

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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

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Take a walk around town or a drive in the country, and you can see things are changing and moving ahead.

Our grass is still green, but not growing as fast. Our cornfields still seem like they're vibrant and fresh, but peel back a husk on one of the ears, and don't be surprised if its kernels have dents. And our oak trees aren't showing their colors for fall, but they've dropped a few acorns to show us it's close.

We see nature around us, not standing still. And here in the church, you'll see the same thing.

Our Sunday School starts on September 15th, when we'll bless our youths' backpacks to use at their school. Confirmation classes start on Wednesday, the 11th. And to help our youths' parents pass on their faith, we'll give Bibles to second and seventh grade youth and three-year-old kids.

And added to this, our choirs are practicing music for worship. Our quilters will quilt and assemble school kits. And working ahead

for when winter arrives, you might hear our youth practicing parts for their program at Christmas.

As our ministries renew their work for the year, they'll be helping us grow as disciples of Jesus, bringing good news to the world.

All our plants in the field and our flowers and trees are preparing new life to sprout in the Spring. So also, our Lord has given us gifts, bringing life to the world: to the sinful and guilty, he forgives all our sins; to those who are sick, he brings people who care; to the lonely, he's with you through waking and sleep; and to those of us dying, he promises us our deaths aren't the end. Just like he's with you right now, he'll be with you forever.

This is our Jesus we teach to our kids. This is the faith we preach from pulpit and proclaim at our baptism. This is his love we receive in his supper: his body and blood shed for you and all people, forgiving our sins.

From our births to our deaths to us raised from the dead, this is the good news that's filling our lives. And as Jesus' disciples, we're passing it on.

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Peace,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry September 2024



- Sept 1 given by Dixie Libbey
- Sept 8 memory of Ron Jahnke
- Sept 15 memory of Duane & honor of Dawson Dietrich
- Sept 22 V & D Thorstenson anniversary
- Sept 29 given by Vic & Diane Fye

select a hymn of your choice on your sponsored radio broadcast Sunday



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped into the church property to rehook the drain line to the sump pump, to lube hinges on wooden doors, change bulbs, repair lock. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

The Way They Learn by Cynthia W Tobias

This book offers concrete help for guiding the children in your care onto their very best path to learning - now and for a lifetime. A practical guidance for teaching to your child's strengths - both at home and in school - even when his or her learning style is very different from your own. This book is enlightening & informative.

submitted by Karen Grimstad

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



Outside Worship Opportunities

Save the date for our 8:30am service: Our annual Worship in the Park on Sunday, **September 8** at 8:30 which will be followed by a brunch in the nearby shelter. "Egg bake and beverages are provided, please bring potluck sides (rolls, muffins, fruit, etc.). Service scheduled for the radio broadcast.

Put this date on your calendar –

Submitted by Deacons

Trustee/Council
Meeting Aug 20, 2024



~Purchase upgrade to Church software

~Bid for elevated solar panels

~Deacons working on Welcome Brochure

~Coffee Hour to resume

~Confirmation begins 9/11/24

~SS Christmas Program 12/15/24

SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details

September 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 8:30am & 10am worship w/comm.	2	3	4 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir	5 8:30am-4:30pm WIC	6	7
8 8:30am Worship in the Park	9 Church carpet cleaning	10 Circles meet; see pg 4	11 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells & Confirmation 8pm Sr Choir	12	13	14 11:30am grave site service: C Langeland
15 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir	16	17 6pm Trustee mtg	18 * No School, No Confirmation*	19	20	21
22 8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir	23	24 1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergreen Crt 3pm Good Sam	25 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells	26	27	28
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir	30					

Music Ministry



Thank you to the Mens Choir for providing special music on Aug 4th & 25th. They also performed at Zion UCC Church on Aug 4th for a special joint service which included the Methodist & Presbyterian Congregations as well. On Aug 25 they also performed a half hour program in Eitzen for the 125th Anniversary celebration of St. Lukes Church & were treated to a turkey dinner as well.

Emma Berges performed two piano solos on Aug 8th. We thank everyone for sharing their time & talents with our Congregation and beyond.

Please note the following:

FALL CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Sept 4: 6pm Youth Bell Choir
 7pm Sr Bell Choir
 8pm Sr Choir

{Senior Choir will rehearse on Wed, Sept 4 and Sept 11. Beginning Sunday, Sept 15, the Sr Choir will rehearse regularly at 9:30am, following the 8:30am service}

We look forward to seeing everyone, and any new members who wish to join us are welcome.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



SARAH Circle: 9:15am, Sept 10 in the Lounge with hostess Kathy Murray & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: Sept 10, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

