

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Hello St. Johns. It's May and we are starting to come out of the woods in regard to this pandemic. We're not out of the woods yet but we are headed there. Many of you have been vaccinated or are in that process. I received my second shot on 4/16/21 which means I can step into May with an eye towards visits! I will do pastoral care visits for our homebound folks at the beginning of the month and then I am on vacation for the weeks of 5/9 and 5/16. When I return I will start work on visiting beyond our homebound folks. Why? It's a time of restoration. Again, we're not completely out of the woods yet but things are moving in the direction of restoration. There is only one source for restoration and strength and that is our heavenly father. Hopefully you are familiar with this verse:

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 NRSV).



This pandemic has been mentally and spiritually draining for so many! We are stronger then it is because our strength comes from the Lord. He is the one who renews us. We trust in his beloved son. He is the vine and we are the branches so let that strength and rejuvenation flow into you. Things are coming back to life and being restored. In the meantime we will wear masks and take precautions just a little bit longer. I realize that these issues are controversial. Masks and vaccinations are surprisingly divisive. I don't have all of the answers. What I do on a personal level is to wear the mask and vaccinate in order to love my neighbor. More than that I look forward to the day when you don't see them anymore. It's coming but change sometimes happens in steps. Sometimes restoration comes in a moment, sometimes it takes a bit longer. Either way we wait on the Lord who continually renews our strength.

Blessings to you in Christ.

Jeremy

Jeremy Wolfe

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**THE
MESSAGE**

FARMERSBURG NEWS

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

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

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Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

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

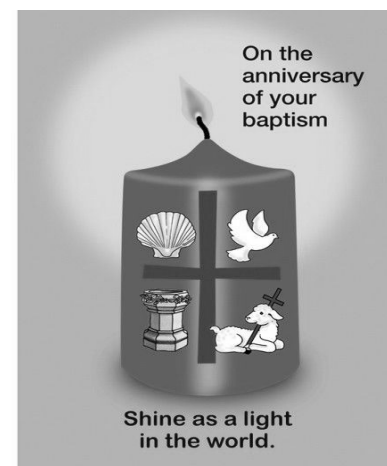
Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.



On Sunday April 25 we honored our senior graduate. She received a beautiful hand sewn Quilt, from our WELCA ladies, presented by her Grandma Becky! She was also presented with the Fascher & Schoenfeldt Scholarships, who were longtime members of St John and invested in our youth! She was honored following worship with fellowship downstairs. Congratulations to St. John Farmersburg 2021 Senior Graduate **Zoe Gerndt**

KNOWN MAY BAPTISMS

- 1 - Makenzie Corlett
- 4 - Christina Klinge
- 7 - Dorothy Kluth
- 8 - Emily Palmersheim
Erica Scherf
- 14 - Elizabeth Crogan
Dalton Isaacs
- 16 - Kaylee Hoth
- 17 - Shirley Henkes
- 24 - Jacob Morley
- 26 - Jamie Scott Tielbar
- 28 - Brooklyn Scherf
- 30 - William Scherf Jr.



CONGRATULATIONS to Sergeant Ben Wikner for completing 8 years of Military Service with the Iowa Army National Guard on April 11, 2021 and receiving an achievement medal for exceptional service with his unit.



The television in the basement was purchased in memory of Vivian Nuehring, donations made by Dan and Karen Stewart and family.

In Loving Memory

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

April 14, 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 President Zachary Radloff at 6:35 PM. Opening devotions by Jeremy.

John moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of March 2021 meeting made by John, seconded by Brad. Motion Carried. Tammy moved to accept the February and March treasurer's reports, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy has started making appointments in care facilities for visits. He was asked to provide a worship service once a month at the Great River Care Center in McGregor. Jeremy will be getting his second vaccination shot soon and then will begin doing home visits for those requesting a visit. Tentatively have scheduled Baby Girl Radloff baptism for June 6.

Old Business:

Discussion on relaxing or lifting COVID restrictions. Consensus to continue with masks and social distancing and limited seating in dining area. Council will again review all restrictions at the May meeting. TV needs to be mounted in basement yet, will purchase a ceiling mount and install in the next few weeks.

