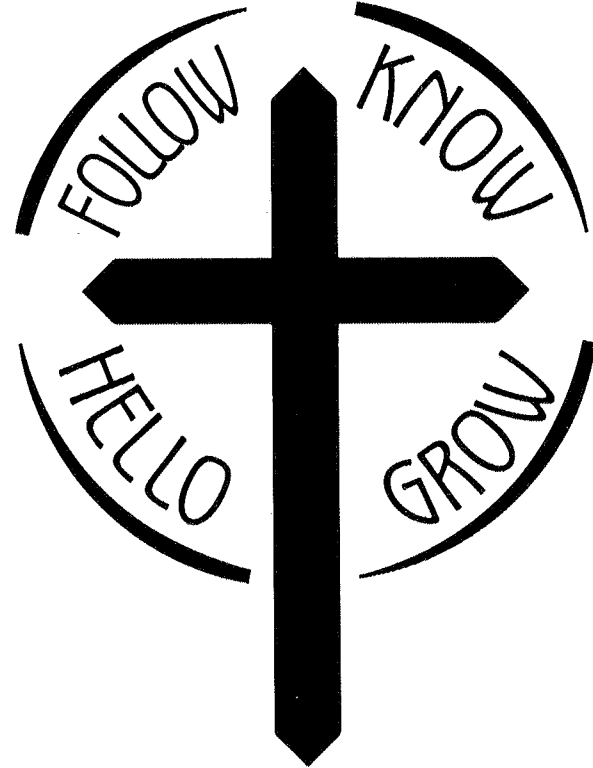


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**Welcoming Everyone
Making Disciples
Trusting Jesus
Empowering Leaders**

May 2026



“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” - Ecclesiastes 3.

Things take time. In fact, there is even a saying, “Good things come to those who wait.” I would bet that most of the people reading this newsletter remember the days before email and the internet. You would write a letter, send it in the mail and then wait a while before the person you wrote the letter to even **received** it let alone sent one back! When I was a kid, I would sometimes send away for a special toy that my favorite cereal was marketing. It would take four “proof of purchase” cut outs (which meant you had to eat four boxes of cereal) and **then** you had to send some money and mail it off. Usually, it took six to eight weeks before you might ever get anything back in the mail. By then, you might have forgotten that you even **wanted** the toy! But, because of the mail, I got pretty used to waiting for things.

My life as an adult has often been much different. I expect immediate results now. When I send off a text, I expect to hear back from the person I am trying to contact pretty soon—certainly by the next day! If not, I wonder if something has happened to them or if they might have forgotten! I can hardly imagine baking a sweet potato for an hour anymore when it only takes eight minutes in the microwave. I **never** have to wait anymore.

But, in most areas of our life, it would be better if we remembered that at least **most** things should still take time. If you want to lose weight and keep it off, it’s much better to lose a pound a week rather than ten pounds in fourteen days. Our bodies didn’t get to be the way they are overnight and they aren’t going to change for good overnight either. You also won’t get stronger in a week. It takes **years** of consistent and disciplined hard work to build muscle by lifting weights. In the same way, growing as a disciple of Jesus will take time as well. We don’t just “figure it out” after reading one good book or being inspired by one sermon.

And yet, if you are like me, sometimes I get really impatient with myself. I want to be more self-controlled, but I keep catching myself doing the wrong thing. I want to read my Bible more for personal

devotions and yet I seem to always get busy doing something else. Just “knowing” the right things to do don’t immediately fix my spiritual problems. It takes consistent prayer and practice.

I want to encourage you to join me to learn how to practice the way of Jesus and become His disciples. One opportunity to learn how to do this is by coming to a class that I am leading called Practicing the Way by John Mark Comer. We will be meeting for eight weeks on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Fellowship Hall starting May 19th. I don’t promise that you will have it all figured out when we’ve finished; however, I do believe that it will give us all a good foundation to work on for the rest of our lives! It will take time, but I believe that learning to follow Jesus is a worthwhile endeavor that **should** take time. If you are unable to come to the class, check out the video series on Right Now Media and follow along with us!

Your relationship with God is the most important relationship in your life and it’s worth taking time to focus on that even in the midst of a world that’s focused on immediate results and instant gratification. Thank you for taking time to grow in your faith here at Saint John’s!

