

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Easter and this time of year are all about new life. This year feels especially special because we had a long winter (or at least it felt long) and our spring brings a bit more. The long winter of the pandemic has gone on for over a year and while we aren't out of the woods yet it's getting better. More vaccinations, more openings, more relief, more joy.

P.S. If you'll notice I have my office hours limited to 2 days a week. The reason for this is good! I got my first shot on 3/26/21 and then when I get my second I'm going to do visits based on people's comfort level. Things are moving forward.

Jesus came here to live a sinless life. Jesus came here to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus resurrected and triumphed over death so that we could live eternally. Jesus also came so that we could not only have life but to have it more abundantly (John 10:10). What does that mean? It means that Jesus died in part so you could embrace life. My hope is that you will take joy in the little things as they return. As you may know, I will take great, great joy in going to a movie theater. Getting outdoors for a walk or just gathering and being around other people are more special now. Spring is always a chance to get a little bit more of an abundant life, but this spring is more special than most. As you celebrate Easter, spring, the rollback of pandemic restrictions and that more abundant life please remember the one who brought us that more abundant life.

He died for you and he died for me. He resurrected for you and he resurrected for me. You and I share in that death and resurrection through our baptism.

When you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12 NRSV)

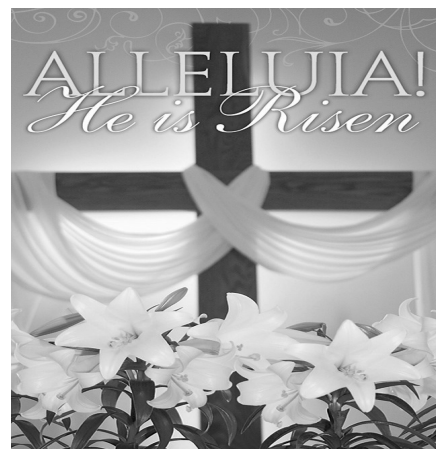
The work is finished. He is risen. Now it's time to embrace that abundant life that we purchased for us. Give praise and thanks to God for him through Easter and beyond.

Easter blessings to you!

-Jeremy

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FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Zach Radloff (22)
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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:

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Treas: Velma Kuehl

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Pres: Logan Engelhardt
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Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



ACOLYTES

April 2, 2021 (Friday) 6:30 PM Landon Goltz
 April 4, 2021 (Sunrise) 7:00 AM Kaylee Hoth
 April 11, 2021 10:30 AM Adrianna Schoulte
 April 18, 2021 10:30 AM Autumn Shaw
 April 25, 2021 10:30 AM Isabelle Kirby

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

April 2 (6:30 pm) Good Friday & April 4 7:00 am Sunrise
 Ivan Meisner, Jeff Klinge, Rod Stagman, Larry Friedlein
 Randy & Diane Wiedenman and Brad & Brenda Hoth

April 11, April 18 & April 25
 Vernice Moon, John Suhr, Randy Wiedenman, Ron & Gloria Tayek and Matt & Amanda Goltz

Sunshine Committee

Shirley Marmann & Velma Kuehl
Birthdays

April 4 Shirley Henkes
 April 7 Vila Schroeder

ALTAR GUILD

Bev Moon
 Shirley Marmann

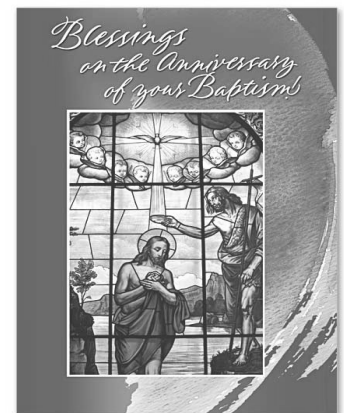


APRIL SCRIPTURE READERS

4 Heather Crogan
 11 Volunteer Needed
 18 Becky Fuelling
 25 Volunteer Needed

KNOWN APRIL BAPTISMS

4 - Ryan Moon
 6 - Becky Fuelling
 8 - William Robert Scherf V
 10 - Zachary Radloff
 13 - Cierra Weipert
 15 - Emery Jean Rodas
 15 - Wyatt, Martyn, Jay Geick
 19 - Dominic Schoulte
 20 - Kris Wikner
 22 - Sharon Henning



St. John Farmersburg
 Senior Recognition Sunday
 is April 25th.
 Zoe Gerndt is our
 Graduating Senior.

