

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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*The
Season
of
Lent*



Later this month we begin the season of lent. Around this time last year our season of lent was interrupted by a very strange year and a pandemic that is still ongoing. Things are different now. We learned how resilient we are and I think that we thrived during a tough period. Lent is about preparation for Easter and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We're stronger and more thankful than we were a year ago and we're ready to enter this Lenten season really feeling prepared for anything that comes our way. As baptized believers in the resurrected Christ who share in his death and resurrection I can't help but think of this passage for lent.

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:10-11 NRSV)

We want to use this time to know Christ better. Lent is a time to get closer to him and you can do that at any time by calling on his name.

Blessings to you,

-Jeremy

Jeremy Wolfe

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Hello, as you know I keep office hours at both churches. Seminary for me has begun and I tend to keep my door shut but ONLY to conserve heat. That being said... barge right in!!! If you need anything or just want to talk about anything you will be giving me a break from a book or paper that I might be writing. This is when I'm normally in building:



Tuesday 9 am—4 pm Luana

Wednesday 9 am—5:30 pm Farmersburg

Thursday 9 am—12 noon Luana, 1 pm—4 pm Farmersburg

Now and then something comes up and sometimes I go to a text study or something similar with Pastor Noel in Postville. Blessings to you! Jeremy

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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

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V. Pres: Braden Landt
Sec: Ashley Shaw
Treas: Ethan Goltz

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Sec.
Members: Vicki Baade (21)
 Theresa Rodas (22)
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 Luke Steege (23)

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

Church Website:
<http://www.stjohn-farmersburg.org/>

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



St. John Lutheran Church of Farmersburg will hold its **annual meeting on Sunday, February 7** following worship services.

Radio transmission of the annual meeting will be available for those members wishing to stay in their cars.

Meeting Rules for St. John Lutheran Church per Constitution

C.02c: Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation

C10.04: 20 voting members shall constitute a quorum

C10.07: Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern parliamentary procedure at all meeting of this congregation.

St. John's Men's Group of Farmersburg will be having a drive thru meal following the Annual Church meeting from **12:00 pm -1:00 pm.**

Sunday, February 7th

Menu

Shredded Beef Sandwiches

Potatoe Salad

Baked Beans

Bars

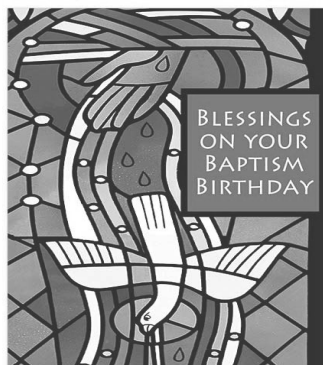
Free Will Donation!

Pick up will be behind the Church.



February 17th

St. John Farmersburg
 Combined Worship with
 Communion 6:30 pm
 Inside & Drive-in



Known February Baptisms

7 – Olivia Kirby
 11 – Samantha Howard
 Autumn Shaw
 15 – Tammy Muller
 17 – Marlene Glawe
 22 – Matthew Scherf
 23 – Brian Glawe
 23 – Bruce Glawe
 28 – Garrett Lnenicka

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

January 13, 2021

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

Meeting called to order by President John Fuelling at 6:31 PM. Opening devotions from Psalm 34 by Jeremy.

Zach moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2020 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Zach. Motion Carried. Zach moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy has started his classes at Wartburg. Discussion on when to do Confirmation; move it back to spring or continue to have it in the fall. Consensus of council was if students have their required studies completed to confirm the class in April or May. Jeremy will be offering a first communion class if there are youth wanting to take the class.

Old Business:

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

The budget committee shared the 2021 budget. Tammy moved to present the proposed budget to the congregation at the annual meeting on February 7. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee presented the ballot for the 2021 election. We still need another delegate for the Shepherd of Hills annual meeting. This meeting will be virtual, so we need someone with a computer to volunteer.

