

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Greetings St. John's,

This March brings change. We have new council Presidents in Zach Radloff and Jim Meyer. I know that they will do great things! We have faithful council Presidents who are stepping away. Our thanks to Keith Johnson and John Fuelling for their service and for steering the ship(s) during one of the most challenging times in church history. My guess is that when they signed up they probably didn't know that they would be steering decisions about masks, closing and reopening of church, distancing, how to do communion safely and other things that aren't in the usual church council playbook. They have our gratitude and respect!

Change is hard but it's part of God's plan for us. My guess is that you know Ecclesiastes chapter 3. For two reasons;
-the first eight verses of that chapter are used in "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by "the Byrds". That's a pretty good song.
-we use Ecclesiastes chapter 3 in funerals.

While funerals are a great use and I like that old song Ecclesiastes chapter 3 also reminds all of us that God is constantly bringing change into our lives! Why? So we can grow. The church is his bride and he's always making that bride more beautiful. Also he's working to shape you and I to look more like Christ. That requires change and challenge. Both of those things are good but in the moment they create a bit of anxiety and discomfort. That's how you know it's working!

Ecclesiastes chapter 3 shows us that there's a time and place for everything. For example, verse 5 states that there is a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, (NRSV). We are obviously in a season of refraining from embracing due to the pandemic. Thankfully that season is starting to come to a close. Verse 7 mentions that there is a time to mend. I believe we are in that season now as businesses and churches start to work towards normalcy or a "new normal". Verse 8 tells us that there is a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace (NRSV). Boy does that feel relevant now.

My hope is that we are in a time of peace. Washington DC is far away but we feel that impact of that conflict everywhere. Sometimes in our own homes. It makes conversation with neighbors, friends, and co-workers more difficult and tense. Let's embrace this time of peace and mending. Let's embrace this time of change. Our Father is always working for us so I know it will all work out for our good in the end. We tend to focus on those first eight verses in Ecclesiastes chapter three but there's more to the chapter. Verse 14 says this in part "I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it" (NRSV). That's very good for us because he sent his only begotten son to die for us. That work will endure for ever and because of that, so will you. The time and season that we look forward to is the eternity. All of those other times before that are temporary.

As I write this I'm putting on "The Byrds" Greatest Hits because "Mr. Tambourine Man" and all of those songs are pretty good. It's hard to beat the sound of that 12 string Rickenbacker guitar!

Blessings to you...

-Jeremy

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FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Zach Radloff (22)
V. Pres: Brad Hoth (21)
Sec: Tammy Muller (20)
Treas: Lindelle Scherf (22)
Council Members: Jeff Klinge (21)
 Tracey Phillips (22) & John Suhr (23)

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

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Secretary: Vicki Baade (21)
Members: Theresa Rodas (22)
 Janelle Smith (22)
 Luke Steege (23)
 Jason Klinge (23)

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

March 2021 Worship Helpers

There will be no greeting or ushering, but you asked to wear masks and hand out bulletins and communion. We are continuing to worship inside, outside & by radio. 89.3.

March 3 (6:30 pm) March 7 & March 14

Paul & Loretta Weipert, Randy Muller, John Fuelling,
 Mike Reardon, Shirley Marmann & Theresa Feldman

March 17 (6:30 pm), March 21 & March 28

John Klinge, Don Erickson, Don Bossard, Brian Glawe
 Kenny & Velma Kuehl and Lyn & MaryBeth Tielbar



MARCH ACOLYTES

March 3, 2021 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM	Isabelle Kirby
March 7, 2021 10:30 AM	Landon Goltz
March 14, 2021 10:30 AM	Kaylee Hoth
March 17, 2021 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM	Adrianna Schoulte
March 21, 2021 10:30 AM	Autumn Shaw
March 28, 2021 10:30 AM	Isabelle Kirby

SCRIPTURES READERS

MARCH

7 Heather Crogan
 14 Volunteer Needed
 21 Becky Fuelling
 28 Volunteer Needed

March Altar Guild
 Tracey Phillips
 Cheryl Bossard

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Bev Moon

Birthday

March 12 Dorothy Kluth
 Arbor Terrace,
 700 NW 2nd Ave. Apt. 121
 Rochester, MN. 55901

Known March Baptisms

1 - Diana Miller
 11 - Don Bossard
 15 - Alexis Feldman
 19 - Ali Crogan

Known Wedding Anniversaries

March
 28 - LuVerne & Jeannette Krambeer



March WELCA News

5 10:00 am World Day of Prayer—
 Virtual (Cable Channel 4)
 17 1:00 pm Unit Meeting
 Thought for the Day: Becky Fuelling
 Devotions: Shirley Marmann
 Snack: Nancy Moon

Year books can
 be picked up in
 your church
 Mailboxes.



