

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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March, 2025

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Everyday seems a little bit brighter compared to the last.

The sun in the sky is heading towards Spring, with a few more minutes of sunshine each day. And some early-bird robins are heading our way, soon to be hunting on lawns free of frost.

Already, down south, there are oats that have been seeded, with the beautiful sight of fresh green in the fields. And here in mid-March, we'll start hearing the call of hopeful tom turkeys telling the hens it's time to bear fruit.

More signs of new life, after darkness and cold, are coming each day, pointing ahead to the time it's blooming in full.

As these sights cheer our hearts, our lives of faith will begin a new season: the season of Lent. We'll see each step of Jesus taking him closer to darkness and death, until finally he'll show us who our God is. We'll see Jesus dying for us, and rising again and calling us all to be part of his family—a family in life, a family in death, a family that lasts for forever.

We'll see life with Jesus and life without end when he rises on Easter, and Lent will show us this life will be good.

Throughout this season, beginning Ash Wednesday, we'll gather for worship on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. And in the following weeks, Jesus himself, will tell us just who he is and how that's a good thing.

March 12: "I Am the Bread of Life"—John 6:35-40

March 19: "I Am the Light of the World"—John 8:12-20

March 26: "I Am the Door"—John 10:1-10

April 2: "I Am the Good Shepherd"—John 10:11-18

April 9: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"—John 11:17-27

Join us for worship these Wednesdays in March, along with our worship on Sundays. We'll have supper prepared beginning Ash Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class will follow when our worship is done.

Hope to see you there.

Peace

Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry March 2025



- Mar 2 given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie
Mar 9 given by Larry & Shirley Sharp
Mar 16 honor of Marcella Selberg's day
Mar 23 honor of Maudie Syhlman's bday
Mar 30 Church Funds

****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 to set up the date for boiler inspection and to delime the hot water on demand . We appreciate everything you have done for us and
Thank You for your service to our Church!



Book Nook

"When Someone Dies"
by Sharon Greenlee

This book offers help in dealing with the confusion & hurt felt by children & adults alike. The author's sensitive expressions of these feelings help to heal the pain of loss & her suggestions for surviving the changes & remembering the good times will help transform sorrow into comfort.

*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/Council Mtg February 18, 2025



- ~wall-mounted microphones to be ordered
- ~coffee hour scheduled through Spring
- ~change to spending limit approved
- ~redesign to configuration of solar panels
- ~current designated amount of Benevolence to be paid.

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

Staying in Touch With Our Synod

The Northeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA has options for all of us to get to know who we are and what we do. The Star is a bi-monthly digital newsletter with information and news from our corner of the state as well the national ELCA (Churchwide). This multipage document shares events, information from our Bishop Keving Jones and the synod staff, Women of the ELCA, family and children's page, calendar of events, and other news. Also available is a weekly E-News. This one page digital document keeps us in touch every week. To receive either or both of these document as an email contact the synod office at pettita@neiasynod.org or 319-353-1414 and ask to be put on the mailing list.

March 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir			7pm Ash Wed service 5:30pm Casserole supper 6pm-6:45pm Youth Bells 7:45pm Confirmation			
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Music Ministry



CIRCLE NEWS
Jan 2025

With Lent beginning on Wednesday, March 2, our choir rehearsal schedule is adjusting a bit for the change.

Youth Bell Choir will continue to rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm per Lenten services.

Senior Choir will continue to rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:20am.

Senior Bell Choir will rehearse on Sunday evenings from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, beginning Sunday, March 9.

Mens Choir will continue to rehearse on Sunday evenings from 7pm to 8pm.

Thank you Randy Johnsen for singing our liturgy on Sunday mornings recently while Pastor Bryan's voice continues to heal following his surgery, and thanks to all our choir members for your continued faithful service.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music

SARAH Circle: Does not meet in March

DORCAS Circle: Mar 11, 7pm virtually, contact Linda Groe with questions.

February 2025

Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: Marvin Petersen,
Sam Johnson



St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Mar 2025

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
3/2/25	8:30 AM	E	Virgil & Deb Thorstenson	Bailey Benson	Bill/ Sue Blagsvedt Bev Haas	Mary Jo Meyer Bailey Benson		Lee/ Chris Elllickson family
	10:30 AM	E	Lori Hesse	Jill Kistler	Linda Groe	Sherry Knudtson Kasey Iverson		****
3/5/25 Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	E		Vickie Larson	Chris Stuckman	Linda Groe		****
3/9/25	8:30 AM	E	Bailey Benson	Dave Sanderson				Same
	10:30 AM	E	Darlene Schlake	Karen Stamper				
3/16/25	8:30 AM	E	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom	Linda Halverson	Ron Dahlstrom Sarah Bieber Bonnie Roe	Nona Sawyer Mary Jackson		Same
	10:30 AM	E		Lori Hesse	Lori Hesse	Linda Groe		
3/23/25	8:30 AM	E	Sue Blagsvedt	Mary Jackson				Same
	10:30 AM	E		Ed Stamper				
3/30/24	8:30 AM	E	Marilyn Henkels	Mary Jo Meyer	Jane/ Jens Kallevang Rhonda Barr	Altar Guild		Same
	10:30 AM	E		Linda Groe	Jill Kistler	Altar Guild		

St. John's Women Serving and Socializing



The women of the WELCA have been busy working on their many projects. Nona Sawyer has been putting together the rest of the school kits. WELCA sent off 25 kits last fall and Nona has that many ready to go this fall. We want to thank all who donated to this worthy cause.

