

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

November, 2021

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So, with the month of November now appearing on our calendars, what kind of things can we say that we know for certain?

With 40% of corn acreage harvested in Iowa in the middle of October, we can expect the bulk of Iowa corn to be safely stored in our bins in November. With our trees likewise showing their colors throughout October, we shouldn't be surprised if most of their leaves will have fallen, and their bulk of acorns and nuts already buried for storage by industrious squirrels.

Our deer, denied cover and shelter in freshly picked fields, will start crossing our paths on the highway with frequency, buoyed by the fall rut. And the sun will rise at 6:51 am and set at 5:52, as our calendar moves from October 31 to November 1.

These are things that we know as we tear off October's calendar page. And there's one more thing that needs noting:

On November 1, some of our youth in the church will begin their day renewed in their faith: having been prayed for, having been served the Lord's Supper, having been surrounded by parents and baptismal sponsors, and having confessed the things they believe about God in front of us all.

On October 31, Confirmation Sunday, they will have

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confessed the faith of the church in which they were baptized, but too young to say on their own when it happened. On November 1, they will step out their doors on a path to further maturity in faith and in life, filled with God's Spirit, and prepared to face the new day with the gift that God gives us.

It's a gift that all of us have: We have faith, given by God's Spirit, in the forgiveness of sins.

This faith admits that we screw lots of things up. We know we're not perfect, so not being perfect doesn't come as a shock. But knowing this truth, we also know we are loved and forgiven by Jesus, whose love went so far that it led him to die for us all on the cross.

So, we all begin each day humbly and hopefully: aware of our faults, but firm in the faith that we're children of God—a thing we didn't know as a baby when baptized, but a truth we can cling to each morning, remembering these words and the water poured with them: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

As the sun rises later and later this month, and our smiles and our footsteps are more labored in the darkness and cold, I invite you to begin each morning in front of the faucet, and wet one of your fingers, make a sign of the cross on your forehead, and say, "I'm a child of God. I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

This is who you are.

Peace, Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry
November 2021



- Nov 7 Given in memory of Bob Dotseth's birthday
- Nov 14 Given in memory of Joanne Stodola
- Nov 21 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie
- Nov 28 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie

**Trustee Meeting
October 12, 2021**



a meeting was not held

Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to install/check wiring in preparation of attic exhaust fan installation. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*



CIRCLE NEWS

SARAH Circle: Nov. 9 at 9:15am in F.H. with Ann Rademaker hostess & Joan Moody lesson leader

MARY Circle:



RACHEL Circle:

DORCAS Circle: Nov 9; virtual; contact L 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

**Effective Oct. 31, 2021,
Sunday School will go
from 9:30-10:15 am.**

Starting Nov. 7th, the 5th graders and younger will start practicing for the Christmas program. **The Christmas Program will be Dec. 19th at 10:30 am.**

**There will be no Sunday School
Nov. 28th.**

The kids help with the "Noisy Offering" during church on the *first Sunday of each month.*

Also, please consider sending an offering with your child to Sunday school. The kids will decide which programs to help in our community.

Sunday school kids will be singing during the Nov. 21st church service.

Board of Ed

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2 7am-9pm County Election	3 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells, Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir	4	5	6
7 8:30 & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am S.S.	8	9 9:15am Sarah Circle meets	10 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells, Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir	11	12	13
14 8:30 & 10:30am worship 9:30am S.S.	15	16	17 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells, Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir	18 8:30am-4:30pm WIC	19	20 noon-5pm Ellickson use of F.H.
21 8:30 & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am S.S.	22	23 2:30pm Evergr Crt & Good Sam comm.	24 7pm Thanksgiving Eve service	25 Block/ Dougherty use of F.H.	26	27
28 8:30 & 10:30am worship NO S.S.	29	30	1	2	3	4

Music Ministry



Thank you to the Senior Bell Choir for performing on Choir Dedication Sunday along with the Senior Choir singing on October 3. Thank you to the Youth Bell Choir for performing on Sunday, October 10. The Youth Bell members were there to see the special recognition given to George Pickett for his 44 years of dedicated service to St. John's. He retired after 44 years of playing in the Senior Bell Choir and was the longest reigning Charter Member of the choir.

