

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

Bryan Robertson, Pastor

November, 2024

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

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We've seen scenes in years past of folks coming in from the fields in the month of November, with frost in their beards while out picking corn. They weren't in a cab with heat and soundproofing, but out in the open, pulling a picker or ones mounted on tractors.

And what a racket they made, with lots of chains clattering, rollers whirling, and the general pulse of machinery in motion. And talk about cold! Because back in the day, their goal to get done wasn't a day in October, but the day of Thanksgiving when temperatures drop.

Time probably moved then as fast as today. But there wasn't the rush that we're feeling right now. Seems like one thing gets done, and before we can breathe, another thing's coming that we have to do. Or maybe it's something my grandma said more than just once: "Time's moving faster the older I get."

Whatever the case, it seems like only a month since summer vacation began for our schools and we worshipped on Pentecost Day at our church. But by calendar Sundays, we've had over twenty while time has rushed by, and a lot has been done, with lots more to do as November gets going.

Right now, I hear people practicing music for Christmas next month; and our youth have begun work on their holiday program; our church leaders will work on maintenance items and preparing our budget for our ministries next year. And they're working on something that's new: they'll be exploring some ways to power our church with a solar energy system.

It's a nice mix of work we do every year in the church, along with a project that's new.

On a personal note, I'll be side-lined a couple weeks with a procedure I have to get done on my neck. It's nothing life-threatening, but it's something that has to be done before it gets worse. One of our parishioners going to seminary, Kristin Kopperud Stinn, will help out a few Sundays, with some area pastors helping some others.

I look forward to all the good things that St. John's will do in the upcoming months. I am thankful for being a part of our ministries here.

Peace,

Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry November 2024



- Nov 3 honor of Gayle Larkin's bday
- Nov 10 memory of Matthew Raymer
- Nov 17 memory of Eric Palmer
- Nov 24 given by Vic & Diane Fye

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

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



Thank you to the volunteers who have quietly slipped into the church property to replane warped doors, pull weeds, repair window screens. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*

TAKE NOTICE

Please call the Church Office to leave your email or let us know you want to pick up all correspondence at Church. You can also email the Church: stjohnswaukon@gmail.com. As you know, postage costs are astronomical and the Church needs to save money where possible. Thank you for your understanding!

Please Notice This



Book Nook

"What A Wave Must Be" by Angela Hunt

A powerful story of a family's journey toward healing and hope after an unimaginable loss.

No one knows why 17 year-old Maddie's father takes his own life. Maddie feels betrayed. For a change of scenery, Maddie is sent to live with her grandparents. Maddie settles in but still wrestles with why her father took his own life.

Maddie's grandmother shows her how God can beam light into utter darkness.

Submitted by *Rhonda Barr*

Trustee Meeting October 15, 2024



- ~Altar area cleaned
- ~Organ pipe damage due to solder break
- ~Masonry damage to window wells
- ~Committees to submit budget needs
- ~Cracks in bellroom windowpanes
- ~Office to begin collecting emails

SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details

November 2024

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 5:30pm Mens Choir 7pm Ecumenical Choir		5:30am-9pm General Election in FH	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 5:30pm Mens Choir 7pm Ecumenical Choir		9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle-virtual	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells **NO Confirmation**	8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 5:30pm Mens Choir 7pm Ecumenical Choir		6pm Trustee mtg 7pm Church Council mtg	6pm Youth Bells 7pm Confirmation & Sr Bells			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm. 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 5:30pm Mens Choir 7pm Ecumenical Choir			6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells **NO Confirmation**			

Music Ministry



Thank you to our choir members who have been rehearsing regularly during the month of October & were dedicated to serve the congregation on Sun, Oct. 20th.

Thank you to Shauna Johnsen for the baritone horn solo on Sun., Oct 27 with a solo band on "Children of the Heavenly Father" in honor of our Confirmands.

Additional rehearsals are now taking place in preparation for the Ecumenical Choir Christmas Concert scheduled for Sun., Dec. 8th at 7pm at St. John's. Additional rehearsals include Sun. evenings. Men's Choir at 5:30pm and Ecumenical Choir at 7pm.

Additional musical events in the near future in November include the musical "Mary Poppins" at the WSH Auditorium on Thurs, Fri & Sat. evening, Nov. 14, 15 & 16 and the Men's Choir will be singing at the Christmas Tree Fantasy on Sat. evening, Nov. 16 at the Fairgrounds Pavillion.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



SARAH Circle: 9:15am, Nov 12 in the Lounge with hostess Joan Leiran & Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: Nov 12, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

