



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.

THANK YOU Kent Westphal, for leading worship this morning.

FORTRESS OF FAITH are in memory of Glenda Haverhals by Dale Cook. **RADIO ADS:** we are looking for sponsors of Radio Ads. Please see Kim to sponsor a \$10 ad. Fortress of Faith spots are also available for \$25.

PRAYERS FOR CHICAGO MISSION TRIP Please remember our youth and adults who left for Chicago on Saturday, July 18th and will return on Friday, July 24th. Prayers for Safe travels and a blessed experiences serving others.

ELDERBERRIES will not be meeting in July.

NOISY OFFERINGS will be collected next weekend. Please remember your loose change, or bills. Recipient of the donations will be determined at a later date.

LIFEWISE is excited to have a stand at the fair this year. We will be serving breakfast, lunch, and supper! We are seeking some additional volunteers to make this happen. Would you consider working a shift? It should be a fun time and the proceeds will support our local LifeWise program! Click on the QR Code to view available shifts and sign up. Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Beth Larson has done a wonderful job organizing the education of our youth the last several years, but she would like to focus on a different aspect of ministry here at St. John's. The SS Superintendent oversees all Sunday school activities and operations in order to glorify God and fulfill the purpose of the church to make known the saving name of Jesus Christ. A stipend is available. Please speak with Pastor Broers if interested. Thank you! And many thanks to Beth 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!

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.



July 19, 2026 8th Sunday of Pentecost

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

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Part-time Office Assistant: Connie Kellen

Facilities Manager: Todd Oetken

Sunday School Superintendent:

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 moths. 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.

BIBLE CAMPERS Please continue to pray for Micah and Malachi Broers, who are serving at camp as staff this Summer.

THRIVENT CHOICE UPDATE All Thrivent members will now receive Choice Dollars, that can be directed to thousands of non-profits. St. John's is one of them. Choice Dollars will be available at the beginning of the year and can be directed anytime through December 31. Be sure to check your Thrivent account and please consider directing your funds to: St John Lutheran Church. Thanks.

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 Elderversity August 28 - 30.

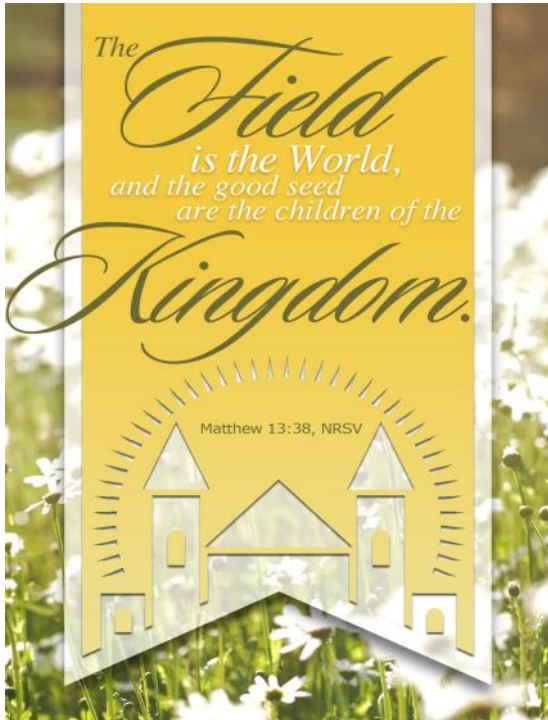
Thank you Worship Assistants!

Greeter	9:30 AM
Lector	Arlene Wiener/Henry & Teri Herrig
Comm Serv	Arlene Wiener
	Henry Herrig
	Teri Herrig
	Arlene Wiener
Crucifer	Owen Fintel
Acolytes	Aiden Fintel
	Bentley Hightree
ProPresenter	Sophia Brennan
Video/Sound	Tim Larson
Altar Guild	Rod & Sandy LaBahn
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, Le Ann Hurlbut, Sharen, Vicky Jurgenson, Nash, Diane K., Joyce Gronemeyer, 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 19	Mon July 20	Tues July 21	Wed July 22	Thurs July 23	Fri July 24	Sat July 25	Sun July 26
9:30 am Worship w/Comm	1:30 pm Anna Circle L/L 2 pm Imagine Small Group	10 am Staff Mtg L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P.	Newsletter Deadline		7-8 pm Youth Return from Chicago		Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship w/ Comm/Kroll Baptism 10:30 am Spiritual Growth/Discipleship Mtg. L/L

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First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 ⁵ This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. ⁷ "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

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

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25 ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation - but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 ²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" ³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

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.