

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

September, 2021

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

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By the time that most of you read this, our Waukon area youth will have already had 5 days in the classroom, football and volleyball games have been played, and a cross-country meet is quickly approaching in Charles City.

In our timbers and yards, the green of our trees will still appear green, but not the fresh green of April or May. And the same can be said of our corn and our beans.

They all have a color that says that fall is quickly approaching. Our fuel tanks had better be filled for long days in the field, and our leaf blowers serviced, and final repairs to our homes should be finished before cold weather hits.

Yes, a flurry of activity is happening around us as September starts. And the same thing true in our church as we plan for Fall programming.

To kick-off our new season of worship after summer, we are planning to have church out in the park on September 12. We're lining up special musicians and music, food following worship, and games for youth and adults.

Our youth and their families are now able to register for Sunday School classes. Our Confirmation ministry will begin meeting September 15 at 7:00 P.M. And the youth of our church, 8th grade through seniors this year, will be registering to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering

in Minneapolis next Summer. Registration opens September 22, 2021 and closes May 22, 2022.

Our youth will be asking for help as they work to raise funds that will let them attend.

Looking ahead, our Deacons are asking for feedback from you for our second service on Sunday. We put this service on hold during the COVID-19 pandemic. But before offering it again, we would like you to share how it might serve you better, or if we should do something else Sunday mornings.

But while we're looking ahead at all that needs to be done, and all the things we'll be doing, one thing's been done that the passing of time doesn't change.

Jesus has given his life for us all on the cross. Jesus has promised us all the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide. Jesus has promised that we are safe in his hands, in the good and the bad now, and in heaven forever.

Whenever we gather together, in church or electronic media, we hear and receive what he promises: the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I look forward to the work ahead of us as Fall is approaching. I thank all who are working to make it all happen. See you in church, on the radio, or on Facebook.

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*Peace,*

*Pr. Bryan*

## Radio Ministry August 2021



- Sept 5 Given by Vic & Diane Fye
- Sept 12 In memory of Jack Libbey and  
Clarence & Bernita Havelick
- Sept 19 Given by Trust Fund
- Sept 26 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie

## 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](http://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](http://www.stjohnswaukon.net)

**Thank you to the volunteers** who have quietly slipped onto the church property to *repaint parking lines in parking lot*. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *thank you for your service to our Church!!*

Our Painters include: Norm Peterson, Randy Hesse, Dave Sorum & Dennis DeBuhr



## Trustee Meeting August 10, 2021



- ~ Move to Full Council to vote on whether to proceed with another vote on property purchase
- ~Update on lighted cross renovations

## Church Council Meeting August 12, 2021

- ~**Seek Congregational vote on August 29** to discuss purchase of property
- ~Discuss outdoor service on September 12

## Special Congregational Meeting August 1, 2021

### Acquisition of Adjoining Property:

83 members were present to vote.  
Results of vote were:  
54 votes to purchase property  
29 votes to not purchase property

2/3 majority vote needed for purchase which would mean 55 yes votes

Motion did not pass

**\*\*Another vote on August 29** to discuss additional information received and potential purchase.\*\*

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**SEPTEMBER**

<b>REMINDER: Special Congregational Meeting</b> <b>August 29 @ 9:30am.</b>
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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			8:45am-noon Mini Do Day 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			12:30pm Bob Anderson memorial service w/ bench dedication 4:30pm Kelsey Jacobs wedding off site
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30 worship w/comm			8:45am-noon Mini Do Day 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 worship Outdoor @ City Park Sunday School kickoff		6pm Trustee mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 7pm-8pm Confirmation			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 worship w/comm 9:30am Sunday School			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 7pm-8pm Confirmation	8:30-4pm WIC		Hoyland/Spilde wedding off site
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8:30 worship 9:30am Sunday School		2:30pm Evergrn Crt & Good Sam. Communion	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells 8pm Sr Choir 7pm-8pm Confirmation			

## Music Ministry



Our summer music program concluded with Vickie Larson, vocal solo on August 1; Sarah Stock, piano solo on August 8; Alivia Bixby, viola solo and viola/cello duets with Abe Bixby on August 15; Greg Hagensick, vocal solo and Jim and Sarah Bieber piano duets on August 22; and Hailey Houg and Bailey Sherman, vocal duet on August 29. Thank you to all of you who have shared your time and talents to enrich our worship services throughout the 2021 summer music series.