Quilting Season

The calendar shows that quilting season has come, and is done.

Now it is time to thank everyone.

Thanks to those who donate new fabric, pillow-cases, a blanket, or sheet, They all make a quilt that is really quite neat.

Thanks to those who cut the squares and sew tops, There really aren't any flops.

Thanks to those who pin a back to a top, And to those who sew them together, with a machine that never seems to stop.

Thanks to those who tie,
The fellowship sure makes the time fly.

Thanks to those who bring delicious food too,
Whether a new recipe, or one tried and true.

We're never afraid to give it a try,
Be it a casserole, salad, bars, or a pie.

As we stand back and admire the finished quilt piles, There is no shortage of happy smiles.

This year we have 98 quilts to pack,
Thanks to those who help box and sack.

Thanks to those who contribute in any way to this gift, It gives our "feel good" a tremendous lift.

All of our quilts are sewn with love,
With the help of God above.

But quilting season is never done, you see
For now we are on the hunt for materials for our next "quilt to be!"

Nancy Moon

Thank you



The Men would like to thank all who helped, donated food and for all the donations received from the Men's drive thru dinner on February 7th. Total donations to date are \$605.00 expenses were \$116.50 giving us a profit of \$498.50. A meeting was held following worship on February 21, 2021.

The officers will remain the same. President Jason Klinge, Vice President Brad Hoth and Secretary Treasurer Don Bossard.

The Men's meal is planned for August 15th.

Thank You for all the cards, phone calls, text messages, comments on face book and gifts we received in honor of our Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were greatly appreciated.

God's Blessings to all

Don and Cheryl Bossard

Fascher Scholarship Program



St. John Lutheran Church with gift monies from Otto & Ardee Fascher has established a scholarship fund. \$1000 is awarded annually. Applicants must be in the top half of the class, must exemplify high moral standards, academic achievement, and have a need for financial assistance. Applicant must be an active member in good standing of the St. John Lutheran Church of Farmersburg, Iowa. Contact the church office or Tammy Muller for an application. Application deadline is March 15.

Schoenfeldt Scholarship Program

St. John was graciously given \$15,000 from the estate of Marilyn Schoenfeldt to be used for scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. John Lutheran Church, Farmersburg. Each year graduating high school seniors who are members of St. John Lutheran Church, Farmersburg may apply for a scholarship. All members who apply will receive some funding. Contact the church office or Tammy Muller for an application. Application deadline is March 15.

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

February 10, 2021

Present at meeting: Brad Hoth Tammy Muller, Jeff Klinge, Zachary Radloff, Lindelle Scherf, John Suhr and Jeremy Wolfe. Absent: Tracey Phillips
Meeting called to order by Vice-President Brad Hoth at 6:30 PM. Opening devotions from 2 Corinthians 5:17 by Jeremy.

Zach moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of January 2021 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by Zach. Motion Carried. Zach moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by John. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy has completed two classes at Wartburg. All classes are virtual. Continues to be in contact with parish members by phone. He is waiting to have his COVID vaccination before starting any home visits.

Old Business:

Action item from annual meeting is the plexiglass replacement project. Property committee will be getting updated bids.

Lindelle will make sure the Biennial Report is filed by March 31, 2021.

Discussion on relaxing or lifting COVID restrictions. Zach moved to leave restrictions in place and review again at the next meeting. John seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Restrictions include

- Face coverings are recommended. Face masks will be available if you don't have one

- Social distancing -recommend sitting every other pew

- Hand sanitizer available in narthex

- No Hymnals in the pews, worship service will be printed in the bulletin

- Singing will be limited to 2 verses per hymn

- No offering will be taken during the service. An offering plate will be on a stand in the back of the church for people to drop off their envelopes.

