

## ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Well 2020 is almost in the books! Thank God! I would love to tell you that on January 1st all of the tough things about 2020 will have just disappeared. Our heavenly Father loves us more than that! He used every single thing for our good and he used this last year to make us look at church differently, essential workers differently, and pretty much everything differently. We were forced to experience church and fellowship in new ways and although that's tough it's also good to stretch ourselves a bit. By the way, we are going to continue doing the radio broadcast as long as needed. It's cold of course but we want everyone who is willing to experience worship.

Now with the vaccine starting to rollout I believe that we're ready to do good things in 2021 with the lessons we learned in 2020. Nothing happens overnight but it's encouraging to see things change. in the meantime please hold onto this verse among others to help keep you strong. Blessings and Happy New Year!

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31 NRSV)

Jeremy Wolfe

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St. John is still broadcasting on the radio station 89.3 FM. Those living in or near Farmersburg or Luana may be able to hear it in their homes.

Tuesday 9-5 at Luana

Wednesday 9-6 at Farmersburg

Thursday 9-5 (AM in Luana, PM in Farmersburg)

Sometimes on Tuesdays I may attend a text study with neighboring pastors but will be close by! Feel free to call anytime also at 563.258.2936 outside of those hours. That's just when I am in the building but I'm always a call, email, or message away.

Blessings to you! Jeremy

**OFFICE  
HOURS**

## **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

### **ST. JOHNS MINISTRY YOUTH**

**Pres:** Logan Engelhardt

**V. Pres:** Braden Landt

**Sec:** Ashley Shaw

**Treas:** Ethan Goltz

### **ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM**

**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.

## **FARMERSBURG NEWS**

# HAPPY NEW 2021 YEAR

### **WELCA NEWS**

#### **January 2021**

11,12, 13 Do-Days 9:00 am-3:00 pm

St. John WELCA officers met December 9, 2020.

We approved donating to the following: NEI Food Bank, EWALU, SOTH Crisis Fund, and the Clayton Co. Food Shelf.

We also made a donation to the plexiglass fund at St. John.

We approved paying for the church sewing machine repair.

Do Days for January were discussed. We decided to move ahead and hold them as scheduled. The quilt we donated to the EWALU Quilt Auction brought \$65.

Nancy Moon Secretary

## Happy Anniversary

### **January**

**7 Jerry & Dorothy Jennings**

### **Known January Baptisms**

4 – Dallas Tielbar

18 – Diane Kluth

27 – Hudson Robert Radloff



St. John Lutheran Church has a plexiglass fund to replace the plexiglass on the windows. If you wish to donate to this fund please earmark your checks to the plexiglass fund.



# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

THANK YOU to everyone who has cooperated each year in getting these reports ready for the Annual meeting. The following is a list of committees and groups that were active this past year and from whom we would like to receive a report. Any other committee or group that would like to submit a report and inform us of 2020 happenings, please feel free to turn in a written report. All reports can be emailed to the church office (stjohn87@neitel.net) or given to Kelly Shaw.

### DEADLINE FOR THE REPORTS IS JANUARY 10th 2021

Pastor's Report	Jeremy Wolfe
President's Report	John Fuelling
Treasurer's Report	Lindelle Scherf
Auditing Committee	Ron Tayek/Brenda Hoth/Cheryl Bossard
Nominating Committee	John Fuelling/Tammy Muller/Marlene Glawe/ John Suhr/Rod Stagman
Budget Committee	Lindelle Scherf/John Fuelling/Brad Hoth/ Tammy Muller/Bill Scherf III.
Stewardship Committee	Jeff Klinge/Tammy Muller
Evangelism Committee/Caring Spirits	Lindelle Scherf
Worship Committee	Tammy Muller
Property Committee	Brad Hoth/Jeff Klinge
Memorial Committee	Loretta Weipert/Tracey Phillips/Heather Crogan
Parish Education Committee	Tracey Phillips
Video Tape Ministry	Ryan Moon
Women of the ELCA	Shirley Marmann/Nancy Moon
Men of St. John	Jason Klinge/Don Bossard
Youth	Logan Engelhardt/Ethan Goltz
Altar Guild	Cheryl Bossard/Velma Kuehl
Fascher Scholarship Fund	Tammy Muller/Lindelle Scherf
Probert Scholarship Committee	Tammy Muller/Lindelle Scherf
Schoenfeldt Scholarship	Tammy Muller/Lindelle Scherf
Banner Committee	Marlene Glawe
Strawberry Point Lutheran Home	Clark & Kris Wikner/Deb Tidwell & Jeff Klinge
EWALU Ambassadors	Shirley Marmann/Ethel Lenth
Interchurch Council	Becky Fuelling/Nancy Moon/Marlene Glawe
Prayer Shawl Project	Marlene Glawe
Shepherd of the Hills	Heather Crogan
Clayton County Food Shelf	Utonia Ruff