New Business:

Computer in church office is over 10 years old and causing some issues. Tammy moved to purchase a new laptop computer for the office with the options of a keyboard and monitor. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Jeff moved to approve Jeremy's vacation request of weeks of May 9 and May 16. We would have lay services and move communion to May 23. Seconded by John. Motion carried. Jeremy does have a pastor lined up to cover emergencies when he's gone.

Scholarships: Lindelle will check into the amount left in the Fascher Scholarship account. Zoe Gerndt will be receiving the Fascher and Schoenfeldt scholarships this year.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism –Easter lilies were delivered to care centers. Pizzas were delivered to Farmersburg and St. Olaf Fire Departments on April 5.

Parish Education – Confirmation set for May 2. Sunday School youth will be singing during worship on May 9. May 9 is the last day of Sunday School.

Property – ready to start the plexiglass project soon. Need help to remove old plexiglass.

Worship-Committee met April 7. Due to COVID our worship services have become very informal. We want to start slowly getting thing back to more normal. Examples- standing during hymns, Gospel lesson, prayers, acolytes wearing gown.

Summer schedule starts June 6.

Outdoor services are planned for May 30, June 27 and July 25 in Farmersburg.

Youth Group- Ice cream social is June 27. Will be dine-in with limited seating or carry-out

No reports from Men's, Women's, Stewardship, and Memorial committees.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Tammy Muller, secretary



MEETING MINUTES

FARMERSBURG NEWS

February, 2021 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

840.00
1500.00
656.00
755.00



Loose:

Initial Offering:

Rental income:

Missions:

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

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1151.33 (Sal)+ 402.30(mileage)
Portico:
Secretary: 200.00 GC KS & Casey's
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists: 83.11

Expenses:

Church Mutual 1,375.25
Black Hills (gas): 199.85
Alliant (Elec): 217.07
NEIT: 80.96
1517 Media 70.00 (Qtr. 2 CIOH)

Staff Gift: (as per Church Council agreement)

Kelly - \$50 GC
MaryBeth - \$120 GC
Loren - \$120 GC
Theresa - \$25 GC
Ryan - \$75 GC

Total Income: 3751.00

Total Expenses: 5219.14

General Checking Balance –

February 1, 2021 15,610.94
February 28, 2021 14,142.80

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer

March, 2021 Treasurer's Report

Income:

14.79 (CD Interest)
1045.00
990.00
1765.00
19.00 (transferred from Evangelism)
715.00
1337.15

Loose:

Initial Offering:

Rental income:

Missions:

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

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1219.63 + 420.58
Portico:
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists: 166.23
Secretary: 200.00 (G.C.)

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 318.64
Alliant (Elec): 256.01
NEIT: 85.96
Clayton Co Treasurer: 795.00 (prop tax parsonage)
Marco Technologies 387.29 (copier contract)
Quill 186.12
City of Farmersburg 207.56
Franklin Street Liquor 98.53
Kwik Star 11.00 (book of stamps)
Wal Mart 18.86 (Easter Lilies for Care
Centers – Evangelism – reimbursed \$19)

Total Income: 5875.94

Total Expenses: 5420.68

General Checking Balance –

March 1, 2021: 14,142.80
March 31, 2021: 14,598.06

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



FARMERSBURG NEWS

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

May 2 & May 9

Matt Goltz, John Fuelling, Alan Feldman, Jamie Tielbar

May 2 Brian & Susan Glawe

May 9 Don & Cheryl Bossard

May 16, May 23 & May 30

Lyn Tielbar, Brad Hoth, Wyatt Glawe, Clark Wikner

May 16 Ivan & Jean Meisner

May 23 Josh & Kathy Kluth

May 30 Rod Stagman & John Klinge



MAY ALTAR GUILD

Loretta Weipert & Jeannie Meisner



MAY SCRIPTURE READERS

3 Heather Crogan

9 Volunteer Needed

16 Becky Fuelling

23 Volunteer Needed

30 Volunteer Needed

Volunteers are needed to read the scriptures. Please consider reading and sign the sheet that is in the narthex. Thank You in advance.



