

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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As we move into October we move towards harvest. I am just a city kid but I have been surrounded by farming my whole life and worked on farms as a teenager. Mostly bailing hay and straw. Once I was offered a job milking cows and I was very proud of that because I didn't really know my way around a farm. I just tried to work hard.

Some farmers harvest early and some wait until later on. I know that we are moving into that time of green and red traffic jams and the hustle to get the job done. One of the cool things about the Bible is that agriculture is used constantly to get the point across and to teach us. Do you know why? It's because Our Father is very smart and he knows that agriculture never goes away. We use different equipment and some of the equipment is extremely sophisticated but the idea is still the same as it has been throughout the ages. It always will be until Christ returns. There are lots and lots of mentions of agriculture in the Bible. Too many to list here so I'll stick with a good one.

7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, **for you reap whatever you sow.** **8** If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. (Galatians 6:7-8 NRSV)

This is pretty simple right? The Bible uses this idea of reaping and sowing because it's so easy to see in our fields and gardens. If you plant corn you're gonna get corn. If you plant soybeans you're gonna get soybeans. If you don't plant anything then guess what...you aren't going to get anything. If you aren't careful about weeds then you'll get weeds. It's true with seed but it's also true in the spirit.

This is why it's so important to put spiritual things first. Be kind. Love your neighbor. Everything we do or don't do is like a seed of some kind. If I say something nasty to someone then not only have I hurt someone else, **I've also planted a weed in my own garden.** Kindness, gentleness, saying and doing things that build people up... that's good seed! Do you see the benefit right away? Sometimes, but oftentimes it takes time for things to grow. I want my garden to be full of flowers, vegetables, and good fruit. I don't want weeds or rotten things so I do my best to make sure that the seed I scatter is good. The hard part is this. You don't always see those results that you want and you may feel as though you have wasted seed. It Isn't. Why? It's because Our Father in heaven sees all that you do and he'll make sure that the good seed that you plant bears good fruit one way or another. It's a natural law. Plant good things, receive or reap good things. Sometimes the harvest is quick and sometimes the growing and the harvest takes longer then we might like but it is inevitable. We reap what we sow. Keep planting good seed and your fields and gardens will be beautiful.

Blessings to you and family,

Jeremy Wolfe

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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) Loretta Weipert (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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Treas: Ethan Goltz

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

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

St. John Lutheran Farmersburg
 Harvest Meal is **October 24th.**

WANTED:
 Squash
 Pies

Sign up sheet in
 Narthex or contact a council
 Member. We also need volunteers to work.



October Known Baptisms

2 – Brayden Hoth
 3 – Declan Wolfe
 4 – Landon Goltz
 Josiah L'Dean Scherf
 Maverick Lee Palmersheim
 Jameson Wayne Palmersheim
 18 – Matthew Radloff
 25 – Doug Glawe
 William Scherf III
 Gary Scherf
 27 – Bennett John Radloff



*Celebrating
 Your
 Baptismal
 Birthday*

WELCA

As you are garage sale shopping,
 please remember to look for items for
 the Layette Kits and quilting supplies.
 Layette kits will be boxed and sent this
 fall.

Quilting days will begin in January.

*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 and
 Diaper Pins.

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

Thank you—Marlene, Nancy & Bev

Congratulations

Wyatt & Olivia Glawe who
 were married on August 28, 2021
 at St. John Lutheran Church.
**Thanks for sharing your flowers
 for our worship services.**

Laney (Gardner) & Jarrod Van
 Hauen who were married on Sept.
 18, 2021 at the park in Farmersburg.

*May God bless both couples with peace
 Love, and happiness for years to come.*



St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

September 8, 2021

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

Meeting called to order by President Radloff at 6:31 PM. Opening devotions by Jeremy.

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

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy working to set up a first communion class. He has completed seven of his classes and plans are to take four classes this fall, two classes in the spring and 2 classes next summer. New Northeastern Iowa Bishop Kevin Jones will be installed on September 25.

Ongoing Business:

With increasing COVID cases the council decided not to lift or change any restrictions and practices we have in place. Radio transmission of worship services will be available if someone chooses to sit in their car.

