

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

October, 2021

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

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As the month of October arrives, a lot of good things have already slipped back into gear at St. John's Lutheran.

Sunday School has begun. Our Lutheran Youth Organization has started planning for our youth to attend the National Youth Gathering next year in Minneapolis. And our Wednesday night ministries of music and education have started their work.

Our Confirmation youth are now meeting on Wednesdays. In keeping with their parents' promise to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, we'll be helping them do that by teaching the Bible in class throughout the year.

The reason we do this is simple. When a person is baptized here in church, those of us there hear this question that's directed to us: "People of God, do promise to support this person and pray for them in their new life in Christ? If so, please say 'I do.'"

Each of us individually and collectively as a church say and have said, "I do."

After parents have promised to do things like teach their kids the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,

and the Ten Commandments, and place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, we promise to support their children and them. And we offer our Sunday School and Confirmation ministries as ways to keep our promise.

On October 31, Reformation Sunday, some of our Confirmation youth will get up in front of us at worship and say in public what they believe. They'll be asked questions, just like their parents were when they had these children baptized:

"Do you believe in God the Father?" "Do you believe in God, the Son?" "Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?"

And at this Confirmation Service, they'll all be prepared to answer with us: "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord...."

Our ministries, here, of worship, education, and service, have prepared them, their parents, and us to confess our faith together. We'll do it at a special second service on that day, at 10:45 A.M., Reformation Day, where we join many other churches celebrating the Good News of Jesus, that's always reforming His church and keeping us together in the faith.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry October 2021



- Oct 3 In memory of Jack Libbey and Clarence & Bernita Havelick
- Oct 10 Honor of our granddaughter Elsa Thorstenson's 4th birthday
- Oct 17 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie
- Oct 24 ?
- Oct 31 Given by Trust Fund

Special Congregational Meeting August 29, 2021

Acquisition of Adjoining Property: (404 West Main St)

~Results of vote: 85% of vote was yes and 15% votes no to purchase adjoining property: property to be purchased by Church

~Motion made giving Trustees authority to accept pledges totaling \$105,000 & purchase & improve adjacent property

~Committee of 5 members to be approved to maintain property until Larson's move out & house is moved or demolished

Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to *clean out the air conditioner vents and assemble the transport chair*. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*



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

Trustee Meeting

September 14, 2021



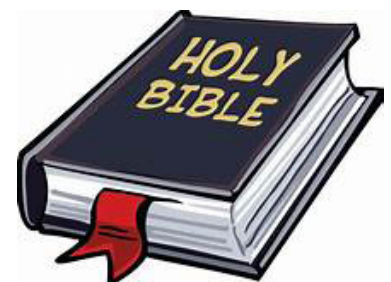
- ~Approve informational mtg on Charitable giving
- ~Get estimates on fans & installation-New Addition
- ~Patch chipping at West Entrance
- ~Approve 404 West Main Committee
- ~Flooring in SS wing table til Spring 2022

Board of Ed

Oct. 3rd We're going to have the Blessing of the Backpacks and Bibles distributed to the 3-year olds.

Oct. 17th Bibles will be distributed to the 2nd graders.

Sunday school kids will be singing in church once a month. Dates will be announced later.



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 1:30pm memorial service in FH for Gayle Evans
3 8:30am worship w/comm Choir Dedication 9:30am Sunday School	4	5	6 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 6:30pm Fields of Faith- Confirmation	7	8	9
10 8:30am worship 9:30am Sunday School	11	12	13 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 7pm-8pm Confirmation	14	15	16
17 8:30am worship w/comm 9:30am Sunday School	18	19	20 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 7pm-8pm Confirmation	21 8:30am-4:30pm WIC	22	23
24 8:30am worship 9:30am Sunday School	25	26 2:30pm Evergrn Crt & Good Sam. Communion	27 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 7pm-8pm Confirmation	28	29	30
31 8:30 & 10:45am worship w/comm & Confirmation 10:45am 9:30am Sunday School 10am-3pm Welper use of FH	1	2	3	4	5	6

Music Ministry



All three of St. John's Choirs have been rehearsing for a month already. We are preparing for Choir Dedication which has been rescheduled for this coming Sunday of October 3. In addition to the dedication service, the choir members will be leading the congregation as we switch to singing Setting Two of our liturgy found in our ELW Hymnal.