#### Chapter 9 Bylaws

B9.01 All committees and organizations handling funds within the congregation shall include as a part of their annual report to the congregation a financial report in writing which shall be included in the congregation's written annual report.

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

The Sunday School Christmas Program was held on December 20th. Cast Members are Olivia Kirby, Brayden Hoth, Adrianna Schoulte, Emma Phillips, Landon Phillips, Kayleen Hoth, Lucy Kessler, Rylan Hoth, Domenic Schoulte, Carson Kirby, Annabelle Palmersheim, Landon Goltz. Not pictured Autumn Shaw  
Directors: Ryan Moon, Loretta Weipert and Kelly Shaw



## January 2021 Worship Helpers

There will be no greeting or ushering, but you asked to wear masks and hand out bulletins and communion.

January 3 & January 10

Captain John Fuelling Sheldon Stotmeister  
Bill Scherf Jr. Matt Goltz

3 Shirley Marmann & Tracey Phillips

10 Alan & Karen Feldman

17 Marlene Glawe & Bill Scherf Jr.

24 Don & Cheryl Bossard

31 Kenny & Velma Kuehl

January 17, January 24 & January 31

Captain Don Bossard Alan Feldman  
Randy Wiedenman Gilbert Brainard

### ACOLYTES

January 3 Isabelle Kirby  
January 10 Landon Goltz  
January 17 Kaylee Hoth  
January 24 Adrianna Schoulte  
January 31 Autumn Shaw

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Cheryl & Don Bossard

### ALTAR GUILD

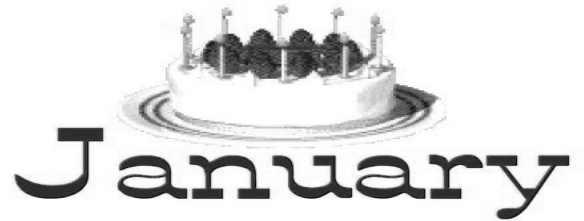
Marlene Glawe  
Loretta Weipert

NO MEETING

### Scripture Readers

January

3 Becky Fuelling  
10 Heather Crogan  
17 Volunteer Needed  
24 Volunteer Needed  
31 Volunteer Needed



January 1 Emily Peterson

Heith Kessler

Samantha (Howard) Kirby

6 Jeff Klinge

7 Katie (Feldmann) Vaske

8 Chad Hoth

11 Hudson Robert Radloff

13 Tammy Muller

14 Scott Henkes

15 Lisa (Tielbar) Geick

Tracey Phillips

16 Diana Miller

22 Valerie Kurth

Scarlett Joy Scherf

25 Cody Radloff

Tait Wilker

27 Brenda Hoth

Makenzie Corlett

28 Maycale Trumblee

30 Jason Klinge

Andy Suhr

31 Brian Glawe

Bruce Glawe

Kathy (Kutzbach) Wagner

## St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes December 9, 2020

Present at meeting: John Fuelling, Brad Hoth Tammy Muller, Jeff Klinge, Lindelle Scherf and Jeremy Wolfe.

Absent: Zachary Radloff and Tracey Phillips

Meeting called to order by President John Fuelling at 6:33 PM. Opening devotions from Psalm 112 by Jeremy.

Jeff moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Brad. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of November 11, 2020 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Brad. Motion Carried. Brad moved to approve the October and November treasurer's reports. Motion seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

**Lay Minister Report:** Confirmation class is behind on taking sermon notes. 40 are required. Due to the current COVID situation, Jeremy will be posting sermons online and youth could use these posts to complete their sermon notes.

### Old Business:

We will continue to offer inside worship services and radio transmission. Social distancing, hand sanitizer and face coverings guidelines will be enforced.

Budget Committee meeting set for December 16 at 6:30 pm. Nominating Committee meeting set for January 6 at 6:30 pm.

Harvest Meal – Lindelle just received the balance of advertising bill. Still owe around \$5. Profit for the meal is \$3780 Window Fund to replace plexiglass is currently at \$3064.00. We need at least \$4500 for the project.

