

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

September, 2022

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

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There have been a few days around here that have left more than a few people feeling a little out of step with the times. You don't expect cool and overcast air feeling damp around this time of year. It being August, you expect things to be hot, complete with storms like July, with everything green still growing really fast.

But unexpectedly early, there's been a feeling of Fall in the air. And it's certainly pushing our crops towards the harvest, our leaves to turn color, and everyone getting their combines in shape for the work soon to come.

Things are about to get busy.

And here at St. John's, it's no different. Because our calendar, not the weather or a feeling of Fall, is telling us that good things are coming, with good work to be done.

We have Sunday School starting here soon, kicked off by Rally Day Worship up in the park. On September 11, we'll be broadcasting remotely, with Bible and prayer and guest musicians leading our worship. And while we're enjoying a late breakfast/early lunch in one of the shelters, there'll be games, and Sunday School sign-ups, and I'm told that a bouncy house will make an appearance.

That's all happening on Sunday, September 11, 8:30

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a.m., up at the park. If we're rained out, we'll have it in church.

And following that, our Confirmation class for 2022-2023 will meet together for the first time, September 14, 7:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. And at the same time, our first portrait appointments for our new picture directory will have sittings that day.

And more: on September 18, worship will happen at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. And sandwiched between, Sunday School classes will begin for the year in updated classrooms. All our youth will find the place clean and cheery and bright, fresh paint on the walls and a new carpet.

And for those who are walking or traveling by, they'll see more of our church from the sidewalk and street. The house on 404 W. Main will have been moved and the lawn will be landscaped and seeded down for the Fall. It will soon look like a good place for all kinds of things we might like: green space for our youth, worship and music, a nice place to gather, and how ever we'd like to put it to use in the future.

And all of these things that you'll see in September, have one thing in common: they're all about Jesus and spreading his love and Good News. Just scratch the surface under all these good things, and you'll see Him and hear Him in God's Word and His Sacraments, and in the people right here who are claimed as His children—meaning you.

I look forward to our service together this month.

Peace, Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry September 2022



- Sept 4 Bart & Marilyn Hamm's wedding anniversary
- Sept 11 Church Funds
- Sept 18 Church Funds
- Sept 25 Church Funds

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



Church Council Meeting Aug 16, 2022



- ~ Potempa Bequest moved to Trust Fund
- ~ Update Leadership Handbook
- ~ Volunteers needed to trim hedges
- ~ Possible purchase of Office computers
- ~ Grading & landscaping of 404 West Main to begin
- ~ Sandy Deal added as potential signer for checks

Thank you to the volun-

teers who have quietly slipped onto the church property to help with the rooms for the Sunday School! *From picking out carpet & paint, moving furniture, plaster repair, cutting in a window & painting rooms & the hallway--everything looks great!*



These areas look brighter and are ready to welcome the kids back for a new year! We appreciate everything you have done for us and thank you for your service to our Church!!



Plan Now

Everyone Invited

Fall Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale

Thursday, October 6
11am - 1pm



CIRCLE NEWS



SARAH Circle: 9:15am, Sept 13 in Lounge, host-ess Joan Leiran and Bible study leader Gloria Payne.

MARY Circle: ?

RACHEL Circle: ?

DORCAS Circle: virtual Sept 13 @7pm; contact Linda Groe with questions or if you want to join.

September 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30am & 10am Worship w/comm.			8:45am-noon Mini Do Day 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30am Outdoor Service @ Park Rally Sunday		Circles meet (see pg 2) 6pm Trustee mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 7pm Confirmands & Parents 8pm Sr Choir 4pm-8pm Church pictures			8am-5pm Church pictures
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30 Sunday School			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 7pm Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
8:30am & 10:30am Worship Choir dedication 9:30 Sunday School		2:30pm Comm @ Evergrn Court & Good Sam.	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 7pm Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir			

Music Ministry



Thank you to the following instrumentalists and vocalists who provided special music for our August Sunday worship services.

August 7 – Our newly organized Handbell Quartet consisting of Sarah Bieber, Sarah Hagen, Vickie Larson, and Randy Johnsen

August 14 – Vickie Larson, vocal soloist

August 21 – Randy Johnsen, baritone soloist

August 28 – Greg Wennes, bass soloist

Fall choir rehearsals are to begin Wednesday, August 31, with the following schedule:

6:00 p.m. – Youth Bells

7:00 p.m. – Senior Bells

8:00 p.m. – Senior Choir

We look forward to seeing everyone return and also to welcome some new members who will be joining us.