Our special music on August 15 was Alivia Bixby - viola and Abram Bixby - cello, pictured here with their grandfather, Jim Bieber.

The Fall Choir Rehearsals will resume with Youth Bell Choir, Senior Bell Choir, and Senior Choir on Wednesday, September 1. Please note the following rehearsal times for each choir.

- Youth Bells – 6:00 p.m.
- Senior Bells – 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Choir – 8:00 p.m.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jim Bieber at 563-380-5355.

*James Bieber - Director of Music / Organist*

### August Statistics

Baptisms: none

Weddings: Heather Waters

Funerals: Margaret Herman (July 31, 2021)

### St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Sep 2021

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
9/5/21	8:30 AM	E W	Wendy & Sadie Bucheit Jane Kallevang & Vickie Larson	Linda DeBuhr	Rhonda Barr Corb & Arica Grimstad	Darrel & Rosanne Wicks	Ushers	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom Lee Ellickson family
9/12/21	8:30 AM	E W	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Sue Bieber	Irv Fosaaen	X	X	Ushers	same as above
9/19/21	8:30 AM	E W	Nan Grangaard & Karen Stamper Jo Ann & Bailey Sherman	Bob Joachim	Russ & Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson	Wendy Bucheit Sadie Bucheit	Ushers	same as above
9/26/21	8:30 AM	E W	Bill & Becky Roe Matt & Dawn Teslow	Owen Grimstad	X	X	Ushers	same as above

# St. John's Women Serving and Socializing

## CIRCLE NEWS



Time seems to continue to go by faster than we realize when we are busy. We have been lucky to be able to QUILT for three Wednesdays which means half of August has gone by already. We will continue for one more Wednesday in August and then the first two Wednesdays in September. Our invitation is still out there for more people to join us to tie quilts, pin quilts, or cut quilt blocks to be used by those sewing tops together for us. You have to sew quilt tops together at home, and we have quilt blocks available for you to get from us and use. More people taking part in our quilting means we can give more to those in need, and we are showing how we care for those in need. Please consider helping out on our Wednesdays with as much time as you have available from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Thank you!!

We hope that CIRCLES CAN MEET in September. Please let the church office know if you wish to meet at home or if at 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 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Our giving and serving schedule will be the same as we had in 2019. If the coronavirus causes us to cancel this event, we will ask for money donations from all of our women like we did in 2020 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 near future about this event.

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*

**SARAH Circle:** Sept 14 at 9:15am in F.H. with S Bieber hostess & G Payne lesson leader

**MARY Circle:**

**RACHEL Circle:**

**DORCAS Circle:** Sept 14; virtual; contact L Groe with questions



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### Board of Deacons Outdoor Service

**St. Johns Church is going to have an outdoor church service in our beautiful city park on Sunday, Sept. 12th.** It will start at 8:30 AM at the amphitheater. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on 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 one of the park's shelters. The church is furnishing egg bakes, coffee, juice, and milk. We will also have paper products such as plates, napkins, etc for you. We ask that you bring a dish to share. The side could be muffins, bagels, fruit, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, etc. There will be a time for fellowship and games after the brunch. Parents of Sunday School kids are asked to bring along their child's registration form to turn in if you have it ready.

Hope for beautiful weather, but if it is rainy we will be back in the church for this service.

If anyone has a golf cart/people mover that they would be willing to bring to help move people from one place to another, that would be great!

