shipped out in May. Next year we are going to concentrate on putting together baby packets and school packets. More information will be coming out about items that are needed. The quilting ladies have been busy making quilts. They will have about 25 quilts ready to send out this spring. We are thankful for the dedication and work that these ladies put in to this project.

We are thankful for the people who put out the jars to collect money for various causes. The third Sunday of every month a jar will be placed in the back of the church. It is called "Pennies for Presents." The money collected in this jar is used to buy Christmas presents for special children. Last year Kathy Murray used the money to buy presents for three boys and three girls. Kathy was able to buy the gifts locally. Thank you to all for donating to this cause. Please drop in any change that you may have on the third Sunday of each month. Our second jar will come out in the month of July. It is the "No Bake-bake sale jar". It is usually too hot to bake in July so this is a way to contribute money and not have to do the hot work in the summer.

We are thankful to be able to continue with our service project of honoring the women of our congregation on Mother's Day. It has been our tradition to honor women of our congregation who have reached the age of 75 with a flower on Mother's Day. That will be on May 12th this year.

We are very thankful for all of the hard-working women of our congregation. The Meatball Supper was a lot of work but many hands made light work.

Thank you to all who donated food and money and also helped work at the supper.

May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

No. 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

Second Lesson: 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17

No. 482 I Come With Joy

During Distribution No. 595 & 598

No. 389 Christ Is Alive

May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

No. 645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Second Lesson: 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19

No. 579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign

May 19 Day of Pentecost

No. 578 Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

No. 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

During Distribution No. 494 & 497

No. 543 Go My Children With My Blessing

May 26 The Holy Trinity

No. 413 Holy Holy Holy

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

No. 731 Earth and All Stars

No. 891 God Bless Our Native Land

We are so very thankful to receive a portion of the profits from the Meatball Supper. We will use the money for our projects and causes.

Lastly, we are so thankful for all of the faithful women who are willing to serve as officers or members of WELCA. And to those who are involved in any way, your dedication and support is really appreciated.

WELCA will be taking a break during the summer months. We will see you again in the fall!

Respectfully submitted, Karen Stamper

May 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 Kevin & Judy Selberg (A)	2 Colin Jones Rachel Meyer	3 Chuck Larson Zach Lensing Steve & Maxine Grotegut (A)	4
5 Kevin Leiran	6 Quinn Bieber Jodi Kallevang LaVern & Bonnie Roe (A)	7 Ashley Dougherty Kelsey Suarez	8 Jamie Halse Richard & Evonne Kistler (A)	9 Stella Christen	10 Ashley Jones Nona Sawyer	11 Sue White
12 Dani Larkin Marshall Moe Greg & Jan Gordon (A)	13 Randy Nordheim Caleb & Sarah Rosenke (A)	14 Trudy Jo Baxter Ronda Hansen Joan Leiran Mackenzie Lyons	15 Josh Barr	16 Rachel Knudtson Mike Peterson Dave & Brenda Dougherty (A)	17 Brenda Houg Becky O'Neill Paul & Janelle Snitker (A)	18 Jennifer Dietrich Brian Heydn
19 Leah Bossom Mary Halvorson Kyle & Jamie Halse (A)	20 Benjamin Gordon Theodore Gordon	21 Lane Treangen	22	23 Geraldyn Smith Pat Snitker	24 Don Fruechte Marilyn Jahnke Charles Rolfs	25 Joan Moody
26 Talin Hemann	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	

Meatball Supper 2024



A very small sampling of the many volunteers!



A BIG Thank You to everyone who helped make the 2024 St. John's Meatball Supper a huge success! We had an awesome assortment of pies and salads as well as many volunteers for the big day that made both preparation and serving go extremely smooth and efficiently!

Although serving numbers were down a bit from last year, income over expenses exceeded \$5,200 which is a new record! Again thank you all!



Sincerely,

Donna Wood and Matt Testow

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Some of Our Quilters.....



Peggy Slaughter is tying the quilt by stitching through the top and the bottom of the quilt.

Mary Lou Sorum and Nona are discussing the quilt in front of them.

Joan Moody is working hard at tying a quilt.

Kathy Murray is pinning a quilt, getting it ready for people to come along after her and tie the quilt.