August 2024



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Marian Bauercamper

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Sep-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
9/1/24	8:30 AM	E W	Matt Teslow family Tom & Carol Schreiber	Chris E Fosaaen	Jens & Jane Kallevang Ron Dahlstrom	Kathy Murray Bonnie Roe	Ushers	Lee Ellickson family
	10:00 AM	E W	Chuck Larson	Becky Roe	Bill Roe	Sandy Deal	Ushers	Norm Peterson Eric Kirkeby
9/8/24 <i>Church in Park</i>	8:30 AM	E W						
	10:30 AM	E W	X	X	X	X	X	X
9/15/24	8:30 AM	E W	Bill Roe family Irv & Chris E Fosaaen	Carrie Niehaus	Randy & Lori Hesse Ann Rademaker	Ron Dahlstrom Annette Stock	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sunday School	Sunday School	Sarah Bieber	Linda Groe	Ushers	same as above
9/22/24	8:30 AM	E W	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson Bailey Benson	Vickie Larson			Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Eva Urmanski family	Jon Payne	X	X	Ushers	same as above
9/29/24	8:30 AM	E W	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Cindy Wuebker family	Joan Moody	Dave & Wendy Sanderson Bonnie Roe	Bailey Benson Mary Jo Meyer	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Ushers	Dawn Teslow	Linda Groe	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above



A special Thank you to
those who donated to the
School Supplies!
We greatly appreciate
your effort!



Board of Education

We are looking forward to having students back for **Sunday school starting on September 15**. We will be meeting from 9:30-10:25 again this year in the Sunday School wing. Blessing of the Backpacks will be on September 15, so if your child would like to participate please have them bring their backpack to either church service. Bibles will be passed out to 3year old preschoolers, 2nd graders, and 7th graders during church services on September 22. As always, the BOE is looking for individuals who would like to help with our Sunday school program, so if you are interested please contact a BOE member or the church office. Our Christmas program this year will be on December 15 with more information coming when it gets closer.

Sept 1 Time After Pentecost No. 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

No. 772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide During Distribution No. 497 & 534 No. 685 Take My Life That I May Be

Sept 8 Time After Pentecost

No. 856 How Great Thou Art

No. 742 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Lesson: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37

No. 661 I Love to Tell the Story No. 886 Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing No. 536 God Be With You Till We Meet Again

Sept 15 Time After Pentecost

No. 660 Lift High the Cross

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38

No. 806 O God My Faithful God During Distribution No. 798 & 810 No. 774 What A Fellowship

Sept 22 Time After Pentecost

No. 712 Lord Whose Live in Humble Service

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Second Lesson: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

No. 781 Children of the Heavenly Father No. 815 I Want to Walk As A Child

Sept 29 Michael and All Angels

No. 834 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

First Lesson: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Second Lesson: Revelation 12:7-12

Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

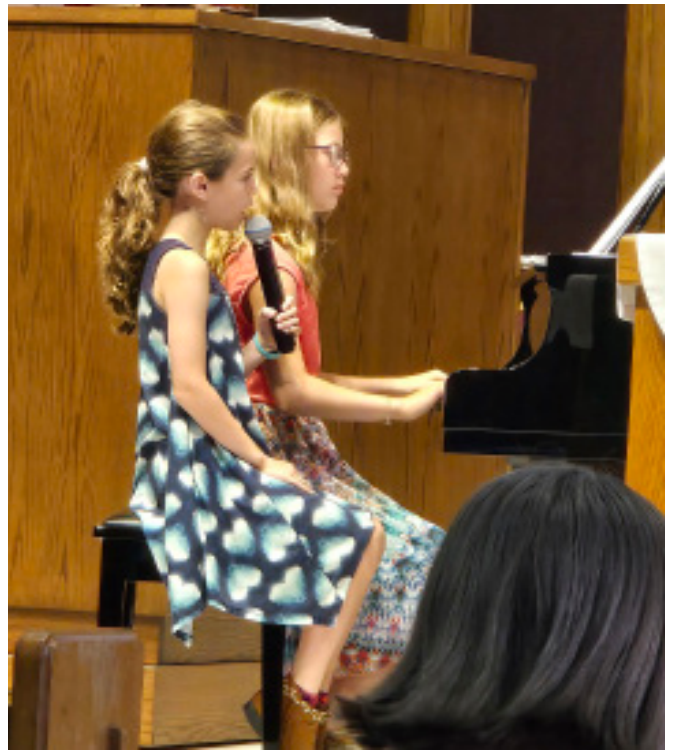
No. 564 God Who Made the Earth & Heaven During Distribution No. 414 & 564 No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign

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



Kristen Kopperud-Stinn, M.Div. student
July 21, 2024



Emma Berges - piano
Jocelyn Berges - soloist
August 11, 2024



Hailey Houg, July 28, 2024

**Recipients Post High School
Trust Fund Scholarships:**

I to r: Madelyn Moser, Lynsey Houg, Hailey
Houg
Linda DeBuhr & Mary Jo Meyer of Trust Fund

not pictured: Ava & Olivia Bossom, Olivia Marti,
Emma Palmer, Hannah Teslow, Drew & Dani Stock,
Gavin Smith



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Youth Gathering 2024 New Orleans, LA



***ELCA National Youth Gathering, July 16-20**

- *15,000 plus attending
- *2 large buses from area
- *local service projects
- *400 plus from NE IA Synod
- *lg group worship & small group time
- *local sights & food
- *meeting youth from all over country

McKinley Rostvold, Brent Roe, Pastor Bryan