Invite friends and neighbors to join us! It should be fun working together shipping in our park



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1 Dawson Baures Darrell Jahnke 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
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 Earl Haas Marian Hesla Todd & Marlene Hills (A)	10 Soren Benson Ron Jahnke Amanda Leiran	11 Keeran Barr Josiah Stammeyer Sharon Tuttle Becky Welper
12 Irv Fosaaen Michael Halvorson Emily Libbey Jonathan & Christina Williams (A)	13 Jillian Fish	14 Tom Leiran Leone McKee LaVonne Palas Norm Peteron	15 Braxton Anderson Tila Anderson Darren O'Connor	16 Nathan Iverson Trent Jacobs Chris & Jill Kistler Mirich (A) Steve & Becky Welper (A)	17 Ethan & Kari Harrington (A) Marvin & Anita Petersen (A)	18
19 Greg Gordon Bailey Sherman	20 Corbin Snitker	21 Dawson Dietrich Dalton Ellickson Virgil & Deb Thorstenson (A)	22 Steve Dahlstrom Stacy Wyninger	23 Gordon & Louise Ellingson (A)	24 Jarod Soper Dawn Thorsten	25 Carter Cook Ben Larkin Cody & Annette Cook (A)
26 Rhonda Barr Kenric Christen Emma Johnson	27 Olivia Heydn	28 Arlene Beisker Jaxon Hills Ron & Marilyn Jahnke (A)	29 Oaklyn Allison Dean Jackson John O'Neill	30 Gus Benjegerdes Dave & Cheryl Fetketter (A)	1	2

**\*\*Hymns for September at**

**St. John's\*\***



**September 5**

**No. 858 Praise To The Lord, The Almighty**

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

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

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

**No. 726 Light Dawns On A Weary World**

**During Distribution No. 460 & 480**

**No. 719 Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life**

**September 12**

**No. 879 For The Beauty Of The Earth**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

**No. 888 America, The Beautiful**

**No. 629 Abide With Me**

**September 19**

**No. 589 All Depends On Our Possessing**

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**

**During Distribution No. 494 & 497**

**No. 538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth**

**September 26**

**No. 878 Soli Deo Gloria**

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

**No. 712 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service**

**No. 845 Voices Raised To You**

*Book Nook*



**"Hope's Highest Mountain"**

by Misty Beller

Ingrid Chastain agrees to help her father deliver smallpox vaccines to the Montana Territory, but a terrible accident leaves her alone and wounded. A gruff mountain man tends to her, a former doctor with his own tragedy. Will he help her with her mission?

**"Relentless Pursuit"** by Kathy Herman

(best selling suspense novelist)

Sax Henry left home at seventeen to escape his father's abuse leaving his mother and sister to fend for themselves. Now, twenty-eight years later, both parents are dead, and guilt compels him to find his sister. His search leads him to a Louisiana town gripped with the fear a bioterrorist has injected cyanide into water bottles at the local market. People are dead. It isn't safe. But Sax fear of dying is not nearly as strong as his living another day without peace.



*Board of Ed*

A registration form for Sunday School is in this newsletter, please register your child or children for Sunday School so we know how many kids to plan for and to get updated contact information. Please turn into the church office or at the Sunday school kick-off Sept. 12th.

The Sunday school kick-off will be at the city park following the church service. Please come and meet your Sunday school teacher and have fun playing games.

First day of Sunday school will be Sept. 19th, 5th grade and under please report to the downstairs classrooms and the teachers will direct you to the correct room, 6th -7th grade please report to the 3rd floor, and 8th grade please report to Mel's room.

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*... Thank You!!*



***A total of 122 handbells were thoroughly cleaned and polished by Hailey Houg and Hannah Teslow prior to our first rehearsals with the Youth and Senior Bell Choirs. Please take a moment to thank them for the splendid job they did working two days in mid August so the bell choir members can enjoy the sparkle of shiny bells.***