



ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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As I write this I'm in the middle of two "intensive" classes. That means lots of reading, Zoom classes from sunup to sundown, and then papers and projects afterwards to complete the class. All condensed in one week. I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn but I have a decent amount of eye strain and my brain hurts! The reason for the classes though is to serve God and to serve you all so it's worth it. One of my classes is "Lutheran Leadership, Ecclesiology, and Church Polity" with Dr. Nesson. The name alone makes my head hurt but my final project for the class will be to write a simple guide to the church constitutions. I am writing this with new council members and those who've never looked at the church constitution closely before. It's also a great way for me to learn.

In another class a fellow student made a comment about how difficult it has been to get people back to church in the wake of the pandemic. "It's never going to be the same" was his basic complaint. He's correct that things will never be the same but that's not necessarily bad. Yes some people have shifted away from church for various reasons. However we've also reached people in different ways that wouldn't have happened without the pandemic. It's inspiring to see and hear people from the west coast reach out because of an online service or picture that has been posted on Facebook.

Also when you are denied something for a season then it's more precious! As you may or may not know, I am a movie theater lover. This time of few movies has made me want the theater so much more than before. It's the same thing with church. The sanctuary, the music, the fellowship, and that feeling of worshipping Our Father alongside your brothers and sisters in Christ can't be found online. This is stated in the Psalms better than I can say it:

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
 - 2 My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
 - 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
 - 4 Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.
- Psalms 84:1-4 NRSV



Psalms 84 is a great one to read if you are getting ready for worship and you want to get your heart and mind in the right place. We are so thankful for the strides we've made to come back into the sanctuary without masks and inching our way back to normal. It feels good.

Your friend in Christ,

Jeremy
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FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Zach Radloff (22)
V. Pres: Brad Hoth (21)
Sec: Tammy Muller (23)
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

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V. Pres: Braden Landt
Sec: Ashley Shaw
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 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.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

August 8th

Combine Worship with Luana
 in FARMERSBURG @ 9:00 am



USHERS

August 1 **August 8 (9:00 AM)** & August 15
 Captain Jeff Klinge, Bill Scherf IV.,
 John Fuelling and Derek Radloff

August 22 & August 29

Captain Brad Hoth, Jamie Tielbar,
 Don Erickson, and Justin Fuelling

ACOLYTES

August 1 10:00 AM Autumn Shaw
 August 8 **9:00 AM** Isabelle Kirby (Joint service with Luana)
 August 15 10:00 AM Landon Goltz
 August 22 10:00 AM Kaylee Hoth
 August 29 10:00 AM Adrianna Schoulte

August ALTAR GUILD

Marlene Glawe
 Shirley Marmann

August GREETERS

1 Justin & Stacy Fuelling
 8 Don & Kathy Erickson
 15 Steve & Lisa Pavlovec
 22 Dennis & Diana Henning
 29 Larry & Linda Friedlein

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Each monthly committee is responsible to send cards to the sick & hospitalized for the month.

August—Julie Kurth

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June

| | |
|----|----|
| 6 | 57 |
| 13 | 31 |
| 20 | 28 |
| 27 | 29 |

SCRIPTURE READERS

1 Becky Fuelling
 8 **9:00 AM**
 15
 22
 29



Known Baptisms for August

4 – Shirley Marmann
 14 – Brian Rodas
 15 – John Fuelling
 20 – Madelyn Lnenicka
 21 – Scarlett Scherf



St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

July 14, 2021

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

Meeting called to order by President Zachary Radloff at 6:24 PM. Opening devotions by Jeremy.

Jeff moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of June 2021 meeting made by Tracey, seconded by Lindelle. Motion Carried. Tammy moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy has completed two Zoom classes and taking two Zoom classes now. Visits going well. Working on organizing a youth group with Luana and Monona. Jeremy will be doing a chaplain rotation as part of his studies.

Old Business:

Consensus to continue the outside service option with the radio broadcast throughout the summer.

The decision at the June 27th congregational meeting was to further investigate options to repair the old school-house building. Council is still waiting on contractors to come look at it.