Marlene Glawe in memory of Verdine Glawe & Loved Ones
 Rod Stagman in memory of Sonya Stagman & Loved Ones
 Marilee & Harlan Wright & Family, James & Deborah Mathews & Family, and Fred & Lisa Mathews & Family in memory of Harvey & Linda Klasen & Jay and Dolores Matthews
 Happy Easter on behalf of Harlan & Marilee Wright
 Clark & Kris Wikner & Family in memory of Brad Wikner & Loved Ones
 Shirley Marmann in memory of Don Marmann & Loved Ones
 Lendall Schievelbein & Family in memory of Fern Schievelbein, Relatives, Neighbors, and Friends
 Jerry & Dorothy Jennings in memory of Loved Ones
 Ken & Heather Crogan & Family in memory of Cheryl Howard, Mary Tielbar & Loved Ones
 Steege Family in memory of Rev. R. H. & Frieda Steege
 Ethel Lenth in memory of Brad Lenth & Loved Ones
 Brad & Brenda Hoth in memory of Loved Ones
 Isabel and Julie Kurth & family in memory of Dale & Larry Kurth & Loved Ones
 Bill Scherf Jr. given in memory of Lafonda Scherf & Loved Ones

ACOLYETS

May 2, 2021 10:30 AM Landon Goltz

May 9, 2021 10:30 AM Kaylee Hoth

May 16, 2021 10:30 AM Adrianna Schoulte

May 23, 2021 10:30 AM Autumn Shaw

May 30, 2021 10:30 AM Isabelle Kirby

MAY

Sunshine Committee

John & Kathy Klinge



May 4 John Isaacs
 10 Amy Klinge
 Christopher Pate
 13 Kevin Radloff
 Jade Gerndt
 14 Clark Wikner
 Nolan Lerch
 Weston Fuelling
 16 Tessa Tielbar
 Kellian Kluth
 17 Kaden Lindner
 19 Heather Taylor
 21 Pat Suhr
 Imogene Ihlenfeldt
 Axel Rodas
 22 Dacia Schoulte
 Zachary Schlake
 Nicole Hall
 23 Shirley Marmann
 24 Linda Schoulte
 Larry Friedlein
 26 Lindelle Scherf
 28 Susan Glawe
 30 James Muller
 31 Dylan Scherf

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

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY YOUTH:

Pres: Logan Engelhardt

V. Pres: Braden Landt

Sec: Ashley Shaw

Treas: Ethan Goltz

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Tammy Muller (21)

Secretary: Vicki Baade (21)

Members: Theresa Rodas (22)

Janelle Smith (22)

Luke Steege (23)

Jason Klinge (23)

LUANA NEWS

Luana St John's high school grad recognition.

May 16 at 9 a.m. worship with reception following for immediate family. Scholarships and gifts will be presented. Our 5 grads are

Myah Davis
Logan Engelhardt
Jordan Harnack
Braden Landt
Elena Schierholz



Thank you! To the women that helped with the Senior quilts. Especially Vicky Baade who organized and got the materials together and Jim Meyer for the filling. Vicky, Betty, Mary, Linda, Marjorie, Erma and Carol hope these Seniors will find comfort knowing the members of St. John's love them and will keep them in their prayers.



Greeters: Lonnie & Vicky Baade

Read Lessons: May 2 - Duaine Davis
May 9 - Vicky Baade
May 16 - Jerry Schroeder
May 23 - Linda Davis
May 30 - Mel Lenth

Acolyte: May 2 - Elena Schierholz
May 9 - Tyce Wikner
May 16 - Cayl Anderson
May 23 - Emme Wikner
May 30 - Elena Schierholz

Altar Guild: Betty Handke
Flowers: Betty Handke



With Deepest Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Family and Friends Terry Lee Mohs who passed away on April 2, 2021. Funeral Service were Saturday, April 10, 2021 at St. John Lutheran Church in Luana.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Kay (Pape) Wirkler who passed away Monday, April 19, 2021 Funeral services were held Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the Gospel Hall in Garnavillo.

Frederick Doerring passed away April 4th. If you would like to send a card address is: Robert & Marva Doerring 715 West 5th Street South, Newton IA 50208.