- Communion will be in the pews with individually bagged wafers & sealed wine cups.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Tammy nominated Zach for president, seconded by Jeff. Being no other nominations for President Tammy moved/John seconded to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried. Zach moved to keep the remaining offices the same, seconded by Tammy. Motion carried. Vice-president is Brad Hoth, Secretary is Tammy Muller and treasurer is Lindelle Scherf.

Newly elected president Zach Radloff then took over the meeting.

Council committee assignments are Evangelism – Lindelle; Parish Education – Tracey; Property – Brad, Jeff, John; Stewardship – Jeff, Tammy and Worship – Tammy, Zachary

Motion made by John, seconded by Brad for committee appointments of Budget committee -John Klinge; Memorial committee -Loretta Weipert and Audit committee – Dorothy Jennings. Motion carried.

The date for the 2021 Harvest meal was set for October 24.

Discussion of attendance policy of council. Per the constitution if a member misses four successive meetings they may be asked to resign. Regular council meetings were set for the second Wednesday of the month. Due to the Lenten service being held at Luana on March 10, the March council meeting was moved to March 3 after Lenten worship services.

Because we did not budget pay raises for staff, council discussed possible bonuses. Tammy moved to give both the inside and outside gift cards as an end-of year bonus. Seconded by John. Motion carried. Brad moved to give gift cards to organists as a bonus. Motion seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried. Jeff moved to give the secretary gift certificates as a bonus. Seconded by John. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism – looking for an alternative to the appreciation dinner for this year

Property – need to get bids for plexiglass

Youth Group- planning a dinner on June 27

Men's Group - Drive -in meal went well on February 7. Made \$480. Meeting set for February 21

Women's group – Do Days held in February. Secret Sister Party set for April 25

No reports from Worship, Parish Ed, Stewardship, and Memorial committees.

Motion to adjourn by Tammy at 7:38 pm. Seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Tammy Muller, secretary

FARMERSBURG NEWS

January, 2021 – Treasurer's Report

Income: 2830.00
 890.00
 535.00
 596.40

Missions:

NE Iowa Synod: 265.00
 SOTH: 215.00
 CC Food Shelf: 100.00
 St. Pt. Home: 60.00
 LSI: 45.00
 EWALU: 35.00

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1151.33 + 501.00 mileage
 Portico:
 Secretary: 200.00 – (GC \$100 ea. Casey's & KS)
 Inside Cust.: 209.22
 Outside Cust.: 120.05
 Organists: 138.52

Expenses:

United States Treasury: 792.37 (4th quarter 2020)
 Black Hills (gas): 190.71
 Alliant (elec): 250.24
 NEIT: 80.96
 Safe Deposit Box Rent: 5.00
 Gage Exterm. (called & put hold on services until spring)
 Farmersburg PO 200.00 (Newsletter mailing)
 Fisk Farm & Home 32.09 (Face masks – Narthex)
 Interchurch Council 50.00 (Miss for year)

Total Income: 4851.40

Total Expenses: 4641.49

General Checking Balance – January 1, 2021: 15,399.97

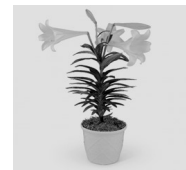
January 31, 2021: 15,609.88

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



Easter Lily

If you wish to give an Easter Lily to use During the Easter Season please contact Shirley Marmann, Bev Moon or Cheryl Bossard before March 14th. Cost is \$10.00.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 2 Andrea (Lnenicka) Byroade
 Jacob Meyer
 3 Corbin Gardner
 Nick Henkes
 5 Sophia (Glawe) Rose
 6 Rachel Henning
 9 Kris Wikner
 Zachery Radloff
 Chloe Lynn Fuelling
 10 Brianna Hoth
 11 Diane Wiedenman
 12 Dorothy Kluth
 13 Jessica Preuser
 14 Emery Rodas
 15 Heather Radloff
 17 Terene Hauschild
 18 David Schoenfeldt
 20 Don Erickson
 23 Lisa Berns
 24 Loretta Davis
 25 Bill Scherf Jr.
 26 Kyle Moon
 27 Jim Fuelling
 Iris Fuelling
 Arthur James Hatlan
 28 Pastor Harold McMillin
 Daniel Wagner
 29 Hilary (Scherf) Anderegg
 Joleen Schoulte
 Marjorie Henderson
 Ashley Shaw
 30 Jacob Morley
 Erica Scherf
 Diezel Fuelling