<p>TUESDAY EVENINGS 6:30-8:00PM.</p> <p>BEGINNING MAY 19TH.</p> <p>8-WEEK COURSE</p>	
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<p>REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS</p>	<p><u>HOME COMMUNION</u></p> <p>If you or someone you know is homebound and would like visits and communion from Pastor Broers and our Visitation Team, please contact the office and let us know. Our phone number is 712-546-8855. Thanks!</p>
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WEEKLY MUSIC SCHEDULE

Tuesdays

5:30-6:30 People of Praise

Wednesdays

6:00-6:30 Wednesday Worship

(last day is May 27th)

6:45-7:45 St. John's Choir

(last practice is May 13th)



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DUO ORGAN CONCERT Thursday, May 28th at 7 pm, St. John's will be hosting a duo organ concert by the following organists:

André Knevel is an internationally acclaimed Dutch-Canadian organist and composer. He regularly gives many recitals in Canada, the USA, and the Netherlands. Concert tours have also taken place in such places as South Africa, Germany, Romania, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland, and Russia.

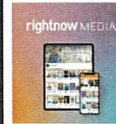
Dr. Michael R. Kearney is Assistant Professor of Communication at Dordt University and an organist, pianist, and composer. His website and YouTube channel URC Psalmody includes more than 600 recordings of psalms, hymns, and organ music.

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May 28
7 pm
@
St. John's



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1. Faith for the Curious – Mark Matlock

In a world where spiritual curiosity is on the rise, many people are searching for meaningful answers and authentic conversations. *Faith for the Curious*, hosted by Mark Matlock (Barna senior fellow, author, speaker), is a dynamic course designed to equip you with the tools needed to engage spiritually open individuals well. This course provides insights into how you can meet people wherever they are in their spiritual journeys, exploring faith in a way that is authentic, empathetic, and thought-provoking.

Through four engaging sessions, you will dive deep into Barna's latest research on spiritual curiosity and learn practical ways to engage in open-ended spiritual conversations. You'll discover how to cultivate a culture of curiosity and connect with those who are exploring their spiritual beliefs, offering them a safe space to ask questions, wrestle with doubts, and grow in their journey of faith.

If you're passionate about sharing your faith in honest and thoughtful ways, this course will challenge and encourage you to approach evangelism with empathy and openness.

2. 10 Tips for Blended Families – Ron Deal and Laurie Polich Short

Ron Deal (Blended family expert) and **Laurie Short** (author and stepmom) tackle the hot button topics for stepfamilies in a five minute, cut-to-the-chase style. From choosing battles to managing triggers, first steps to biggest challenges, these ten tips will give you the insights you need for managing life in a blended family.

Whether you are in a blended family yourself, or work with blended families at your church, Ron's expertise and Laurie's experience provide the perfect balance in addressing the challenges that face second marriages. Perfect for Couples, Small Groups, Blended family coaching or retreats.

3. Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table – Louie Giglio

In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks Psalm 23 to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation.

We've all been in circumstances that cause our minds to spin with thoughts that are unproductive, destructive, and harmful. It's easy to feel overwhelmed and wonder why we keep falling into the same thought patterns. We need to recognize these thoughts are not from God, but from an enemy lurking who wants to seize every opportunity to lie his way into our minds. You can find freedom from the battles in your mind if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face.

I hope that you will take advantage of these videos and the over 25,000 other videos on all kinds of spiritual topics. They can really help you grow in your faith!

– Pastor Broers



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in honor of an occasion or in memory of someone, please call the office to make arrangements. 546-8855



Record Keeping **CHURCH RECORDS FOR APRIL**
Deaths: Betty Thompson
Patty Schultz
Dorothy Luschen

Service Times for May

8:00 am Traditional
9:15 am Fellowship Hour
10:30 am Contemporary
Weds - 6 pm Contemporary
All services are now Live Streaming to Facebook and YouTube.



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
Sympathies to the family of Patty Schultz, who passed away on March 29th. St. John's family include Karol Holton & Diane Utesch.
Sympathies to the family of Betty Thompson, who passed away April 7th. St. John's family includes Wade Thompson, Josh & Nicole Thompson, and Bill & Angie Schilmoeller.
Sympathies to the family of Dorothy Luschen, who passed away April 14th. St. John's family includes Curt & Renae Buss family, and Keith Luschen.
Sympathies to the family of Robert Powell, who passed away April 22nd. St. John's family includes Steve & Kay Powell.
Prayers of Thanksgiving for the safe return of Brent Jarvis. Please continue to uphold in prayer those still serving overseas and their families.

