

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Hello St. John's Ministry,

2020 has been a tough year so far but we are getting closer to the finish line. A vaccine is closer to completion, the uncertainty of an election year will pass soon, and as always all things work for the good of those who love our heavenly father. That's you! Our father loves you. Not in a general sense but personally. He has counted the very hairs of your head and you are worth more than many sparrows to him. He likes sparrows but not as much as he likes you. He cares for you and walks with you especially when times are tough and uncertain as they are now. He loves to be there for you when times are tough. If he's not already helping you through this time then make sure to let him into your worries, struggles, and fears. He can bear those things with you and for you. Blessings to you.

-Jeremy Jeremy Wolfe <u>jeremy.wolfe@csuglobal.edu</u> 563-258-2936

Starting October 1st... Office hours for Jeremy

Tuesday 9 AM to 4 PM at Luana <u>Wednesday</u> 9 AM to 4 PM at Farmersburg **Thursday** 9 AM to Noon at Luana, 1 PM to 4 PM at Farmersburg



FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: John Fuelling (20) V. Pres: Brad Hoth (21) Sec: Tammy Muller (20) Treas: Lindelle Scherf (22)

Council Members: Jeff Klinge (21) Tracey Phillips (22) & Zach Radloff (22)

CHURCH SECRETARY:

Kelly Shaw

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES:

Kelly Shaw & Brenda Hoth

OUTSIDE JANITOR:

Loren Scherf

INSIDE JANITOR:

Mary Beth Tielbar

WELCA:

Pres: Shirley Marmann V. Pres: Velma Kuehl Sec: Nancy Moon Treas: Becky Fuelling

Mission Action: Bev Moon, Nancy Moon, Marlene Glawe

MEN'S GROUP:

Pres: Jason Klinge V. Pres: Brad Hoth Sec/Treas: Don Bossard

ALTAR GUILD:

Directress: Cheryl Bossard Sec: Loretta Weipert Treas: Velma Kuehl

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Pres. Tammy Muller (21) Sec. Sherri Johnson (20) Members: Brenda Hoth (20)

Vicki Baade (21) Theresa Rodas (22) Janelle Smith (22)

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

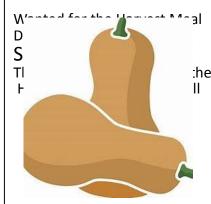
Church Website:

http://www.stjohn-farmersburg.org/

Remember to like St. John Facebook

Page.

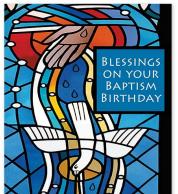
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the narthex for donations for the Tammy Muller 563-379-0835



Jeremy installing Acolytes on September 20, 2020 Landon Goltz, Kaylee Hoth, Isabelle Kirby, Adrianna Schoulte, & Autumn Shaw.



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- Brayden Hoth
- Declan Wolfe
- Landon Goltz
- Matthew Radloff
- Doug Glawe

William Scherf

Gary Scherf

ر - Bennett John Radloff

Thank you to Nancy Moon for arranging flowers for our outside and inside worship services.

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes September 9, 2020

Present at meeting: John Fuelling, Tammy Muller, Lindelle Scherf, Brad Hoth, Jeff Klinge, Tracey Phillips and Jeremy Wolfe. Absent: Zachary Radloff

Meeting called to order by President John Fuelling at 6:39 PM. Opening prayer by Jeremy. Jeff moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of August 12, 2020 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Tracey. Motion Carried. Tammy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Confirmation classes have started online, hoping to start meeting in person soon. He is doing home visits and phone calls. Josiah Scherf baptism is planned for October 4.

Old Business:

Inside worship services starting Sunday, September 13. Face coverings and seating in every other pew are recommended. Hand sanitizer has been ordered. A new radio transmitter has also been ordered.

Harvest Meal is set for October 25. If we cannot do a sit-down meal, it will be carry-out only. One Thrivent card for expenses has been received, still needing more. Also asking for donating of squash from people's gardens.

New Business:

Discussion on what to do with the church sign on Highway 13. Currently no one is utilizing it and is looking in poor condition. Tabled until next month.

Jeff started discussion on the long-term future of our congregation. What will things look like in 10-20 years from now? We need people to keep the church going. How do we get our current members, inactive members and new people involved? Consensus that we need to be open to new ideas and change.

Committee Reports:

Ministry team- Met on August 13, recommending Christmas Eve worship times to be 6:30 pm at Luana and 8:00 pm at Farmersburg. Next meeting is November 12.

