



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 to share your contact information.

FORTRESS OF FAITH and **RADIO ADS** are sponsored in honor of Scott Rieken's birthday by Mary Rieken.

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!!!

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.

NOTES FOR BIBLE CAMPERS Please remember Kali Gerloff, who will be attending camp this week and 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS can be left in the marked box near the Resource Room. We are gearing up for the Samaritan's purse project which is in a few months. We have a list of requested items on the box near the resource room. This month we are focusing on small water bottles, thin dark wash clothes and combs; however any of the other requested items is appreciated. If you have any questions contact Jame Westphal or Pam Roling.



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

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!

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!

QUILT OF VALOR Master Sergeant Brent Jarvis will be awarded his quilt of valor at the Plymouth County Historical Museum on Sunday, July 5 at 3 pm. Several St. John's members have also loaned their quilts which are featured in the current exhibit.

July 5, 2026 6th Sunday of Pentecost
St. John's Office Hours: 8-5 Tues.-Fri. **Building Hours:** 8-5 Mon.-Fri.
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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 to schedule a time to donate.

QUILT AUCTION IOLBC are preparing for the camp's 39th Annual Quilt Auction. Friday, July 31st, an **Online Auction** begins at 8 am and will go through Monday, August 3rd at 6 pm. The quilt preview in the gym will run from 4 - 7 pm. **Scandinavian Feast** is from 5:30 - 7:30 pm with the **Glenn Henriksen Concert** at 7 pm. Saturday, August 1st is a **5K Run/Walk** at 8 am. Quilt preview from 9 - 11:30 am. **Lunch in Dining Hall** 11 - 12:30 am. **Live Quilt Auction** begins at 12 noon. Go to www.okoboji.org/quilt to see the quilts and learn more about this fundraiser. Proxy bidding is available, but does end August 1st at 10:30 am. Event is held at 1203 Inwan Street, Wahpeton. Please call the camp if you have questions at 712-337-3306 or 1-800-OKOBOJI.

Other upcoming events:
 => 28th Annual Ingham Okoboji Golf Classic Saturday, August 15th at 1pm.
 => Fall Eldersversity August 28 - 30.

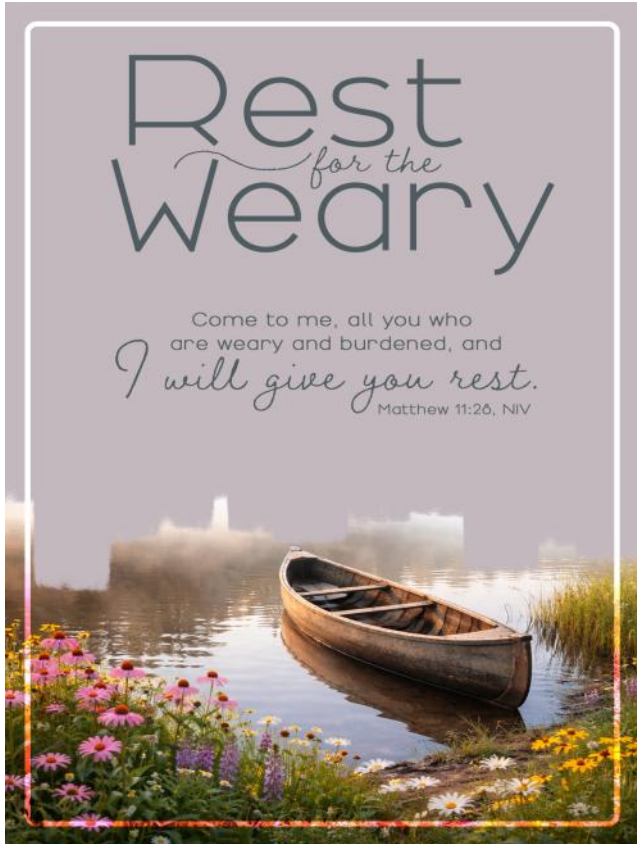
Thank you to our worship assistants!

- 9:30 AM**
Greeter Rod & Sandy LaBahn & Cheryl Peyton
Lector Kristy Broers
Comm Serv Jane Arnold
 Dianne Baack
 Dean Borchers
Crucifer Zoey Junck
Acolytes Hadley Klein
ProPresenter Larry Brangwin
Video/Sound Larry Brangwin
Altar Guild Janet Kolker
 Sherri Harms
Coffee Bar Sandy LaBahn
Ushers Ken F. & Adam S., Capt.'s, Keith W., Brady W., Mike H., Glenn K., Simon K., Dan A., Doug C., Karen C.

Remember These People in Prayer: Scott, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Kristy, Sharen, Vicky Jurgenson, 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 July 5	Mon July 6	Tues July 7	Wed July 8	Thurs July 9	Fri July 10	Sat July 11	Sun July 12
9:30 am Worship w/Comm		10 am Staff Mtg L/L 3 pm Imagine Small Group L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Practicing the Way L/L	9:30 am Pride Group Chapel 10 am Good Sam Chapel 10:30 am Stonebridge Chapel	9 am Prayer Time w/Pastor			10 am Worship w/Comm at the Municipal Park 11 am Picnic in the Park

July 5th, 2026
6th Sunday of Pentecost



First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12 ⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

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

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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. Matthew the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 ¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: ¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds." ²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.