



**St. John's Lutheran Church**  
 Welcoming Everyone  
 Making Disciples  
 Trusting Jesus  
 Empowering Leaders

**May 3rd, 2026 5th Sunday of Easter**  
**St. John's Office Hours:** 8-5 Tues.-Fri. **Building Hours:** 8-5 Mon.-Fri.  
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 St. John's Lutheran Church of Le Mars, IA.  
 Senior Pastor: Steven Broers  
 Minister of Music: Mike Rathke  
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 Facilities Manager: Todd Oetken  
 Sunday School Superintendent: Beth Larson

**FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are in memory of Judy Berkenpas by Gary Berkenpas.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** Today we want to recognize our teachers and guides during the services to thank them for all they do for our St. John's youth. Thank you for making this past year a great success! A special thank you to Beth Larson, our SS Superintendent and Kristy Broers, our GROW leader. You are both amazing!

**GROW Teachers**

- Bette Miller
- Micah Broers (also did slides)
- Melissa Utesch
- Nicole Jarvis
- Anne Jeneary
- Kent Westphal
- Sandy LaBahn

**Helpers**

- Brenda Haverhals
- Kaden Royalty
- Pam Roling (also in kitchen)
- Becca Peyton
- Dawn Otto (also in activities)
- Megan Jeneary
- Kate Braband (also a greeter)
- Jacob Jeneary
- Donna Duque
- Sophie Pauling
- Simon Kern
- Cindy Kamies

**Greeters**

- Sonya Hanisch
- Dianne Baack
- Kate Braband (also in helpers)
- Rhonda Justice

**Substitutes**

- Julie Albert
- Muriel Miller

**Activities**

- Serena Hansen
- Travis Hansen
- Megan Hansen
- Dawn Otto (also in helpers)

**Staff Helpers**

- Kim Lang (printing)
- Mike Rathke (slides)
- Todd Oetken (set up)

**Music**

- Steven Broers
- Kristy Broers

**Kitchen**

- Karen Carlsen
- Jane Westphal
- Sheri Oetken
- Pat Penning

**Kitchen Cont.**

- Donna Heeren
- Linda Oloff
- Jean Heeren
- Chris Knapp
- Pam Roling (also a helper)
- Roma Lancaster
- Katie Gerloff
- Marilyn Plueger
- Bev Nelson
- Gayle Maney
- Arlene Wiener
- Mary Roder

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Patricia Rachuy
- James Loraditch
- Alexis Te Brink
- Marylyn Muecke
- Nicole Jarvis
- Megan Brennan
- Dennis Zubrod
- Nancy Zubrod
- Lisa Bogh
- Jan Schietzelt
- Denise Anthony
- Pastor Broers
- Kristy Broers
- Beth Larson

**CATECHISM**

- Marissa Forbes
- Tanya Hightree
- Beau Detloff
- Amy Ranschau
- Jan Schietzelt
- Bryce Tingwald
- Lisa Tingwald
- Ron Britt
- Andrea Britt
- Elizabeth Brennan
- Alisha Jelken
- Chris Knapp
- Amanda Westphal
- Rhonda Justice
- Mary Roder
- Katie Gerloff
- Jillian Klein
- Jon Fintel
- Nichole Fintel



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING:** June 8-11 from 9 am - 2 pm for pre-k through 5th grades. Okoboji Bible Camp Counselors will be leading this years VBS, with the theme, "TO KNOW HIS NAME." Be watching for a

volunteer sign up in the coming weeks and also be watching for information on how to register your child. Thank you to Ashley Koopman for being our Director this year!

Here are some specific needs, please consider helping:

- ◇ Housing/breakfast/dinner for camp counselors
- ◇ Lunch for counselors at VBS
- ◇ Snacks for students
- ◇ Volunteer/Guides: Prek-K ~ 1 adult, 1 youth  
 K-1st ~ 1 adult, 1 youth  
 2nd-3rd ~ 1 adult, 1 youth  
 4th-5th ~ 1 adult, 1 youth

We can't wait to see you all at

"To Know His Name"!!!

**SAVE THE DATES:** See the bulletin board for more info.

- MAY 10 - Le Mars Wasmer Post Mother's Day Breakfast 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- May 14 - Le Mars Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 1 pm- 6:30 pm
- MAY 17 - Graduates Reception at 9:15 am, the congregation is invited to celebrate the Class of 2026.
- MAY 28 - Knevel/Kearney Duo Organ Concert at St. John's 7 pm

**Thank you to our worship assistants!**

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	Rose Heeren/Mary Rieken	Mel & Donna Heeren
<b>Lector</b>	Roma Lancaster	Aynslee Schmidt
<b>Comm Serv</b>	Roma Lancaster Rose Heeren Mark Kehrborg	Anne Jeneary Karen Carlsen Doug Carlsen
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bentley Hightree	Kaden Brownmiller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Cameron Pauling Saylix Farmer	Emma Ryan
<b>ProPresenter</b>	Micah Broers	Megan Brennan
<b>Video/Sound</b>	Tim Larson	Carter Westphal
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sheri Oetken Brenda Haverhals	Nicole Jarvis Brenda Haverhals
<b>Coffee Bar</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>	Tracy Wingert, Chr., Greg M., Doug S., Rob S., Jay D.	Bryce Tingwald, Chr., Nathan P., Joey P., Jeremy F., Graham F.

**PRACTICING THE WAY** A new study will be beginning soon, on May 19th. The Practicing the Way Course is an 8 - week course and will be held on Tuesday evenings, from 6:30 pm till 8 pm. Plan to join us. Sign up on the bulletin board.

**Remember These People in Prayer:** John, Karla Hansen, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Nash, Diane K., Denise, Angie, Carolyn, Bryan Utesch; **Ongoing Prayers:** Gavin Detloff, Blake Plueger, Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Shirley, Jen, Kathy, and Diane Riediger; **Deployed:** Kylee Britt, Nathan Jester; **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Bob & Nancy Potter, Karla Hansen; Stonebridge Suites - Joanne Klohs, Lynne Bogh, Roger Athens; Floyd Senior Living - Diane Utesch; Heartland Care Center - Le Ann Hurlbut; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff, Wade Thompson

Sun May 3	Mon May 4	Tues May 5	Wed May 6	Thurs May 7	Fri May 8	Sat May 9	Sun May 10
<b>Education Sunday 8 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Worship w/Comm <b>9:15 am</b> Study Hour/ Last Day of Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> SS Kids Sing <b>11:30 am</b> Mission Trip Meeting Y/R	LifeWise	<b>10 am</b> Staff Mtg <b>3 pm</b> Imagine Study L/L <b>5:30 pm</b> P.o.P.	<b>6 pm</b> Worship/Comm <b>6:30 pm</b> Youth Ministry Team Mtg. L/L <b>6:45 pm</b> Sr. Choir	9 am Prayer Time			<b>Mother's Day 8 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Worship w/Comm <b>9:15 am</b> Fellowship Hour

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The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

JOHN 10:2



**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47** <sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Please join in a responsive reading of Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.**

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25** <sup>19</sup>For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup>But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup>To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup>When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup>For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

The holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 10:1-10** <sup>1</sup>"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.