### New Business:

Discussion on the necessity and feasibility of printing a yearbook for 2021 as most committee and assignments will remain the same. We usually print 75-80 copies. Jeff moved to print only 40 copies of an updated 2021 yearbook. Brad seconded the motion. Motion carried.

We did not set up a giving tree this year. Tammy moved to have this year's Christmas Eve offering go to the Shepherd of the Hills Crisis Fund. Seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried. Discussion of establishing a committee to be in charge of our special Christmas giving opportunity. Tammy moved to have this as part of the Stewardship Committee's duties. Seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

**Ministry team-** Meet December 3. Lenten worship schedule recommendation is to rotate the Wednesday night Lenten services between churches and time will be 6:30 pm. If someone prefers not to come inside the church, there will be the option of listening to it through the radio. At this time due to COVID it was decided not to serve meals. The schedule proposed for Lent is:

February 17	Ash Wednesday/Communion	6:30 pm	Farmersburg
February 24		6:30 pm	Luana
March 3		6:30 pm	Farmersburg
March 10		6:30 pm	Luana
March 17		6:30 pm	Farmersburg
March 24		6:30 pm	Luana
April 1	Maundy Thursday/ Communion	6:30 pm	Luana
April 2	Good Friday	6:30 pm	Farmersburg
April 4	Easter Sunrise Service/Communion	7:00am	Farmersburg
April 4	Easter Worship/Communion	9:00am	Luana

Brad moved to accept the proposed schedule; motion seconded by Jeff. Motion Carried.

**Evangelism** – purchased poinsettia plants for Garden View, Elkader Care Center and McGregor Care Center

**Parish Education** – Christmas program will be December 20

## FARMERSBURG NEWS

### October, 2020 – Treasurer's Report

#### Income:

1305.00  
595.00  
670.00  
490.00

#### Loose:

**Harvest Meal : 3,285.00**

#### Missions:

NE Iowa Synod: 265.00  
SOTH: 215.00  
Food Shelf: 80.00  
St. Pt. Home: 60.00  
LSI: 45.00  
EWALU: 35.00

#### Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1151.33 + 250.00 mileage + (50 Casey's GC thank you 10/25)  
Secretary: (200 – GC Kwik Star & Casey's)  
Inside Cust.: 209.22  
Outside Cust.: 120.05  
Organists: 110.82

#### Expenses:


Black Hills (gas): 35.52  
Alliant (elec): 198.37  
NEIT: 80.41  
Gage Exterminating:  
City of Farmersburg: 217.56 (4<sup>th</sup> quarter)  
United States Treasury 739.33 (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter federal SS & Med)  
Pastor Lynn Noel 55.05 (mileage for funerals Radloff & Erickson)  
Marco Technologies 277.80 (copier contract 6/1 – 8/31)  
1517 Media 79.00  
Joe & Matt's Plmbg 126.13 (faucet @ parsonage)  
Decorah Mobile Glass 139.10 (seals on front doors)  
Sam's Club 38.49 (foam hand sanitizer for machine in narthex)

Total Income: 6345.00


Total Expenses: 4778.18

General Checking Balance –Oct. 1, 2020 10,343.33  
Oct. 31, 2020 11,910.15

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



Your 2021 offering boxes can be picked up in the narthex. If you can not find your box contact Kelly Shaw. The church is open during the day.



Please help to undecorate the Church Christmas Tree on **January 3rd** following Worship Services.

## FARMERSBURG NEWS

# Thank you!

Whoa! What a 95th birthday I had. I don't know how I can say Thank You enough to those who sent cards, gifts and made telephone calls. Also those who organized the car drive by, It meant so much to me and made it a very special day.

Thanks again and God Bless each and everyone of you.

*Glenda Henkes*

### November, 2020 – Treasurer's Report

#### Income:

760.00

1690.00

675.00

20.00 – transferred from Evangelism funds, Poinsettia's for Garden View, McGregor & Elkader Care Center residents.

#### 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: - 1151.33 + 442.35 mileage & cord for transmitter

Portico:

Secretary: 200.00 (KS & Casey's GC – 100 ea.)