Council is still investigating options to repair the old schoolhouse building. We have contacted a number of building contractors but have not received any response. Jeff moved to table this project until next year. Seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

Hard wood floors- Barney needs to look at yet

We will be doing a lay service on October 3 as Jeremy has a weekend class. Deb Tidwell will deliver the message and Tammy Muller will be the worship leader. Communion will be offered in October on Sunday, October 17 and Sunday, October 31.

Hwy 13 sign- Council would like to utilize the sign by putting general sayings on it and leaving it for the year. Jeremy has some ideas. Plexiglass that holds the letters in place may need to be replaced.

New Business:

Council reviewed music wedding guidelines and fees for weddings at the church. Jeremy will update the guideline book and present to the council next month.

Harvest Meal will be Sunday, October 24 as a dine in and drive thru event. We will need lots of volunteer help and donations of squash, corn and pies. Tammy will start advertising the event.

Brad moved to appoint Loretta Weipert to fill the open position on council. Seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed- Sunday School will start September 12, Teachers and helpers are Loretta Weipert, Kelly Shaw, Lindelle Scherf, Deb Tidwell and Ryan Moon. Christmas program set for December 19.

Property- window project is completed, still waiting for bill. Work still needs to be completed on church building foundation.

Men's group – working with parish ed committee on Sunday School kickoff event on September 11

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

Motion to adjourn by Brad at 7:53 pm. Seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Tammy Muller, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

August, 2021 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1141.14
434.00
887.00
265.00
956.00



Missions:

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

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1169.33 + 367.03
Portico:
Secretary: 200.00 (\$100 each GC from Kwik Star & Casey's)
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists: 138.52 (Ryan & Judy Walter)
Kelly & Brenda - \$165 ea. Casey & Kwik Star – thank you as per church council

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 40.98
Alliant (elec): 302.26
NEIT: 80.96
Lance Hangartner 3900.00 (pine tree & branch removal)
Church Mutual 1422.25
1517 Media 29.99 (Comm wafers)
Quill 23.93
Fisk Farm & Home 188.17 (caulk & paint for windows)
Church Budget 182.80 (envelopes 2022)
Dubuque Fire Equip 55.64 (extinguisher inspection)
Lindelle Scherf 265.00 (Reimburse for GC Kelly & Brenda Kwik Star- St John card did not work)

Total Income: 3683.14

Total Expenses: 9216.13

General Checking Balance – Aug. 1, 2021: 10,723.10
Aug. 31, 2021: 5,190.11

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer

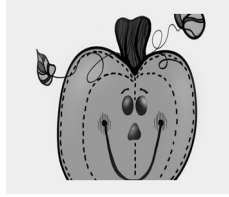
FARMERSBURG NEWS

Ushers October 3, October 10 & October 17

Captain Zach Radloff, Lyn Tielbar,
Wyatt Glawe, Bill Scherf IV.

October 24 & October 31

Captain Dan Moon, Blake Brainard,
Clark Wikner, Rod Stagman



GREETERS For OCTOBER

3 Lindelle Scherf
10 John & Pat Suhr
17 Kelly, Ashley & Autumn Shaw
24 Harry & Darcy Gerndt
31 Gilbert & Barb Brainard

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Shirley Marmann & Velma Kuehl

October Altar Guild
Marlene Glawe
Cheryl Bossard

ACOLYTES

October 3 Kaylee Hoth
October 10 Adrianna Schoulte
October 17 Brayden Hoth
October 24 Olivia Kirby
October 31 Landon Goltz

Lay Readers

Volunteers
needed!

Please volunteer to be a scripture reader



OCTOBER SCRIPTURE READERS

3
10 Becky Fuelling
17
24
31



Landon Goltz, Brayden Hoth,
Kaylee Hoth, Olivia Kirby and
Adrianna Schoulte were
commissioned as acolytes on
Sunday, September 26th.



The Sunday School will
be singing on October
10th at the 10:30 am
Worship service.