New Business:

Council reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting. Unfinished business will include the plexiglass project for the church windows. Fund currently has \$5699.

Radio transmission of the annual meeting will be available for those members wishing to stay in their cars.

Reminder: The filing deadline for the Biennial Report is March 31, 2021. This report needs to be completed after the election of officers for the corporation.

Committee Reports:

Parish Education – Youth shared a wonderful Christmas program on December 20

Women's group -Do Days were held January 11-13. will be putting an envelope in the newsletter as a fund-for the group as we will not be doing Lenten meals this

No reports from Evangelism, Property, Worship, Steward-Memorial, Youth group, and Men's group

Motion to adjourn by Tammy at 7:33 pm. Seconded by Lin-



**MEETING
MINUTES**

WELCA
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FARMERSBURG NEWS

December, 2020 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

2520.00 (11/6 – missed last month)
 385.00
 62.33 CD Int.
 2198.00
 1376.00
 580.00
 2872.19

Loose:

Rental income:

Missions:

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

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1151.33 + 512.98 mileage
 Portico:
 Secretary: 200.00 (100.00 ea. kwik star & casey's GC - Kelly)
 Inside Cust.: 209.22
 Outside Cust.: 120.05 + (100 GC kwik star, extra gas & maintenance as per council)
 Organist: 138.52
 Secretary: \$330 (G.C. Kwik Star - \$165 ea. Kelly & Brenda, June & Dec. as per council)

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 130.56
 Alliant (elec): 175.62
 NEIT: 80.47
 City of Farmersburg 212.56 (1st Quart utilities)
 1517 Media 70.00 (CIOH Qtr-1-2021)
 Fisk Farm & Home 33.09 (Face masks)
 Marco 287.04 (copier contract)
 Kwik Star 22.00 (2 book of stamps)
 Dubuque Relig Cntr 192.28 (3 cs. Sanc lights)
 Times Register 5.60 (bal Harvest Meal advertise)

Total Income: 9993.52

Total Expenses: 4671.32

General Checking Balance – Dec.1, 2020: 10,077.77
 Dec. 31, 2020: 15,399.97

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



Treasurer Report

Designated Funds: December 31, 2020

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Window Fund | \$5,699.00 |
| "Souper Bowl Offering" | \$179.00 |
| SOTH "Crisis Fund" | \$403.00 |
| Paint Project | \$300.00 |
| Other | \$158.73 |

General Savings

| | |
|---------------|------------|
| Building Fund | \$2,441.02 |
| Rental Income | \$5,400.00 |

Separate Fund

| | |
|------------|------------|
| Lift Fund: | \$1,598.12 |
|------------|------------|

Taken from Annual Report and verified with
 Kelly Shaw



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.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

February Acolytes

7 10:30 AM Isabelle Kirby
 14 10:30 AM Landon Goltz
 17 (Ash Wednesday) 6:30 PM Kaylee Hoth
 21 10:30 AM Adrianna Schoulte
 28 10:30 AM Autumn Shaw

February 2021 Worship Helpers

There will be no greeting or ushering, but you asked to wear masks and hand out bulletins and communion.
 February 7, February 14 & February 17 Ash Wednesday
 John Klinge, Ron Tayek, Justin Fuelling, Jamie Tielbar
 February 21 & February 28
 Brian Glawe, Ivan Meisner, John Suhr, Jim Lenth
 7 Bill & Michelle Scherf
 14 LuVerne & Jeannette Krambeer
 17 Ash Wednesday Ron & Gloria Tayek
 21 Lisa Berns & Beth Bries
 28 Dorothy Jennings & Teresa Feldman

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Becky Fuelling

ALTAR GUILD

Velma Kuehl
 Loretta Weipert



Happy 50th Anniversary

February 20 Don & Cheryl Bossard



DO-DAYS February 8, 9, 10
 9:00 am—3:00 pm
 Potluck
 Welcome to come for a short time or all day.



