



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 our veterans & deployed military by Karol Holton.

NOISY OFFERING will be collected TODAY. Don't forget your change and loose bills. This will be the final offering that will be helping fund the mission activities for the youth in Chicago next month. You can help make an impact for those they will be serving in the windy city! Thank you for all your support!

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.

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.

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!

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!

PARADE THANK YOU Thanks to Doug Carlsen for pulling the float in the ice cream day parade. Also, thanks you to the walker and everyone who helped. It was a wonderful way to make St. John's presence to our community.

SUPPORT FOR THE DIMMICK FAMILY St. John's would like to help **Megan Dimmick and her family** during this difficult time. We are requesting donations of gift cards (Fareway & Walmart) to help support them in the coming months. Please drop off donation to the church office by July 2. Your generosity will be a tremendous help and comfort to the family.

Remember These People in Prayer: Scott, Tim Lohafer, Jae'cion, Nancy H., Bellamy, Hanna Francksen-Small, Kristy, Nash, Diane K., Angie, Denise, Carolyn, and Jason, Sharen; **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

June 28th, 2026 5th Sunday of Pentecost

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

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NOTES FOR BIBLE CAMPERS Please 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.



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

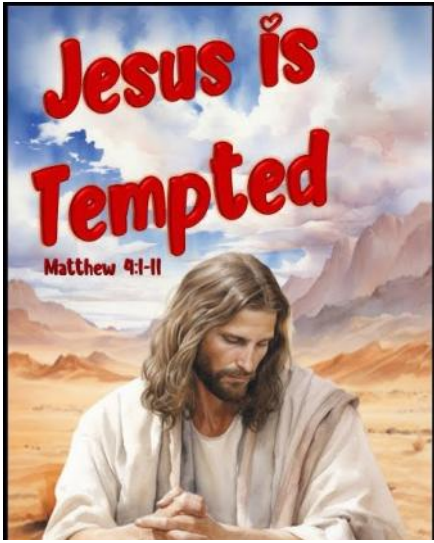
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Thank you to our worship assistants!

- 9:30 AM**
Greeter Gabe & Amy Davis Family & Rose Heeren
Lector Aleigha Bohlken
Comm Serv Pam Roling
 Roma Lancaster
 Kyleigh Bohlken
Crucifer Ethan Rachuy
Acolytes Chesney Keleher
 Journey Keleher
ProPresenter Becky DeRuyter
Video/Sound Tim Larson
Altar Guild Paula Kommes
 Jane Arnold
Coffee Bar Sherri Harms
Ushers Rod LaBahn & Gary Borchers, Capt's Joel J., Henry H., Mark K., Lowell P., Harold L., Jeff J., Levi TB.

Sun June 28	Mon June 29	Tues June 30	Wed July 1	Thurs July 2	Fri July 3	Sat July 4	Sun July 5
Noisy Offering 9:30 am Worship w/Comm		10 am Staff Mtg L/L 2 pm Imagine Small Group L/L 5:30 pm P.o.P. 6:30 pm Practicing the Way L/L		9 am Prayer Time w/Pastor	Building Closed	4th of July	9:30 am Worship w/Comm

June 28th, 2026
5th Sunday of Pentecost



First Reading: 1 Samuel 8:1-22 ¹ When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. ² The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. ³ But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice. ⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." ⁶ But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights." ¹⁰ Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹ He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. ¹² Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. ¹⁵ He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. ¹⁶ Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. ¹⁷ He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day." ¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. ²² The Lord answered, "Listen to them and give them a king." Then Samuel said to the Israelites, "Everyone go back to your own town."

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 ¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of

this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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. Mathew the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mathew 4:1-11 ¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

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.