3 Bennett John Radloff
4 Wm. Scherf III
5 Verdean Schlake
7 Mike Reardon
8 Amanda Nelson
9 Ben Schlake
10 Grant Miller
12 Carisa Taylor
14 Eli Byroade
17 Nicholas Thornton
18 Jeff Wiedenman
Lyndean Tielbar
19 Joshua Kluth
Adam Lnenicka
Megan Glawe
20 Brian Pate
Chad Taylor
24 Gilbert Brainard
29 Melissa (Fuelling) Wolfe

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Jim Meyer (23)

V. Pres: Duaine Davis (23)

Sec: Sonya Anderson (21)

Cur. Treas: Mary Schroeder(22)

Bene. Treas: Cindy Landt (21)

Financial Counters: Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Doug Schlein (21),

Janelle Smith (22),

Ervin Bugenhagen (22) &

Doug Schrader (23)

CUSTODIAN:

Cindy Landt

WELCA:

Pres: Betty Handke (20)

V. Pres: Anna Schroeder (20)

Sec: Marj Schrader

Treas: Linda Davis

Mission Action: Carol Goettler

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (23)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (23)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (21)

Lisa Meyer (22)

Special Services/Flowers:

Betty Handke (21)

Diane Kraus (22)

Bapt./Comm.:

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners:

Altar Guild

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Jason Klinge (23)

St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS



St. John's Luana will have **Sunday School** once a month and a Sunday School program. Please reach out to Luke Steege if you'd like your child to participate.
Luke Steege 563-277-2044



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters: Laverne Landt and Ervin Bugenhagen

Read Lessons & Prayers: Oct. 3 – Duaine Davis
Oct. 10 – Vicky Baade
Oct. 17 – Jerry Schroeder
Oct. 24 – Linda Davis
Oct. 31 – Karla Schrader

Acolyte: Oct. 3 – Kyle Tilson
Oct. 10 – Ty Wikner
Oct. 17 – Josh Schierholz
Oct. 24 – Cayl Anderson
Oct. 31 – Emme Wikner

Communion Servers:
Oct. 3 – Doug Schrader and Mary Schroeder
Oct. 17 – Erv Bugenhagen and Sonya Anderson

Altar Guild: Diane Kraus

Flowers: Dawn Dull

Known Baptism Birthdays October

1 – Nancy Donlon
14 – Duaine Davis
Mary Russett
16 – Victoria Baade
17 – James Meyer
25 – Cindy Landt
26 – Duaine Palas



LUANA NEWS

AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT – 2021

Submitted by Karla Schrader

CURRENT FUND:

Bal. July 31, 2021 9,483.02

INCOME

Aug. 1 1,070.00
 Aug. 8 1,945.00
 Aug. 15 1,182.00
 Aug. 22 1,007.00
 Aug. 29 624.00

TOTAL INCOME 5,858.00

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas 37.47
 Alliant - Electricity 254.08
 Jeremy Wolfe – salary 1,169.33
 Karla Schrader –Secretary 330.91
 Cindy Landt – Custodian 307.83
 NEITEL 118.97
 IRS 292.43
 Jeremy Wolfe- July Mileage ½ book 493.89
 Jeremy Wolfe – Aug mileage & cmpt 1,018.38
 Mike Ashman – Smith wedding mileage 74.48
 Farm & Home – sign 113.81
 MFL MarMac Interchurch Council 50.00
 Plunketts – Exterminating 55.64
 4,237.22
 Bal. Aug. 31, 2021 11,073.80

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. 7-31-21 \$338,828.62
 Rent 500.00
 Interest 326.79
 Bal. 8-31-21 \$339,655.41

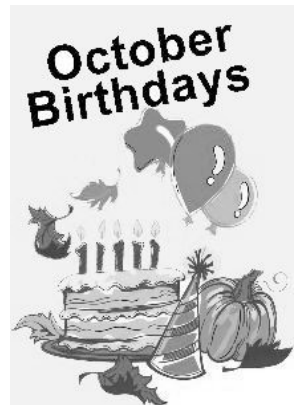
BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Aug. 1 Offering \$ 25.00
 Aug. 8 Offering 20.00
 Food Shelf 5.00
 Aug. 15 Offering 127.00
 Food Shelf 10.00
 Aug. 22 Offering 90.00
 Food Shelf 40.00
 Aug. 29 Offering 15.00
 Food Shelf 10.00
 342.00