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

March 3, 2021

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

Meeting called to order by President Zachary Radloff at 7:08 PM. Opening devotions by Jeremy.

John moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Brad. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of February 2021 meeting made by Jeff, seconded by John. Motion Carried. No written treasurer report due to computer issues. Lindelle shared all bills are paid. Brad moved to table the treasurer's report, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy is reviewing the church's constitution and also the wedding policy booklet. He will start making appointments in care facilities as places start to open up for visitors. Jeremy is in need of a printer for his office here at church. Lindelle moved to have Jeremy spend up to \$100 for a printer for his office. Motion seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Old Business:

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

Discussion on relaxing or lifting COVID restrictions. Brad moved to continue singing 2 verses of hymns until Easter and also to start singing the Lord's Prayer on non-communion Sundays and the Doxology on communion Sundays. Seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried. Funerals & Weddings – church should be at half capacity, face covering required. Catered meals only at this time. Council will review all restrictions at their next meeting.

New Business:

Palm Sunday: Due to COVID youth will process in with palms but will not place in basket upfront. Youth will take palms back to the pews with them.

St. John Ministry Team Report: Meeting on February 11 in Luana. Tammy Muller re-elected as Chairperson and Vicky Baade elected as Secretary. The summer schedule was discussed. The Ministry Team is proposing that Luana worship be held at 8:30 as usual with outdoor services on June 13 and July 11. A combined service on September 5 will be held at 9:00. Farmersburg worship will be at 10:00 as usual with outdoor services on May 30, June 27, and July 25. A combined service on August 8 will be held at 9:00. John moved to approve the summer worship schedule, seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.

Church Sign: repairman has been contacted

Router: We are having issues with the internet router, probably outdated. Jeff moved to update the router, Seconded by John. Motion carried.

TV Monitor: suggested we purchased a large TV monitor for the basement. We are looking into cost. Might be something Memorial Committee could purchase

Committee Reports:

Evangelism – will be providing pizza for the Farmersburg and St. Olaf fire departments at their next meeting as a token of appreciation. Also ordering Easter lilies for the nursing homes

Parish Education – Confirmation set for May 2

Property – plexiglass bid is \$3404 plus \$400 per window to install. Will take off \$65 per window if old plexiglass is removed.

Youth Group- planning a dinner on June 27

Men's Group – planning a meal for August 15

Women's group –Secret Sister Party set for April 25

No reports from Worship, Stewardship, and Memorial committees.

Motion to adjourn by Tammy at 8:17 pm. Seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Tammy Muller, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

St. John WELCA met March 17

- *Becky reported on World Day of Prayer.
- *We made a donation to the LSI Spiritual Life Challenge.
- *The Spring Fling has been moved to 2022. The Synod Assembly for June 11-12 will be virtual on Zoom. The 12th Triennial Convention that was to be held in Phoenix is postponed. The SWO Gathering in Waverly on June 19 is undecided at this time.
- *We donated to the After Prom Party.
- *We completed 98 quilts this year. The LWR quilts will go to Decorah on November 6, 2021.
- *The sunshine committee is responsible for sending cards to the shut ins, hospitalized or birthdays.
- *The offering from this meeting will be donated to Womenade.

*We discussed the envelopes asking for donations to the WELCA since we will not have any meals for fundraising this year. We are thankful for those that have donated to this and encourage anyone who has not done so, it is not too late. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Nancy Moon Secretary



- April 1 Lyvea Krambeer
 2 Lee Klinkenberg
 Jamie Scott Tielbar
 4 Gerald Jennings
 5 Shirley Henkes
 6 Mallory (Thornton) Randall
 7 Vila Schroeder
 Ryan Pritchard
 Dalton Isaacs
 8 Dillon Hope
 Deb Tidwell
 Rita Pritchard
 Addison Burgess
 9 Breanna Hope
 10 Garrett Lnenicka
 Kennedy Schmidt
 11 Jerel Palas
 12 Jean Meisner
 14 Jamie Tielbar
 18 Carol Lenth
 19 Lucy Kessler
 20 Steven Henning
 22 Rosemary Tielbar
 Elissa Gardner
 25 Jeffery Palas
 27 Majil Gardner
 Jeanette Vogt
 28 John Klinge
 Lori Schoenfeldt
 30 Layne Tielbar

April

15 Kenneth & Velma Kuehl
 23 Mark & Beth Bries



Thank you for the cards and messages I received for my birthday. I certainly enjoyed them. Thank you also for the cards, messages, monthly newsletter, Sunshine committee and devotional booklets that I

receive throughout the year. It is so good to keep in touch with St John and friends.
 In appreciation Dorothy Kluth