LUANA NEWS

FEBRUARY TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

ENDING BAL. Jan. 31, 2021	2,480.15
<u>INCOME</u>	
Feb. 7	No Church
Feb. 14	No Church
Feb. 21	3,997.00
Feb. 28	<u>1,642.00</u>
	5,639.00
	<u>5,639.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	8,119.15

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	149.66
Alliant - Electricity	647.14
Karla Schrader –Secretary	330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian	307.83
NEITEL	118.97
IRS	292.43
Jeremy Wolfe- Feb.	1,187.33
Jeremy Wolfe - Feb. mileage	402.36
TOTAL EXPENSES-----	<u>3,436.63</u>
ENDING BAL. Feb. 28, 2021	<u>4,682.52</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. Jan. 31, 2021	\$334,464.49
Interest	<u>295.06</u>
Bal. Feb. 28, 2021	\$334,759.55

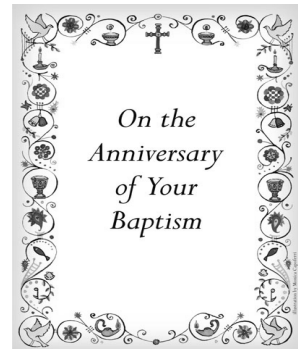


Thank you to
Ozzie & Carol Goettler and
Loren & Mel Lenth for the
Easter Lilies for our
worship services.

KNOWN BAPTISMS

MAY

- | 1 - Ervin Bugenhagen
- | 3 - Emeila Wikner
- | 5 - Cheryl Wagner
- | 12 - Janelle Smith
- | 25 - Braden Landt
- | 27 - Kyle Tilson
- | 30 - Luke Steege



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
March 28	64	52
Apr. 1	24	24
Apr. 4	53	53
Apr. 11	31	
Apr. 18	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>
TOTAL	208	165

BENEVOLENCE REPORT *Submitted by Cindy Landt*

INCOME

Feb. 17 Ash Wed.	135.00
Feb. 21 Offering	200.00
Food Shelf	40.00
Souper Bowl	176.00
Feb. 24 Lent	104.00
Feb. 28 Offering	125.00
Food Shelf	60.00
Thanksgiving	<u>20.00</u>

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
Food Shelf	296.00
NE Synod	<u>195.00</u>
	621.00
Lent	<u>258.00</u>
	879.00



LUANA ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

Council Minutes

Sunday, April 11th, 2021

PRESENT: Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe, Jim Meyer, Karla Schrader, Doug Schrader, Doug Schlein, Cindy Landt, Ervin Bugenhagen and Sonya Anderson.

ABSENT: Duaine Davis, Janelle Smith, Mary Schroeder.

Meeting called to order by President Jim Meyer at 0748 am.

Devotions:

Pastor Jeremy Wolfe led by Martin Luther Book of Devotions "Faith Means Watching."

Secretary's Report:

Sonya Anderson read the Council minutes from March 14th, 2021. There are 5 graduates this year that will be honored on May 16, 2021 service. Ervin Bugenhagen made a motion to approve with corrections and Doug Schrader seconded this. Motion carried.

Treasurers & Financial Report:

It was noted that one month of church electricity was \$655. 56 from Alliant Energy, likely due to use of the electric heat.

Cindy Landt made a motion to accept, and Doug Schlein seconded this, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Elevator Committee- Farmersburg has had no problems with their elevator. Jeremy will email a picture of the information inside lift to Jim, Cindy, & Doug.
2. Parsonage Roof: Wes Heying will contact Karla, Doug Schlein has talked with him. Rough Country will look at the parsonage roof next week. Ervin B. will be available to meet them.
3. Ervin has contacted Green Lawn Care Ossian, IA and they will spray the church and cemetery lawns for approx. \$ 400 + tax. Bob's Lawn Care contact number was no longer in service/ available. It was suggested to mow with the grass longer and not cut as short.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lamoine Wentz has left the church \$10,000 in a memorial.
2. Synod letter reviewed that Jim Meyer received.
3. May 2nd, 2021 Confirmation will be held at the Farmersburg Church for all students as they would like to be confirmed together.
4. Jeremy will receive his second COVID vaccination on Friday and expects to do home visits and facility visits starting around May 1st.
5. Mae Mueller would like a copy of the church bulletin weekly.
6. Cindy Landt suggested updating St. John Lutheran Luana webpage and include church pictures. When googled it lists a Pastor from two pastors ago. It was suggested to post service on Facebook and YouTube as well. Jeremy will address this and have updates for the next meeting.
7. The funeral that was held yesterday, 4/10/21, the family was very thankful, and the services went well.

