

## ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Hello St. John's,

As we move into September we move into another uncertain school year. I got to admit I thought that we would be in a different place by now. That being said Our Father is always in control and he will find a way to use this extended pandemic and all of the stress for our good. As the school year starts our confirmation class starts as well. So what do we cover in confirmation these days?

Well there are lots of ways to do confirmation. You can do a lot of memorization. That's not a bad thing. I like memorizing scripture. You can use a workbook. That's good too. You can get way off of track and decide just to hang out and not cover confirmation subjects at all. That's not good.

What we try to do is to make confirmation class conversational. Informal, fun, but at the same time we don't want to lose the structure. So one week we may cover the Ten Commandments, another the Lord's Prayer, or we might spend a week talking about other important subjects that come up in conversation. Last year for example we spent one week just talking about prayer in general. What is it? How do you pray? When do you pray? Does it have to be formal or memorized? So we try to cover Luther's Small Catechism while covering other things as well. We also play games once in a while but they are designed to help us absorb and retain what we have learned.

If you'd like to sit in on the class, help out some week, or bring us food you are always welcome to do so. If you know of a young person who isn't in our class but might be a great addition then please let me know. Wednesday is the hump day of the week. We all tend to drag a bit but I really enjoy Wednesdays because we try to teach the kids things that they will carry throughout their whole lives. One thing I stressed to those who were confirmed last year was the idea that this is your home church and it always will be. If you move to Australia then St. John's will still be your home church. I know because we hear from folks who have been confirmed in the 1950's, 60's, 70's, etc. Please pray for our confirmation kids often. Please pray for Becky Fuelling and myself as well. Becky does an incredible job of connecting with the kids.

Blessings to you,

Jeremy

Jeremy Wolfe  
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Confirmation will begin on  
September 15th at 7:00 pm—  
8:00 pm at St. John Lutheran  
Farmersburg.

## 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

### 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)

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

Church Website:

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

## FARMERSBURG NEWS



**Sunday, September 5th 9:00 am Combined Worship in Luana.**

September 12 Fall Worship Schedule begins.

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Blessings of the Backpacks

SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
KICKOFF



**Sunday School Kick off:**

September 11 at 6:30 pm

there will be wagon rides and bonfire for all ages. Provided by Men's Group: hotdogs, chips, smores and beverages.



Great opportunity for adults to mingle with the children.

Sunday School starts Sept 12 @ 9:15 am to 10:15 am.  
Sept 12 blessing of back packs during church service.



The flowers shared during our worship services were:

—Given in memory of Devin Tielbar from Lyn & Mary Beth Tielbar

—From the garden of Shirley Marmann

—From the wedding of Avery and Hilary Smith

Thank you to all for sharing the flowers.



September

5 William & Michelle Scherf

7 Ron & Gloria Tayek

18 Bill & Erin Scherf

20 Paul & Loretta Weipert

23 Ken & Heather Crogan



acolyte training

## FARMERSBURG NEWS

St. John Farmersburg will have acolyte training on **September 19th** following worship. *New and Returning Acolytes* are asked to attend. Commissioning of Acolytes will be held on September 26th.

### **St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes**

**August 11, 2021**

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

Meeting called to order by President Zachary Radloff at 6:28 PM. Opening devotions by Jeremy.

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

**Lay Minister Report:** Jeremy has completed four classes this summer and will be taking four more classes in the fall. He does have a weekend class the first weekend in October. Confirmation to start in September.

#### **Old Business:**

With increasing COVID cases the council decided not to lift or change any restrictions and practices we have in place.

Council is still investigating options to repair the old schoolhouse building. Aylsworth House Movers and Superior Building Center have not gotten back to us yet. Jeff will also contact some other contractors.

Hard wood floors- Barney needs to look at yet.

#### **New Business:**

Council received John Suhr's resignation from church council. Suggestions were made for a possible replacement. Contacts will be made to see if anyone is interested.