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February

7 28
 14 No Service (Weather)
 21 27
 28 24



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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Sec: Ashley Shaw

Treas: Ethan Goltz

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Luke Steege (23)

Jason Klinge (23)

LUANA NEWS



Greeters: Keith & Sherri Johnson

Read Lessons: Apr. 4 - Janelle Smith
Apr. 11 - Karla Schrader
Apr. 18 - Keith Johnson
Apr. 25 - Mary Schroeder

Acolyte: Apr. 4 - Elena Schierholz
Apr. 11 - Dayne Anderson
Apr. 18 - Kyle Tilson
Apr. 25 - Joshua Schierholz

Alter Guild: Sherri Johnson

Flowers: Juanita Mohs



1 - Sherri Johnson
4 - Jean Wolter
5 - Connie Schlein
7 - Cyrus Landt
14 - Janelle Smith
19 - Avrey Smith
28 - Myah Davis



April

19 - Robert & Betty Handke

29 - Jim & Lisa Meyer

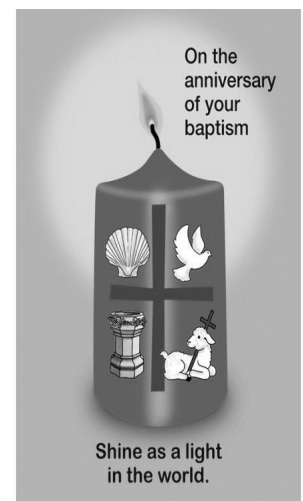
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
Feb. 28	31	
March 7	30	30
March 14	38	
March 21	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>
TOTAL	140	71
AVERAGE	35	35

APRIL KNOWN

BAPTISMS

2 - Keisha Formanek
4 - Amber Moeller
6 - Erma Swenson
7 - Tristan Meyer
13 - Jay Schroeder
18 - Candice Schlein
22 - Connie Schlein
Jayde Schubert
25 - Sherri Johnson
Edith Searles
27 - Dwain Wolter
29 - LuNida Landt



LUANA NEWS

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN **Council Minutes** **Sunday, March 14th, 2021**

PRESENT: Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe, Jim Meyer, Duaine Davis, Janelle Smith, Mary Schroeder, Karla Schrader, Doug Schrader, Doug Schlein, Cindy Landt, Ervin Bugenhagen and Sonya Anderson.

ABSENT: None.

Meeting called to order by President Jim Meyer at 0746 am.

Devotions:

Pastor Jeremy Wolfe led by scriptures from the book of Timothy.

Secretary's Report:

Sonya Anderson read the Council minutes from January 17, 2021. Doug Schlein made a motion to approve as read and Doug Schrader seconded this. Motion carried.

Treasurers & Financial Report:

No upcoming financials anticipated Karla reports. Rothmeyer Estate is in the parsonage repair fund and the interest rate is at 0.6%. Offerings continue to be stable. Bill received from Kurt Gerdes, no reason to go ahead with a new furnace at this time.