October

2 – David Schultz
 10 – Edith Searles
 12 – Matthew Baade
 19 – Joshua Miller
 21 – Jerry Schroder
 23 – Karla Schrader
 24 – Marjorie Schrader
 Neal Wikner
 Jeff Smith
 27 – Wayne Landt



Happy Anniversary October

1 – Joe & Nancy Donlon
 11 – Jeff & Edith Krambeer

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
Aug 29	29	
Sept. 5	41	41
Sept. 12	28	
Sept. 19	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
TOTAL	125	68

Submitted by Cindy Landt

EXPENSES

SOTH 130.00
 Food Shelf 65.00
 Synod 147.00
 342.00

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN LUANA
Council Minutes
Sunday, August 15th, 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, Ervin Bugenhagen, Doug Schrader. Guests: Jerry Schroeder and Betty Handke.

ABSENT: none.

Meeting called to order by President Jim Meyer at 7:32 am.

Lay Pastor Jeremy Wolfe read devotions and prayer from John Chapter 3 verse 30, "Jesus take the lead and guide us in all decisions."

Secretary's Report: Sonya Anderson read the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Mary Schroeder to approve and seconded by Ervin Bugenhagen. Motion carried.

Treasurers/Financial Report: All who were present reviewed the financial report. Doug Schlein made a motion to approve, Doug Schrader seconded this. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

No news on the parsonage roof repair timeline.

Church website is up and going. Need Karla and Jim's pictures. Add a history section.

Exterior foundation-Jim, Cyrus, and Chad plan to meet.

Exterminator will bill monthly, have received July and August.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jerry, Betty, and Duaine gave an overview on Thrivent management accounts. Three different options.

Decision to undertake the Moderate Conservative Management account. Money will never be tied up.

Will receive a monthly report. Will present in church today. Duaine Davis made a motion to go ahead with it and approve, Cindy Landt seconded this, motion carried. Ervin Bugenhagen made a motion to give Duaine, Betty, or Jerry authorization to sign Thrivent documents. Doug Schrader seconded; motion carried.

Carlson Trust update given by Jerry Schroeder.

Future discussion is possible on the parsonage.

Janelle Smith gave a TEEM Ministry Meeting update. Meals with Lenten services will be done pending the COVID pandemic. Sunrise service will be in Farmersburg and regular service in Luana. This will alternate yearly. Easter service 9 am. Christmas Eve service 7pm in Luana and 8:30 pm in Farmersburg.

Looking for things for the Youth Group and linking up youth groups.

Jeremy will complete an internship at Gundersen in Lacrosse, WI.

Jeremy would like help with getting to know families and congregation relationships.

Discussed combining both churches photo book and updating this.

Sunday October 3, 2021 will need Pulpit supply or complete a Lay service.

Next meeting September 12th, 2021 at 7:45am.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29am by Mary Schroeder and seconded by Cindy Landt. Motion carried.

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

Submitted by,
Sonya Anderson



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

October 3, 2021 Lay Worship NO COMMUNION
 9:00 am Luana
 10:30 am Farmersburg



October 31 2021 **COMMUNION**
 9:00 am Luana
 10:30 am Farmersburg

Wanted addresses for College bound, military or any other addresses or changes for family members to receive the church Newsletter. Please contact the church offices with the information. Thanks Tammy and Cheryl



Hello St. Johns. We are trying to put together a 1st communion class in

the near future. **If you know of a child who is ready for this please reach out to me by October 10th.** We will have a one day class to prepare and then we'll celebrate on communion Sunday after that. Thanks.

Jeremy Wolfe
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Condolences to Vicky and Lonnie Baade and families on the loss of Vicky's father Emmett A. Kruger. Emmert passed away on September 6, 2021, His services were held on September 11, 2021.

Condolences to Deb (Tidwell) & Jeff Klinge and families on the loss of Deb's mother Olga Inez Escourido Tidwell. She passed away September 18, 2021. Her services will be October 9, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Grau funeral Home in Monona.