Tree removal bids from Hangartner and Brinks were reviewed. Tammy moved to accept Hangartner Tree Service bid of \$3800 to cut down 5 trees with removal of trees & branches, cut out 6 stumps and replace dirt in holes. Motion seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.

Hard wood floors- Barney needs to look at yet



New Business:

Church building foundation- tabled

Landscaping the sloop along the west side of the church. Brad moved to accept MB Construction's bid of \$280. Jeff seconded; Motion carried

Council reviewed bids of Brinks and Superior Building Center to paint and prep windows for the plexiglass. Brad moved to accept Superior Building Center's bid of \$2250 to paint, caulk, and put on the plexiglass. Seconded by Tracey. Motion carried.

Bell tower repairs- Brad moved and Jeff seconded to have Superior Building Center work on it. Zach will contact them to look at it and determine costs.

A new door latch is needed on the northeast door in the basement.

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed- VBS will be virtual this summer

Youth- Ice Cream social went well

Stewardship- God's Work Our Hands will go towards the Food Shelf and the SOTH Crisis Fund

Men's group – meal planned for August 15. Proceeds will go towards window repairs

No reports from Evangelism, Property, Worship, Women's, and Memorial committees.

Motion to adjourn by Brad at 7:18 pm. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Tammy Muller, secretary

FARMERSBURG NEWS



MEN'S BBQ PORK DINNER
Dine In or Carry Out
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021
 11:30 AM—1:00 PM



August
 19 Clark & Kris Wikner

June, 2021 – St. John Farmersburg Treasurer's Report

Income: 1035.00
 15.12 CD Int.
 1375.00
 1809.00
 715.00
 848.00



Missions:

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

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1169.33 + 592.76 mileage
 NEI Synod 2500.00 (Team ministry scholarship
 1st payment as per annual meeting)
 Secretary: 200.00 (GC from Casey's)
 Inside Cust.: 209.22
 Outside Cust.: 120.05 (+100 GC for gas & maintenance)
 Organists 110.82

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 89.88
 Alliant (elec): 169.30
 NEIT: 81.12
 Marco 340.36 (copier contract)
 Church Mutual 202.75 (work comp)
 Div of Labor 165.00 (elev. Safety test copy) new law
 Fisk Farm & Home 55.61
 1517 Media 70.00 (CIOH – 3rd Quart)
 NEI Synod Assembly 100.00 (donation)
 Decorah Dry cleaner 30.00 (Confirmation gowns cleaned)
 Kelly Shaw 178.00 (Reimbursement synod assembly
 sign up)
 Freedom Bank 35.26 (ordered checks)
 “ “ 19.26 (business card debit fee)

Total Income: 5797.12
 Total Expenses: 7258.72
 General Checking Balance – June 1, 2021 13,430.15
 June 30, 2021 11,968.55

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



August 1 Mindy (Erickson) Clubb

Wyatt Glawe
 2 Renee Storkson
 Nathan Thornton
 5 Karish Kluth
 7 Julie Fuelling
 9 Darcy (Fuelling) Gerndt
 10 Jameson Palmersheim
 Beverly Wagner
 Christine Walleser
 11 Karen Feldmann
 13 Nolan Walby
 14 Joel Scherf
 Ben Wikner
 15 Blake Brainard
 Austyn Isaacs
 Landry Ann Rodas
 17 Kaleb Richard
 18 Kathy Erickson
 Harry Gerndt
 Dennis Leuchtenmacher
 19 Dan Moon
 20 Declan Wolfe
 21 Theresa Rodas
 23 Kim Scherf
 Ryder Phoenix George
 McCoy Rodas
 24 Wm Scherf IV
 25 Lendall Schievelbein
 26 Sophie Byroade
 28 Jeanette Krambeer
 Kelly (Hoth) Shaw
 29 Becky Fuelling
 30 Dan Wikner

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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St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS

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in FARMERSBURG @ 9:00 am

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**
9:00 a.m.