THRIVENT SHIRTS

We seemed to have collected plenty of Thrivent shirts. They are in the basement. Check them out and take a few. There are different sizes and colors.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER



| | |
|----|----|
| 6 | 28 |
| 13 | 24 |
| 20 | 70 |
| 24 | 52 |
| 27 | 20 |

FEBRUARY

2 Alexandra (Ali) Crogan
 4 John Suhr
 Jeffrey Scherf
 Ron Tayek
 7 Connor Kirby
 Carsen Kirby
 Foster Wolfe
 8 Linda McMillin
 Noah Klinge
 9 Kelly Schoenfeldt
 Cierra Weipert
 10 Elizabeth Crogan
 12 Miranda Looby
 Matthew Erickson
 Chris Schmidt
 Emily (Moon) Palmersheim
 13 Desirae Henning
 14 Kenneth Crogan
 Jeremy Howard
 15 Dantae Henning
 16 Randall Wiedenman
 18 Brooklyn Scherf
 19 Kathy Kluth
 20 Shirley Wagner
 21 Paul Weipert
 Dominic Schoulte
 22 Elissa Gardner
 23 Linda Friedlein
 24 Kurt Kessler
 Sharon Henning
 25 Rylan Hoth
 27 Julie (Scherf) Morley

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.: Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Jim Meyer (23)

V. Pres: Duaine Davis (23)

Sec: Sonya Anderson (21)

Cur. Treas: Mary Schroeder (22)

Bene. Treas: Cindy Landt (21)

Financial Counters: Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Doug Schlein (21),

Janelle Smith (22),

Ervin Bugenhagen (22)

Mary Schroeder (22) &

Doug Shrader (23)

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 (2023)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (2023)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (2021)

Lisa Meyer (2022)

Special Services/Flowers:

Betty Handke (2021)

Diane Kraus (2022)

Bapt./Comm.:

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners:

Altar Guild

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Sec: Ashley Shaw

Treas: Ethan Goltz

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Theresa Rodas (22)

Janelle Smith (22)

Luke Steege (23)

LUANA NEWS



February 17 Ash Wednesday

Combined worship/Communion

6:30 pm @ Farmersburg

February 24th

Combined Worship at Luana 6:30 pm



Greeters: Luke, Kim, Karsten & Livia Steege

Read Lessons and Prayers:

Feb. 7 Mary Schroeder

Feb. 14 Duaine Davis

Feb. 21 Vicky Baade

Feb. 28 Jerry Schroeder

Acolyte/Psalm: Acolyte training Jan. 27th @ 5:30pm

Will set schedule on the 27th.

Altar Guild: Darci Engelhardt

Flowers: Mel Lenth



1 – Chris Anderson
8 - LaMoine Wentz - 85
12 – Tristan Meyer
16 – Livia Steege
19 – Jeanne Miller
22 – Keith Johnson
25 – Emme Wikner
28 – Mel Lenth

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | Att. | Comm |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| Dec. 24 | 46 | 42 |
| Dec. 27 | 29 | |
| Jan. 3 | 28 | 28 |
| Jan. 10 | 37 | |
| Jan. 17 | 35 | 35 |
| TOTAL | 175 | 105 |
| AVG: | 35 | 35 |



FEBRUARY 2



Luana Quilting Do-Days

February 9th and 10th

8:30 am—Noon

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN LUANA
Council Minutes
Sunday, January 17th, 2021

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

ABSENT: Cayl Anderson.

Meeting called to order by President Keith Johnson at 10:31am.

Secretary's Report: Passed on from December 2020 minutes.

Duaine Davis made a nomination to elect Jim Meyer as Council President. Janelle Smith seconded this. Motion carried.

Jim Meyer made a nomination to elect Duaine Davis as Vice President. All were in favor, motion carried.

Fund Treasurer: Linda Davis and Mary Schroeder. All in favor, motion carried.