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) &

Doug Schrader (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 (23)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (23)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (21)

Lisa Meyer (22)

Special Services/Flowers:

Betty Handke (21)

Diane Kraus (22)

Bapt./Comm.:

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners:

Altar Guild

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Jason Klinge (23)

LUANA NEWS

March:

Greeters: Jerry & Mary Schroeder

Read Lessons: Mar. 7 – Linda Davis

Mar. 14 – Mel Lenth

Mar. 21 – Luke Steege

Mar. 24 – Loren Lent

Acolyte/Psalm:

Altar Guild: Lisa Meyer

Flowers: Vicky Baade



Baptism Birthdays

March

4 – Livia Steege

18 – Dixie Johnson

18 – Jeanne Miller

19 – Stephanie Wikner

22 – Keith Johnson

29 – Grace Doerring



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



	Att.	Comm
Jan. 3	28	28
Jan. 10	37	
Jan. 17	35	35
Jan. 24	21	
TOTAL	121	63
AVERAGE	30	32



ATTENTION: We are putting together Baby layettes for LWR. Items needed to fill out layettes: white under shirts, Diapers (could be made out of old t-shirts) or flat flannel, Large, more than 35" blankets. **Really in need of the diapers.** Thanks....Carol



MARCH

2- Jordan Schubert

3 - Keisha Formanek

4 – Erv Bugenhagen

7 – Karsten Steege

8 – Braden Landt

18 – Austin Smith

21 – Kyle Tilson

24 – **Elaine Gehring - 90**

28 – Candice Schlein

31 – Dwain Wolter

LUANA NEWS

JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT – 2020

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

ENDING BAL. Bal. Dec. 31, 2020 2,624.91

INCOME

Jan. 3	1,075.00	
Jan. 10	1,249.00	
Jan. 17	662.00	
Jan. 24	373.00	
	3,359.00	<u>3,359.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME		<u>5,983.91</u>



EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	195.95
Alliant - Electricity	320.75
Karla Schrader –Secretary	330.91
NEITEL	118.97
IRS – Jan.	237.61
Jeremy Wolfe- Jan..	1,151.33
City of Luana – w/s/g	282.49
Concordia – P & P	33.80
Farm & Home – office & custodian	41.25
US Treas, - forgot to add Jeremy Custodian	152.28
Quill – office	<u>64.18</u>
	3,503.76
TOTAL EXPENSES-----	<u>3,503.76</u>
ENDING BAL. Jan. 31, 2021	<u>2,480.15</u>



SPECIAL FUNDS

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

Bal. Dec. 31, 2020	\$69,959.41
Rent	500.00
Rothmeyer Estate	263,750.00
Interest	<u>255.08</u>
Bal. Jan. 31, 2021	\$334,464.49



March 17, 2021

BENEVOLENCE REPORT *Submitted by Cindy Landt*

INCOME

Jan. 3	Offering	105.00	Jan. 24 Offering	5.00
Jan. 10	Offering	50.00	Food Shelf	<u>10.00</u>
	Food Shelf	50.00		313.00
	Operating	50.00	Christmas	<u>610.00</u>
Jan. 17	Offering	33.00		923.00
	Food Shelf	10.00		

EXPENSES

SOTH	435.00
Food Shelf	370.00
Synod	<u>118.00</u>
	923.00

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



NOTICE:

worship attendance expected for confirmation students" on Wednesday nights the month of March.

March 3 6:30 pm Farmersburg
 March 10 6:30 pm Luana
 March 17 6:30 pm Farmersburg
 March 24 6:30 pm Luana

March 21 7:00 pm, "Three Tough Talks: Faith & Poverty" in Farmersburg for confirmation students.



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

Jeremy Wolfe

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Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2:00 A.M. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour to "spring ahead."



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Dave Hartley family, Rick Conley, Lonnie Baade, Jerome Schultz, Roger Meuleman, Jim Moellers, Preston Landt, 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, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston, Shannon Nelson, Laverne Krambeer*

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, Nadyne Reardon

STRAWBERRY POINT: Russ Pate

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Sharon DeSotel, 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



Lenten Schedule

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.