Evangelism- working with Sunday School to make gifts for shut-ins & care center residents Parish Education – Committee needs to meet to finalize plans for Sunday school

Property – Seal on front door needs to be replaced

Worship Committee – met August 19 to finalize plans for inside services

No reports from Stewardship, Memorial, Youth group, Women's group, Men's group

Motion to adjourn by Jeff at 7:40 pm. Seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 14 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Tammy Muller, secretary



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August, 2020 – Treasurer's Report
Income:
    1798.00
       434.00
     1585.00
      1035.00
       592.00
      627.66 (MaryBeth returned checks from May, June, July)
Loose:
Initial Offering:
Rental income:
Missions:
    NE Iowa Synod: 265.00
    SOTH:
                      215.00
      CC Food Shelf:
                        80.00
      St. Pt. Home:
                         60.00
    LSI:
                       45.00
      EWALU:
                        35.00
Staff Compensation:
    Pastor:
                   1572.43 (1169.01 + 403.42)
    Portico:
                    400.00 - 200.00 each GC from Kwik Star &
    Secretary:
Casey's (Aug & July)
    Inside Cust.: 209.22
    Outside Cust.: 120.05
                138.52
    Organists:
Expenses:
  Black Hills (gas):
                           34.11
                          470.85
  Alliant (elec):
  NEIT:
                           80.41
  Brenen's Painting
                         4215.00
  Church Mutual
                          1379.25
  United States Treasury 523.53 (*510.39 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quart – SS & med,
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October Acolytes:

October 4 Ethan Goltz
October 11 Kaylee Hoth
October 18 Adrianna Schoulte

October 25 Autumn Shaw

ALTAR GUILD

Sharon Henning Marlene Glawe



As we continue to worship inside and outside of the church, we will again utilized the usher, greeter and communion assistant lists but in a different way. You are asked to be worship helpers. There will be no greeting or ushering, but you asked to wear masks and hand out bulletins and communion. You also will need to hand bulletins and communion out to the people that stay in their cars for worship. Your attendance is important to carry out these tasks as we attempt to worship both inside and out. If you can not or do not want to help please call the church office.

OCTOBER WORSHIP HELPERS ARE;

October 4 Lindelle Scherf

October 4 & October 11

Captain Ben Wikner, John Suhr & Pat Suhr, Paul Weipert & Brian Glawe

October 11 Kelly, Ashley & Autumn Shaw

October 18 Harry & Darcy Gerndt

October 18 & 25 Captain Matt Goltz, Jeremy Howard, Don Bossard &

Harry Gerndt

October 25 Gilbert & Barb Brainard

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

August 2 25 August 16 28





Thank You for choosing me as a scholarship recipient and helping with college expenses.

God Bless You,

Cierra Weipert

St. John's Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for the
scholarship money. I will be using it
toward my expenses at the University
of lowa.

■ Maya Butikofer



October

3 Bennett John Radloff

4 Wm. Scherf III

5 Verdean Schlake

7 Mike Reardon

8 Amanda Nelson

9 Ben Schlake

10 Grant Miller

12 Carisa Taylor

14 Eli Byroade

17 Nicholas Thornton

18 Jeff Wiedenman

Lyndean Tielbar

19 Joshua Kluth Adam Lnenicka Megan Glawe

20 Brian Pate

Chad Taylor

24 Gilbert Brainard29 Melissa (Fuelling) Wolfe

31 Luverne Krambeer



LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Keith Johnson (20) V. Pres: Luke Steege (20) Sec: Sonya Anderson (21) Cur. Treas: Linda Davis (20) Bene. Treas: Cindy Landt (21) Financial Counters: Council COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Loren Lenth (20), Duaine Palas (20), Doug Schlein (21), Janelle Smith (22),

Mary Schroeder (22) & Cayl Anderson (Youth) (20) CUSTODIAN:

WELCA:

Pres: Betty Handke (20)
V. Pres: Anna Schroeder (20)
Sec: Marj Schrader

Treas: Linda Davis

Mission Action: Carol Goettler

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (2020)
Sec: Darci Engelhardt (2020)
Banners/Linens/Candles:
 Mary Schroeder (2021)
 Jeanne Miller (2022)
Special Services/Flowers:
 Betty Handke (2021)
 Diane Kraus (2022)

Bapt./Comm.: Sherri Johnson Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners: Jeff Krambeer

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Greeters: Doug and Connie Schlein

