

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

November, 2022

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Around this time of year, you once could see a beautiful sight while taking a drive through the country.

Most every place had these old-fashioned contraptions dotting our farmyards: a metal cone for a roof, and wire for round walls, otherwise known as a corn crib. And as the month of October moved into November, they began to fill up with freshly picked ear corn.

It was quite an improvement to when they stood empty: they were just rusting wire and a dull metal roof whose plating had worn, some stained by rust and none looking new. But filled with fresh ears, no matter the place they were picked in the field, no matter the field, and no matter the hybrid and time to maturity, when they all came together, they made a beautiful sight to behold.

We see the same kind of beauty here in our church.

Even though our places of birth and ages are different, and likewise our families and jobs, when we gather for worship, or plan for the work our church will be doing, or have fun in

our Sunday School classes, or practice the music for all of our choirs, we are one family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, and a beautiful sight, redeemed and forgiven of sins in the eyes of our Lord. And we'll celebrate this very good news through the days of November.

We will give thanks that nothing can keep us from being with Jesus, remembering those who've passed on through the year. All Saints Sunday will loudly proclaim the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body.

We will acknowledge that no king on this earth can ever compare to this Jesus of ours. On Christ the King Sunday, we will tell all the world that their savior is Jesus, God's Son.

And as the month ends with the first Sunday of Advent, we will begin to prepare for His birth in a Bethlehem stable. Our music and readings and prayers will let people know their need for a Savior and the great love of God which sent Him to us.

This month of November will be full of Good News. We'll have worship together, Sunday School classes, ministries helping people in need, and planning for how we'll serve Jesus together here at St. John's.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry November 2022



- Nov 6 in honor of Gary & Marlene Houg's anniversary
- Nov 13 in memory of Matthew Raymer
- Nov 20 Church Funds
- Nov 30 in loving memory of Lorraine Taake

Trustee Meeting Oct 11, 2022



- ~ Jim Hanson to start work on Oct 17 @ 404 West Main
- ~ Trustees to request money from Trust Fund
- ~ Remote door opener install in winter
- ~ Pastor Robertson update insurance plan
- ~ Possible hand rails for steps to Altar
- ~ Darold Berger work of exterior cleaning and stone work to be invoiced
- ~ Possible hire of general outdoor maintenance person

CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: 9:15am, Nov 8 in Lounge, host-ess B White and Bible study leader N Brandt.

MARY Circle: ?

RACHEL Circle: ?

DORCAS Circle: virtual Nov 8 @7pm; contact Linda Groe with questions or if you want to join.

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 onto the church property to power-wash the cement and sweep up debris! We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*



Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2am. Please remember to set you clocks back one hour!



November 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Handbells 8pm Sr Choir			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am & 10:30am Worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School		5:30am-9:30pm Gen Election in FH 9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Handbells 8pm Sr Choir			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am & 10:30am Worship 9:30am Sun School noon - 4pm recital		7pm Church Council mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Handbells 8pm Sr Choir	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am & 10:30am Worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School		2:30pm comm @ Evergrn Crt & Good Sam.	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Worship w/comm 8pm Sr Choir			
27	28	29	30			
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Music Ministry



By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed five Sundays of services in October and are approaching All Saints Sunday, the first Sunday in November. Thank you to the Youth Bell Choir for performing on Sunday, October 2, and to the Senior Choir for singing each Sunday through October 23. A special thank you also to Shauna Johnsen for the beautiful Baritone Horn solo on Sunday, October 23, and to the Men's Choir for singing and helping us to celebrate Reformation on October 30.

Along with the Senior Choir each Sunday in November, the Senior Bell Choir will be performing with piano on All Saints Sunday, November 6. The Men's Choir (Heartland Barbershop and

Gospel Singers) will be singing again on Sunday, November 13, and are busy preparing all new Christmas selections for the Ecumenical Concert scheduled for Sunday evening, December 11.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

October 2022



Baptisms: Maverick Steiber

Weddings: none

Deaths: Leone McKee

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Nov 2022

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
11/6/22 All Saints' Day	8:30 AM	E W	Trent & Lori Jacobs Jens & Jane Kallevang	Matt Teslow	Randy & Lori Hesse Bonnie Roe	Lori & Randy Hesse	Ushers	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr ?
	10:30 AM	E W	Ron & Nancy Brandt	Blake Roe	Becky Roe	Sandy Deal	Ushers	Bill Roe family
11/13/22	8:30 AM	E W	Ken & Rose Beardmore	Karen Soper	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sandy Deal	Bob Joachim			Ushers	same as above
11/20/22	8:30 AM	E W	Denise Wullner Bev Haas	Bev Haas	Bev Haas, Denise Wullner Ron Dahlstrom	Ann & Allie Hagensick	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Steve & Sheryl Evanson	Vickie Larson	Vickie Larson	Evonne Kistler Jill Mirich	Ushers	same as above
11/23/22 Thanksgiving Eve	7:00 PM	E W	Bill Roe family Wayne & Nona Sawyer	Linda Groe	Nona Sawyer	Linda Groe	Ushers	Bill Roe family
11/27/22 Advent 1	8:30 AM	E W	Dan & Denise Headington Mary Jackson	Mary Jackson	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Lyle & Brenda Kurth	Linda Groe			Ushers	same as above

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



Our women completed 26 quilts in September. We have thus far distributed 15 of them as follows: Northeast Iowa Community Action-5; Veterans Affairs of Iowa City-5; and Brewood-5. All of these establishments are always so thankful and appreciative of our donating our quilts to them. We will be giving the remainder of our new quilts to Lutheran World Relief when they are picked up at Olson Explosives in Decorah on Saturday, November 5. We once again thank all of our women who made the completion of these quilts possible by donating quilts tops, cutting quilt blocks, donating sheets, tying quilts together, pinning quilts, and sewing quilts together; plus, families who donated material to be used in our quilts!