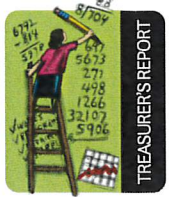


COFFEE IS ON!!! The coffee bar will be ready at 9 am Sunday mornings! Come early or stay after. Grab a cup of coffee and a Lally's donut hole, or two! Free will donations are appreciated. Enjoy!!

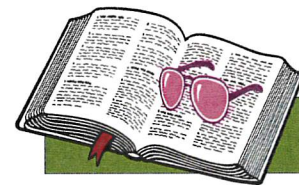
Treasurer's Report

March 2026

1. Our Operating Checking Account decreased \$10,760 in March to \$28,700. All Benevolence and payroll tax liabilities paid current. Compared to last year's balance at end of March, we have \$13,000 more in our operating checking account.
2. We continue to be debt free.
3. Offerings of \$46,692 in March with year-to-date now at \$130,429. This YTD total compares favorably to 2025 total of \$120,508, 2024 total of \$112,733, and 2023 total of \$124,657.
4. March operating expenses of \$52,349 were about \$7,000 more than budget. Administration expenses over budget by \$4,000 due to first installment of \$4,000 made for our consultant study group - the Unstuck Group. This expense will be covered by estate funds. For the first three months of 2026, we are right on budget for our operating expenses.
5. The stock market took a hit in March as our endowment funds lost \$34,302 in March with the 2026 YTD loss now at \$7,630.
6. Kim has received paperwork for another estate gift of \$25,000. After we pay the remainder of our elevator repair expense, we will have about \$370,000 of estate funds under investment when we receive this new \$25,000 estate gift.



Bill Young
Church Treasurer



Summer Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship Services

will conclude on

May 27th for the Summer
Sunday Worship Schedule

will move to "1" service @ 9:30 am
Starting Sunday, **June 7th**



Flag Exchange: Please join us at the flagpole on Sunday, May 24th at 9:15 am for a flag raising ceremony. The current flag, flying in honor of Bill Wruck will be retired and a new flag, in honor of Ronald Schultz will be raised. Ron served in the United States Army, Buck Sergeant, serving from January 1964 - January 1966. The Boy Scouts Troop will be leading this event. You are invited to stay for coffee and donuts after the ceremony. **Thank you to all of our Veterans!**

Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

**Please turn in your newsletter articles by
May 20.**

ELEVATOR CLOSED

ELEVATOR REPAIR NOTICE

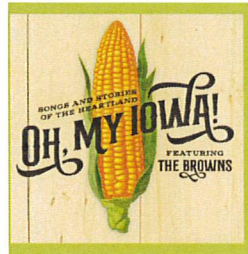
St. John's elevator repair work has begun. They are doing prep work for when the elevator will be completely out of commission mid-May. We are told, the work will take 2 - 3 weeks. Please keep this in mind if you regularly use the elevator to get downstairs. We ask for your cooperation and patience as we make the necessary updates to the elevator. Thank you.



ELDERBERRIES

Join St. John's fellow seniors 55+ for an evening of fun and fellowship at The Brown's Theatre on May 13th.

We will be enjoying dinner (5 pm) and attending the show, "Oh, My Iowa!" You can still purchase tickets directly from The Brown's Theatre.



To all the women who showed up to help put together the Confirmation Stoles, **thank you!** It was a good turnout and the work was much easier with everyone's help. What a wonderful keepsake for our Confirmands! ~ Mary Roder

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS



Sunday April 26th, St. John's Confirmed 23 youth who completed their 3 years of study. We ask that God continue to bless these young adults as they continue their faith journeys.

Confirmands include: Kyleigh Bohlken, Sophia Brennan, Luke Britt, Kaden Brownmiller, Owen Fintel, Kenna Grage, Harper Grause, Bentley Hightree, Aubrey Jelken, Journey Keleher, Keyanna Miller, Mia Petsch, Ethan Rachuy, Audrina Schoenrock, Aleigha Bohlken, Kylee Den Ouden, Lauren Forbes, Riley Harms, Cameron Pauling, Quentin Ranschau, Gavin Rolling, Rylann Schmidt, Kinley Tingwald.