Scripture Readers:

October 4 - Keith Johnson October 11 - Loren Lenth October 18 – Luke Steege October 25 – Janelle Smith

Prayer Readers:

October 4 – Mary Schroeder October 11 – Duaine Davis October 18 – Vicky Baade October 25 – Jerry Schroeder

Acolytes/Psalms:

October 4 – Kyle Tilson October 11 – Cayl Anderson October 18 – Josh Schierholz

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WELCA Bible Study is October 6 use the entry to the side of church All are welcome.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE						
	Att.	Comm				
Aug. 30 Sept. 6 Sept. 13 Sept. 20	30					
Sept. 6	20	18				
Sept. 13	27					
Sept. 20	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>				
TOTAL	114	55				
AVERAGE	28	27				

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Gertrude Lee who passed away on August 27, 2020. Private services were held.



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AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT - 2020

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

BEGINNING BALANCE, July 31, 2020 6,626.30 **INCOME**

1,765.00 Aug. 2 Aug. 9 447.00 Aug. 16 645.00 Aug. 23 1,189.00 Aug. 30 617.00

4,663.00 **TOTAL INCOME** 11,289.30 **EXPENSES**

Black Hills Utilities -Nat. Gas 33.68 Alliant - Electricity 239.66 Karla Schrader –Secretary 307.83 NEITEL 118.21 IRS 202.24 Jeremy Wolfe - salary July 1,169.01 Jeremy Wolfe- Aug salary (med) 1,151.33 Jeremy Wolfe – July mileage 150.22 Farm & Home – supplies 26.73 Access System - bal owed on old copier 125.01

Monona Computer – new computer 1,358.94

TOTAL EXPENSES------------------ --\$ 4,882.86 ENDING BALANCE. Aug. 31, 2020 \$6,406.44

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD 5,299.74 St John Scholarship Fund CD 40,076.87 Willard & Anne Kamin CD 4,211.05

FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. July 31, 2020 \$77,129.95

Rent less \$50

For tuckpointing water 450.00 Interest 78.73

Bal. Aug.30, 2020 \$77,658.68

BENEVOLENCE REPORT Submitted by Cindy Landt

34.00

Aug. 23 Offering

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Aug. 2	Offering	140.00	Food Shelf	10.00	SOTH	206.00
	Food Shelf	25.00	Aug. 31 Offering	30.00	Food Shelf	95.00
	Back to School	50.00	Food Shelf	<u>30.00</u>	Synod	<u>153.00</u>
Aug. 9	Offering	20.00		454.00		454.00
	Food Shelf	25.00				
	SOTH	25.00				
Aug. 16	5 Offering	60.00				
	Food Shelf	5.00				



- 12- Matt Baade 18- Ellenore Doerring Jayde Schubert
- 19- Joshua Miller
- 22- Shantel Delargardelle
- 23- Karla Schrader
- 24- Marjorie Schrader Jeff Smith **Neal Wikner**
- 27- Wayne Landt Kaleb Tilson
- 28- Levi Gieseke Jessica Schubert

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October

- 1- Joe & Nancy Donlon
- 11- Jeff & Edith Krambeer
- 21- Terry & Julie Mohs



October baptismal birthdays

- 1- Nancy Donlon
- 14- Duaine Davis Rachael Chapman Mary Russett
- 16- Vicky Baade
- 17- Curt Kraus James Meyer
- 18- Jade Moeller
- 25- Cindy Landt
- 26- Ellenore Doerring Duaine Palas
- 28- Jaxton Schroeder

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



EWALU CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
VIRTUAL FALL FESTIVAL & QUILT AUCTION

Saturday—Thursday October 10th-15th.
Saturday October 10
11:00 am Recorded Opening Worship
11:30 am Quilt Bidding Begins
Thursday October 15h
5:00 pm Quilt bidding closes

5:00 m Recorded Thanksgiving Devotion Service

Find the online auction Link and more information at http://ewalu.org/fall-festival-quilt-auction/

Members of: SJ Luana & SJ Farmersburg (Italicized)

Remember in our prayers Pastor Harold as he is at Mayo this week for tests. The 25th he finds out if he can have left hip replacement on the 28th.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS, Heidi Trotter, Curt Kraus, Sharon Larson, Claudia Anderson, Erma Swenson, Kevin Krambeer, Bunny Fox, Misty Hughes, Keith Lee, Dawson Spiker, Tom Meuleman, Greg Snitker, *Dallas Tielbar, Dallas Thompson, Luke Baade, Olga Tidwell, RoseMary Tielbar, Dan Berns, Angie Gerndt, Maxine Kuehl & Barb Erickson* **Military:** Avery Smith, *Ali Croqan, Andrew Rodas, Beth Rodas*