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 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday/ Communion 6:30 pm Luana

April 2 6:30 pm Good Friday Farmersburg

April 4 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service by the youth in Farmersburg

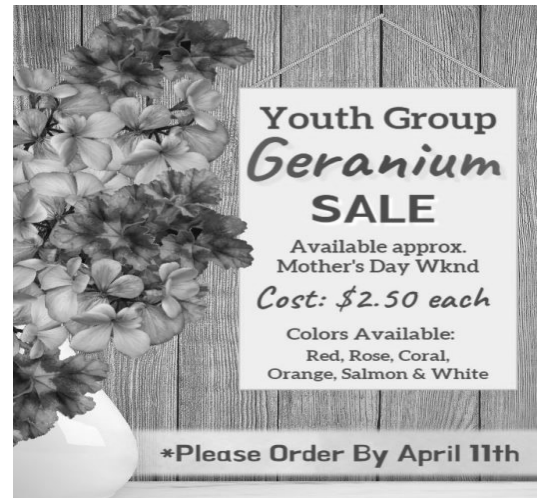
April 4 9:00 am Easter Worship with Communion in Luana

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



Condolences to the families of Lamoine Wentz. Passed away February 24th. Visitation and service will be on March 13 at St. John Luana. Visitation 9:00 am-11 am. Service at 11:00 am.

Sympathy to Donlon family on passing of Lisa's mother, Shirley Connor. She passed away February 16, 2021.



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.**



Food Collection

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

**Sunday
March 7th**

FOOD ITEMS:

CURRENT NEEDS ARE:

Egg Cartons Peas, canned dinners, dry dinners, peanut butter

NON-FOOD - ALWAYS NEED:

Toilet paper, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Laundry & Dish Soap, Bar Soap

Luana and Farmersburg WELCA groups make quilts and put kits together. The following items are needed and can be dropped off at your church.



It is that time of year when many are getting ready to spring clean. Keep the WELCA quilters in mind as you sort through your items. We can use clean pillowcases, comforters, blankets, fitted and flat sheets. Even if they are not perfect we can cut squares from them. If you are going to garage sales and find something that works and is reasonable pick it up. We can also use donations of new fabric or cash. We have to buy thread, and keep the church machine in working condition.

If you have any questions about what can and can't be used, feel free to bring your items to the church and we can sort through them. What is left gets sent to a place to be melted down. Thanks for thinking of us.

We also need the following items for the layette kits.

Cotton T-shirts or Onesies, Long or Short sleeve Gowns or Sleepers
Receiving Blankets, Cloth Diapers, Jacket, Sweater or Sweatshirts,
Baby Cap, Socks
Hand Towels—Dark Colored, Bar Soap, Diaper Pins

Clothes should be **size 6– 24 Months**



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



Strawberry Point Lutheran Home

The annual meeting for the Strawberry Point Lutheran Home will be on March 21, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

It will be held in the old dining room by the kitchen.



March 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many

social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you have never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you have had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves by overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065. -----

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Path to Hope and Healing

Mike remembers feeling angry and depressed, and his family was at risk of falling apart. When he decided to start Therapy Services with LSI, he questioned the decision. Therapy wasn't easy and when he missed an appointment, he didn't want to go back.

But through working with his LSI therapist, Sherry, for the past several months, he has found ways to grow and heal. During each session, Sherry is there to listen without judgement, and she provides a listening ear for anything Mike wants to talk about. At the end, Mike is always given a type of homework or a lesson to think about until they meet again.

While they originally began meeting in person, Sherry has continued to be available through virtual therapy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual sessions ensure Sherry and Mike can continue meeting regularly, on a flexible schedule and from the safety of their own homes.

"Thank God for working through LSI in-person and through telehealth, and especially for Sherry, who helps people like myself who have been lost for years. If I hadn't chosen LSI, I wouldn't have met my therapist who has truly helped me keep my family and stay alive," Mike says. "I look back at the progress I have made and see some light peeking through to the end."

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – MAR 2021



Lenten Reflections...