GRADUATES RECEPTION



Proverbs 3:5-6
"Trust in the LORD
with all your heart,
and lean not on your
own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight."

The congregation is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am on May 17th, for a reception in honor of our High School Graduates. Light refreshments will be served. The students will also be recognized at both services that day. Please plan to attend!

Class of 2025 includes: Logan Anderson, Tegan Bogh, Megan Brennan, Maisie Britt, Kyndal Davis, Ian DeRuyter, Jarett Forbes, Quinton Gengler, Kasey Grause, William Hartman, Caiden Heitritter, Keira Ladenthin, Jackson Majeres, Kougar Sargisson, Mya Skov.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Don't forget to register for **SUMMER CAMP!** St. John's will be covering half of the cost of camp for each St. John's Camper. Don't forget to claim the "member church" discount of \$10. Notify the church office of registration and dates of camp. After your student has attended, St. John's will reimburse you for up to half of the cost of the camp.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8th - 11th
9 am - 2 pm
Pre-k through
5th grade

Okoboji Bible Camp Counselors will be leading this year's 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"!!!



THIS COULD BE YOU!!!! INGHAM OKOBOJI CAMP COUNSELORS NEEDED:

College Students...Please consider becoming a Camp Counselor at Ingham Okoboji this summer. St. John's Endowment Team is offering a **\$1000.00 stipend** to help supplement your summer income. Talk to Pastor Broers or Kim in the office to find out more details. Ingham Okoboji is accepting applications now.

GROW, Sunday School, and Catechism **Volunteers for 2025-2026**

Thank you for making this past year a great success!

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
- Donna Heeren

Kitchen Cont.

- 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

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

>>> May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
		
Education Sunday 3 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour (Last Day of Sunday School) 11:30 am Mission Trip Mtg Y/R	4	5 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Imagine Heaven Study L/L 5:30 pm People of Praise
10 MOTHER'S DAY 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Fellowship Hour	11 6 pm Outreach Meeting L/L 7 pm Church Council D/R	12 9 am Do-Day 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Imagine Heaven Study L/L 5:30 pm People of Praise
17 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Graduates Reception	18 1:30 pm Anna Circle-L/L	19 9 am – 5 pm Unstuck Group Mtg L/L 9:30 am Hannah Circle L/L 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Imagine Heaven Study L/L 5:30 pm People of Praise 6:30 – 8 pm Practicing the Way Course F/H
24 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Flag Exchange/ Fellowship Hour	25 Memorial Day Building Closed	26 10 am Staff Meeting 2 pm Imagine Heaven Study L/L 5:30 pm People of Praise 6:30 – 8 pm Practicing the Way Course F/H
NOISY OFFERING 31 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Fellowship Hour 2 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony		

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L	2
6 6:00 pm Worship/Comm 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Team Mtg. L/L 6:45 pm SJ Choir	7 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/	8 2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L	9
13 9:30 – 11am Chapel Services at Care Facilities 5 pm Elderberries/Brown's Show 6:00 pm Worship 6:45 pm SJ Choir	14 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/	15 2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L	16
20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9 am – 5 pm Unstuck Group Mtg L/L 9:30 – 10:30am Chapel Services at Care Facilities 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle L/L 6:00 pm Worship	21 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/	22 2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L	23
27 6:00 pm Worship (Final worship until Fall)	28 9 – 10 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/L 7 pm Organ Duo Concert	29 2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L	30
			

WOMEN'S CIRCLES



MONDAY, MAY 18

1:30 PM Anna Circle, Library

TUESDAY, MAY 19

9:30 AM Hannah Circle, Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

1:30 PM Dorcas Circle, Library

All women are welcome to join St. John's Women Circles. Circle meetings are held the 3rd Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of each month.

TUESDAY, MAY 12TH DO-DAY 9 AM

Join us from **9 am-3 pm** as we put together quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief and Global Health. If you can iron, sew, tie a knot, or use a scissors, we want you to join us! Please call the church office if you would like more information or pick up a booklet from the information table in the entryway or lobby to learn more about this women's ministry!

Please save your gently used Bibles and canceled postage stamps for Do-Day. These items can be placed in the designated baskets which are currently in the north entryway of the church.



COMMENCING A LIFETIME OF LEARNING

What would you tell a young man or woman about to graduate? One of the most common messages commencement speakers share is that graduates are indeed commencing. They are only just beginning to learn.