St. John's Luana website is now live.

www.stjohn-luana.org

AUGUST:

Greeters: Travis & Sheri Landt



Read Lessons & Prayers:



Aug. 1- Vicky Baade

Aug. 8 – Farmersburg Joint Service

Aug. 15 – Mel Lenth

Aug. 22 – Luke Steege

Aug. 29 – Loren Lenth

Acolyte:

Aug. 1 – Dayne Anderson

Aug. 8 – Farmersburg Joint Service

Aug. 15 – Ty Wikner

Aug. 22 – Ty Wikner

Aug. 29 – Elena Schierholz

Communion Servers: Aug. 1 – Janelle Smith, Jim Meyer

Aug. 15 – Doug Schrader, Duaine Davis

Altar Guild: Sherri Johnson

Flowers: Darlene Moon

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | Att. | Comm |
|--------------|------------|-----------|
| June 27 | 31 | |
| July 4 | 41 | 41 |
| July 11 | 38 | |
| July 28 | 49 | 43 |
| TOTAL | 159 | 84 |



AUGUST

10 – Chad & Melissa Moeller

22 – Keith & Sherri Johnson



August Known Baptisms

4 – Layton Pape

5 - Sheri Landt

31 – Brian Bugenhagen



LUANA NEWS

JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

ENDING BAL. MAY 30, 2021 \$ 7,718.43

INCOME

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| June 6 | 1,115.00 | |
| June 13 | 1,487.00 | |
| June 20 | 745.00 | |
| June 27 | <u>955.00</u> | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 4,302.00 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas | 89.93 |
| Alliant - Electricity | 267.42 |
| Jeremy Wolfe – salary | 1,169.33 |
| Karla Schrader –Secretary | 330.91 |
| Cindy Landt – Custodian | 307.83 |
| NEITEL | 119.19 |
| Kurt's Plbg & Htg – water heater | 118.55 |
| St John Fmbg – newsletter | 135.24 |
| Concordia- Portals of Prayer | 52.50 |
| Access Systems – Qtrly | 137.89 |
| IRS – Apr. & May | 584.86 |
| Russ Bries – fix parsonage roof | 100.00 |
| NEIA Synod - offering | 250.00 |
| To Benevolence for cks | <u>24.28</u> |



Luana Church Council Meeting

will be held on Sunday,
August 15th @ 7:30 am.

3,687.93
ENDING BAL. JUNE 30, 2021 8,332.50

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. 5-28-21 | \$337,687.11 |
| Interest | <u>335.84</u> |
| Bal. 6-30-21 | \$338,022.95 |

BENEVOLENCE REPORT *Submitted by Cindy Landt*

INCOME

| | | |
|---------|------------|----------|
| June 6 | Offering | \$120.00 |
| | Food Shelf | 25.00 |
| June 13 | Offering | 40.00 |
| | Food Shelf | 6.00 |
| June 20 | Offering | 15.00 |
| | Food Shelf | 6.00 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|------------|--------------|
| SOTH | 130.00 |
| Food Shelf | 127.00 |
| Synod | <u>87.00</u> |
| | 344.00 |

August

2 – Dawn Dull
3 – Kelsey McHaney
12 – Brooklyn Landt
19 – Kim Steege
21 – Doug Schrader
24 – Mary Russett
27 – Norman Mueller
30 – Stan Dull



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH FARMERSBURG, IOWA

MEN'S BBQ PORK DINNER

Dine In or Carry Out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

11:30 AM—1:00 PM

B-B-Q Pork Sandwich

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Watermelon / Muskmelon

Bars

Lemonade, Milk, Water, Coffee

Free Will Donation

A gift will be given for window repair

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Juanita Mohs, Randy Mohs, Ken Kishman, Sharon DeSotel, Marian Olson, Rick Conley, Jerome Schultz, Roger Meuleman, Jim Moellers, Bunny Fox, Keith Lee, Dawson Spiker, Greg & Lisa Snitker, Dallas Tielbar, Luke Baade, Olga Tidwell, RoseMary Tielbar, Shannon Nelson, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston, Jim Fuelling



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

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Vila Schroeder, Nadyne Reardon