Next Meeting: May 9th, 2021 @ 745 am.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 0822 am by Cindy Landt and seconded by Doug Schrader.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Sonya Anderson

LUANA NEWS

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

ENDING BAL. Feb. 28, 2021 4,682.52

INCOME

Mar. 7 1,445.00
Mar. 14 1,313.00
Mar. 21 1,142.00
Mar. 28 1,404.00
5,304.00

Thrivent 824.00

Refund Concordia 33.80 6,161.80

TOTAL INCOME 10,844.32

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas 252.43
Alliant - Electricity 655.56
Karla Schrader –Secretary 330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian 307.83
NEITEL 119.37
IRS 292.43
Jeremy Wolfe- 1,169.33
Jeremy Wolfe – mileage 635.20
Farm & Home – custodian supplies 16.96
Silver Birch – church year calendar 11.35
Schiller Law – W-2's 30.20
Kurt's Plbg & Htg – church furnace 70.62
Monona Computer Serv. – backup 67.90
Concordia Publ. P & P 52.50
St John Farmersburg - newsletter 147.15
Luana Post Office – stamps 55.00
Access System – agreement 136.98

TOTAL EXPENSES----- 4,351.72

ENDING BAL.

SPECIAL FUNDS

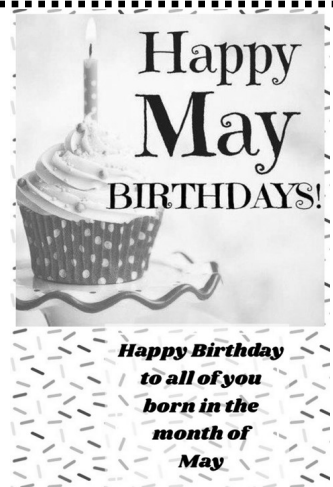
Ruby Breitsprecher CD 5,299.74
St John Scholarship Fund CD 40,076.87
Willard & Anne Kamin CD 4,240.61

FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. Feb. 28, 2021 \$334,759.55
Rent 3-1-21 500.00
Rent 3-29-21 500.00
Interest 339.41
Bal. Mar. 31, 2021 \$336,098.96

Happy Birthday
May

4 – Betty Handke
5 – Cayl Anderson
6 – Luke Steege
8 – Susan Mohs
16 – Laverne Landt
JoAnn Meyer
18 – Travis Landt
20 – Dayne Anderson
23 – Chad Moeller
25 – Doug Schlein



Happy
Anniversary

May

1 – Doug & Connie Schlein
16 – Loren & Mel Lenth
21 – Adam & Jennifer Smith

BENEVOLENCE REPORT *Submitted by Cindy Landt*

INCOME

Mar. 3 Lent \$ 70.00
Mar. 7 Offering \$ 129.00
Mar. 10 Lent 200.00
Mar. 14 Offering 35.00
Mar. 17 Lent 35.00
Mar. 21 Offering 15.00
Fd Shelf 5.00
Operating 50.00
Mar. 24 Lent 149.00
Mar. 28 Offering 109.00
Fd Shelf 40.00
837.00

EXPENSES

Food Shelf 45.00
SOTH Oper. 50.00
SOTH 130.00
Synod 228.00
453.00
Lent 384.00
837.00

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

will be Sunday May 2, 2021 at 10:30 am worship service at St. John Farmersburg.

Our confirmands are Isabelle Kirby, Autumn Shaw and Kyle Tilson (St. John Luana)



Please take note our Communion schedule for the Month of May is changed.

Communion will be on May 2nd and on May 23rd.

May 9th and May 16th will be lay services.

May 30 will be Dedication of Memorials

GERANIUM PICKUP

Plants will be ready for pickup
May 7th – 9th



Thank you for supporting our youth!