Inside Cust.: 209.22

Outside Cust.: 120.05

Organists: 166.23

#### Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 54.00

Alliant (elec): 179.18

NEIT: 80.53

Gage Exterminating:

1517 Media 89.00 (Subscription AF Litergy)

Fisk Farm & Home 26.32 (difference on plexi)

Joe & Matt's Plmbg. 60.00 (parsonage drain tube)

Kurt's Plmbg & Htg 70.62 (re-pair furnace)

Church Mutual 1379.25 (Ins. & work comp) – Due 12/4

U.S. Treasury 10.15 (Difference from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2019)

Bank 19.26 (transferred to Designated to reimburse, they charged wrong acct. for debit card)

Total Income: 3145.00

Total Expenses: 4977.38

General Checking Balance – Nov.1, 2020: 11,910.15

Nov. 30, 2020: 10,077.77

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## Thank You For Sharing Poinsettias

The White Poinsettias are given by Kenny and Velma Kuehl in memory of loved ones and by Vernice & Bev Moon in memory of loved ones.

In memory of Larry Kurth & Dale Kurth from Isabel Kurth and Julie Kurth & family

In memory of Verdine Glawe from Marlene Glawe

In memory of Harvey & Linda Klasen and James & Dolores Mathews from Harlan & Marilee Wright & family

In memory of Rev. Richard H. and Frieda C. Steege from the family

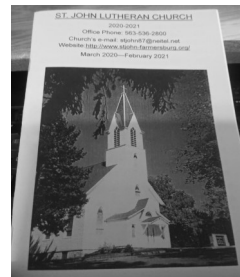
Ken & Heather Crogan & family in memory of Cheryll Howard, Mary Tielbar & Loved Ones

**The wreaths on the church doors** are given in memory of Sonya Stagman and Loved Ones from Rod Stagman and In memory of John & Dorothy Bossard, Arlyn & MaryAnn Gray from Don & Cheryl Bossard & family.

## Worship Attendance



November	
1	24
8	30
15	26
22	24
25	21
29	33



**The church yearbooks will stay the same. If you want a different month or any change please contact Tammy Muller or Cheryl Bossard before January 21st.**

## January 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

### Raising Our Voice for Iowa Children and Families

Families struggling without access to mental healthcare. Human services providers overworked and underpaid. Former refugees and immigrants striving to build new lives.

These are all issues faced by Iowans. Help us ensure their voices are heard at the Iowa State Capitol.

This legislative session may look different from past years. But now more than ever, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) will be advocating for our community members who are so often overlooked in our society.

You can join us in this important work. Visit [LSIowa.org/advocacy](http://LSIowa.org/advocacy) and sign up for our Advocacy Alerts. Learn more about the legislative process, the issues impacting your neighbors, and your role as a citizen in helping to amplify their voices. If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

### Compassion During Crisis

Across the state, LSI team members work with families at risk of child abuse or neglect, connecting them to the tools and resources they need to keep their children in their homes whenever safely possible.

One of the critical programs available to parents is the Strengthening Families program. The program typically provides 14 weeks of in-person parent group work, family activities, and a family meal to enhance child development, help parents create their own support network, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse or neglect.

When COVID-19 created challenges to this in-person model, LSI did not give up on the families who relied on this important service. Instead, LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services team has gone virtual.

Maria, a program supervisor with LSI, has been leading a virtual version of the program this year, where families join a Zoom meeting and use "breakout rooms" for individual sessions. Meals are purchased from Hy-Vee and delivered the night of the session, so families are still able to celebrate their tradition of eating together each week.

This year has created several challenges for all of us, but LSI continues to answer the call and provide the high-quality care and services Iowa children and families deserve.



## 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),  
Ervin Bugenhagen  
Mary Schroeder (22) &  
Cayl Anderson (Youth) (20)

### CUSTODIAN:

Cindy Landt

### 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

### ST. JOHNS MINISTRY YOUTH:

**Pres:** Logan Engelhardt

**V. Pres:** Braden Landt

**Sec:** Ashley Shaw

**Treas:** Ethan Goltz

### ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

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**Members:** Brenda Hoth (20)

Vicki Baade (21)

Theresa Rodas (22)

Janelle Smith (22)

## LUANA NEWS

### Poinsettias shared:

Duaine & Linda Davis: In Memory of their Parents, Oscar & Louise Davis,  
Clarence & Lenora Schave and Brother Harold Davis.

Lonnie & Vicky Baade: In Memory of Don & Chris Baade.