Thank you to the Men's Choir for singing at the Church Service in the Park on Sunday, September 12. Thank you, also, to the congregation for joining in on the hymns as we all enjoyed a special Sunday together.

James Bieber - Organist / Director of Music



Noisy Offering

Starting the first service in October, we are going to be starting a noisy offering. The kids will be in charge of collecting change in little tin buckets from the congregation. The kids will do this after the Kid's Message. Pastor Bryan will give them their buckets and the kids will walk up and down the aisles collecting change from anyone who has some extra change in their pockets or purses. The kids will take their buckets back up front and the money will be collected for some cause that the kids think is important. The Board of Education will be helping them to determine what they want their noisy offering to go for. If you can, please bring along a few coins and hold the coins up so that the kids can see that you have change for them. We are hoping to do this offering the first Sunday of each month. It is our intent to let the kids be more involved with the church service and also for them to pick a cause that they can donate the money towards.



St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Oct 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
10/3/21	8:30 AM	E W	Randy & Lori Hesse Karen Soper, Sarah Bieber	Karen Soper	Linda Groe Joan Moody Ann Rademaker	Evonne Kistler Jill Kistler-Mirich	Ushers	Dan & Lori Treangen Russ Meyer & Tharin Benson
10/10/21	8:30 AM	E W	Rudy & Marian Hesla Gary & Marlene Houg	Nan Grangaard	X	X	Ushers	same as above
10/17/21	8:30 AM	E W	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr Chris Engstrom Irv Fosaaen	Bailey Benson	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt Kevin Stinn	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow	Ushers	same as above
10/24/21	8:30 AM	E W	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom Wendy & Sadie Bucheit	Ann Hagensick	X	X	Ushers	same as above
10/31/21	8:30 AM	E W	Tom & Caroll Schreiber Kevin & Kayla Leiran	Denise Wullner	Randy & Lori Hesse Bonnie Roe	Linda Groe	Ushers	same as above
	10:45 AM	E W	?	?	?	?	Ushers	?

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



The FALL SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE has been the main concern on the WELCA Executive Board's agenda as we first mentioned this in the September Newsletter. We had Plan A to have this event as normal. We also had Plan B to follow as we did last year. It has been decided to follow Plan B which we had in 2020. **THE FALL SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR.** Instead, we will again **ASK ALL OF OUR ST. JOHN'S WOMEN TO PLEASE DONATE \$6 OR MORE (THE PRICE OF A TICKET)** so we may still donate all of our proceeds to the 8-12 organizations that we have given to over many years. **PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATIONS DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER** so we may work on the distribution the first part of November.

Please make out your checks to St. John's WELCA and send them to the church or bring them to the church office. You may also bring cash to the church office, or you may put your donation in the "Cookie Jar" in the narthex at our Sunday morning church services. Thank you to all for making it possible for us to CONTINUE TO BE OF SERVICE as women of our church!!

Please remember your Pennies for Presents and Thankoffering containers.

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

September Statistics



Baptisms: none

Weddings: Kelsey Jacobs/Ricardo Suarez

Deaths: Karlton Gruel (Aug 23, 2021)

The St. John's Trust Fund committee is sponsoring an informational meeting for the congregation on Sunday, October 24 in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM following the 8:30 service. We will be covering the most tax beneficial ways to give of your assets to the church either annually for operating expenses or to the Trust Fund for the perpetual future needs of the church, community, education, youth, benevolence, etc. Our financial rep will be there and will answer questions publically or arrange to meet with you privately after the meeting. We as a Trust Fund committee are working hard to be good stewards of the generous donations we have been entrusted with and hope to grow the funds to continue to do God's work in the future.

SARAH Circle: Oct 12 at 9:15am in F.H. with Sue Bieber hostess & N Brandt lesson leader

CIRCLE NEWS

MARY Circle:



RACHEL Circle:

DORCAS Circle: Oct 12; virtual; contact L Groe with questions or if you want to join.

