

# St. John's Lutheran Church



## Newsletter

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July, 2025

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

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When you hear "July," what's the first thing that comes to your mind?

I'm pretty sure the Fourth of July pops up on that list. We'll see seasonal offerings in red, white and blue show up in our stores; and tents springing up in superstore lots selling sparklers and rockets primed to go off. And of course, we think "hot": hot picnics, hot mowing, hot gardening sun.

Those rate high on the list. And others show up, like the fairs in our counties and all that they bring: smell of funnel cakes frying, cotton candy fresh twirled, fresh pie at a church stand, and lots of our youth showing their projects.

Where I grew up, at the start of the month, the oats had been turning from green into gold; the corn was past knee-high, and there'd soon come a time when new potatoes and peas would get creamed in a sauce.

For many, this month means fresh gardening produce, baling up hay, and combining oats. And with school starting soon, folks start sprinting to get their summer fun done.

And for us in the church, when we hear "July," we add a few things to these everyday items.

We start looking at fall and the things we will do: look at numbers and ages for Sunday School classes; check the school calendar to schedule classes and choirs for our youth. And for worship ahead, we'll start thinking of music with themes from the Bible that will go along well with our scriptures to come.

This month of July and well into November will be filled with worship and filled with scriptures that will help us and lead us to grow in our faith and serve as a church.

Just like God's Spirit helped the disciples remember all about Jesus, and show what it means to be people of God, we will take a close look at what Jesus said and what Jesus did. And with God's Holy Spirit, we'll grow as people and grow as place that are living and breathing the Good News of Jesus.

When we think of "July" in the church, we look forward to growing our faith and growing our love and be who God has made us to be: believers in Jesus, children of God, forgiven of sins, all with a place with our Father in heaven. And for this, we give thanks.

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*Peace,*

*Pr. Bryan*

## Radio Ministry July 2025



- July 6 In honor of Paul Selberg's bday  
July 13 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie  
July 20 In memory of Marvin Petersen's bday  
July 27 In loving memory of D Tweedy's bday & Deb & Al's anniversary

**\*\*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 continue working with the Solar Project. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



### Book Nook

"I'm Too Young to Be This Old" by Poppy Smith

This book shows you how to face your changing life with a spirit of fun & fearlessness. The author leads you through both the lighter side of midlife & the deeper issues that concern you: is the best of life over, changes in health & appearance, caring for aging parents, etc.

This book is loaded with biblically informed wisdom & ample doses of humor. It will give you the inspiration & insight you need to turn your middle years into the best years of your life.

*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](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) and Facebook [stjohns@waukon](mailto:stjohns@waukon)



## Trustee Meeting June 17, 2025



- ~July/Aug tentative timeline for solar panel installation
- ~Approval to pay World Hunger & Benevolence
- ~Purchase new dehumidifier
- ~Approval to pay Bell Tower repairs invoice
- ~Install mailbox near West entrance of church

**\*\*SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details\*\***

### Outside Worship

\*Save the date for 2 upcoming outdoor worship opportunities.

July 13 – the 8:30 worship will be held on the Green Space of the church grounds. Bring a lawn chair and get comfortable as we gather outside to hear God's word. This service will be on the radio.

September 14 – our Worship in the Park service will be held at 8:30 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 newsletters.

*Submitted by the Deacons*

# July 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm. 9:30am Bd Deacons mtg in Lounge 7pm Mens Choir		**Circles Do Not Meet in July**				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Worship 8:30am on the Lawn 7pm Mens Choir		6pm Trustee mtg		8:30am-4:30pm WIC		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm. 8:30am 2 baptisms 7pm Mens Choir		1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam Ctr				
27	28	29	30	31		
Worship 8:30 & 10am 7pm Mens Choir						

## Music Ministry



Thank you to those who provided special music for our Sunday services in June which included Vickie Larson, vocal solo on June 1, Ila Johnsen, table bell solo on Jun 8, Emma Berges, flute solo on June 15, Randy Johnsen, vocal solo on June 22 and Jocelyn & Emma Berges piano solos on June 29.