Doug & Connie Schlein: In Memory of Loved Ones

Loren & Mel Lenth: In honor of their Grandchildren

Jim & Lisa Meyer: In Memory of Loved Ones



**Greeters:** Neil & Cindy Landt

### Read Lessons & Prayers

Jan. 3 – Luke Steege

Jan. 10 – Loren Lenth

Jan. 17 – Janelle Smith

Jan. 24 – Karla Schrader

Jan. 31 – Keith Johnson

### Acolyte/Psalm:

Jan. 3 - Cayl Anderson

Jan. 10 – Elena Schierholz

Jan. 17 – Kyle Tilson

Jan. 24 – Cayl Anderson

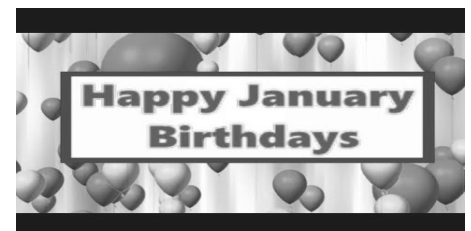
Jan 31 – Elena or Josh Schierholz

Anyone interested in reading the lessons and/or prayers let Jeremy or Karla know so we can add you to the rotation.



**Altar Guild:**  
Darci Engelhardt

**Flowers:** Mary Schroeder



1 – Lisa Meyer  
11 – Dixie Johnson  
15 – Darci Engelhardt  
19 – Jeanne Miller  
21 – Josephine Schlitter  
Adam Smith  
22 – Loren Lenth  
Stephanie Steele  
27 – Erma Swenson  
28 – Linda Davis  
29 – Amber Moeller



1 – Duaine & Linda Davis  
31 – Dwain & Jean Wolter

# LUANA NEWS

## NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT – 2020

Submitted by Karla Schrader

### CURRENT FUND:

**BEGINNING BALANCE, Oct. 31, 2020 1,709.04**

### INCOME

Nov. 1	1,540.00
Nov. 8	1,027.00
Nov. 15	887.00
Nov. 22	3,987.00
Nov. 29	<u>502.00</u>
	7,943.00
Thrivent	90.00
Tfr from Repair	<u>10,000.00</u>

**18,033.00**

**TOTAL INCOME 19,742.04**

### EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	60.42
Alliant - Electricity	132.80
Karla Schrader –Secretary	307.83
NEITEL	118.44
Jeremy Wolfe- Nov.	1,151.33
Jeremy Wolfe – Oct. mileage	632.28
Jeremy Wolfe – custodian	307.83
CCLI – copyrights	137.00
Vorwald – grading parking lot	862.00
Sunday & Sermons – subscription	305.00
Michigan Church-wafers	20.57
Blacktop Services	10,686.25
To Benevolence ckg	<u>250.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES----- 14,971.75**

**ENDING BALANCE Nov. 30, 2020 4,770.29**

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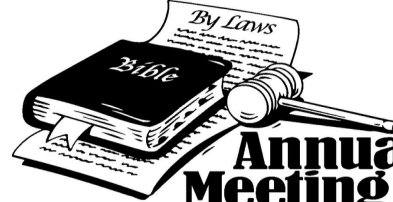
### SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,299.74
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,076.87
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,240.61

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### FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. Oct. 31, 2020	\$78,312.55
Nov & Dec Rent	1,000.00
Interest	78.47
To Current Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
Bal. Nov. 30, 2020	\$69,391.02



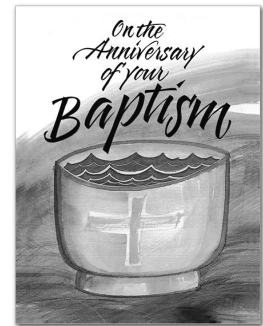
**Annual Meeting**

**JANUARY 17th at 9:00 am.**

### KNOWN BAPTISMAL

#### BIRTHDAYS

- 10 – Megan Johnson
- 10 – Kimberly Kraus
- 13 – Paul Miller
- 13 – Kyle Tilson
- 15 – Burke Schrader
- 28 – Lisa Meyer
- 29 – Carol Goettler




### BENEVOLENCE REPORT Submitted by Cindy Landt

#### INCOME

Nov. 1	Offering	15.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
Nov 8	Offering	73.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Nov. 15	Offering	18.00
	Crisis	125.00
	Operating	20.00
Nov. 22	Offering	60.00
	Food Shelf	260.00
	Xmas 4Kids	100.00
Nov. 22	Thank	50.00
Nov. 29	Offering	38.00
	Food Shelf	<u>335.00</u>
		<b>1,154.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