STRAWBERRY POINT: Russ Pate

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Sharon DeSotel, Shirley Henkes

GREAT RIVER CENTER MCGREGOR: Mae Mueller

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901:

Dorothy Kluth

HOMEBOUND: Mary Russett, JoAnn Meyer, Glenda Henkes; and Lee Klinkenberg

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION

Remember the excitement of getting ready to head back to school as a child? Some children do not look forward to this time, as their family may not be able to purchase those “new” items. **SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS** is sponsoring their **Annual Back to School Fund Drive!** Last year, we were able to pack 164 Backpacks for those families in need. Anyone wishing to donate to this great project, can bring **NEW** school supplies to **Shepherd of the Hills, 100 W Hill St., St. Olaf** by **August 10, 2021.** Monetary donations are also welcome and can be sent to PO Box 36, St. Olaf IA 52072, as we will use money to purchase any items not donated. Any questions may be directed to shephill@neitel.net or by phoning the office at 563-783-2409.

Common items children need to head back to school include:

Crayons, scissors, pens,

Elmer's glue, glue sticks, pencils,

pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencil boxes,

colored pencils, dry erase markers, permanent markers,

highlighters, washable markers (thin & wide),

assorted color 2 pocket folders, loose leaf paper,

notebooks (wide and narrow rule), composition notebooks,

3x5 index cards, Kleenex,

1/2", 1" or 1 1/2" 3-ring binders (floppy & firm),

head phones or ear buds, scientific calculators,

USB flash drives



THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THIS GREAT PROJECT TO HELP OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN RIGHT HERE IN CLAYTON COUNTY!

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER – AUG 2021



CLOTHING CENTER

Donations continue **BY APPT ONLY!** We have not returned to the 90+ families we had been serving before the pandemic. Please bear with us a little while longer! **Donations** we are **MOST IN NEED OF:** Men's Jeans; Clothing for Kids (Youth sizing) returning to School; Pots/Pans; Towels/washcloths & Bed Sheets in all sizes!

Back to School 4 Kids

We are within a couple weeks to giveaway date! You still have time to get your donations to the center. It would be helpful, if donations could be at the center by August 9th, which allows time for assessment on what still needs to be purchased with donated funds earmarked for the project!

Any questions, please reach out to Heather in the office!

HOG ROAST 2021

After a lengthy discussion, the decision has been made to POSTPONE the event for this fall. In the spirit of looking out for individuals coming together throughout our conference, the Board along with myself, have chosen to hold a stewardship drive this fall, like we did in the fall of 2020! We are nearing our 2020 Crisis Fund total in the first 6 months of fiscal year 2021! We want to thank all of the individuals, business, organizations and church communities for their continued support!

Highlights within our Conference

This month, I have been asked to highlight an Endowment Fund that has lasting effect right here at Shepherd of the Hills!

The Friends of Shepherd of the Hills Endowment, through the Clayton County Foundation for the Future (CCFF), an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, was created in past years. Its purpose is be able to raise a steady form of income that will directly benefit the Crisis Fund long term. Funds given directly to the Endowment fund, through a one time-tax deductible gift, Stocks, Bequests and/or Estate Planning, will continue far into the future.

For more information, please log on to <https://www.claytoncountyiowa.com/industry/funding/clayton-county-foundation-for-the-future-ccff>. "Gifts of \$50 or more to endowed funds qualify for the Endow Iowa tax credit. Various gift types qualify for the tax credit, including charitable IRA rollovers, gifts of grain, gifts of stock and cash gifts. All qualified donors can carry forward the tax credit for up to five years after the year the donation was made."

The **Endowment Fund** was created and supported by Kurt Kuenzel, Ron Kaiser & Pr Harold McMillin as a means for **Long Term** support of this great ministry. The continued gifts sent directly to Shepherd office for the **CRISIS FUND**, continue to support the needs **NOW**, in current time!

~ Thank you, Endowment Board

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:

August 11th
Back to School 4 Kids
Pickup up Supplies
9am – 5pm
***Clothing Center Will be**
Closed on this day!!

Any event may be subject to change

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