Looking ahead, the Men's Choir will be singing at the 10:30am service at the Baptist Church, Sunday, July 6 and at St. John's outdoor 8:30am service on Sunday, July 13.

There are some Sundays available in July & August if anyone would like to volunteer to provide special music for those services.

*Submitted by*

*James H. Bieber / Director of Music*



SARAH Circle: does not meet in July

DORCAS Circle: does not meet in July

CIRCLE NEWS

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### Solar Project Update

\*Pledges: \$25,520

\*Donations recvd \$32,583

\*Balance in Fund \$27,583

\*Need \$10,000 to cover Project balance

\*Driveway to be created off 4th St.

\*Street Dept will grant driveway permit

\*Alliant granted Project approval; agreement to be signed

\*July/August tentative timeline for Solar Panel Installation

June 2025

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: none



### St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Jul 2025

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
7/6/25	8:30 AM	E	Gary & Marlene Houg	Brenda Dougherty	Chris Stuckman Jane/Jens Kallevang	Cindy Barness Bailey Benson		Randy Hesse
	10:00 AM	E	Nancy Brandt	Linda Groe	Linda Groe	Evonne Kistler Jill Kistler		****
7/13/25	8:30 AM	E	Geralyn Smith	Dave Sanderson				Rhonda Barr
	10:00 AM	E	Mary Jackson	Mary Jackson				Same
7/20/25	8:30 AM	E	Nona Sawyer	Karen Grimstad	Bonnie Roe Sherry Knudtson Matt Teslow	Cindy/Dave Wuebker		Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
	10:00 AM	E		Wendy Bucheit	Wendy Bucheit	Altar Guild		Same
7/27/25	8:30 AM	E	Cindy Wuebker family	Joan Moody				Ron & Linda Dahlstrom
	10:00 AM	E		Vickie Larson				Same



Our circles are taking a break in July and will resume meeting in August.

For the Sarah Circle, the next meeting is August 12, at 9:15am. Ann Rademaker is hostess. The Bible Study is in the Gather magazine issue for June/July/August and will be session two: "Relationships that Sustain Us". This will cover the relationship of Naomi & Ruth.

Dorcas Circle will meet via zoom. Please contact Linda Groe.

A reminder.....that the quilting group will resume meeting in August to tie quilts, after taking a break in July. If you like to go to garage sales and see some nice cotton or cotton blend (full sized or larger) flat sheets in new or near new condition, please consider buying them for quilt backings for quilters.

In July we celebrate Independence Day--the 4th of July. We are grateful for the privilege and freedom we have to assemble and worship. There are areas in the world where Christians cannot assemble and worship our Lord and Savior. And so, we are also thankful to all those who serve in our military, who are preserving the freedoms so many fought for starting 250 years ago right up to the present. Please keep our service members in your prayers.

Happy Independence Day!

*Submitted by Kathy Murray*

### July 6 Time after Pentecost

#### No. 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### No. 803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