While they may rightly feel proud of finishing school, a few months in the working world often reveal how much they still do not know.

Christians who love God with their minds understand that truth frees us from ignorance and superstition. They also know that the joy of learning brings deep satisfaction and, in time, wisdom. That wisdom helps us evaluate what we have learned and use it well, so that knowledge becomes a tool for growth and faithful living.

BLESSINGS TO:

5/1 Michael Albert, Emma Ryan

5/2 Adriane Stamer-Fuentes, Aleace Stamer-Fuentes, David Klave, Journey Keleher, Brett McInnis, Sheri Ahlrich

5/3 Alex Kellen

5/4 Andrea Hessenius, Brent Brownmiller

5/5 Karla Hansen, Sandra Curry, Scott Borchers

5/7 Addyson Thompson, Wade Thompson

5/8 Alex Meier, David Brennan, Madeline Hurt, Joshua Thompson

5/9 Joel Johnson, Everly Neyens

5/11 Kathy Wingert, Paul Kolker, Tanner Anthony

5/12 Anna Larson, Kyleigh Bohlken, Ryan Hanisch

5/13 Tonya Jauron, Lisa Bogh, Darlene Hoffman

5/14 Carma Mitchell

5/15 Jacci Borchers

5/16 Haley Kass, Larissa Waggoner, Nanette Durr

5/17 Kenna Grage, Lauren Forbes, Riley Harms, Todd Zinnel

5/18 Keira Ladenthin, Quinten Burdette

5/19 Shane Hessenius

5/20 Merrill McNaughton

5/21 Charlene Peterson, Cassandra Miller

5/22 Luke Britt, Stephen Broers

5/23 Jany Schroeder, Karon Dorr, Steve Justice, William Bruns, Shawn Shipley, Dustin Wurth, Zoe Broers

5/24 Andrea Britt, Judy Schulz, Kara Grage, Shelly Wendt, Jodie Harms, Carolyn Strub, LeAnn Hurlbut

5/25 Aleigha Bohlken, Kevin Bultman

5/26 Doug Carlsen

5/27 Kent Pauling

5/28 Nicole Jarvis

5/29 Jay Dunn

5/30 Michael Hargens



The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.



Thank you to those serving St. John's this month:

Worship Assistants Schedule

May 3

8 am Greeter: Rose Heeren/Mary Rieken
Lector: Roma Lancaster
Comm. Servers: Roma Lancaster
Rose Heeren
Mark Kehrberg
10:30 am Greeter: Mel & Donna Heeren
Lector: Ian DeRuyter
Comm. Servers: Anne Jeneary
Rex & Chris Knapp

May 10

8 am Greeter: Henry & Teri Herrig
Lector: Lowell Penning
Comm. Servers: Henry & Teri Herrig
Marylyn Muecke
10:30 am Greeter: Nicole Jarvis/Cindy Kamies
Lector: Kent Westphal
Comm. Servers: Nicole Jarvis
Cindy Kamies
Hope Majeres

May 17

8 am Greeter: Steve & Rhonda Justice
Lector: Jane Arnold
Comm. Servers: Jane Arnold
Dean Borchers
Janys Schroeder
10:30 am Greeter: Joyce Brownmiller/Jean Heeren
Lector: Aynslee Schmidt
Comm. Servers: Brad Pick
Krista Plueger
Denise Anthony

May 24

8 am Greeter: Ned & Wanda MaComb
Lector: Janet Wiener
Comm. Servers: Arlene Wiener
Jane Westphal
Elvira Nielsen
10:30 am Greeter: Dave Brennan Family
Lector: Cheryl Peyton
Comm. Servers: Dave & Elizabeth Brennan
Cheryl Peyton



May 31

8 am Greeter: Rob & Jaime Sudtelgte
Lector: Keith Westhoff
Comm. Servers: Aleigha Bohlken
Rod & Sandy LaBahn
10:30 am Greeter: Dan & Julie Albert
Lector: Karol Holton
Comm. Servers: Dan & Julie Albert
Paula Kommes

Acolyte Schedule

May 3

8 am Crucifer: Mia Petsch
Acolytes: Cameron Pauling
Saylix Farmer
10:30 am Acolytes: Kaden Brownmiller
Emma Ryan