James Bieber - Director of Music / Organist

School has started and the start of Sunday School is right around the corner. Following church in the park on Sunday, September 11, families will be able to sign their child(ren) up for the upcoming SS year. If you are unable to make it, please watch for sign up information on the church Facebook page or bring your child(ren) to SS at anytime during the year. All children aged three and up are welcome. **The first day of SS will be Sunday, September 18, at 9:30 followed by our youth helping with the 10:45 church service.** Blessing of the backpack will occur on September 18 so remember to bring your backpacks! If you're interested in helping with the SS program, please reach out to either the Church Office or Bd of Education members.

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Sep 2022

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
9/4/22	8:30 AM	E W	Irv & Chris E Fosaaen	Chris E Fosaaen	Bill & Becky Roe Brandi Neuzil	Linda & Ron Dahlstrom	Ushers	Dan & Lori Treangen Russ & Mary Jo Meyer
	10:00 AM	E W		Becky O'Neill	Erika Fish	Linda Groe	Ushers	Trent & Lori Jacobs
9/11/22	8:30 AM	E W	Cindy Wuebker family Gary & Marlene Houg	Cindy Wuebker	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sandy Deal	Hailey Cook			Ushers	same as above
9/18/22	8:30 AM	E W	Mary Jackson, Geralyn Smith Joan Moody, Jane Franzen	Karen Grimstad	Leah Stammeyer, Sarah Bieber Ann Rademaker	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Jean Bossom family	John Marti	Arica Grimstad	Rosanne & Darrel Wicks	Ushers	same as above
9/25/22	8:30 AM	E W	Tharin Benson family Karen Soper, Nan Grangaard	Joan Moody	X	X	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Trent & Lori Jacobs	Belle Grimstad			Ushers	same as above

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



We have been blessed with women quilters again this fall which makes it possible for us to give to those in need. At the time of this writing, we have three more Wednesdays to continue our work in the Fellowship Hall from 8:45 a.m. till noon. Anyone may still join us through our last Wednesday on September 7 to cut quilt blocks, tie quilts, or pin quilts during all or part of our morning meetings.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the "Cookie Jar" in the narthex while we had our "No Bake" Church Bake Sale! We are thankful for the total of \$347 and more that is coming in to be added to this total. This goes into our St. John's WELCA General Fund to be used to pay our normal expenses throughout the year.

We hope that CIRCLES CAN MEET in September. Please let the church office know if you wish to meet at home or in the church, in which room, and at what time. If the Circle to which you belong is not meeting as a group, you are welcome to attend another Circle that is meeting.

At the time of this writing, we are planning to have our FALL SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If the coronavirus causes us to cancel this event, we will ask for money donations from all of our women like we did in 2021 so we can once again give to all of the organizations that receive all of the money we obtain. The callers for each Circle will be contacting all of our church women in the future about this event.

Please remember your Thankoffering Containers. Also, you may give to 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

**Hymns for September at

St. John's**



Sept 4 Time After Pentecost

No. 660 Lift High the Cross

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

No. 798 Will You Come and Follow Me

During Distribution No. 608 & 609

No. 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Sept 11 Service in the Park

Sept 18 Time After Pentecost

No. 685 Take My Life, That I May Be

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

No. 719 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

During Distribution No. 686 & 691

No. 717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Sept 25 Time After Pentecost

No. 834 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

No. 712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

No. 723 Canticle of the Turning

New Pictorial Church Directory is being planned. Sign up sheets available in the Church Office. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 4pm-8pm and Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8am-5pm in 15-minute intervals. Price of directory will depend on quantity ordered, but we are planning around \$20-\$30 per booklet.

**Contact Bd of
Deacons with
questions.**



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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
				Darrell Jahnke Darren & Kelly O'Connor (A)		Austin Hansen Maxwell Lograsso Alissa Smith Bob & Kathy Hay Joachim (A) Adam & Amanda Leiran (A) Dustin & Carissa Otto (A)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mary Lynn Jenkins Colton O'Neill Ricardo & Kelsey Suarez (A)	Wyatt Iverson James & Janice Allison (A)	Drew Bell Scotti Hagensick John & Diane Allison (A) Brock & Kasey Iverson (A) Dave & Wendy Sanderson (A)	Sheryl Evanson Meghan Halvorson Mazie Miller Brent Ziegler Greg & Marlene Palmer (A)	Kayla Leiran	Earl Haas Marian Hesla Todd & Marlene Hills (A)	Soren Benson Ron Jahnke Amanda Leiran
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Keeran Barr Josiah Stammeyer Sherry Tuttle Becky Welper	Irv Fosaaen Michael Halvorson Emily Libbey Jonathan & Christina Williams (A)	Jillian Fish	Tom Leiran Leone McKee LaVonne Palas Norm Peterson	Braxton Anderson Tila Anderson Darren O'Connor	Nathan Iverson Trent Jacobs Marlene Palmer Chris & Jill Kistler Mirich (A) Steve & Becky Welper (A)	Ethan & Kari Harrington (A) Marvin & Anita Peterson (A)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Greg Gordon	Corbin Snitker	Dawson Dietrich Dalton Ellickson Virgil & Deb Thorstenson (A)	Stacy Wyninger	Gordon & Louise Ellingson (A)	Jared Soper Dawn Thorsten
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Carter Cook Ben Larkin Cody & Annette Cook (A)	Rhonda Barr Kenric Christen Emma Johnson	Olivia Heydn	Arlene Biesker Jaxon Hills Ron & Marilyn Jahnke (A)	Oaklyn Allison Dean Jackson John O'Neill	Gus Benjegerdes	