**Ministry Team Report:** St. John Ministry team met July 15. The Lenten and Easter services were discussed. We hope to be able to have a meal each week before the Lenten worship service. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services will be held upstairs in the church, other weekly services will probably be held in the church basements. Easter sunrise service will be at Luana this year, we hope youth will be involved, and the later service will be at Farmersburg maybe at 9:00. The fall schedule starts September 12, with services at 9:00 in Luana and 10:30 at Farmersburg. Christmas Eve worship – Ministry Team is suggesting 7:00 in Luana and 8:30 at Farmersburg. Next meeting will be November 18.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Parish Ed-** Sunday School will start September 12

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

**Property-** trees & stumps are removed and grass has been seeded

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

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

Motion to adjourn by Brad at 7:07 pm. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Tammy Muller, secretary



# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## USHERS

September 5 9:00 am Combined in Luana  
 September 12 10:30 am  
 Captain John Klinge, Matt Radloff, Paul Weipert & Lyn Tielbar  
 September 19 & September 26  
 Captain Rod Stagman, Larry Friedlein, Josh Kluth & Alan Feldman

Sunshine Committee  
 Don & Cheryl Bossard

## ACOLYTES

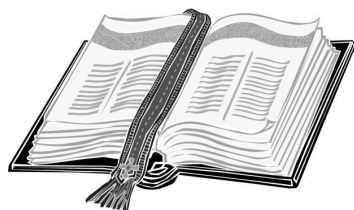
September 5 Combined Worship in Luana  
 10:30 am 12 Autumn Shaw  
 10:30 am 19 Isabelle Kirby  
 10:30 am 26 Landon Goltz

## GREETERS

September 5 Combined in Luana  
 12 Allen & Karen Feldman  
 19 Bill & Erin Scherf IV.  
 26 Josh & Megan Schoulte

## ALTAR GUILD

Julie Kurth  
 Deb Tidwell



## September Scripture Readers

12 Becky Fuelling  
 19 Volunteer Needed  
 26 Volunteer Needed

## September WELCA

15 1:00 pm Unit Meeting  
 Thought for the Day: Nancy Moon  
 Devotions: Becky Fuelling  
 Snack: Shirley Marmann

The Layette Kits will be boxed and sent this fall.

Especially in need of: **Bar Soap, Socks, Small Dark colored Hand Towels.**

Cotton T-shirts or Onesies  
 Long or Short sleeve Gowns or Sleepers

Receiving Blankets

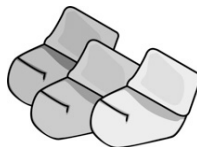
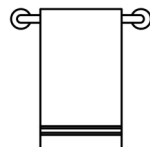
Cloth Diapers

Baby Cap

Jacket, Sweater or Sweatshirts

Diaper Pins

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



Please bring your donated items to the church by September 15th.

Thank you—Marlene, Nancy & Bev



For Your Information  
 St. John WELCA of Farmersburg have donated 2 quilts. One to Sugar Creek Bible Camp Quilt Auction to be held on September 11th @ 10:00 am -2:00 pm.

One quilt to Ewalu Quilt Auction on September 18th @ 1:00 pm. Thanks to all who helped with these quilts.



September

3 Darci (Kurth) Quamme  
 4 Heather Crogan  
 6 Brad Hoth  
 Nick Kirby  
 7 Lee Zurcher  
 Blake Walleser  
 8 Nathan Johanningmeier  
 Gloria Tayek  
 11 Annabelle Rae Palmersheim  
 Addison Corlett  
 12 Kenneth Erickson  
 13 Doug Little  
 14 Allan Wiedemann  
 15 Mara Wright  
 16 Martin Hope  
 Emma Phillips  
 17 Michelle Scherf  
 18 Max Byroade  
 19 Russell Pate  
 Eleanor Mae Rodas  
 21 Jordan Klinge  
 Matthew Radloff  
 22 Doug Glawe  
 Dorothy Jennings  
 23 Dennis Henning  
 25 Lisa Pritchard Knickenbocker  
 27 Loretta Weipert  
 Brayden Hoth  
 28 Charlie Byroade  
 29 Harold Henning

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## July, 2021 – Treasurer's Report

### Income:

400.00  
1561.24  
1445.00  
808.00

### 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: 1169.33 + 463.23  
Portico:  
Secretary: 200.00 GC  
Inside Cust.: 209.22  
Outside Cust.: 120.05  
Organists: 110.82 (2 worship ea.)

### Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 51.78  
Alliant (elec): 301.31  
NEIT: 80.96  
United States Treas. 796.73 (SS & Med – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quart)  
Nu-Trend 785.00 (Inspect & 5 yr weight test)  
1517 Media 70.50 (Living Luth)  
Superior Bldg Cntr 168.20 (Silicone boss clear)  
City of Farmersburg 212.56 (3<sup>rd</sup> Quart utilities)

Total Income: 4214.24

Total Expenses: 5459.69

General Checking Balance – July1, 2021 11,968.55  
July 31, 2021 10,723.10

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



The Men's Group of St. John, Farmersburg would like to thank the following:

Gordon Peterson for the Pork  
Bill & John Fuelling for cooking and cutting the pork  
Clayton County Dairy Association for the milk  
Homestead Dairy for the discount on the cheese curds  
Those who made potatoe salad or bars  
Watermelon muskmelon etc. needed to make this a successful meal  
Generous donations and all who attended

Jason especially thanks all the wonderful help received for this event.

Jason Klinge President  
Brad Hoth Vice-President  
Don Bossard Sec-Treasurer



A special offering for the Clayton County Food Shelf and the Shepherd of the Hills Crisis Fund will be collected on

September 12 for God's Work, Our Hands. Checks should be made out to the Clayton County Food Shelf or SOTH Crisis Fund. Cash donations will be split between them.

## JULY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



July	
4	30
11	26
18	30
25	23



## KNOWN "SEPTEMBER" BAPTISMS

3 Diane (Henning) Stangeland  
Morgan Peterson  
7 – Lendall Schievelbein  
8 – Wyatt Glawe  
9 – Cheryl Bossard  
11 – Ben Wikner  
16 – Nick Scherf  
21 – Nicole Tuecke  
29 – Kyle Moon  
Dacia Schoulte

## **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:**

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**Members:** Theresa Rodas (22)

Janelle Smith (22)

Luke Steege (23)

Jason Klinge (23)

St. John's Luana website

[www.stjohn-luana.org](http://www.stjohn-luana.org)

## **LUANA NEWS**



### **Sunday, September 5th 9:00 am Combined Worship in Luana.**

September 12 Fall Worship Schedule begins.

7:45am (L) Council Meeting

9:00 am Luana Worship

Blessings of the Backpacks

### **SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS:**

Greeters: Stan & Dawn Dull

Read Lessons & Prayers:

Sept. 5 – Janelle Smith

Sept. 12 – Karla Schrader

Sept. 19 – Keith Johnson

Sept. 25 – Mary Schroeder

Acolyte:

Sept. 5 – Cayl Anderson

Sept. 12 – Emme Wikner

Sept. 19 – Josh Schierholz

Sept. 25 – Dayne Anderson

Communion Servers: Sept. 5 – Erv Bugenhagen, Doug Schlein

Sept. 19 – Janelle Smith, Cindy Landt

Altar Guild: Betty Handke

Flowers: Diane Kraus



### **KNOWN BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

September

2 – Kelsi Davis

Tyce Wikner

15 – Robert Handke

Norman Mueller

16 – Kelsey McHaney

18 – Jade Moeller

22 – Logan Engelhardt

Jeff Krambeer

23 - Doug Schrader

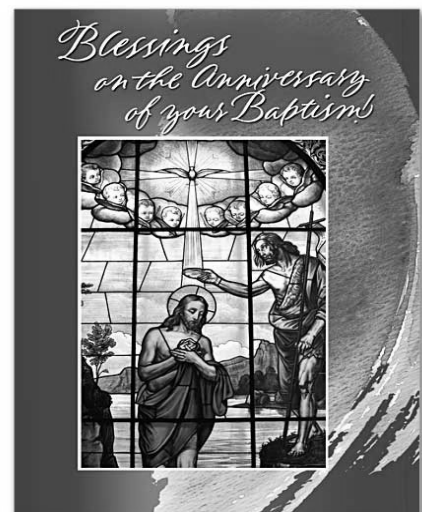
24 – Dawn Dull

Brooklyn Landt

25 – Diane Kraus

26 – Kimberly Steege

27 – Stan Dull



# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN LUANA

## Council Minutes

Sunday, July 11th, 2021 @ 7:30am

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

**ABSENT:** Ervin Bugenhagen, Doug Schrader.

Meeting called to order by Secretary Sonya Anderson at 7:35 am.

Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe read devotions and prayer, "Not to Receive Thanks but to Give Thanks."

**Secretary's Report:** Sonya Anderson read the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Janelle Smith to approve with the correction of Ervin B. instead of Erin B. and seconded by Doug Schlein. Motion carried.

**Treasurers/Financial Report:** All who were present reviewed the financial report. Sonya Anderson made a motion to approve and Cindy Landt seconded this. Motion carried.

### OLD Business:

1. Duaine Davis reports that Russ Bries and Chad Davis evaluated the parsonage roof and found it seeping in water by the chimney, from a hole in the corner. Flashing and caulk fixed it for now, but it needs repair. The chimney will be removed when this is done. Will see if Russ can give an estimate. Kris Brothers of Harpers Ferry could be contacted for an estimate as well.
2. Cindy Landt competed the texturing in the Sunday school room.
3. Jeremy spoke with Pastor Erica and it is ok for youth groups to combine, this will still be in progress and moving forward.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. On July 18, 2021 will have ushers bring up offering plate during offertory prayer. Still will not pass the plate. Cindy Landt made a motion to approve. Janelle Smith seconded this, motion carried.
2. Jeremy reported the church website will be ready by August 1, 2021. A picture of Jeremy, Karla, and Jim should be added to the website.
3. Plunkett's Pest Control for extermination of \$727/year. Doug Schlein made a motion to approve, and Mary Schroeder seconded this. Motion carried.
4. The building committee will meet and review the holes in the exterior foundation.

Next meeting August 8, 2021 at 7:30am; this was recently changed to August 15, 2021 by email.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11am by Mary Schroeder and seconded by Janelle Smith.

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

Submitted by,  
Sonya Anderson

# LUANA NEWS

## JULY TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

*Submitted by Karla Schrader*

### CURRENT FUND:

ENDING BAL. JUNE 30, 2021 8,332.50

### INCOME

July 4 1,275.00

July 11 1,232.00

July 18 680.00

July 25 562.00

3,749.00

From Cemetery Fund 271.18

**TOTAL INCOME 4,020.18**

### **EXPENSES**

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas 34.52

Alliant - Electricity 155.09

Jeremy Wolfe – salary 1,169.33

Karla Schrader –Secretary 330.91

Cindy Landt – Custodian 307.83

NEITEL 125.40

IRS 292.43

Jeremy Wolfe- Mileage 321.89

Farm & Home – sign 86.68

To Benevolence for dep bks 45.58

2,869.66

Bal. July 31, 2021 9,483.02

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### **SPECIAL FUNDS**

Ruby Breitsprecher CD 5,299.74

St John Scholarship Fund CD 40,076.87

Willard & Anne Kamin CD 4,240.61

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### **FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND**

Bal. 6-30-21 \$338,022.95

Rent 500.00

Interest 305.67

Bal. 7-31-21 \$338,828.62

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### **BENEVOLENCE REPORT** *Submitted by Cindy Landt*

#### INCOME

July 4 Offering \$148.00

July 11 Offering 27.00

Food Shelf 10.00

July 18 Offering 70.00

Food Shelf 35.00

Operating 25.00

Back to School 50.00

July 25 Offering 20.00

Food Shelf 10.00

Back to School 100.00

495.00



## Treasurer Report

#### EXPENSES

SOTH 130.00

Food Shelf 55.00

Bk to School 150.00

SOTH Oper. 25.00

Synod 135.00

495.00



## LUANA NEWS



- 2 – Diane Kraus
- 5 – Jeff Krambeer
- 8 – Cindy Landt
- 17 – Lisa Donlon
- Paul Engelhardt
- 18 – James Meyer
- 20 – Vicky Baade
- 26 – Duaine Davis

### **NOTICE TO LUANA WELCA**

St. John women meet at church on Sept. 23 @ 5 o'clock or soon after to discuss our future.

Ask you friends and relatives how they are surviving in their churches and bring suggestions.

