



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



WELCOME VISITORS If you are new to St. John's, we would love to get to know you. Please use this QR Code or text "Welcome" to 712-900-1070, to share your contact information.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** were sponsored last week in appreciation by Mary Rieken. This week they are sponsored in memory of Jim Brownmiller by Joyce Brownmiller.

HEARING ASSISTANCE If you are having difficulties hearing the service in the sanctuary, please see an usher for a hearing device that will boost the volume for you in the sanctuary.

BLESSING OF THOSE WHO CARRY BACKPACKS All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to worship next Sunday, when we will have a special blessing to start the new school year and a special keychain for your bags.

SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING All current, past or any one interested in possibly being a small group leader are invited to meet on Sunday, August 23, at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll gather for a time of encouragement, conversation and planning as we continue growing together in faith and helping others connect through small groups. Please contact Nicole Jarvis at 712-389-1221 with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR WANTED

St. John's is looking for a new SS Coordinator. The SS Coordinator oversees all Sunday school activities and operations. A stipend is available. Please speak with Pastor Broers if interested. Thank you! And many thanks to Beth Larson who has passionately gone above and beyond to make sure that our kids know Jesus!

CATECHISM GUIDES NEEDED!

We are looking for adults, male or female, to commit to being Catechism Guides for our 6th grade classes starting this Fall. We meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30-8 pm. Please contact Pastor Broers with interest or questions. Thank you!

CATECHISM PRAYER PARTNERS WANTED!

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.



We're looking for people that love God, love kids and are willing to spend their Wednesday nights GROWing the kingdom of God.

Positions to prayerfully consider: *Teachers (PreK-5th grade)*
Helpers (PreK-5th grade)
Kitchen Helpers
Greeters

Volunteers can be scheduled weekly, twice a month, or monthly. Please pray and ask God if He is wanting you to step out in faith and join us! Contact Kristy or Pastor Broers with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

August 16th, 2026 12th Sunday of Pentecost

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

Office Manager: Kim Lang

Part-time Office Assistant: Connie Kellen

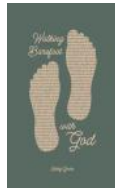
Facilities Manager: Todd Oetken

Sunday School Superintendent:

COLLEGE STUDENT WRITING MINISTRY We are looking for St. John's members to join in a writing ministry for our college students for the upcoming school year. This ministry is designed to encourage and help our college students during the school year. Through this ministry we will connect each college student with adults from our church who will send them a note/card (once per month) to remind them that someone from home loves and cares about them! What does this require?

- College Students - need to provide contact information, likes, birthday, and parent information
- St. John's members - need to commit to sending a note/card once per month – September thru April. Each month you will receive (via email) a different student to write, so by the end of the school year you will have blessed eight students!

Let's show our students that they are in our thoughts and in our prayers even while they are away at school. Registration will be ready in mid-August. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Brennan via phone/text at 540-7315.



MEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, for 7 weeks. 7pm in the Church Library. The study will continue with Kathy Yoder's Book- "Walking Barefoot with God." If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Bill Young at 540-3749 or *sign up on the bulletin board and we will provide you a book.*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS and a list of items to donate can be left in the marked box near the Resource Room.

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTIONS 4 - 70 sheet notebooks (no loose leaf), 1 wooden ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 blunt scissors, 5 black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink), 1 24 count box of crayons. Items can be left in the basket by the North Entrance.

LIFEWISE is looking for a teacher, classroom volunteers, bus drivers and board members for the coming year. Please reach out to Lindy Dohman at lindydohman@lifewise.org or 320-292-0591. Newsletter flyers with more details can be found in the lobby.

INGHAM LAKE BIBLE CAMP 75TH ANNIVERSARY

August 22 –23, 2258 450th Ave, Wallingford. 2 days of activities, including boating, archery, campfire, brunch, worship, hog roast and pie auction. Go to www.okoboji.org/75 to see more details.

Thank you Worship Assistants!

9:30 AM

Greeter
Lector
Comm Serv

Dianne Baack & Joel Johnson
Elvira Nielsen
Cindy Kamies

Crucifer
Acolytes

Steve Breuer
Lynn Breuer
Saylix Farmer
Avery Bogh

ProPresenter
Video/Sound
Altar Guild
Coffee Bar
Ushers

Keith Westhoff
Tim Larson
Beth Larson & Lynn Breuer
Brenda Haverhals
Denny Plueger, Milo Duque, Bryce Tingwald,
Chr., Steve U., Ron S., Tony L., Neal O.,
Nathan P., Joey P., Jeremy F., Graham F.

Remember These People in Prayer: Mike Rathke, Scott, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Sharen, Vicky Jurgenson, Nash, Diane K., Joyce Gronemeyer, Angie, Denise, Carolyn, and Randy Stream; **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; Happy Siesta - Eleanor Westhoff, Wade Thompson

Sun Aug 16	Mon Aug 17	Tues Aug 18	Wed Aug 19	Thurs Aug 20	Fri Aug 21	Sat Aug 22	Sun Aug 23
9:30 am Worship w/ Comm	1:30 pm Anna Circle L/L 6 pm Youth Ministry Team Mtg. L/L	10 am Staff Meeting L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Outreach/ Mission Team Mtg L/L	9:30 am Prime Living Chapel 10 am Accura Chapel 1:30 pm Dorcas Circle L/L	9 am Prayer Time w/Pastor 3 pm Imagine Small Group			Blessing of Backpacks 9:30 am Worship w/ Comm 10:45 am Small Group Leaders Mtg F/H

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*"Lord, Son of David,
have mercy on me!"*

Matthew 15:22, NIV

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 ²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 ¹ This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed. ⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant - ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸ The Sovereign Lord declares - he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

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

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 ¹ I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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Please rise for the reading of the holy Gospel.

The holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.



REGISTER HERE FOR
"GROW"



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at **8:15** am and **10:30** am
Starting Sunday, **September 13th**

Wednesday Worship Services
have been discontinued. But, be
watching for new
Small Group Opportunities.



FALL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Bell Practice	5:30 pm - Sept 2nd
GROW Meal	6:00 pm - Sept 9th
Catechism	6:30 pm - Sept 2nd
GROW	6:30 pm - Sept 9th
Sr. Choir Practice	6:30 pm - Sept 2nd
HS Youth Group	8:15 pm - Sept 9th