While preparing this newsletter, I came across a social media post in my newsfeed shared by a couple individuals! It spoke volumes to me and I am choosing to share with everyone this Lenten Season! These words come from Pope Francis a few years back...

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words...*and say kind words.*

Fast from sadness...*and be filled with gratitude.*

Fast from anger...*and be filled with patience.*

Fast from pessimism...*and be filled with hope.*

Fast from worries...*and have trust in God.*

Fast from complaints...*and contemplate simplicity.*

Fast from pressures...*and be prayerful.*

Fast from bitterness...*and fill your hearts with joy.*

Fast from selfishness...*and be compassionate.*

Fast from grudges...*and be reconciled.*

Fast from words...*and be silent and listen.*

CLOTHING CENTER

The Office remains OPEN regular business hours, with the Clothing Center CLOSED. ALL SERVICES continue to be available to our families & clients! If families are in need of items, they may stop by the center or phone ahead, to have items packed for them!

I have been in direct contact with local health dept and clinics, regarding when the vaccine will be available for me. At this time, I am waiting, like many of you, when I will be allowed to get the vaccine per IDPH guidelines. I have discussed options of re-opening soon, with social distancing and safety precautions in place. Thank you for your continued support during this pandemic!

When the decision is made, notices will be available on the Shepherd of the Hills Ministries Facebook page, along with the answering machine.

Thank you - Heather

Ascension Day Service

After much thought and consideration during the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted unanimously to host this event virtually this year, as a precaution with the pandemic.

Ascension Day is May 13, 2021. Our Worship Board Chair, Daryl Schultz, will be planning the event. There may be an opportunity for our conference churches to participate in the service. Please be on the lookout in next month's newsletter, along with communication from the office for further 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 **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:

April 2nd
Good Friday – CLOSED

April 4th
Happy Easter

May 13th
Virtual Ascension Day Service

Any event may be subject to change

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“Build on a Strong Foundation”

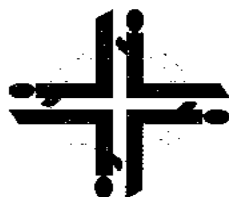
This year, the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu call us to worship with the words “Build on a strong foundation,” inspired by Matthew 7:24–27. We are invited to learn about Vanuatu’s history and rich culture. The women share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God’s profound love.

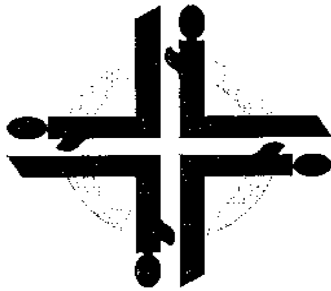


The WDP 2020 program explores the passage in which Jesus tells a story about the kingdom of heaven, using the image of a house and the land on which the house is built. Choosing the land on which to build a house is an important decision for people in Vanuatu. Considering both the terrain and the climate is crucial in a tropical archipelago located in the South Pacific Ocean and prone to earthquakes, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and rising sea levels.

In Jesus’ story, the wisdom of the builder of the house comes from hearing and acting on the word of God, which is a word of love. This is the foundation on which our sisters call us to build our homes, our nations, and the world. A call of faith to be earnestly considered when responding to the prayer of commitment: “What is the house that you would build?”

WDP’s guiding principles affirm that “prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another.” Through the worship service, we listen to the people of Vanuatu. They take us to their communities and through their concerns. Their everyday life is woven into their prayers. They invite us to follow prayer with action. WDP’s motto “Informed prayer leads to prayerful action” affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!





About World Day of Prayer

Since the nineteenth century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and their call to promote world peace through worldwide mission work. The first organized “day of prayer for the world” was held in Canada on January 9, 1920. The United States soon followed on February 20, 1920.

Now, hundreds of thousands of women (and men, youth, and children) from around the world and in every region gather to collectively worship on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service and other materials. Women of that country’s national WDP committee interpret scripture within their cultural context and prepare a worship service; women around the world lead the services.

World Day of Prayer is supported by sacrificial and benevolent mission offerings given by individuals through these annual services. Each of the 170 countries celebrating World Day of Prayer has an ecumenical committee of women representing many cultures, races and faith traditions. Each country’s committee is responsible for determining the use of the offering as it relates to the theme for each year. Offering grants are made to women and children’s groups in each country.

