

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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

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Dear Members and Friends of St. John's,

When I turned 65 years old, I began to work with our Northeastern Iowa Synod to plan my retirement and to allow time for it to prepare for the process of St. John's calling a new pastor. During my last conversation with the Synod, I was informed that its staff is ready to help.

I plan to retire on September 1, 2025. The Northeastern Iowa Synod knows that St. John's will inform them of this fact and begin a call process.

It has been an honor to serve you, and your continued willingness to allow me to serve you has been a source of affirmation and strength in this call.

As the years have passed, age, health related issues and my own deficiencies have made my

service to you less reliable and on point. I believe that St. John's ministries are in a good place both to call and benefit from new pastoral leadership.

I do not make this decision lightly or happily, nor have I made it without considerable prayer and consultation with loved ones. Your continued ministry and success are important to me. But I am confident that the same Spirit that has led St. John's in sharing the Gospel will lead and guide you to call a new pastor.

Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, I will keep you in my prayers as you continue to serve together and share Jesus' love as St. John's Lutheran Church.

In Christ,

Pr. Bryan Robertson

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Radio Ministry August 2025



Aug 3 Church Funds
Aug 10 in honor of anniversary & birthday
Aug 17 given by Mary Ellingson
Aug 24 Church Funds
Aug 31 Church Funds

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



Thank you to the Trustees who have quietly slipped into the church property to install the mailbox on Church property. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

Please check out our church library. There are lots of books to read for all members of the family!!

Enrich your mind!!

Submitted by Rhonda Barr

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



Trustee Meeting July 15, 2025



- ~advertise secretary position in newspaper and Facebook
 - ~donation to WELCA from Meatball Fund
 - ~replace fuse box and pay with Bldg Improvement funds
 - ~contact Otting Water Conditioning about maintenance of water softening system
- **SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details****

Outside Worship

*Save the date for upcoming outdoor worship opportunity.

September 14 – our Worship in the Park service will be held at 8:30am at the amphitheater at the Waukon City Park followed by a brunch in the nearby shelter. This service will be on the radio. Details will follow in upcoming newsletter.

August 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
					5:30pm wedding rehearsal Stock/Ellinghuysen	2pm wedding Stock/Ellinghuysen
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm. 7pm Mens Choir			no practice			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Worship 8:30 & 10am 7pm Mens Choir		9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle	no practice			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm. 7pm Mens Choir		6pm Trustee mtg 6pm Bd Deacons mtg 7pm Church Council mtg	no practice			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 8:30 & 10am 7pm Mens Choir		1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergreen Crt 3pm Good Sam Ctr	no practice			
31						
Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm. 7pm Mens Choir						

July 2025
Baptisms: Annelise Hanson
Hattie Rottink



CIRCLE NEWS
August 2025

Weddings: none

Deaths: Shirley Larkin

SARAH Circle: will meet August 12 at 9:15am at Sarah Sweeney's house with hostess Ann Rademaker.

DORCAS Circle: Will meet August 12 via Zoom. Contact Linda Groe to join.

Our summer music program is slipping by all too quickly. Thank you to the Men's Choir for singing on Sunday, July 6 and again on July 13 for our outdoor service. Thank you to Sarah Hagen for a vocal solo July 20 and Vickie Larson vocal solo on July 27.

Music Ministry



There are still a few available openings for August if anyone wishing to provide special music.

Choirs will resume their fall rehearsal schedule beginning Wednesday, September 3 as follows:

*Youth Bell Choir 6pm

*Senior Bell Choir 7pm

Senior Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday morning, September 7 at 9:30am.

Submitted by

James H. Bieber / Director of Music

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Aug 2025

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
8/3/25	8:30 AM	E	Cindy Barness	Nona Sawyer	Russ/Mary Jo Meyer Sherry Knudtson	Sue Blgsvedt Bonnie Roe		Bill/Becky Roe family
	10:00 AM	E	Norm Peteron	Jill Kistler	Jill Kistler	Wendy Bucheit Sadie Bucheit		****
8/10/25	8:30 AM	E	Bill & Sue Blagsvedt	Mary Jo Meyer				Same
	10:00 AM	E	Ed & Karen Stamper	Ed Stamper				
8/17/25	8:30 AM	E	Marilyn Henkels	Dan Treangen	Dan Treangen Ann/Greg Hagensick	Linda Groe		Same
	10:00 AM	E		Lori Hesse	Lori Hesse	Sherry Knudtson Kasey Iverson		
8/24/25	8:30 AM	E	Tom & Caroll Schreiber	Karen Grimstad				Same
	10:00 AM	E		Linda Groe				
8/31/25	8:30 AM	E	Bill & Linda Halvorson	Sarah Bieber	Ann/Greg Hagensick Rhonda Barr	Altar Guild		Same
	10:00 AM	E		Karen Stamper	Karen Stamper	Altar Guild		

**St. John's Women Serving
and Socializing**



Quilts and Baby Kits

In August the quilters will be starting on fall quilting. We will also begin assembling baby kits. There will be a table at the head of the back stairs where you can see a completed baby kit if you want to assemble you own kit. It would be a wonderful learning project to do with a child.