Book Nook

"Never Let Go" by Elizabeth Goddard



Forensic genealogist, Willow Anderson is on a quest for answers about a baby abducted from a hospital more than twenty years ago. Then someone makes an attempt on Willow's life - to keep her from discovering the truth? Fast paced and suspenseful, this novel takes you through riveting twists and turns and doesn't let go until a powerhouse ending.

CHILDREN

"I Love You Even When" by Donna Keith

Misadventures, mishaps and misbehaving lead three adorable bear cubs to discover that Momma and Papa Bear love them no matter what. This story reassures children they are loved uncondition-

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Wendy Bucheit Bill & Sue Blagsvedt (A) Damian & Cindy Copp (A)	Steve Evanson Brock Iverson Tyler O'Neill Mike & Lauren Allison (A)	Grant Nuehring Travis Schnuelle Jeremy & Lana Troendle (A)	Sarah Olson Audrey Berger Larry & Pam Dundee (A)		Stacey Kolsrud Annabelle Marti Sheyllynn Neuzil Ross Stammeyer Brian & Denise Wullner (A)	Amy Decker Kris Rausch Darrel Wicks
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Cindy Barness Irv Fosaaen & Chris Engstrom (A)	David & Renee Martin (A)	Dennis DeBuhr Heath & Oliver Hagensick Jan Pffner	Elsa Thorstenson Craig Yohe	Greg Hagensick	Stacia Dougherty	Marian Smedsrud
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Chris Ellickson Tim Fahey Francis Ottaway Cole & Ashley Horgen (A) Kevin & Trish Martin (A)	Barb Hill Mike Neuzil Zach & Melissa Clarke (A) Steve & Sheryl Evanson (A) Jeff & Diana Johnson (A)	Tharin Benson Kashton Copp Lee Jr. & Chris Ellickson (A)	Karen Grimstad Scott & Pam Decker (A) Eric & Stacy Wyninger (A)	Dennis Lyons	Holly Harrington Gayle Larkin Drew Pierson Bristol Wilkes Scott & Brenda Houg (A)	Eve Hill Mason Martin Shelby Wyninger Fred & Geralyn Smith (A)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
David Sorum	Travis Fish Ed Stamper	Matt & Emily Baade (A) Justin & Ashley Jones (A)	Sarah Bieber Ron Dahlstrom Heather Nuehring Seth Tweedy	Kade Halse Bill Jr. & Becky Roe (A) Carl & Joyce Thornton (A)	Cameron Emerson	Belle Grimstad Mark & Stacy Stock (A)
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Michah Burrow Lori Treangen						

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



Worship Service held at City
Park. A great fellowship for all.

October 3

No. 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

First Lesson: Genesis 2: 18-24

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

**No. 712 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service
During Distribution No. 789 & 790**

No. 845 Voices Raised to You



October 10

No. 878 Soli Deo Gloria

First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

No. 685 Take My Life, That I May Be

No. 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



October 17

No. 416 At the Name of Jesus

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

**No. 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
During Distribution No. 745 & 749**

No. 548 Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



October 24

No. 673 God, Whose Almighty Word

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

No. 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

No. 665 Rise, Shine, You People!

October 31

No. 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

**No. 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word
During Distribution No. 515 & 598**

No. 729 The Church of Christ, In Every Age

Thank you!

The Board of Deacons would to give a big shout out to anyone who helped out with our outdoor worship service. We would like to thank Pastor Bryan for all of his leadership and hard work getting this service to become a reality. We want to thank KNEI for all of their effort in getting the service on the air. The music was wonderful and we would like to thank Joe Sweeney, Lil Dale, Craig Boland, and the men's choir for their help in providing music. We would also like to thank Randy Hesse, Dan/Lori Treangen, Mary Jo Meyer, and Bill Blagsvedt for helping us move people from one place to another. It was a fun service, lots of great food, a time for fellowship, and fun games for the kids to play. We hope to do another outdoor service next year! **Thank you to the Bd of Ed** for providing the Bouncy House & for the outdoor games.

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... *And Finally*



Halverson cross renovations have been completed. Pictured above are the men who helped put the cross back up: Norm Peterson, Ken Beardmore, Roger Peterson, Russ Meyer, Mark Stock & Darold Berger along with Mary Jo Meyer, Bailey, Henley & Suran Benson. Darold Berger graciously donated the use of his lift. ***Thank you to all involved.***