Food Shelf	655.00
SOTH	130.00
SOTH Crisis	125.00
Operating	20.00
Xmas 4 Kids	100.00
Synod	<u>74.00</u>
	1,104.00
Thank Offering	<u>50.00</u>
not disbursed	<b>1,154.00</b>



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

	Att.	Comm
Nov. 29	30	
Dec. 6	35	35
Dec. 13	34	
Dec. 20	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</b>

# **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN**

## **Luana Council Minutes**

### **Sunday, December 13th, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe, Keith Johnson, Linda Davis, Janelle Smith, Mary Schroeder, Luke Steege, Karla Schrader, Loren Lenth, Doug Schlein, Cindy Landt, Ervin Bugenhagen, and Sonya Anderson.

**ABSENT:** Cayl Anderson, Duaine Palas.

Meeting called to order by President Keith Johnson at 7:51am.

**Secretary's Report:** Sonya Anderson read the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Cindy Landt to approve this and second by Ervin Bugenhagen. Motion carried.

Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe read devotions and prayer.

**Treasurers/Financial Report:** All who were present reviewed the financial report. Renters have paid November and December. A transfer was made for the black top completion and Vorwald's did the prep. Mary Schroeder made a motion to approve and Linda Davis second this. Motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Contractor will be repairing the roof leak.

Endowment fund discussed. Keith will review and speak with the attorney.

Jeff Kleinow will paint lines and put a handicap emblem close to the church doors in the Spring. Luke Steege suggested we make a donation to the city as a thank you.

Janelle Smith reported on the Team Ministry meeting: Lenten services will be every other week at , Farmersburg/Luana, in the evenings with no meals. There will be a service recorded.

After consulting with Pastor Brackett, it was advised for money to be placed in the scholarship fund. Each church can decide the monetary amount. \$4-5, 000 per church. Jeremy has 2 years of school and 1 year of internship. Many options discussed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Synod Scholarship fund was voted on as it has a dual purpose of funding pastor's schooling and a TEAM Ministry scholarship. Doug Schlein made a motion to approve \$5,000 for this, and Janelle Smith seconded this. Motion was carried.

Keith will speak with the nominating committee about 6 council members' terms ending and will need at least 3 individuals for nomination. Ervin Bugenhagen is filling in until the general election of new members is complete.

No Sunday school. This will be reviewed after Christmas.

Thanksgiving Offering will be split between the Food Shelf and Shepard of the Hills. Luke Steege motioned to approve and Loren Lenth second this. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: January 10, 2021 at 7:45am

Will check if Matt Baade can provide snow removal for the church.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be introduced with acolyte duties. Karla will place in the newsletter.

Cindy Landt will take over janitor duties when Jeremy starts back to school in January 2021. Janelle Smith made a motion to approve and Loren Lenth seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that Karla Schrader receives a \$1500 bonus and a \$300 raise. Cindy Landt made a motion to approve and Sonya Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

**2021 Budget:** review, discussed and completed. Ervin Bugenhagen made a motion to approve and Mary Schroeder seconded this. Motion carried.

**Brian Bugenhagen** was present and discussed church and parsonage insurance coverage. It was evaluated and determined that it is a good policy with a reasonable premium.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 0857am by Luke Steege and seconded by Janelle Smith.

The Lord's Prayer was led by everyone upon closing of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Sonya Anderson

# BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

Merry Christmas to our St. John Church family of friends:



As we experience the presence of God in new ways this year we pray that His presence through Doctors, Nurses, Care Takers, First Responders and Vaccine researchers will bring a return to a more normal life for all.

Thank you for the prayers during and before my surgery. Still have more doctors to get more answers of other concerns, but pray they will be able to help.

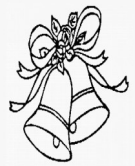
May you continue to experience and enjoy the presence of Christ in your witness in the New Year.

**Stay safe - Stay Healthy - God's Blessings,**  
Pastor Harold & Linda McMillin



**Congratulations** to Kyle and Ashley Moon on the birth of their son, Nixon Layne Moon. He was born on November 22, 2020 weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Grandparents are Dan and Nancy Moon. Great Grandparents are Vernice and Bev Moon. He joins big sister Raelynn.