Book Nook

"All That We Carried" by Erin Bartels

Years ago, siblings Olivia and Melanie were on a hiking trip when their parents died in a car accident. Now on the 10th anniversary of that devastating day, they're heading back into the wilderness of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They'll face their deepest fears and question their beliefs. Can they recover their faith in God and one another?

"Freedom's Song" by Kim Vogel Sawyer

Indentured servant Fanny Beck has been forced to sing for riverboat passengers since she was a girl. All she wants is to live a quiet humble life with her family as soon as her seven year contract is over. So when she discovers the captain has no intention of releasing her, she seizes a sudden opportunity to escape-an impulse that leads Fanny to a group of enslaved people who are on their own dangerous quest for liberty. Uplifting, inspiring and grounded in biblical truth a story for every reader who has longed for physical, emotional or spiritual delivery.

Board of Deacons / Outdoor Service Sept 11, 2022

St. John's Lutheran Church is planning another outdoor service in our beautiful city park on Sunday, Sept. 11. It will start at 8:30am at the amphitheater. Please bring a lawn chair if you would prefer not to sit on the benches. We will have a potluck brunch after the service. The brunch will take place in the new park shelter, nearest the ball diamond. The church is furnishing egg bakes, coffee, juice and milk. We will also provide paper products such as plates, napkins, cups and silverware. We are asking you to bring a dish to share. This could be muffins, bagels, coffeecakes, cinammon rolls, fruit, etc. There will be time for fellowship and games after the brunch. You may also register your children for Sunday School at this time. Parents of Sunday School children are asked to bring along their child's registration form to turn in if you have it ready.

If anyone has a golf cart/people mover they would be willing to bring to help move people from one place to another, that would be greatly appreciated. Just let one of the Deacons know.

We had a beautiful day last year, and we pray for good weather again this year. In the event of rain, however, we will hold the service in the church and will be in the Fellowship Hall for the brunch.

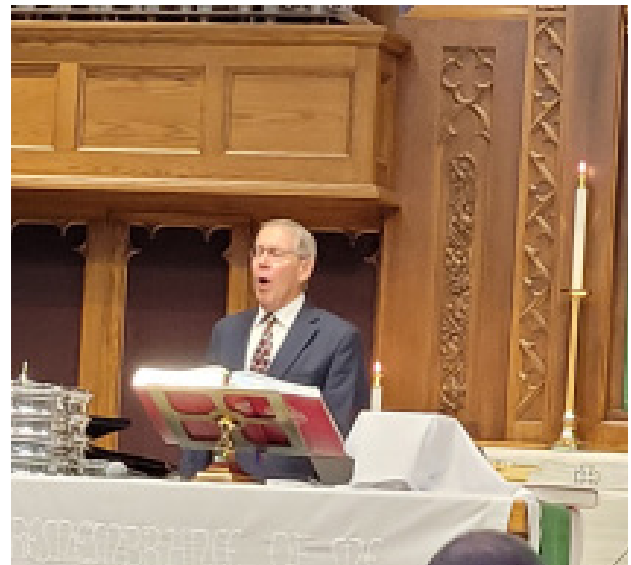
Please invite your friends & neighbors to join us!

August 2022



Baptisms: none
Weddings: none
Deaths: none

A special thank you to Randy Johnsen for providing our special music on August 21.



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And Finally.....

St. John's is grateful to past and current members who have given generously to the Youth and Education Trust Funds. ***This morning we sent off 13 college students*** with a little cash reminder of our love and support along with a prayer to help them balance their new responsibilities. "Remember who you are." ***God speed.***

Pictured below are a few of the recipients



Ellie Christen, Logan Houg & Madelyn Moser



Linda DeBuhr, Trust Fund & Nathan Johnson