October 2024

Baptisms: Jace Gossman
Brooks Dougherty
Reese Ryan



Weddings: none

Deaths: none

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Nov-24

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm Asst	Comm Prep	Acolytes	Ushers
11/3/24 All Saints' Day	8:30 AM	E W	Ken & Rose Beardmore Brenda Dougherty	Karen Grimstad	Greg & Ann Hagensick Matt Teslow	Dawn Teslow Chris Ellickson	Ushers	Dennis & Linda DeBuhr, Russ Meyer, Jon Payne
	10:30 AM	E W	Chuck Larson	Chuck Larson	Linda Groe	Wendy Bucheit Sadie Bucheit	Ushers	Lyle & Brenda Kurth
11/10/24	8:30 AM	E W	Jens & Jane Kallevang Geraldyn Smith	Jon Payne			Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Gerald & Diane Pittmann	Wendy Bucheit	X	X	Ushers	same as above
11/17/24	8:30 AM	E W	Tom & Carole Schreiber Ann Rademaker	Lori Hesse	Jens & Jane Kallevang Cindy Barness	Nona Sawyer Bob Joachim	Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Sunday School	Sunday School	Vickie Larson	Altar Guild	Ushers	same as above
11/24/24	8:30 AM	E W	Gary & Marlene Houg Peggy Slaughter	Bailey Benson			Ushers	same as above
	10:30 AM	E W	Ed & Karen Stamper	Ed Stamper	X	X	Ushers	same as above
11/25/24 Thanksgiving	8:30 AM	E W						

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



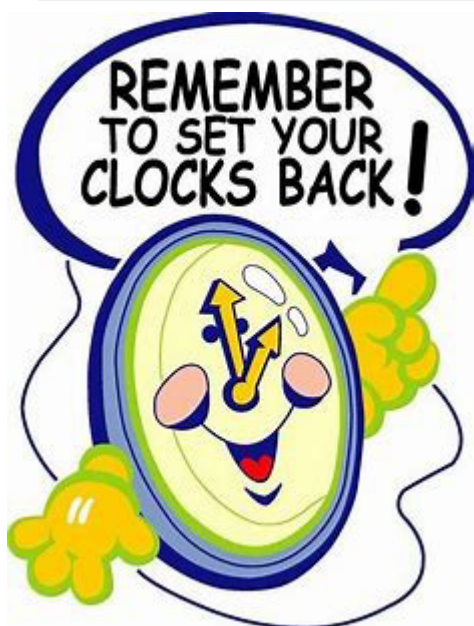
The response to donating for school kits has been amazing this year! We have 25 kits ready to send on the 2nd of November. There are supplies left over that we will keep for next year. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause. We do have some quilts to send as well. Our kits and quilts will be shipped out from Olson's Explosives in Decorah, Iowa.

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. The money from "Pennies for Presents" will be used to buy Christmas presents for some children. If you want to donate to this cause, please do so soon. Thank you to everyone who shared their garden bounty on the sharing table this fall. It was very much appreciated!

In looking ahead, we are planning on serving refreshments after the Ecumenical Concert coming up in December. Please let an officer know if you are able to help out with this.

The leaders of WELCA will meet this coming Tuesday. Watch for updates and ideas in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Karen Stamper



November 3
2am

Hymns for November at St. Johns



Nov 3 All Saints Sunday

No. 422 For All the Saints

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44

No. 856 How Great Thou Art

No. 632 Oh God Our Help in Ages Past

Nov 10 Time after Pentecost

No. 679 For the Fruit of All Creation

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

No. 628 Jerusalem My Happy Home

During Distribution No. 630 & 631

No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign

Nov 17 Time after Pentecost

No. 870 We Praise You, O God

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14

[15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

No. 678 God Whose Giving Knows

No. 723 Canticle of the Turning

Nov 24 Christ the King Sunday

No. 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

No. 432 The Head that Once Was Crowned

During Distribution No. 754 & 758

No. 893 Before You, Lord, We Bow

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
					Ashley Horgen	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Bill Halvorson Fred Oelberg Joe & Sarah Jackson (A) Lee & Rachel Moser (A)	Reed Bosley Braylon Emerson	Dan Treangen	Ken Beardmore	Jaxon Anderson	Gary Houg
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Kathy Hay Holly Smith Lyla Urmanski	Cody Cook John O'Neill	Gary & Marlene Houg (A)	Russ Meyer		Pam Dundee	Linda DeBuhr Emma Palmer McKinley Rostvold
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Heidi Ryan Jacob Dougherty Adalyn Leiran Renee Martin	Avery Frommelt Deillah Jones Annette Stock		Mason Jones Mya Jones		Bruce Barr Carrie McCartney-Vincent
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Larry Dundee	Sarah Christen Braden Hemann Vickie Larson John Miller Tom & Sandy Fink (A)	Jean Stone Tharin & Bailey Benson (A)	Connie Delaney Isabella Gordon Jenny Wittrock	Brad Yohe Bruce & Rhonda Barr (A)	Betty White



Jace A Gossman
Baptized Oct 13, 2024
Parents: Connor & Monica
Gossman

Baptism

Reese K Ryan
Baptized Oct 27, 2024
Parents: Devin & Heidi Dougherty



Brooks D Dougherty
Baptized Oct 27, 2024
Parents: Nick & Ashley Dougherty,
brother Cole



Confirmation October 27, 2024

Colin Jones, Adelle Clarke, Sophia Palmer, Reid Liddiard
Pastory Bryan, Gus Bengéjerdés, Talin Hemann, Blake Roe, Landon Ellickson



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And Finally.....

Thankofferings

Thankofferings have been a longstanding tradition here at St. John's Church. In 1988 the founders of Women of the ELCA decided that Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. This year our Thankofferings will be collected at the first service on November 10. Please bring your Thankofferings to the church by that date. ***Thank you to all who participate in this activity.***



Elsa Thorstenson, Violin
09-22-24