During Distribution No. 659 & 663

#### No. 674 Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

### July 13 Time after Pentecost

#### No. 853 When Morning Guilds the Skies

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

#### No. 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

#### No. 824 This Is My Fathers World

### July 20 Time after Pentecost

#### No. 676 Lord, Speak to Us

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

#### No. Jesus, the Very Thought of You

During Distribution No. 818 & 820

#### No. 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth

### July 27 Time after Pentecost

#### No. 533 Open Now Thy Gates

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

#### No. 745 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

#### No. 544 Praise the Lord

## July 2025

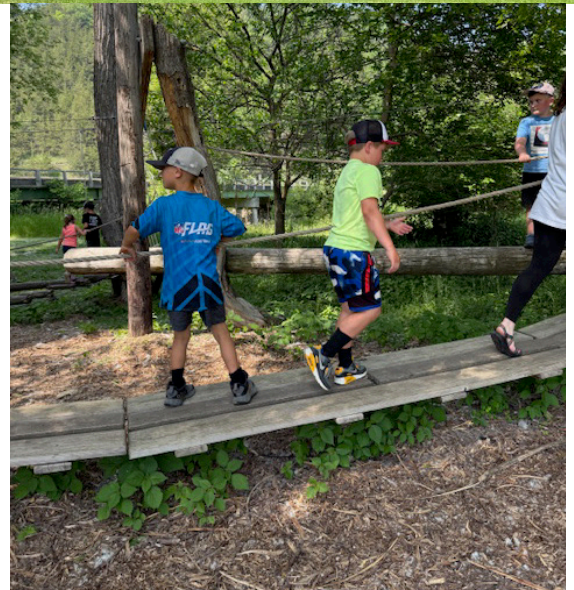
Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5
		Kevin Selberg Eric Wyninger	Karen Stamper Mike Tuttle Dan & Lori Treangen (A) Lucas & Casey Treangen (A)	Charles & Jill Bieber (A) Joe & Lynda Palmer (A) Drew & Suzy Pierson (A)	John & Leslie Miller (A) Steve & Natasha Wilkes (A)	Shelby Martin
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Jay Erb Shawn Moe	John Roe	Jane Fransen Ron & Linda Dahlstrom (A)	Kevin & Bobbi Jo Baxter (A) Darrel & Rosanne Wicks (A)	Linda Dahlstrom Bev Leiran	Maeve Pierson	Randy Hesse Jill Kistler Marilyn Mathews Harlan Yohe Joe & Sarah Christen (A) Randy & Patty Nordheim (A) Jerry & Carla Schnuelle (A)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Becky Lomen Trish Martin Amanda Shaffer	Rosemary Hagensick Cyril Larkin Jill Poock Judy Selberg	Brandi Neuzil Jim & Jan Pfiffner (A)	Janelle Snitker Natasha Wilkes	Todd Hills Jaydon Snitker Brett Yohe	Carissa Otto Jon & Gloria Payne (A) Bruce & Sue Torkelson (A)	Reese Ryan Brantley Steiber
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sophia Palmer Jill Soper Kim Yohe			Cole Dougherty Kristin Stinn	Keith Evanson Mary Jo Meyer Tim & Kristi Fahey (A) Marvin & Barb Hill (A) Mike & Audrea Peterson (A)	Mike & Brandi Neuzil (A)	Scott Houg
27	28	29	30	31		
Dustin Harrington	Lee Ellickson Mark Knudtson Bill & Linda Halvorson (A)	Hannah Fahey	Maya Bossom	Beau Allison Richard Leiran Gerald & Dianne Piittmann (A) Ed & Karen Stamper (A)		



**Vacation Bible School  
Village Creek Bible Camp  
June 11, 2025**

Pastor Bryan, along with 10 children and 3 chaperones spent the day at Village Creek Bible Camp. The group spent the day rotating through stations which included Chapel, pony rides, a ropes course, crafts, games & meeting a few new reptile friends. The children learned stories from both the Old and New Testament and a couple new songs. Enjoyed by all.

*Submitted by Casey Treangen*





And Finally.....



### Feed the Kids

We have the opportunity to be part of our area churches "Feed the Kids" program this month. Donations of large cans of fruit, Pork and Beans, garden produce or monetary donations will accepted until July 18th.

### Scholarships

On Sunday, August 10, 8:30am service only, we will be awarding scholarships to the children of parishioners who are enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The amount of the award is \$500. If the child is enrolled in a Lutheran College, he/she will be eligible for a matching EPIC grant of \$500. In order to receive the scholarship, please indicate your interest to the Church Office by July 20th; 3 weeks before the award date.



*submitted by Trust Fund Committee*