St. John's is responsible for loading quilts and other items that will be going to Lutheran World Relief from Olson Explosives in Decorah on Saturday, November 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We thank the volunteers from our congregation who will do this. Thank you to Matt Teslow who is organizing youth and adults to take part in two time periods during the morning. Once again, thanks to everyone!

We were so happy to have great workers, delicious salads, delicious bar treats, many Bake Sale donations, and many hungry and satisfied eaters at our Fall Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale. At the time of our writing, we are still receiving \$10 from our women who did not work or provide food for the Luncheon. We will be reporting our proceeds in the near future along with the list of organizations that will receive our proceeds. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!

If your Circle has not been having the monthly Bible Study meeting that you normally attended in the past, would you please send your Offering, Pennies for Presents, and Birthday Box donations to the church office with an explanation of how much goes to each particular section with a check made out to St. John's WELCA. You may also drop this off at church at Sunday morning services.

Please remember to bring your Thankoffering that you have been collecting at home to church on Sunday, November 13, for our Thankoffering Liturgy Service. Thank you to everyone for helping women to improve their job opportunities!

Please pray for peace, for 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

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



Nov 6 Time After Pentecost

No. 422 For All the Saints

First Lesson: Job 19:23-27a

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

No. 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

During Distribution No. 628 & 630

No. Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Nov 13 Time After Pentecost

No. 423 Shall We Gather At the River

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

No. 796 How Firm a Foundation

No. 797 Blessed Be the Name

Nov 20 Christ the King Sunday

No. 855 Crown Him With Many Crowns

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

No. 838 Beautiful Savior

During Distribution No. 434 & 443

No. 432 The Head That Once Was Crowned

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Eve

No. 694 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 6:25-35

No. 689 Praise and Thanksgiving

During Distribution No. 679 & 783

No. 839 Now Thank We All Our God

Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent

No. 436 Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

No. 711 O Day of Peace

During Distribution No. 272 & 490

No. 437 On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		Ashley Horgen			Bill Halvorson Fred Oelberg Joe & Sarah Jackson (A) Lee & Rachel Moser (A)	Reed Bosley Braylon Emerson
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dan Treangen	Ken Beardmore	Jaxon Anderson	Gary Houg	Kathy Hay Holly Smith Lyla Urmanski	Cody Cook John O'Neill	Gary & Marlene Houg (A)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Russ Meyer		Pam Dundee	Linda DeBuhr Emma Palmer Eric Palmer McKinley Rostvold		Heidi Ryan Jacob Dougherty Adalyn Leiran Renee Martin	Brenda Dougherty Avery Frommelt Delilah Jones Annette Stock
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Corbett Grimstad	Mason Jones Mya Jones Clay Rathbone		Bruce Barr Marian Bauercamper Jim Lomen		Larry Dundee	Sarah Christen Braden Hemann Vickie Larson John Miller Tom & Sandy Fink (A)
27	28	29	30			
Scott Decker Jean Stone Tharin & Bailey Benson (A)	Connie Delaney Isabella Gordon Jenny Wittrock	Brad Yohe Betty White Bruce & Rhonda Barr (A)				



Book Nook

"Honeysuckle Dreams" by Denise Hunter

Brady Collins is juggling full-time fatherhood with the booming auto-repair business he runs out of his barn. His wife's sudden death has shaken him, but the devastating news that has him reeling: Sam is not his biological son! When Sam's wealthy maternal grandparents decide they want custody of the child, Brady knows he's in for the fight of his life.

Advent Readers 2022

Nov. 27

1st Service: Matt Teslow family

2nd Service: Bill Roe family

Dec. 4

1st Service: Tharin Benson family

2nd Service: L Groe, N Grangaard

Dec. 11

1st Service: Lee Ellickson family

2nd Service: Brandi Neuzil family

Dec. 18

1st Service: Scott Houg family

2nd Service: Cody Cook family



A Note From the Trustees

Part of our Trustees' job in the church is to repair, improve and maintain our church property and make it a good place to do ministry. And a lot of good things have been done.

Earth moving equipment has prepared the property we purchased for our use in the future. Your generous donations have and will cover its purchase and all landscaping.

Our Sunday School has been freshened up with new paint and carpet, with two thirds of the cost already paid by our Meatball supper proceeds. And our outside walls have been cleaned of black mold, treated to deter mold in the future, and its stonework was repaired.

We didn't know that this cleaning and repair was necessary last winter. But after the house on our property was moved, you could see the mold clearly from the road. And when we started to clean it, we found some things that needed immediate repair.

Because some of the work we have done came as a surprise or was not in our budget, we ask that you consider supporting them with your gifts.

We're starting a capital improvements fund in the church to help pay for unexpected repairs and future projects. Right now, we're looking at how we might freshen up our church sign outside.

We'll let you know the bills that we've received for our repairs and maintenance outside, and the improvements downstairs in our Sunday School rooms. We're getting those figures together.

We thank you for all the gifts of your time, your talents and treasures that help make ministry happen here at St. John's.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Pickup

The LYO is looking for volunteers to assist in loading quilts into a semi on Saturday morning, Nov 5 from 7:15am-10:30am. This will take place at Olson Explosives in Decorah. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. We are looking for two groups of 8. One to start and one to wrap things up. Thank you!

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Pastor Appreciation Month.....

Thank you to all who attended our Pastor Appreciation Month Celebration on Oct 23. A special thank you to the Board of Trustees, Board of Education and Board of Deacons for providing the yummy sweet treats. Also a Big Thank You to the Sunday School children for the very creative posters & their music. It was a good time of fellowship and a special way of showing our appreciation to Pastor Bryan.