May 10

8 am Crucifer: Luke Britt
Acolytes: Avery Bogh
Kemper Davis
10:30 am Acolytes: Aynslee Schmidt
Rylann Schmidt

May 17

8 am Crucifer: Quentin Ranschau
Acolytes: Audrina Schoenrock
Kemper Davis
10:30 am Acolytes: Kinley Tingwald
Lauren Forbes

May 24

8 am Crucifer: Avery Bogh
Acolytes: Tim Larson
Bentley Hightree
10:30 am Acolytes: Aleigha Bohlken
Kyleigh Bohlken

May 31

8 am Crucifer:
Acolytes: Carter Westphal
10:30 am Acolytes: Autumn Jelken
Aubrey Jelken

Sound Board Schedule

May 3

8 am Micah Broers - slides
Tim Larson - video/sound
10:30 am Megan Brennan - slides
Carter Westphal - video/sound

May 10

8 am Keith Westhoff - slides
Micah Broers - video/sound
10:30 am Megan Jeneary - slides
Jacob Jeneary - video/sound

May 17

8 am Tim Larson - slides
Micah Broers - video/sound
10:30 am Sophia Brennan - slides
Keith Westhoff - video/sound

May 24

8 am Becky DeRuyter - slides
Brenda Haverhals - video/sound
10:30 am Becky DeRuyter - slides,
video/sound

May 31

8 am Brenda Haverhals - slides
Becky DeRuyter - video/sound
10:30 am Megan Jeneary - slides
Jacob Jeneary - video/sound

All Wednesdays at 6 pm - Todd Zinnel



May 3

8 am Sheri Oetken/Brenda Haverhals
10:30 am Nicole Jarvis/Brenda Haverhals

May 10

8 am Beth Larson/Arlene Wiener
10:30 am Sherri Harms/Krista Plueger

May 17

8 am Beth Larson/Arlene Wiener
10:30 am Sherri Harms/Rhonda Justice

May 24

8 am Sheri Oetken/Brenda Haverhals
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May 31

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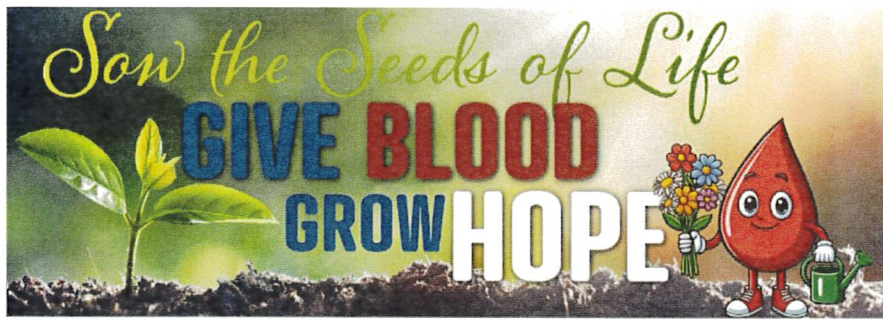
Coffee Bar Schedule

May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31

May Usher Schedule

8:00 AM Tracy Winger, Chr., Greg
McInnis, Doug Schultz, Rob
Sudtelgte, Jay Dunn

10:30 AM Bryce Tingwald, Chr., Nathan
Pauling, Joey Posivio, Jeremy Ferguson,
Graham Forbes



LEMARS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



Friday

May 1

9:00 am to 2:30 pm

YMCA
Upper Level Fitness Room

LEMARS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE



Thursday

May 14

1:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall
120 1st Ave NE, Lemars, IA

Dear People of St. John's,
Thank you for your longstanding commitment to loving our neighbors around the world. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

Grace & Peace,



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



A big thank you from the staff at **Safe Place**, on behalf of their clients, for the donations from St. John's. With the grant from Thrivent and generous donations from many of you, we were able to provide them with 425 items of clothing, personal care products, and household products.



Dear friends of St. John's,

On behalf of all of us at Luther House of Study, thank you so much for your recent donation and continued support. We so appreciate your congregation, your generosity towards our mission to train and support Lutheran Pastors and congregations is valued. We are grateful to be in partnership in ministry with you!

Sincerely,
The Team at Luther House



The American Legion will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast on May 10th. Serving time is 8:30 am -12:30 pm. On the menu are pancakes, waffles, scrambled eggs and sausage.

