



St. John's Lutheran Church
 Welcoming Everyone
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April 26th, 2026 4th Sunday of Easter

St. John's Office Hours: 8-5 Tues.-Fri. Building Hours: 8-5 Mon.-Fri.

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WELCOME Abraham Curiel, from Youth For Christ, who will be delivering today's message. A special offering will be collected in the lobby for Youth For Christ.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are in honor and respect of our veterans and deployed military by Karol Holton.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected today. Don't forget your loose change or bills. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION will be held today, April 26th, at 2 pm in the sanctuary. Students should be at church by 1:15 pm and meet in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is invited to attend. The class of 2026 are: (8th grade) 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, (9th grade) Aleigha Bohlken, Kylee Den Ouden, Lauren Forbes, Riley Harms, Cameron Pauling, Quentin Ranschau, Gavin Rolling, Rylann Schmidt, and Kinley Tingwald.

FINAL GROW MEAL on April 29th is Chef's Choice.

FLOWER FUNDRAISER The tentative date for the flowers to be arriving is Thursday, April 30th. Pick up is scheduled to be in the church parking lot, but be watching for notices about the exact time this week through Facebook or emails. Thanks.

ELDERBERRIES ARE GOING TO "OH, MY IOWA!" You're invited, 55 and older to the Brown's show, "Oh, My Iowa!" on May 13th. Price for dinner and show is \$44.15 payable to The Brown's Theatre. Bring your check to the office by April 27th. See the flyers for the meal menu.

ELEVATOR REPAIR WORK has begun. However, the main work on the elevator, which will take the elevator out of commission is now scheduled for May 11th.

THANK YOU to all of the women who came to help put together the Confirmation Stoles. It was a good turnout and the stoles will be a wonderful keepsake for the youth on this special day. ~ Mary Roder

CAMP COUNSELOR STIPENDS St. John's will again be offering a \$1000.00 stipend for St. John's members working at Ingham Okoboji Bible Camp this summer. Talk to Pastor or Kim to find out more about this great opportunity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING: June 8-11 from 9 am - 2 pm for pre-k through 5th grades. Okoboji Bible Camp will be leading this year's VBS, but we will still need guides, helpers, housing and food. Be watching for a sign up in the coming weeks and also be watching for information on how to register your child.

CAMPERSHIPS Now is the time to sign up for summer camp!!! A flyer can be found on the bulletin board in the lobby for details on how to get your child signed up for camp and receive a campership (1/2 the price of camp) from St. John's.

EDUCATION SUNDAY will be May 3rd. We will be recognizing our teachers and guides during the services to thank them for all they do for our St. John's youth.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS If you have donations that you'd like to drop off for Operation Christmas Child, please put them in the marked box near the Resource Room.

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

- MAY 1 - Le Mars Comm. Blood Drive at YMCA 9 am - 2:30 pm
- 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
- MAY 31 - Ingham Lake Bible Camp Ice Cream Social 3:30 - 6 pm

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!

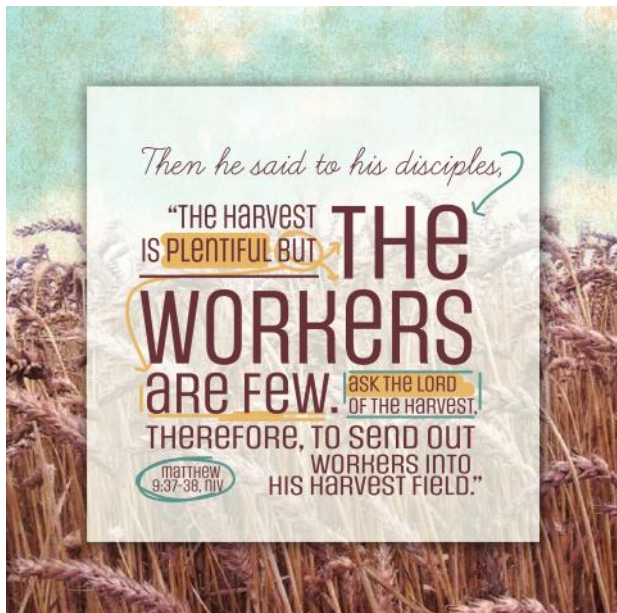
Thank you to our worship assistants!

	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
Greeter	Mike & Brenda Haverhals	Brad & Kaylyn Pick
Lector	Roma Lancaster	Hope Majeres
Comm Serv	Ellen Russell	Hope Majeres
	Roma Lancaster	Dan Albert
	Pam Roling	Julie Albert
Crucifer	Cameron Pauling	
Acolytes	Kylee Den Ouden	Chesney Keleher
	Kasen Niehus	Journey Keleher
ProPresenter	Brenda Haverhals	Keith Westhoff
Video/Sound	Tim Larson	Micah Broers
Altar Guild	Rose Heeren	Kay Powell
	Janice Milne	Janet Kolker
Coffee Bar	Pat Penning	
Ushers	Denny Plueger, Chr., Milo D., Steve U., Ron S., Tony L., Neal O.	Adam Schmidt, Chr., Simon K., Dan A., Doug & Karen C.

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 Robert Powell, who passed away April 22nd. St. John's family includes Steve & Kay Powell.

Sun April 26	Mon April 27	Tues April 28	Wed April 29	Thurs April 30	Fri May 1	Sat May 2	Sun May 3
Noisy Offering 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour 2 pm Confirmation	LifeWise	LifeWise 10 am Staff Mtg 2 pm 40 Day Study Y/R 4 pm Inreach Team Mtg.. L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P.	LifeWise 5 pm Grow Meal 6 pm Worship 6:30 pm Grow 6:45 pm Sr. Choir 8:15 pm HS Youth Grp	9 am Prayer Time 5:30 pm Thursday in the Word Small Group L/L	2 pm Hearts of Fire 2 L/L		Education Sunday 8 & 10:30 am Worship w/Comm 9:15 am Study Hour/ Last Day of Sunday School 11:30 am Mission Trip Meeting Y/R

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Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-38 ³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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.

SALUS VOCAL ENSEMBLE presents their Spring concert "Echoes of Wonder" on Sunday, April 26. There will be two performances - at the Sioux City Art Center (225 Nebraska Street) at 2pm and the Le Mars Plymouth County Historical Museum (335 1st Ave SW) at 5pm. Mike Rathke is a baritone and accompanist in this group and Jack McInnis sings tenor.

MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offered through **Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.** may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Health & Human Services and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay a portion of their primary heating costs. Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications through April 30, 2026. Call 546-6603 Mon-Tues-Thurs from 8-4:30. See the bulletin board for more information.