



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

**June 21st, 2026 4th Sunday of Pentecost**  
**St. John's Office Hours:** 8-5 Tues.-Fri. **Building Hours:** 8-5 Mon.-Fri.  
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**WELCOME VISITORS** If you are new to St. John's, we would love to get to know you. Please use this QR Code to share your contact information.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** Welcome to worship, and a special greeting to those who follow in God's footsteps by sharing fatherly love. Happy Father's Day!

**FORTRESS OF FAITH** and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored in memory of Bonnie Klein by Roma Lancaster.

**DO-DAY** The next Do-Day will be held on Tuesday, June 23rd. Please mark your calendars!!! All women and men are invited to come lend a hand. 9 am till 3 pm. Pack a lunch.

**ELDERBERRIES** will be meeting this Wednesday, June 24th. We will be traveling to visit Trinity Heights in Sioux City. Meet in the church parking lot to pool rides at 1:30 pm. After visiting Trinity Heights we will be going out for pizza. We hope you can join us.

**DIRECTORIES** Be sure to check your emails for a code to set up the "Online" directory through the "MyUCD" App or on your desktop. If you did not have your picture taken, you can now purchase a hard copy from the office for \$15.00. Call the office with questions.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS** can be left in the marked box near the Resource Room.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** The new quarterly devotionals are here. You can pick up a copy today in the lobby or north entrance.

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected next weekend. Don't forget your change and loose bills. This will be the final offering that will be helping fund the mission activities for the youth in Chicago next month. You can help make an impact for those they will be serving in the windy city! Thank you for all your support!

**RADIO AD AND FORTRESS OF FAITH** sponsors are needed for the summer months. Please contact Kim if you would like to honor/memorialize someone. Radio Ads are \$10 a week and Fortress of Faith spots are \$25.00. Thank you!

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA** Have you signed up for RightNow Media?? These videos are great resources for your small group Bible study, for your own personal spiritual growth and to help your kids grow in their faith in Jesus! Scan the QR Code to sign up. It is free!

**WORSHIP & PICNIC IN THE PARK** Save the date - July 12th @ 10 am. St. John's will be holding worship at the Municipal Park with a picnic to follow. No need to sign up. Bring a lawn chair. Freewill offering for the lunch. Bouncy House for the kids! Be sure to save the date!!!

**NOTES FOR BIBLE CAMPERS** Please continue to pray for Micah and Malachi Broers, who are serving at camp as staff this Summer. Please consider sending a note of encouragement & well wishes to them, letting them know you are keeping them in your prayers! There is a list with names, dates, and addresses for you to pick up in the lobby. Thank you for remembering them.



**KNEVEL/KEARNEY CONCERT** If you were unable to attend the Duo Organ Concert, you can go to St. John's YouTube Channel to view the performance. Use this link: <https://youtu.be/GS545hrbqaY> or go to St. John's website and scroll down on the home page to the social media links and click on YouTube.

**CATECHISM STUDENT PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED!**

Yes, we just finished the education year, but it's not too early to start thinking about our needs for this Fall. If you would be interested in becoming a "Prayer Partner" for the incoming Catechism students, or have any questions about what is needed as a Prayer Partner, give Kim a call and she can fill you in! 712-546-8855.

**FAITHFULLY HEALING INFERTILITY** class, sponsored by All Saints Parish and Guiding Star Siouxland. This 60 minute class will cover real answers for the struggle and pain of infertility, healing your hormones naturally, understanding how to track your cycles and identify potential issues, and discover fertility support that respects the dignity of women and marriage. Registration is \$25. Please call 712-541-1954 to register before July 8. Class will be held on July 15 from 6pm-7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Richter Hall, 605 Plymouth St NE, Le Mars, IA 51031.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Thursday, July 16th from 1 pm to 6:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Call 800.287.4903 or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org) to schedule a time to donate.

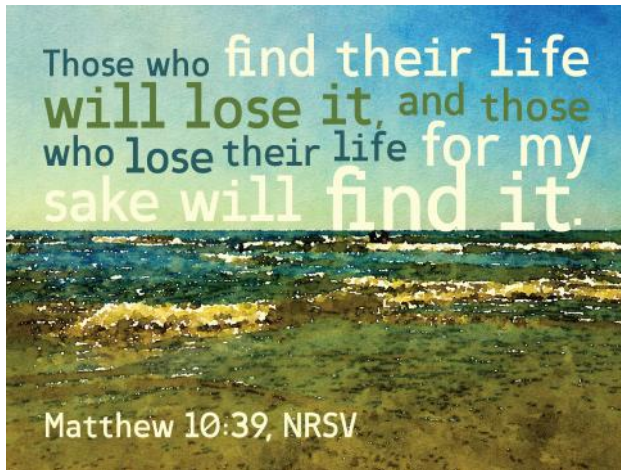
**Thank you to our worship assistants!**

- 9:30 AM**
- Greeter** Jany's Schroeder & Judy Schulz
- Lector** Ian DeRuyter
- Comm Serv** Ellen Russell  
Steve Breuer  
Lynn Breuer
- Crucifer** Kenzie Harms
- Acolytes** Riley Harms  
Keyanna Miller
- ProPresenter** Megan Brennan
- Video/Sound** Carter Westphal
- Altar Guild** Beth Larson  
Donna Duque
- Coffee Bar** Jane Westphal
- Ushers** Rod LaBahn & Gary Borchers, Capt's Joel J., Henry H., Mark K., Lowell P., Harold L., Jeff J., Levi TB.

**Remember These People in Prayer:** Scott, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Kristy, Nash, Diane K., Angie, Denise, Carolyn, and Jason; **Ongoing Prayers:** Mason Sitzmann, Missy Rarrat, Alex Hines, Taelynn Ortmann, Kendra, Sherry Jo Wittkop, Jen, and Diane Riediger; **Care Facility Residents:** Good Samaritan - Russ Martfeld, Lorraine Luksan, Dennis Asche; Accura Health - Patty Lubben, Bob & Nancy Potter; 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 June 21	Mon June 22	Tues June 23	Wed June 24	Thurs June 25	Fri June 26	Sat June 27	Sun June 28
9:30 am Worship w/Comm		9 am Do-Day 10 am Staff Mtg L/L 2 pm Imagine Small Group L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Practicing the Way L/L	9:30 am Prime Living Chapel 10 am Accura Chapel 1:30 pm Elderberries-meet in the parking lot	9 am Prayer Time w/Pastor			Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship w/Comm

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**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13** <sup>7</sup> You deceived me, Lord, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. <sup>9</sup> But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. <sup>10</sup> I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

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

**Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11** <sup>1b</sup> Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

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

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

**Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39** <sup>24</sup> "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! <sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law - <sup>36</sup> a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' <sup>37</sup> "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

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.