Our focus for the rest of the year is to make baby kits. Many items are needed to complete these kits. Please check the list of supplies needed in the WELCA booklet.

Quilting has started up again! The group has completed five quilts already. They have supplies for more quilts but are short of quilters. The ladies are ready and willing to train anyone who wants to join in. They meet on Wednesdays from 9-12. Come for all or part of the quilting session.

Our 2025 WELCA booklets that were remaining in the back of the church have been mailed out. There is a lot of good information in these booklets.

On April 5, 2025 the Cluster 8 Meeting will be held. It will be held at Highland Lutheran Church. The time for this meeting is traditionally in the morning. More information will be coming. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen Stamper. It might be fun to see what happens at these meetings!

A Lutheran World Relief Representative will be coming to our area this spring. They will come to Decorah at the end of April. More information about this opportunity is to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Stamper

No. 779 Amazing Grace

During Distribution No. 767 & 772

No. 763 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

Hymns for March at St. Johns



Mar 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord No. 318 Song of Gladness

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

No. 315 How Good Lord to be Here During Distribution No. 306 & 323

No. 313 O Lord Now Let Your Servant

Mar 5 Ash Wednesday

No. 602 Your Heart, O God, is Grieved

First Lesson: XXXXX

Second Lesson: XXXXXX

Gospel: XXXXXXXX

No. 328 Restore In Us, O God

No. 592 Just As I Am (imposition of ashes)

During Distribution No. 599 & 604

No. 320 The Glory of These Forty Days

Mar 9 First Sunday in Lent

No. 324 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

No. 325 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

No. 326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Mar 16 Second Sunday in Lent

No. 834 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17--4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

No. 613 Thy Holy Wings

During Distribution No. 462 & 466

No. 705 God of Grace & God of Glory

Mar 23 Third Sunday in Lent

No. 445 Wash O God Your Sons & Daughters

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

No. 624 Jesus, Still Lead On

No. 618 Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

Mar 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent

No. 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Hudson Bieber
2 Melissa Clarke Kelly O'Connor	3 Lee Moser Jameson Weymiller	4	5 Elly Christen Madelyn Moser Becky Roe Julie Schulte	6 Sue Kratz Olivia Marti Wendy Sanderson Sue Torkelson Riley Wyninger	7 Eric Winters	8 Sharon Mathews Lois Rolfs
9 Mary Ann Andregg Ella Mae Goeke Verland Lenth	10 Dennis & Sherri Lyons (A)	11 Jasmine Christiansen Joshua Hills Caleb Rosonke	12 John Bauercamper Rick Hermeier Donna Wood	13 Bill Pooch	14 Jennifer Bieber Allen Goeke Darrell & Jean Stone (A)	15 Jonathan Williams Will & Mary Ament (A)
16	17 Erika Fish	18 Sandy Fink Carissa Howe	19 Daren Dietrich	20 Henley Benson Cheryl Fetketter Brielle Martins	21	22 Kreed Leiran David Martin Maudie Sylhman
23 Ernest & LaVonne Palas (A)	24	25 Glenn Grimstad Greyson Sanderson	26 Alyssa Bell Michael Hagensick Jeremy Hills Jon Thorstenson Richard Yohe	27 Darold Berger David Fetketter Rachel Moser	28 Wyatt Baxter Jeff Johnson Vic Stuckman Matt Teslow Kyle Torkelson Reed & Joyce Bosley (A)	29
30 Karen Albee Nick Troendle	31 Eric Christensen Ruth Hagensick Stella Hagensick					

LYO

The LYO and friends enjoyed a fantastic day of skiing at Mount La-Crosse on Sunday, February 2. The temperatures were just right!



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Easter Food Baskets.....

Each Easter season St. John's delivers food baskets/gifts to families. The congregation has generously donated both gifts of food as well as cash donations to share with others. At our recent Congregational Council meeting it was suggested we publish a list of food items needed. These donations can be left in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you for sharing with others.

Oranges	Mac & Cheese - 2 boxes
Apples	Canned tuna
5 lb bag Potatoes	Mayo or Miracle Whip
3 lb bag Onions	Jelly or Jam
Party Ham	Peanut Butter
Individual fruit cups – 1 pkg of 4-6	Loaf of Bread
Canned soup – 2 tomato & 2 chicken noodle	
Canned vegetables – green beans, corn, creamed corn, beets, potatoes, mixed vegetables	
5 lb bag Flour	
4 lb bag Sugar	
Pudding cups – 1 pkg	
1 dozen Eggs	
1lb Butter	
Pasta – Elbow macaroni & Spaghetti	
Spaghetti sauce	