The Men's Choir has had a brief hiatus and will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, October 26. Due to continued coronavirus concerns resulting in a lack of response to a full Ecumenical Choir, the Heartland Barbershop and Gospel Singers have offered to provide the choral music for the Ecumenical Choir Concert again this year. The Youth and Senior Bell Choirs will take part in the program. The Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music

Board of Deacons

THANK YOU, THANK YOU for taking the time to fill out and return the questionnaire about second service! We got many interesting comments that we took into consideration when discussing where we go from here with regards to the second service. Our church does have Confirmation on Oct. 31st. The kids wanted it to be held at the second service time. We have decided to hold Confirmation at that time on the 31st and then just keep going with the second service. We are going to change the times a bit and going forward it will be a work in progress. Our second service will start (after Confirmation) at 10:30 and go until 11:15. Please consider serving as a Greeter, Reader, Communion Preparer, Communion Assistant, and Usher. Thank you for being flexible as more information comes out.

Our Noisy Offering was a success! The kids collected \$148. The Board of Education has been talking with them and the kids are going to decide where to donate the money. The Noisy Offering will continue the first Sunday of the month.

Coming soon... prayer cards. They will be placed in the communion card holders on the back of the pews. Feel free to fill one out as needed/desired. You may drop the cards into the offering plate or drop them off in the office. Someone will pick up the cards and pray for the concerns that are listed on the cards.

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Nov 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
11/7/21 All Saints' Day	8:30 AM	E W	Ken & Rose Beardmore Scott & Brenda Houg	Donnalee Osland	Greg & Ann Hagensick Chris Stuckman	Nona Sawyer Mary Jackson	Ushers	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Dave & Wendy Sanderson
	10:30 AM	E W	Evonne Kistler & Jill Mirich	Karen Stamper	Mary Jackson	Linda Groe		Norm Peterson ?
11/14/21	8:30 AM	E W	Greg & Ann Hagensick Tharin & Bailey Benson	Sophia Palmer	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Vickie Larson	Vickie Larson				
11/21/21	8:30 AM	E W	Rich & Joan Leiran Jane Kallevang & Vickie Larson	Ann Rademaker	Jens & Jane Kallevang Bonnie Roe	Sandy Deal Jan Piffner	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit	Sadie Bucheit	Kirby Jones	Linda Groe		
11/24/21 Thanksgiving Eve	7:00 PM	E W	Ann Rademaker Mary Lou Sorum	Blake Roe	Vickie Larson	Linda Groe	Ushers	Randy Hesse Bill Roe
11/28/21 Advent 1	8:30 AM	E W	Randy & Lori Hesse Denise Wullner Bonnie Roe	Lori Hesse	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Darlene & Chester Schlake	Sue Bieber				

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



It has been a bit difficult for our women of St. John's to do our normal serving and socializing this year which in the past has involved so many if not all of our women in some manner. The decision was made to not have our Fall Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale in October. However, we truly want to give donations to the eight to twelve organizations that we have supported in previous years. At the time of this writing, donations of \$6 or more have been coming in from our women. THANK YOU to everyone who has given to this cause. HOWEVER, WE NEED MORE DONATIONS OF \$6 OR MORE TO COME IN TO BE UP TO PAR WITH WHAT WE HAD TO GIVE OUT IN THE PAST. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL HAVE COLLECTED FROM EVERYONE BY THE END OF OCTOBER SO WE CAN SEND OUT OUR GIFTS OF MONEY IN EARLY NOVEMBER. So PLEASE GIVE \$6 OR MORE RIGHT AWAY TO ST. JOHN'S WELCA if you did not give previously. Cash can be brought to church and placed in the cookie jar in the narthex or write a check to St. John's WELCA and place it in the cookie jar or send your check to St. John's Lutheran Church. Once again, thanks to everyone for being a part in serving others who truly appreciate our help!