Items for each Baby Kit: sizes 6-24 months

Items do not need to be new, but must be clean. Check garage sales & thrift shops!

Two cotton T-shirts-no Onesies Two pair of socks

Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet (we will gladly remove the feet for you!)

One small receiving blanket and one larger blanket

Four cloth diapers Two diaper pins

One jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, or include a hat

One small hand towel-dark colors recommended

Two or three bath-sized bars of gentle soap

(Check your Events Booklet for more details)

Thank You for your great response for supplies for School Kits last year!

Leave baby items for kits in the box in the coatroom or on the table by the back stairs. Of course, we can always use donations to purchase items, especially diapers. Thank you in advance for helping with this project!

Submitted by Nona Sawyer

Thank You for all of you that donated money, cans of food or worked the hours it takes to serve at "Feed the Kids". It was greatly appreciated. More details to follow.

Submitted by Cindy Wuebker

**Hymns for August
at St. Johns**



Aug 3 Time after Pentecost

No. 393 A Hymn of Glory

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

**No. 589 All Depends on Our Processing
During Distribution No. 515 & 5516**

No. 650 In Christ There Is No East or West

Aug 10 Time after Pentecost

No. 557 Awake, My Soul

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

No. 764 Have No Fear Little Flock

No. 618 Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

Aug 17 Time after Pentecost

No. 796 How Firm a Foundation

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

**No. 704 Wehn Pain of the World Surround Us
During Distribution No. 491 & 494**

No. 603 God, When Human Bonds

Aug 24 Time after Pentecost

No. 556 Morning Has Broken

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

No. 610 O Christ, the Healer

No. 886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Aug 31 Time after Pentecost

No. God Is Here

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

**No. 522 As We Gather at Your Table
During Distribution No. 462 & 466**

No. 716 Lord of All Nations

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Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 Jessie Emerson Eva Miller Maximus Neuzil Anita Sorum	2 Glen Moe
3 Logan Houg Justin Jones Sutton Jones Mike & Sherry Tuttle (A)	4 Betty Johanningmeier Jeff & Pat Snitker (A)	5 Sully Bucheit Steve Wilkes Kevin & Kristin Stinn (A)	6 Eliana Erb Brenda Kurth Tina Weymiller	7 Autumn Johnson Elisha Marti	8 Bob Joachim	9 James Allison
10 Bryan & Erika Fish (A)	11 Matt Jones Jaxon Moe Ernest Palas Randy & Lori Hesse (A) Richard & Jo Leiran (A)	12 Nash Treangen Matt & Jessie Emerson (A)	13 John Allison Rudy & Marian Hesla (A)	14	15 Rhonda Bahr Mary Jackson	16
17 Edwin Runice	18 Dixie Libbey Bernard Pausch Nick & Ashley Dougherty (A) Dean & Mary Jackson (A)	19 Hannah Teslow	20 Shauna Johnsen Trent & Lori Jacobs (A)	21 Cindy Wuebker	22 Dennis & Linda DeBuhr (A) John & Becky O'Neill (A)	23
24 Joe Christen Casey Treangen	25 Richard Kistler Rosanne Wicks	26	27 Kevin Baxter Jay Erb Diane Piittmann Dani Stock Shawn Tuttle Kim Welper Jon & Serene Thorstenson (A) David & Cindy Wuebker (A)	28 Brandon Teslow	29	30 Eric Kirkeby Mark & Tammy Knudtson (A)
31 Duel Stock						



Jim Bieber and Jocelyn Berges piano duet
June 29



Emma Berges piano and Jocelyn Berges vocal
June 29

Worship on the Lawn...July 13



*We had beautiful music--The Men's Choir singing and Jim Bieber playing our new electronic organ.

*A beautiful setting--putting our greenspace to good use.

*A beautiful day--cool & sunny.

*Lots of volunteers worked to set everything up.

*A Great Worship Experience.

Welcome to the newly Baptized.....



Connor, Katherine, Kaylie & Annelise Hanson



Matthew, Allison & Hattie Rottink.