Benevolence Fund: Cindy Landt. All in favor, motion carried,

Secretary: Sonya Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

TEEM Ministry: Janelle Smith / Luke Steege.

Deacons: Janelle Smith, Ervin Bugenhagen, Doug Schrader.

Trustees: All other council members.

Karla will complete the communion schedule.

All other Committees will continue the same.

Church Council meetings will continue the second Sunday of every month at 7:45am during the winter and 7:30am during the summer. Jim Meyer works every other Sunday so if this conflicts with the meeting date, the Vice President will run the meeting.

Treasurers/Financial Report: All who were present reviewed the financial report.

Unfinished Business:

Contractor will be repairing the parsonage roof leak. Check with Moss Roofing or Rough Country out of West Union.

Endowment fund discussed. It was determined to hold off establishing this with large donations, considering how small our church is.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cindy Landt will be cleaning out the Utility closet and getting it organized. Please let the congregation know if there is anything that needs kept or if a member wants something.

Keith Johnson thanked everyone for their time being on council and to outgoing members: Linda Davis, Duaine Palas, Loren Lenth, Luke Steege, Keith Johnson, & Cayl Anderson.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 am by Duaine Davis and seconded by Jim Meyer.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Sonya Anderson

LUANA NEWS

DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT – 2020

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

BEGINNING BALANCE, Nov. 30, 2020 4,770.29

INCOME

| | |
|---------|-----------------|
| Dec.6 | 2,191.00 |
| Dec. 13 | 1,672.00 |
| Dec. 20 | 847.00 |
| Dec. 27 | <u>1,232.00</u> |
| | 5,942.00 |

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|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Return camera | 193.00 | |
| Fidelity Bk. donation | 50.00 | |
| Dep. @ Bank | <u>4,350.00</u> | <u>10,535.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 15,305.29 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas | 154.98 |
| Alliant - Electricity | 201.28 |
| Karla Schrader –Secretary | 307.83 |
| NEITEL | 118.29 |
| IRS – Nov. & Dec. | 475.22 |
| Jeremy Wolfe- Nov. | 1,151.33 |
| Jeremy Wolfe – Dec. mileage | 587.86 |
| Jeremy Wolfe – custodian | 307.83 |
| City of Luana – w/s/g | 244.66 |
| St John Farmersburg-Oct-Dec. | 133.23 |
| Levson Organ - servicing | 250.00 |
| Concordia – P & P | 86.30 |
| Quill – office | 99.00 |
| Karla Schrader – year end bonus | 1,500.00 |
| Luana Savings Bk – Jeremy year end bonus | 500.00 |
| Access System – srvc agreement | 136.98 |
| Church Mutual – Ins. & Work Comp. | <u>6,233.00</u> |
| | 12,680.38 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| TOTAL EXPENSES----- | <u>12,680.38</u> |
| ENDING BAL. Bal. Dec. 31, 2020 | <u>2,624.91</u> |

SPECIAL FUNDS

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

FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Bal. Nov. 30, 2020 | \$69,391.02 |
| Rent | 500.00 |
| Interest | <u>68.39</u> |
| Bal. Dec. 31, 2020 | \$69,959.41 |



BENEVOLENCE REPORT *Submitted by Cindy Landt*

INCOME

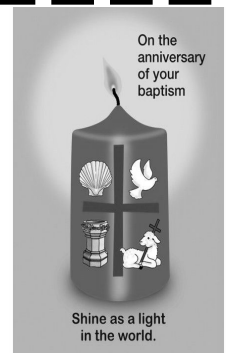
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| Dec. 6 | Offering | 107.00 |
| | Food Shelf | 25.00 |
| Dec. 13 | Offering | 106.59 |
| | Food Shelf | 10.00 |
| | Operating | 50.00 |
| Dec. 20 | Offering | 70.00 |
| | Food Shelf | 20.00 |
| Dec. 27 | Offering | 55.00 |
| | Food Shelf | 35.00 |
| | Operating | 20.00 |
| | Christmas Offering | 610.00 |
| | | 1,108.59 |
| | Thanksgiving | <u>125.00</u> |
| | | 1,233.59 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| SOTH | 262.50 |
| Food Shelf | 152.50 |
| Synod | <u>208.59</u> |
| | 623.59 |
| Christmas | <u>610.00</u> |
| to be disb. | 1,233.59 |