Location is at 110 Plymouth Street SW. A freewill offering will be collected.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

We can't think of a better way to celebrate the beginning of Summer Camp season than with an Ice Cream Social! Hosted at **INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP**, our Ice Cream Social is fun for all ages!

Ice Cream Social Schedule:

- 3:30 pm- Program
- 4:00- 6:00 pm- Supper is Served (and don't forget the Ice Cream!)
- 6:00 pm- Pie Auction!

A Free Will Offering will be taken for the day - all proceeds go towards the Retreat House Window replacement and other Ingham needs. The Event is sponsored by the Ingham Auxiliary who will serve a delicious meal and fabulous desserts.

Location: 2258 450th Ave, Wallingford, IA



Check out the Bible Camp website: okoboji.org
There are a lot of fun events happening! For all ages coming up.

ELDERVERSITY - for kids 55+ will be held on June 1 - 2 at Okoboji. Come enjoy the camp experience and listen to guest speaker, Pastor Scott Meyer.

TRAVEL CAMP TO MACKINAC ISLAND Oct. 4-10 This would be a great opportunity to travel with some great people to a great location!

**St. John's
will be closed
for Memorial Day,
May 25th**



Noisy Offerings will be collected on **May 31st** for "Ministry Money for Mission Trip Chicago 2026." **These funds will help offset costs of mission projects the youth will be helping with in Chicago next Summer.**

Remember to mark on your calendars the last Sunday of the month, Noisy Offering Sunday!! Thanks in advance from your Outreach Team!

ST. JOHN'S MINISTRY PARTNERS

St. John's is supporting the following agencies with Benevolence funds in 2026:

- Lutheran Services in Iowa LSIowa.org
- Lutheran World Relief LWR.org
- Ingham Lake Bible Camp www.okoboji.org/ingham
- Global Health Ministries www.ghm.org

We encourage you to go to each of these agencies websites to read more about the good work they do.



If you wish to stay informed on what is happening in the NALC, you can go to: www.thenalc.org/newsletter and subscribe. You will receive

informative newsletters by email. Sign up today to receive the "NALC News." You can also go to www.thenalc.org for the main church website.

To stay up to date on what is happening in the LCMC, go to this link to sign up for their e/newsletter.

<https://mailchi.mp/ed05627605ee/lcmc>

You can also go to www.lcmc.net for the main church website. Printed materials may also be found on the information tables in the lobby and north entryway.



SHARE THE WORD OF GOD BY SPONSORING FORTRESS OF FAITH, a half hour recording of the church service broadcast on 1410 KLEM/AM on Sundays at 1 pm. Your name and reason for sponsoring will be included in the broadcast. The cost to sponsor this is \$25. **SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!**



SPONSOR A RADIO MESSAGE, which airs on Fridays on KLEM, advertising our service information for the upcoming weekend, and costs \$10. **CALL THE CHURCH TO SPONSOR!** You can sponsor either (or both!) of these in memory or in honor of a loved one, in honor of an anniversary or birthday, or you can sponsor anonymously as a friend of St. John's. 712-546-8855 **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



Watch St. John's worship services on **CABLE CHANNEL 12** on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm, or on the St. John's website, www.stjohnslemarsia.org listed under Video Sermons on the left side of the home page.

A Little Free Pantry always needs donations. No one needs to know, shop for non-perishable items (quick snacks are best) and drop them off at the Pantry. Please keep in mind as the weather warms up, avoid items that may melt or glass that may break. Thanks!

Rejoice! Food Bank Distribution is the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4-5 pm. If you are in need, please call 548-4430 or email rejoice@hotmail.com.

Sunnybrook Hope Center Food Pantry Distribution is the 3rd Monday each month from 6 - 8 pm by appt. Located West of Le Mars Fareway. Make a reservation through the QR Code or go to www.sunnybrookchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/399133



If you have a child between the ages of 3 & 4 years old you may qualify for the **FREE Head Start or Child Development Program** through Mid-Sioux Opportunity. For more information on this free preschool program contact 800-859-2025.

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Early Head Start is currently taking applications for their **FREE family support and resource program**. Early head Start serves expectant families and children up to the age of three. For more information on this free home based program call 800-859-2025.

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Have you ever been interested in reading the Bible in a Year? You can find a reading schedule on the information table in the lobby to assist you in studying God's word in 2026. Pick up your copy soon and get started!!!