POSTVILLE GOOD SAM: Ellenore Doerring STONEY BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

EAGLE RIDGE INDEP. & ASSISTED LIVING: Lawrence Linderbaum

ELKADER CARE CENTER: Cheryll Scherf, Vila Schroeder,

STRAWBERRY POINT: Russ Pate

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Nadyne Reardon, Shirley Henkes ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

HOMEBOUND: Mary Russett, Mae Mueller, JoAnn Meyer, LuNida Landt; Gle





Confirmation services will be held on October 25th at Luana for Cayl Anderson and at Farmersburg for Ethan Goltz.

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



PLEASE NOTE: A final decision on dine in or drive in will be made at the next council meeting.

I would like to challenge our communities this October! Clayton County Food Shelf needs our help, as the **SHELVES ARE BARE** this time of year!

They were serving approximately 84 families monthly Pre-Covid! With the pandemic, they are **SERVING 174 families**!!!

Any or all items can be given.

No amount is too little, as your donation is appreciated,
more than you know.

When taking your items to the Clayton County Food Shelf, mention "Falling for Hunger", so we can see how many pounds of food this challenge brings in!!

Thank you in Advance 🔾

Heather Crogan



Business Hours Monday - Friday 9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm





Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER - OCT 2020



Clothing Center News

The Clothing Center remains CLOSED at the time of this writing. The Office is OPEN regular business hours, to assist with Crisis Funding and packing bags for clients. We are currently looking at our options to stock up the shelves for winter items – warm blankets, winter coats, hats, gloves for all ages. I have been receiving many calls for when we will be taking donations again. I would love to be able to take all donations, however, that is just not feasible just yet, with precautions needing to be taken, with rising numbers around us. Please continue to be patient a little while longer!

Ordination Blessings

We would like to extend our Blessings to Pastor Clark Baldwin on his Ordination at St. John, Arlington on Sunday, Sept 13, 2020! Pr. Clark has been working side by side with Pr. Margaret at the One in Faith Parishes the past few years! Congratulations!

Winter Gear for Kids

We will begin receiving NEW coats, hats, gloves or mittens to prepare for the winter months for our area children. Quality USED items will also be accepted by appt only. If you would like to donate towards winter gear with physical or monetary donations, please reach out to the office!

<u>Stewardship Drive</u> Hog - Roast

It is that time once again...Cooler weather & families seeking crisis funds for re-connects of utilities and/or rental assistance. We WILL NOT be holding the Annual Hog Roast in person this year. Instead, we invite the surrounding communities to remember us as they are able with a stewardship drive this fall to help replenish the Crisis Fund for the upcoming winter months. During 2019 Fiscal Year, we were able to help 101 families with \$11,456.84 with emergency utilities & rent assistance. Thus far in 2020, we have helped 60 families with \$6127.36 in assistance, with 4 months left in the current fiscal year. Monetary donations can be sent to 100 W. Hill St, PO Box 36, St. Olaf, IA 52072. Please put CRISIS FUND in the memo line! Please reach out to the office with any questions you may have regarding the Crisis Fund!

CHRISTMAS JUST 4 KIDS PROJECT

Plans are currently underway for the Holiday Project in December. The event will look a little different for our clients and the volunteers, due to precautions we will be taking for COVID. However, just like in past years, we do relay on our surrounding communities to assist us with wonderful project! Donations of NEW toys, gifts, pajamas & clothing may be brought to the St. Olaf Auditorium on December 7th & 8th. As with everything else currently, we do ask everyone to observe social distancing and use precautions! More information to follow next month! Anyone interested in volunteering, please reach out to Heather at the office for more information!

Shepherd of the Hill's Needs:

The Operating Fund pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies and salary for the Director, Lawn/Snow Care.

The <u>Crisis Fund</u> is used to help families in need with rent, utilities or fuel assistance. Please utilize the <u>MEMO LINE</u> on your check to specify <u>Crisis</u> or <u>Operating Fund!</u>

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 26th & 27th

Closed for Thanksgiving

December 7th & 8th

Christmas 4 Kids Project

Setup days -Auditorium

December 9th, 10th & 11th

Giveaway Days - Auditorium

Any event/date may be subject to Change

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