It was decided not to have our Thanksgiving Coffee scheduled for Sunday, November 14. However, our women will still be able to bring their THANKOFFERINGS that they have gathered throughout the year to church that Sunday. There will be a short liturgy read that Sunday during the service with the gathering of the offering. We thank everyone for being thankful throughout the year for the blessings in their lives by sharing a monetary gift to be given to our WELCA Headquarters. The money sent there will be used to help women and girls to be educated and trained to help them to improve their ways of life.

Please remember your Thankoffering Containers. Also, you may collect Pennies for Presents at home, at Circle meetings, or at the church on the third Sunday Service of each month through the month of November. Thank you.

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

Sunday School activities



Focusing on the story of Samson & Delilah - learning about how Samson's strength comes from God!



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1 Ashley Horgen	2	3	4 Bill Halvorson Fred Oelberg Joe & Sarah Jackson (A) Lee & Rachel Moser (A)	5 Reed Bosley Braylon Emerson	6 Dan Treangen
7 Ken Beardmore	8 Jaxon Anderson	9 Bob Dotseth Gary Houg	10 Kathy Hay Holly Smith	11 Cody Cook John O'Neill	12 Gary & Marlene Houg (A)	13 Russ Meyer George Pickett
14	15 Pam Dundee	16 Linda DeBuhr Emma Palmer Eric Palmer McKinley Rostvold	17	18 Heidi Dougherty Jacob Dougherty Adalyn Leiran Renee Martin	19 Brenda Dougherty Delilah Jones Annette Stock	20 Corb Grimstad
21 Mason Jones Mya Jones Clay Rathbone	22	23 Bruce Barr Marian Bauercamper Aleigha Koester Jim Lomen	24	25 Larry Dundee	26 Sarah Christen Braden Hemann Vickie Larson John Miller Tom & Sandy Fink (A)	27 Scott Decker Jean Stone Tharin & Bailey Benson (A)
28 Connie Delaney Jenny Wittrock	29 Brad Yohe Bruce & Rhonda Barr (A) Mark & JoAnn Sherman (A)	30 Betty White	1	2	3	4

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



November 7

No. 422 For All The Saints

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44

No. 873 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

During Distribution No. 781 & 423

No. 418 Rejoice in God's Saints

November 14

No. 880 O God Beyond All Praising

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

No. 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

No. 724 All Who Love and Serve Your City

November 21

No. 408 Come, Thou Almighty King

First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

No. 432 The Head That Once Was Crowned

During Distribution No. 838 & 852

No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign

November 24 Thanksgiving Eve

No. 693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

First Lesson: Joel 2:21-27

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

No. 870 We Praise You, O God

During Distribution No. 494 & 497

No. 550 On What Has Now Been Sown

November 28

No. 436 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

No. 438 My Lord, What a Morning

No. 244 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

October Statistics



Baptisms:

Weddings:

Deaths: Robert Dotseth

Book Nook



"And Grace Will Lead Me Home"
Gifted to St. John's Library by George Pickett

Images of "The Prodigal Son" from the extensive collection of Jerry Evanrud

This book is lavishly illustrated with over one hundred reproductions and photographs. Robert Brusich has favored us with witty descriptions of the art and rewarding theological commentary as he leads us through Evanrud's unique collection.

"Prayer Works" by Rick Hamlin

"Do you know God?" It was a simple but life-changing question. As Rick Hamlin stumbled over an answer, the minister who asked the question continued, "You can't know God unless you spend time with Him." Events which took place decades apart shows Rick coming full circle—from learning how to pray to learning how to be prayed for. This inspiring story reveals the healing power of surrendering control, and how God can use our darkest times to bring us closer to Him and to his people.

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Our **second service** on Sunday mornings is returning after a long CO-VID-19 hiatus. It will begin at **10:30 am**, right after Sunday School, and will feature our Sunday readings and prayers and music accompanied by the piano.



Pictured here is George with his final recognition bell with the engraved inscription which reads:

In Appreciation to George Pickett
Charter Member
St. John's Lutheran Senior Bell Choir
Waukon, IA
1977-2021

Congratulations, George!! You have been an inspiration and exceptional example of dedication for us all to admire and to aspire to be.