**Congratulations** to Jay Schroeder & Shannon Peek on their marriage November 28, 2020. Jay is the son of Jerry & Mary Schroeder.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Erv Bugenhagen, Kevin Nuehring, Curt Kraus, Sharon Larson, Claudia Anderson, Bunny Fox, Misty Hughes, Keith Lee, Dawson Spiker, Greg & Lisa Snitker, Dallas Tielbar, Dallas Thompson, Luke Baade, Olga Tidwell, RoseMary Tielbar, Joan Oelke, Bailee Pavlovec, Pastor Bruce Hanson, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston, & Family of Irene Riley

**MILITARY:** Avrey Smith, Ali Crogan, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas

**POSTVILLE GOOD SAM:** Ellenore Doerring

**STONE BROOK VILLAGE:** Elaine Gehring

**EAGLE RIDGE INDEP. & ASSISTED LIVING:** Lawrence Linderbaum

**ELKADER CARE CENTER:** Vila Schroeder

**STRAWBERRY POINT:** Russ Pate

**GARDEN VIEW PLACE:** Sharon DeSotel, Nadyne Reardon, Shirley Henkes

**PRAIRIE MAISON PDC. WI:** Imogene Ihlenfeldt

**ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901:** Dorothy Kluth

**HOMEBOUND:** Mary Russett, Mae Mueller, JoAnn Meyer, LuNida Landt; Glenda Henkes; Isabel Kurth; Lee Klinkenberg



Condolences to the Matt and Amanda Goltz and family & friends of Steven John Goltz who died December 7, 2020. Graveside Service were held on December 13, 2020.

Our Sympathy to Jeff & Edith Krambeer on the loss of his brother Kevin. Jeff & Edith would to Thank the Congregation for the prayers over the past year. It has meant so much to them.

Condolences to Chad, Melissa Moeller and family on the loss of her grandmother Cleon Hageman, died December 7, 2020 Services will be held December 28, 2020.

Condolences to Josh & Kathy Kluth & family on the loss of her grandparents. August Eugene Riley, died December 3, 2020. Services tat a later date.  
Irene A. Henry Riley, died December 12, 2020 Services at a later date.

# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER - JAN 2021



## CLOTHING CENTER UPDATES

HAPPY NEW YEAR! At the time of this writing, the **CENTER** remains **CLOSED**! *Clients & Families are able to utilize ALL SERVICES, even with the Center Closed!* The OFFICE remains open regular business hours! Any of our local families that may be in need of winter, clothing or household needs, may phone the office and have items packed, just for them, according to sizes or needs. Many of our Clayton County office bldgs are still closed to the public, or open for appt only. We are truly trying to help our clients most in need, staying healthy and safe throughout this pandemic. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding! Any updates will be posted directly to the SOTH Facebook page!

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service 2021

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Service will premiere on social media on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please look for updates on SOTH's Facebook page, prior to the event, for future updates. An email was sent to all of our conference churches regarding the service and whether they would like to participate in readings, special music, etc. Please reach out to Pr Susan Friedrich, Bethany Church if interested. Any further questions related to the event can be directed to the office email or phone.

## Annual Meeting 2021

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 21, 2021 at 2:00pm by Zoom Video Conference. Letters were sent to each of the conference churches regarding the layout and information needed, as well as by email. Any delegates may check in with their home church to inquire on any details. The Assembly packets will be mailed to the conference churches for delegates and Pastors the first week of February. Any questions can be directed to the office phone or email.

## Christmas Just 4 Kids

We have just finished up another successful year of our Christmas Project! We cannot say THANK YOU enough to all the area Churches, Businesses, Organizations & Individuals that continue to support this wonderful project! Without all of you, we could not continue to help make Christmas a little merrier for our families in need!

We have served 462 children from 178 families this year! We finished packing bags on Friday, December 11. All families secured a pickup time ahead of the giveaway days, to ensure health and safety for clients and our volunteers. Thank you to the generous donors, who also were "safe" by dropping the gifts curbside this year! See you all next year!

### 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 **Crisis Fund** is used to help families in need with rent, utilities or fuel assistance.

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify **Crisis or Operating Fund!**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>

*CLOSED for the Holidays*

January 20<sup>th</sup>

*Premiere of Christian Unity Service  
On Social Media*

February 21<sup>st</sup>

*Annual Conference Assembly  
Zoom Video Conference*

*\*Any event may be subject to change\**

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**9am-12pm and 1pm-4 pm**

*Heather Crogan ~Director*

# WINTER WORD SEARCH



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SNOWBALL  
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