Mary Schroeder made a motion to accept and Cindy Landt seconded this, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. The Committees have been reviewed and approved by all.
2. Lent Offering: One-half will go to Shepard of the Hills and the other one-half to the Food Shelf. Duaine Davis made a motion to approve and Ervin Bugenhagen seconded this, motion carried.
3. Elevator-Keith Johnson has the information that Jeremy Wolfe gave to him. Will contact the Quad Cities company. Cindy Landt, Jim Meyer, and Doug Schlein will head up this committee for the elevator. A separate contractor will be needed for the installation.
4. Parsonage Roof: Moss Roofing only does flat roofing. Doug Schlein will check with Wes Heying to look at the roof. Jim Meyer will contact the renters to let them know as contractors are scheduled. Jim Meyer will check with Rough Country.
5. Janelle Smith gave an update on the Ministry Meeting. Chairperson: Tammy Mueller Secretary: Vicki Baade. Last meeting was on 2/11/21 and the next meeting will be on 7/15/21. Outdoor services: Luana—6/13/21 and 7/11/21. Farmersburg—5/30/21, 6/27/21, & 7/25/21. Combined worship: 8/8/21 at Farmersburg at 0900 and Luana Labor Day weekend 9/5/21 at 0900.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Spraying Lawn of the Church & Cemetery: The Cemetery Committee met and it was noted that the Creeping Charlie was in abundance. Estimates to be obtained from Green Lawn Care-Ossian and the previous Bob's Lawn Care-Guttenberg. Doug Schlein made a motion to accept this and Janelle Smith seconded this. Motion carried.
2. Jerry Schroeder will need volunteers to help rake the church yard. Last year he did this by himself. Jerry and Wayne have been mowing the church lawn. Anyone can volunteer to do. Mary will have Jerry call someone regarding sweeping of the church lawn. Jason Johnson helped in 2019.
3. May 2nd, 2021 Kyle Tilson will be confirmed. Women of the Church will purchase flowers for the alter and the boutonnieres.
4. Sunrise Service will be in Farmersburg at 7am and Luana church will be at 9am.
5. Baptism for 3/28/21 during the service.
6. Youth group: What direction is this headed for Luana? Check with families that may be interested in helping out. This will be ongoing.
7. Radio Transmitter: It was approved to purchase for Luana. Cost \$125-150. Transmits approx. 2 miles. Make the station channels known to the public by adding to the NEIT public announcement. Cindy Landt made a motion to approve and Janelle Smith seconded this. Motion carried.
8. Pastor talked of his mileage tracking and that he is making Pastoral visits to facilities. He isn't worried about keeping track of every specific mile, more of a broad mileage tracking from his home to Luana.
9. Luana has 4 graduates: Consider breakfast with graduates and their parents, quilts, and gifts to be presented during the church service.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 0854 am by Duaine Davis and seconded by Ervin Bugenhagen.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Sonya Anderson



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

April 1 6:30 PM Worship Service at St. John in Luana
with Holy Communion

April 2 6:30 PM Tenebrae Service at St. John in
Farmersburg



April 4 7:00 am Sunrise Service with Communion at St. John Farmersburg

April 4 9:00 am Easter Worship with Communion at St. John Luana

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ken Kishman, Joan Shurteff, Sharon DeSotel, Marion Olson, Rick Conley, Lonnie Baade, Jerome Schultz, Roger Meuleman, Jim Moellers, Preston Landt, 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, Shannon Nelson, Shelby Preston. 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:
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



A big **"THANK YOU"** to all who generously donated in response to our financial needs for the year. We are grateful for your continuous support. Donations are still being accepted if you so desire.

WELCA Presidents: Betty Handke/Shirley Marmann



Wednesday 9 am—5:30 pm Farmersburg

Thursday 9 am—4 pm Luana

Blessings to you! Jeremy
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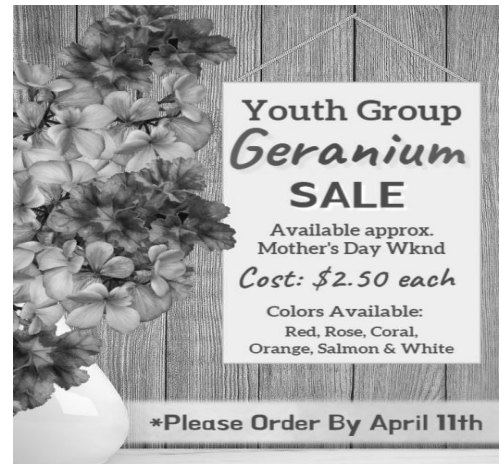
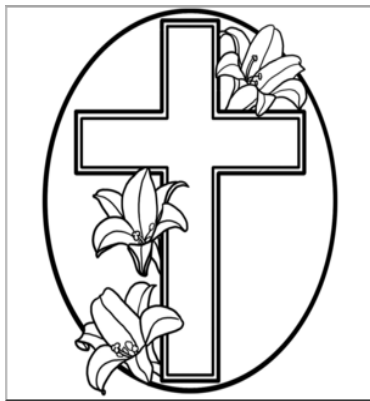
National Volunteer Week is April 18-24. It's a time of year when organizations across the country honor volunteers for their selfless contributions and recognize the irreplaceable impact of their time, energy, and caring all year round. Thank you for supporting the ministries of St. John!

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



Condolences to the families of Curtis Edward Kraus. He passed away on March 21st. Services were held at St. John, Luana on Saturday March 27th.

Condolences to the families of Lawrence Charles Linderbaum. He passed away March 23rd. Visitation will be Friday April 9th from 5pm-7pm at Grau Funeral Home in Monona with Services on April 10th at 11am at Grau Funeral Home with burial at the Monona City Cemetery.