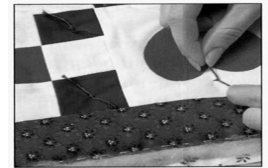
Need to set policy for funeral luncheons, Lenten meals, use of church basement, etc.



September

- 1 – Paul & Jeanne Miller
- 2 – Paul & Darcy Engelhardt
- 4 – Luke & Kim Steege
- 18 – Oswald & Carol Goettler

All are invited to join tying quilts for LWR on Sept. 14 and Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30a.m. Come all day or a few hours. Every bit helps. We always have fun so please join us.



*Congratulations  
on Your  
Wedding...*



Best Wishes to Avery and Hilary Smith who were married at St. John, Luana on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for sharing your beautiful flowers with both Luana and Farmersburg churches.

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

	<b>Att.</b>	<b>Comm</b>
July 25	35	
Aug. 1	31	31
Aug. 8	n/c	
Aug. 15	34	34
Aug. 22	<u>38</u>	<u>      </u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>84</b>



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## BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Sheryl Mielke, Juanita Mohs, 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*

**BICKFORD ASSISTED LIVING GURNEE, ILL 60031:** *Imogene Ihlenfeldt*

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

# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER - SEPT 2021



## CLOTHING CENTER

At the time of this writing, the Clothing Center has adjusted Safety Precautions related to the uptick of covid numbers in and around our county! The Clothing Center is OPEN to families or shoppers! However, we request that 1 individual only come inside to shop, along with wearing a mask, for everyone's safety! Masks and hand sanitizer is provided right inside the door!

Donations continue **BY APPT ONLY!** Please bear with us a little while longer! We are phasing out Summer donations, and will be switching to Fall/Winter Clothing in September!

**Donations** we are **MOST IN NEED OF:** Youth Size Clothing; Men's Jeans; Kitchen, Pots/Pans; Bath Towels, hand towels & washcloths & Bed Sheets, Blankets in all sizes!

## Winter Gear 4 Kids

We will be gearing up to help families with ensuring children have winter coats, hats & gloves for the cooler/cold weather! We will be looking for heavy/waterproof gloves, mittens & hats for toddler thru adult size. Please call the office with any inquiries on purchasing new coats for the project!

## Highlights within our Conference

Hello, my name is ChyAnne Slick and I am a Religion major at Wartburg College in the AMP (Accelerated Ministry Program). This is a new program that allows prospective pastors to streamline their way to ordained ministry without sacrificing any of their education. (Usually, we take extra credits each term, and/or have more homework added on to our undergrad courses). This allows us to spend three years at Wartburg College and three years at WTS (Wartburg Theological Seminary), earning both our B.A. and our M.Div. WTS uses a collaborative learning platform which enables students to attend classes online while serving 20 hours a week in a congregation. The program is a great way to build community and gain experiential learning.

Along with being a student, I am the pastoral assistant at Zion Lutheran Church in Oelwein, IA. I have been working at Zion for a year and half and I have learned so much during my "Covid" ministry under the guidance of Pastor Josh Schunk. Pastor Josh and I met my first year of college when I received an assignment to go interview a person in my field of study. I recently acquired Josh's number from a friend and felt this was the perfect opportunity to expand my communications and reach out to him. Towards the end of the interview, he asked me what I was doing over Christmas break. I responded, "not much." Then he asked, "Do you want to preach?" I admit that I was scared to death and almost said "no" because I felt like it was too soon. But deep down I knew I had to start preaching. So, I summoned up the courage and said "yes."

As you may suspect, it went well! I am truly blessed to be at Zion. I am starting my third year of undergrad this fall, with the unique opportunity of taking my second year of Greek language. I already have experience preaching, visiting members, working with youth, and being on Church council. I was recently approved for entrance in the Northeastern Iowa Synod, and it is thrilling to see this dream become a reality. I look forward to working with Zion for the next four years, meeting more people of the church, and serving Jesus.

"For nothing will be impossible with God" Luke 1:37.

Blessings, ChyAnne

### 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 with emergency rent or utilities.

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify **Crisis** or **Operating** Fund!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas 4 Kids Giveaway  
Donation Drop Off Days  
at St. Olaf Auditorium

\*Any event may be subject to change\*

### Shepherd of the Hills

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Heather Crogan ~Director