

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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

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Trillium, Bluebells, and Bloodroot.

Add to these flowers, fresh Morel mushrooms, and you have a perfect picture of May in the woods.

After long winter days, and the cold and grey that early Spring brings, May's warmth and fresh colors make each day feel new. Last year's dead is fading beneath carpets of green.

When we see all these signs of awakening woods, we can't help but feel fresh life in ourselves. It's simply a pleasure to wake up and breathe.

And along with these signs, we have just heard good news that's even much better than flowering woods and the new life Spring brings. We have just heard, on Easter, that Jesus is with us in life and in death.

We have his last words that he said on his cross, forgiving the sins of the people who killed him. We've seen him return, raised from the dead, and go straight to his friends who ran off in fear.

And we'll soon see him rising, ascending to heaven, and hear angels promise he's coming again.

In the meantime, each day, we're forgiven of sins

and a part of his family. And God's Spirit is with us in life, giving us faith in Jesus' good news. And after we die, God's Holy Spirit will raise us up from dead. This family of faith we're a part of right now, is the family we'll live with in heaven forever.

All this wonderful news is blooming right now, when life is fresh and our breezes blow warm. As our bluebells start blooming and Jack's in his pulpit, preaching it's Spring, we wake up each day, forgiven of sin, a child of God, with our Lord who is with us in life and in death.

This is true as the trillium blooms. And it's true in dark winter and sub-zero cold.

Jesus is with you. He's raised from the dead. He's ascended to heaven. And we'll see him again, either come back from heaven, or when God's Spirit raises us from the grave.

Enjoy all the good sights and this good news in May.

Peace,

Pr. Bryan

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Radio Ministry May 2025



- May 4 Church Funds
- May 11 honor of Joan Leiran's bday
- May 18 memory of Deb Tweedy
- May 25 given by Mary Ellingson

****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 hang bulletin boards & clocks, clean coffee pots and replace lights and set up for the Meatball supper. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



Book Nook

"By Way of the Moonlight" by Elizabeth Musser

For as long as she can remember, Allie Massey, a gifted physical therapist, has dreamed of making her grandparents' ten-acre estate into a trauma recovery center using equine therapy—a dream her grandmother, Nana Dale, embraced wholeheartedly. But when her grandmother's will is read, Allie is shocked to learn the property has been sold to a developer.

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 Mtg April 15, 2025



- ~NW door damage fixed
- ~Solar panel install anticipated mid summer
- ~Wall mounted microphones to be installed
- ~Proposal for church insurance in May
- ~Bell tower repairs to be made

A BIG Thank You to everyone who helped make the 2025 St. John's Meatball Supper a huge success! We had an awesome assortment of pies and salads as well as many volunteers for the big day that made both preparation and serving go extremely smooth and efficiently!

Serving numbers were up from last year to 558 people! [40] carryout, 37 in home delivery and 120 dine in].

With expenses lower than estimated, and added income to the 2025 Meatball Supper, we have a revised profit of \$5823.61.

Again, thank you everyone. We could not have done it without all your generous contributions & hard work!

Sincerely,

Donna Wood and Matt Teslow

May 2025

| Sunday | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|------|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------|--|
| | | | | 1 8:30am-4:30pm WIC | 2 | 3 10:30am 4th gd communion orientation |
| 4 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm *Senior Sunday *4th gd Communion *New Members 9:30am Sun School 7pm Mens Choir | 5 | 6 | 7 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 8:30am & 10:30am worship 9:30am Sun School *Choir Recognition 7pm Mens Choir | 12 | 13 9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle- virtually | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 8:30am & 10:30am worship w/comm *Baccalaureate 7pm Mens Choir | 19 | 20 6pm Trustee mtg 7pm Church Council mtg | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 8:30am & 10am worship | 26 | 27 1pm Northgate Ctr 2:30pm Evergrn Crt 3pm Good Sam | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Music Ministry



With Lent & Easter behind us the conclusion of our Choir season is rapidly approaching. Thank you to all our choirs for singing and or performing for our Sunday services & Wednesday Lenten services. A special thank you to Randy Johnsen for singing the liturgy on Sundays & Sarah Bieber for leading the Holden Prayer services on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

May finds us recognizing our choir members & graduates with our senior class leading worship on Sunday, May 4 & Choirs being recognized on Sunday, May 11. Three seniors will be receiving their engraved brass graduation bells for a total of 22 years of service in the Youth Bell Choir & 7 years as regulars in the Senior Bell Choir. On Sunday, May 18, they will be part of our annual Baccalaureate service.

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



CIRCLE NEWS
April 2025

SARAH Circle: May 13, 9:15am in the Lounge with hostess Gloria Payne. Bible study done together.

DORCAS Circle: May 13, 7pm virtually, Contact Linda Groe with questions.