Baptism Anniversaries

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|----------------------|
| 3 – Darin Schlein |
| 4 – Darci Engelhardt |
| 12 – Anne Sadler |
| 17 – Branden Mohs |
| 22 – Holly Mohs |
| 24 – Julia Mohs |
| 27 – Linda Davis |



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



**Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday**



The Wednesday nights of Lenten services will rotate between the 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.

February 17 Ash Wednesday/Communion 6:30 pm Farmersburg

A combined choir will be signing.

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| 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 |

**Women of the
ELCA**



Lent is just around the corner with Lenten Services to begin. Normally, in conjunction with the services a meal is served. These meals were our fundraises and will not be happening this year. We also have not been able to do funeral luncheons or other making money events. This leaves us very

short of funds going into 2021. We ask you prayerfully consider a donation via the enclosed envelope to help keep our congregation viable and enable us to meet our obligations during these difficult times.

Thank you.

WELCA Presidents: Shirley Marmann/Betty Handke



CONFIRMATION Schedule

February 3 7:00 pm Confirmation
Kahoot! Review

February 10 7:00 pm Confirmation
Luther's Small Catechism

February 17 Ash Wednesday Confirmation will be during the worship service
6:30 pm Worship at Farmersburg attendance is required for confirmation students.

February 24 6:30 pm Worship at Luana attendance is required for confirmation students.



Our sympathy to Gloria and Ron Tayek and Family on the loss of Gloria's brother Floyd L. Montie, Jr., who passed away January 3, 2021.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Ellenore Fredrika Doerring, who died Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Burial will be at a later date.



We haven't done a 1st communion class in a couple of years. If you know of any of our kids that may be ready for this could you please reach out to me? -Jeremy Wolfe
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BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jerome Schultz, Roger Meuleman, Marlyn Nuehring, Jim Moellers, Preston Landt, Kevin Nuehring, Curt Kraus, 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, Pastor Bruce Hanson, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston.*

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

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

EAGLE RIDGE INDEP. & ASSISTED LIVING: Lawrence Linderbaum

MCGREGOR CARE CENTER: Lamoine Wentz

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*



PROBERT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR MFL MARMAC SENIORS



The Probert Scholarship Fund was established with a bequest from the estate of James & Marie Probert. Available scholarships are based on earnings each year. At least one scholarship must be given to a graduate who is a member of our parish. Per the will this scholarship fund is administered through St. John Lutheran Church. Scholarships are available to graduating seniors of the MFL MarMac School. Applicants must be in the top half of the class, exemplify high moral standards, academic achievement, and have a need for financial

assistance. Students may contact the MFL MarMac High School Guidance Office for application information.

Application deadline is March 15.



Youth
Food Drive
&
Fundraiser
Feb 7th & 14th

Monetary Donations may be dropped in the "Soup Kettle" at church on both Sundays or You can bring your Non Perishable Items to Help Fight Hunger in Clayton County!!

ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO
CLAYTON COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Hours at the
Clayton County Food Shelf
Box #48 – St. Olaf, IA 52072

Monday – Friday: 9-Noon 1 – 4:00 pm
Ph #563-783-7794 Utoni Ruff, Director

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since then, more than \$160 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world as they collect money for the Clayton County Food Shelf. Last year 30 Clayton County area congregations participated giving a total of \$4,175.48

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. All of the donations collected will go directly to the Clayton County Food Shelf.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER – FEB 2021



CLOTHING CENTER UPDATES

The OFFICE remains OPEN regular business hours! The CLOTHING CENTER remains CLOSED, however fully functionable. Individuals/families cannot come in to shop. They may call the office and have their items hand-picked for them (sizes, etc.), with pickup at a time of their choosing.