World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit the World Day of Prayer USA website at www.wdp-usa.org.

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This is the worship service program for World Day of Prayer. It will be broadcasted on NEIT cable channel 4 @ 10:00 am on March 4th. If you can not watch at this time, tape it and watch later. Please remove these 2 pages to follow along with the program.

Build on a Strong Foundation

Prayer of Intercession

Leader 1: Everlasting God, the God on whom Vanuatu stands, we ask you to help us stand for peace, in our nations and in our families. We commit the leaders and people of Vanuatu into your wise hands.

Leader 2: We stand against the forces of injustice present in our nations. Give us this authority over our islands and nations. We pray we can live in unity, love, and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity, like Vanuatu, and so many other places around the world.

All: Bind us together in love, peace, and joy.

Leader 3: We remember the people living in places prone to natural disasters and the hazards of cyclones, hurricanes and volcanoes. We lift up our concerns for those who are suffering from addiction.

All: Almighty God, protect the communities from disasters and suffering. Heal the souls of the people and help them feel your love.

Leader 4: Let us pray together the Lord's Prayer.

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Sending and Blessing

Leader 1: We welcome God's dwelling presence in and with us. Let God guide you, lead you, restore you, and heal your nation. Let God's will be done in your house as it is in heaven. Remember, as you go out, everyone who hears the words of Jesus and acts on them will be like a wise person and their house will withstand the floods. Go and build your house on Jesus' words. Go home with these blessings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

All: This is our strong foundation. We will follow Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.

Benediction Song: "Now Unto Him"

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Build on a Strong Foundation



March 5, 2021 • Matthew 7:24-27
Worship Service

Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu
and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee

Build on a Strong Foundation

Processional

Song: "It Is Time to Get Together"

Welcome

Song: "Greetings to You"

Call to Worship

Leader 2: Let's read together the first verses of Psalm 127.

All: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Leader 2: Happy is everyone who trusts the housebuilder, God.

All: Amen.

Song: "Be Good Listeners"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader 3: Let us be thankful for the great things God has done. . . .
(*Leader offers thanks, concluding with . . . the joy of your love.*)

All: Praises, glory, and honor to you alone forever. Lifegiving God, receive our praise.

Prayer of Confession

Leader 4: Let's confess to God, who is faithful and just, asking God to forgive us. . . . (*Leader offers prayer, concluding with the following.*) We regret, confess, and commit to fulfill the mandate to be good stewards of your creation.

All: God, hear our prayers.

Prayer of Commitment

Leader 1: God is looking for a resting place. Where is the house you will build for God? (Is. 66:1-2). We come before you, God, and pray you will grant us your wisdom and knowledge. Teach us to discern the truth. Lead and guide us to live in a way that is pleasing and acceptable to you. Humbly, we offer ourselves to be a house where you can dwell. By the power of your word, transform our lives and our nations. Make us like a household of justice and peace.

All: Gracious God, accept our commitment.

Build on a Strong Foundation

Listening to Voices from Vanuatu

Listening to the Word of God

Leader 2: Let's hear the word of God according to the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 7, verses 24-27. (*Reader reads scripture.*)

Leader 3: The main Bible text for this year's World Day of Prayer is based on the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27, specifically his instructions for entering the kingdom of heaven.

(*Leader offers additional insights into the scripture, concluding with the following.*)

Reflect on the following questions and share with the person next to you:

1. Jesus used two verbs to emphasize his message: hear and act (vs 24 and 26). How do these verbs make you feel or what other scripture do they remind you of?
2. In your context, what makes someone wise? What makes someone foolish?
3. Imagine you were part of the crowd when Jesus gave these instructions. How would you have reacted?

Let us rise and build our homes, our nations and the world on the words of Jesus, who reminded us about the golden rule—"In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you" (7:12). This is our solid foundation. This is the basic principle of our message today.

Offering

Song: "Surely Goodness and Mercy"

Prayer

Leader 4: Gracious God, we thank you and worship you for all the blessings you have bestowed on us, for family and friends, home, food and water. We praise you for leading us to be creative and able to support our families. We offer to you a small portion of these blessings of money and service. We dedicate them to the World Day of Prayer, knowing these gifts will be shared with communities in need here and around the world. Amen.

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