Food Shelf



May 2nd Food Shelf Collection Sunday

FOOD ITEMS:

CURRENT NEEDS ARE:

Canned Fruit, Unsweetened Cereal,
Jell-O, Pudding, & Cake Mixes

NON-FOOD - ALWAYS NEED:

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

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ken Kishman, Sharon DeSotel, Marion Olson, Rick Conley, 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, Jim Fuelling & Isabel Kurth

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

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

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



Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2021



Ascension Day Service

The Service will be held on **May 13, 2020**, at **St Paul Lutheran Church, Postville** at **11:00am**. St. Paul has invited the public for **IN PERSON WORSHIP w/Holy Communion. Masks & social distancing are required in the Fellowship Hall!** The service will be **LIVESTREAMED** beginning at **11:00am** from **St Paul's Page Facebook page**. Shepherd will share the link directly on our Facebook page as well. The Service will be led by **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.

***St Paul, Postville Facebook Page** <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulPostville>

***Shepherd of the Hills Facebook Page** – <https://www.facebook.com/SOTHMinistries>

CLOTHING CENTER

The Center has been open since March 15th. On April 7th we started allowing 1 individual per household shopping again or allowing multiple families or individuals from separate households.

The Clothing Center has begun stocking up on our Spring/Summer clothing items, along with some other necessities. Seasonal items, along with mens jeans, bath towels, pots/pans & sm kitchen appliances continue to be items in need.

Donations continue **BY APPT ONLY!** As clients/families shop for needed items, with items going out more, that may change! Thank you for your continued support at this time! ~ Heather, Director

(Pre) Synod Assembly Meeting:

The meeting will be at St Paul Lutheran Church, Postville on May 26, 2021 at 6:30pm for all registered voting members. This meeting has been open for anyone that has never attended the assembly or anyone wanting to review the in's and out's of the 3 day event. The Synod Assembly is a 1 Day Virtual Event this year, held on June 12, 2021! The main focus of the assembly this year will be to elect a new bishop! Voting members must register by May 10th, 2021 for the Assembly, on the Synod webpage. No late registrations allowed. Visitors may watch the one-day event on the Synod's Facebook page.

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:

May 13th
*Ascension Day Service –
w/Holy Communion
11:00am
St Paul Postville
& Livestreamed on
Facebook Live*

Any event may be subject to change

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BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



May 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2020, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to more than 1,097 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Wrapping Care Around Iowa Children

Martha and Marti first became foster parents in September of 2018, after their biological children expressed that they wanted to provide foster care as a family. They decided to become licensed through LSI Foster Care and Adoption and soon after, they welcomed a sibling group of three into their home.

"Our kids really wanted to look into foster care as a way to be able to help others as a family," Martha says. "Everybody had to sacrifice and pour in, and everybody was needed and brought something to the table."

The siblings stayed with the family for almost two years, until the opportunity came for them to find a forever home through adoption. Over the years, the siblings had become bonded to Martha and Marti, as well as their extended family and friends. The siblings are currently in the process of officially being adopted by a family close to Martha and Marti, so they can continue to stay connected to the important relationships they built in foster care.

The family has found a passion they can all share, and it's making a difference in the lives of Iowa children.

"We always explain fostering as 'good' and 'hard.' You never want to take one away from the other, because it's both. It's the hardest thing we've ever done, but it's the best thing we've done," Martha says. "We've had the privilege of having the kids in our home and you have the responsibility and the privilege to take care of them in their time of need."



ORIGINS OF MAY DAY

Did you know that May Day has its roots in astronomy? It's the halfway point between the spring equinox and the summer solstice! In ancient times, this was one of the Celtic cross-quarter days which mark the midway points between the (four) solstices and equinoxes of the year.

As with many early holidays, May Day was rooted in agriculture. Springtime celebrations filled with dance and song hailed the sown fields starting to sprout. Cattle were driven to pasture, special bonfires were lit, and both doors of houses and livestock were decorated with yellow May flowers.

May has had different meanings for diverse cultures and countries. Today, specifically in the United States as other countries, it is a celebration of the season of Spring.

May Day is a public holiday celebrated on May 1 in many different cultures around the world. It is a day of unity, togetherness, and rebirth; a day for everyone to come together and celebrate life as we know it!