Name: _____



Spring Has Sprung



F	R	M	Z	W	A	R	M	E	R	L	S
L	M	A	Y	E	G	R	E	E	N	R	P
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R	B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L	E	Y	G
E	U	M	B	R	E	L	L	A	Q	B	X
Q	H	J	B	I	K	E	A	G	R	O	W

Find these words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

APRIL	GROW	SPRING
BASEBALL	KITE	TULIP
BIKE	MARCH	UMBRELLA
BUD	MAY	WARMER
FLOWER	NEST	WEATHER
GREEN	RAINY	

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – APR 2021



CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center OPENED to the public on Monday, March 15th! Yay! We are asking individuals/families visiting the Center to observe posted safety guidelines. We ask everyone to wear a mask and sanitize hands while in the building. One individual per household will be allowed to shop at a time! One household can shop at a time! If multiple individuals are waiting, we ask individuals be mindful of those waiting to come in!

DONATIONS - Will be accepted by appt only for the time being, which will help alleviate "space" issues! Please call or email the office with any questions relating to donation policies.

We thank everyone for their continued support as we navigate through these uncertain times! Thank you for your patience and understanding! ~ Heather

Ascension Day Service

The Service will be held on **May 13, 2020**, at St Paul Lutheran Church, Postville. The service will be a **LIVESTREAM ONLY** beginning at **11:00am** from **St Paul's Page**. Shepherd will share the link directly on our Facebook page as well. The Service will be led by Advisor, Rev Lynn Noel, St Paul, Postville and TEEM Ministry Students attending Wartburg Seminary - Jeremy Wolfe, St John Farmersburg & Luana Lay Minister, Daryl Schultz, Zion Castalia Lay Minister and Mike Erickson, West Clermont Lutheran Lay Minister.

If any of our churches would like to provide a PRE-RECORDED musical selection, to be shown during the service, please connect with the office to secure a slot for the service! We are looking for prelude, postlude & 3 hymns at this time. There may be space for additional selections as well.

If one is unable to join us LIVE on facebook, please feel free to watch it at a later time on facebook. If there are requests, I would be willing to provide a Zoom Link as well! Please connect with the office if interested!

***St Paul, Postville Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulPostville>

***Shepherd of the Hills Facebook Page -**

<https://www.facebook.com/SOTHMinistries>

(PRE) SYNOD ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Should this event be held virtually or in person? The Board met on 3/16 by Zoom Meeting. It was decided the event will be held IN PERSON, however, we can set up a zoom Meeting as well, for anyone wishing to Zoom in due to safety precautions related to the pandemic. This event typically reviews the ins/outs of Synod Assembly and what to expect during the Assembly & good for "new" participants!

The event will be held at St. Paul, Postville in late May. The date and time have not been decided at this time. Please be on the lookout at your home church, May Newsletter or SOTH's Facebook Page for additional information in coming weeks! The Synod Assembly is a 1 Day Virtual Event on June 12, 2021!

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

May 13th

Virtual Ascension Day Service

11:00am

St Paul Postville Facebook

Shepherd Facebook

Zoom if needed

Any event may be subject to change

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Heather Crogan ~Director



April 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the most recent Iowa Department of Human Services data, 9,532 Iowa children were subject to abuse or neglect. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs or dangerous substance, and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health care.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2020, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 18,000 in-home and virtual visits to families.

LSI Family Centered Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI's Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You can make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Empowering Iowa Families

Gaylene was overwhelmed raising three young boys. Finances were strained and she and her partner, José, worked hard to make ends meet. Suddenly, well into her second trimester, Gaylene learned she was pregnant with her daughter, Julieanna. Left with less time to prepare her home for a fourth child, Gaylene was stressed at the thought of welcoming a little girl into a house with three energetic older brothers. And once Julieanna was born, Gaylene began experiencing postpartum depression.

Gaylene enrolled in LSI Early Childhood Services for help, and she and José began meeting with their LSI worker, Kellie. She provided the family with age-appropriate ideas and developmental activities for the kids, and served as a shoulder to lean on whenever Gaylene or José needed guidance or advice. Gaylene recently graduated from college with a degree in early childhood education, and her family is thriving. Gaylene also graduated out of LSI services last year. The family still keeps in touch with Kellie, and Gaylene says she will forever be grateful for the support she received when times were difficult.

"We got so used to Kellie coming to our home for five years, it's going to be different. But now I know where to turn and how to help my family down the road," Gaylene says. "I feel like Kellie and LSI actually care about people and parents."