April 2025



Baptisms: none

Weddings: none

Deaths: none

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

May 2025

| Date | Service | | Greeters | Readers | Comm. Asst. | Comm. Prep. | Acolytes | Ushers |
|---------|----------|---|---------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 5/4/25 | 8:30 AM | E | Irv & Chris Engstrom Fosaaen | Chris Engstrom | Nona Sawyer Sarah Bieber Chris Stuckman | Ron Dahlstrom Linda Groe | | Dan Lori Treangen Jon Payne |
| | 10:30 AM | E | | Vickie Larson | Karen Stamper | Rosanne Wicks | | Sheryl/Steve Evanson |
| 5/11/25 | 8:30 AM | E | Jens & Jane Kallevang | Sue Blagsvedt | | | | Same |
| | 10:30 AM | E | | Ed Stamper | | | | |
| 5/18/25 | 8:30 AM | E | Jeff & Diana Johnson | Diana Johnson | Ron Dahlstrom Randy/Lori Hesse | Diana/Jeff Johnson | | Same |
| | 10:30 AM | E | | Wendy Bucheit | Wendy Bucheit | Altar Guild | | |
| 5/25/25 | 8:30 AM | E | Sherry Knudtson | Ann Hagensick | | | | Same |
| | 10:00 AM | E | | Jill Kistler | | | | |



Happy Spring!

The months just keep clicking off of the calendar and we are approaching our summer season. Projects for WELCA will be wrapping up until the fall. We will still have a meeting for planning and if you have any ideas for the next year, please feel free to share them.

The Meatball Supper was a big success! The women donated around 90 pies, 40 large salads, 15 pounds of butter, money donations and about 45 workers. Thank you to all who donated and worked. Also, thanks to all who came and ate the meal.

The quilters have been busy and they plan to keep quilting until the end of April. So far they have made about 25 quilts. Just a note: the quilt top seams need to be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch instead of $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

We will continue to collect supplies for the baby care kits so keep on gathering those supplies throughout the rest of the year.

There is one more meeting coming up that anyone can attend. It will be held at the end of this month. A representative from Lutheran World Relief will be there to visit with everyone. We are still waiting to hear about the details such as the date, time, and location. If you are interested in attending please feel free to reach out to the church office.

Enjoy your summer!

Karen Stamper

May 4 Third Sunday of Easter
No. 729 The Church of Christ In Every Age

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

No. 482 I Come With Joy
During Distribution No. 661 & 663
No. 825 You Servants of God

May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter
No. 731 Earth and All Stars

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

No. 789 Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us
No. 434 Jesus Shall Reign

May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter
No. 825 You Servants of God

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

No. 798 Will You Come and Follow Me
During Distribution No. 494 & 497
No. 543 Go My Children

May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter
No. 879 For the Beauty of the Earth

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

No. 756 Eternal Father
No. 891 God Bless Our Native Land

May 2025

| Sunday | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | 1 Kevin & Judy Selberg (A) | 2 Colin Jones Rachel Meyer | 3 Charles Larson Zach Lensing Steve & Maxine Grotegut (A) |
| 4 | 5 Kevin Leiran | 6 Quinn Bieber Jodi Kallevang Vern & Bonnie Roe (A) | 7 Ashley Dougherty Kelsey Suarez | 8 Jamie Halse Richard & Evonne Kistler (A) | 9 Stella Christen | 10 Ashley Jones Nona Sawyer |
| 11 Sue White | 12 Daniela Larkin Marshall Moe Greg & Jan Gordon (A) | 13 Randy Nordheim Caleb & Sarah Rosonke (A) | 14 Trudy Baxter Ronda Hansen Joan Leiran Mackenzie Lyons | 15 Josh Barr | 16 Rachel Knudtson Mike Peterson Dave & Brenda Dougherty (A) | 17 Brenda Houg Becky O'Neill Paul & Janelle Snitker (A) |
| 18 Jennifer Dietrich Brian Heydn | 19 Mary Rogers Leah Bossom Kyle & Jamie Halse (A) | 20 Benjamin Gordon Theodore Gordon | 21 Lane Treangen | 22 | 23 Geraldyn Smith Pat Snitker | 24 Don Fruechte Marilyn Jahnke |
| 25 Joan Moody Robert & Dawn Thorsten (A) | 26 Talin Hemann | 27 Lucas Treangen | 28 Susan Freese Parker Yohe Greg & Jean Bossom (A) | 29 Joyce Bosley Dennis & Sandra Deal (A) | 30 Drew Stock | 31 Lori Hesse Brady Iverson Jim Pfiffner |

The LYD would like to thank the Choir, Council and WELCA for helping and providing casseroles for our weekly Lenten suppers. A special thank you to Linda Groe for making the jello every week and to Matt Teslow for getting the rolls and milk every week. Thank you to the parents and youth for helping and providing casseroles. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with cleanup and dishes!



And Finally.....

Camperships 2025

If you are planning on attending summer camp, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible as we are handing out checks on May 25 at both services. All campers will receive \$25 from the WELCA, \$275 from the Trust Fund and \$100 from the Orrin Grangaard Camper-ship Fund.



LYO will host a Senior Class Reception on Sunday, May 18th from 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall following the Baccalaureate Service serving rolls, milk, juice, & coffee.

Graduating Seniors 2025

Keeran Barr
Layne Dahlberg
Olivia Dougherty
Dalton Ellickson

McKinley Rostvold
Sarah Stock
Brandon Teslow