At this time, we are not accepting donations in full capacity. I have been receiving calls for donations daily. Thank you for keeping us in mind. I would love to be able to take items as we have in the past – pre covid! If you are wanting to be rid of your items NOW, then we respect your decision to donate elsewhere. However, as I am in need of specific sizing, that is relayed to those calling. If you have a question on donations, please don't hesitate to call the office. Thank you for the continued patience as we move forward in these most uncertain times!

Annual Meeting 2021

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 21, 2021 at 2:00pm by Zoom Video Conference. 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.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries continues to be ***Blessed by all the communities we serve!*** We cannot say THANK YOU enough, for the continued support of the Ministry work we do here in St. Olaf! We are able to continue to serve those in need because the Churches, Businesses, Organizations & Individuals have believed and supported the Mission Work here at the Shepherd Bldg., as they have for 50+ plus years!

Bethany Lutheran Quilt Auction

Bethany Quilters will be auctioning off 2 quilts, with all proceeds split 50/50 between Clayton County Food Shelf & SOTH! The auction will begin on February 1st at 8:00am, ending on February 14th at 6:00pm. Please visit <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/bethany-quilts-20611> to view descriptions, photos or to place a bid! You can also view the Quilt & Auction information on Shepherds Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SOTHMinistries>. Direct donations to this fund, may be made by mailing a check, with Quilt Auction in memo line to SOTH, PO Box 36, St. Olaf, IA 52072 or Clayton County Food Shelf, PO Box 48, St. Olaf IA 52072. A special THANK YOU to the ladies at Bethany for donating these quilts!

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:

February 17th
Lent Begins - Ash Wednesday
February 21st
Annual Conference Assembly
Zoom Video Conference 2:00pm
April 2nd
Good Friday - CLOSED

Any event may be subject to change

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BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



February 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building bright futures, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065. -----

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

Building a Bond

Julie had made a promise years ago: If anything happened to her friend, Julie would take care of her son, Jacob.

When Jacob's mom passed away and he had no place to go, Julie stepped up. Her six children had grown up and moved out of her home, and she had the resources and space needed to care for Jacob. She became a mentor through LSI's Host Homes program. The service enables Iowans with disabilities to move into a private family home and live with a specially-selected mentor instead of living in a shared space with roommates and several staff members.

Jacob moved into Julie's home last December and now, the two are thriving. Jacob is learning to take care of himself and build the life skills he needs to feel more confident and independent. He is learning to cook and enjoys looking up new recipes to try, especially meatloaf.

"It's a great opportunity. You're changing their lives," Julie says. "You get to know each other more personally. We have a lot of discussions and heart-to-hearts."

Jacob is finishing his senior year of high school. He enjoys learning new things and visiting new places, and he dreams of the day when he and Julie can go on more trips. Once it is safe to do so, Jacob is determined to visit more zoos and take a trip to Canada.



FEBRUARY'S BIRTH FLOWER

Even though so many roses are sold during February due to Valentine's Day, the Violet and the Primrose are the symbolic flowers.

- The **violet** signifies watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. Give a violet to someone to let them know that you'll always be there for them.
- The **primrose** lets someone know that you can't live without them.

FEBRUARY'S BIRTHSTONE

Like the violet, February's birthstone is a purple color. It's the beautiful amethyst.

- This gem is a form of quartz; it can range from a pale lilac color to a deep, rich purple.
- The name is based on a Greek myth that speaks of a nymph named Amethyst who was inadvertently turned into white stone; in remorse, the Greek god Bacchus poured wine over her to turn her a beautiful purple. The amethyst was thought to prevent intoxication and keep its wearer thinking sharply. It was worn by English royalty in the Middle Ages.