St. John Lutheran Church
Harvest Dinner
 Turkey, Potatoes/gravy, Stuffing, Corn,
 Squash, Rolls, Pie
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24
 Serving 11:30 am -1:00 pm
DINE IN OR DRIVE THRU
 208 E. Washington Street
 Farmersburg, Iowa
 Suggested Donation \$12 Worship 10:30 AM

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joy David, Sheryl Mielke, Juanita Mohs, Sharon DeSotel, Marian Olson, Rick Conley, Jerome Schultz, Roger Meuleman, Bunny Fox, Keith Lee, Dawson Spiker, Greg & Lisa Snitker, *Dallas Tielbar, Luke Baade, RoseMary Tielbar, Shannon Nelson, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston, Jim Fuelling, Lendall Schievelbein*

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Ali (Crogan) Moran, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas
STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring
ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, 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, Lee Klinkenberg, Jeanette Krambeer



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

St. John Ministry Team Meeting
July 15, 2021

The St. John Ministry Team met Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Farmersburg. Present were: Jeremy Wolfe, Tammy Muller, Jason Klinge, Janelle Smith, and Vicky Baade. Theresa Rodas and Luke Steege were absent. Chairperson, Tammy Muller called the meeting to order.

Jeremy led an opening prayer.

The minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting were reviewed.

Farmersburg had one outdoor service, Luana did not. We are enjoying being inside the churches again, but it is fun to have the outdoor option at times. Reminder of the combined services coming up: August 8 at 9:00 at Farmersburg (Clayton Co. Fair weekend) and September 5 at 9:00 at Luana (Labor Day weekend.)

The Lenten and Easter services were discussed. We hope to be able to have a meal each week before the Lenten 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, 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.

Jeremy has reached out to St. Paul's in Monona about doing some joint Youth group activities.

Jeremy is hoping to complete his studies in 1 or 1 ½ more years. He has heard that he may have to wait to get into some classes. He also needs to get experience as a chaplain in a hospital, probably at LaCrosse. He is not sure if the new Synod leadership will cause any changes in the TEEM Ministry requirements. Jeremy has been visiting shut-ins.

The next meeting will be held November 18th at 6:30 at Luana.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Baade, Secretary

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER – OCT 2021



CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center did CLOSE to foot traffic on 9/9/21 with the rising numbers around us. ALL SERVICES REMAIN AVAILABLE. Items can be packed up for our families/clients. Donations we are **MOST IN NEED OF:** Boys size clothing 12mos – 4t & Boys Size 10–16; Men's Jeans; Sm Kitchen appliances, Pots/Pans; Bath Towels, hand towels & washcloths, Bed Sheets and Blankets in all sizes!

CRISIS STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

With the postpone of the Annual Hog Roast, Shepherd is hosting a Stewardship Drive this Fall & Winter, with the hope to replenish funds. As of Sept 2, 2021, we have assisted 58 families with \$10,721.70 of Crisis Fund Assistance, surpassing 2020 totals by \$2000, with 5 months left in the 2021 fiscal year. Monetary donations may be mailed to the SOTH office, PO Box 36, St. Olaf, IA 52072.

Back to School 4 Kids

We received referrals for 180 school age children this school year. We did serve and pack backpacks for 152 children! Each child received a "Dental Bag", from VNA Oral Health Coordinator as well as a book or two from a local retired teacher. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this wonderful project!

Winter Gear 4 Kids

We will be gearing up to help families with ensuring children have winter coats, snow pants, hats & gloves for the cooler/cold weather! Families utilizing this great event, will need a referral from their local social worker, agency or school district. *We will be looking for heavy/waterproof gloves, mittens & hats for toddler thru adult size!*

Highlights within our Conference & Synod

- ❖ Rev Clark Baldwin, of One in Faith Parish, celebrated his last day within the Parish on Aug 29, 2021! Clark will continue with Ewalu Camp & Retreat Center as the Executive Director through next year! We thank him for his faithful service and wish him luck in his retirement! Blessings Clark!
- ❖ Brittany Barkus has joined the One in Faith Parish through the Collaborative Learning Program, working alongside Rev Margaret Yackel-Juleen! Welcome Brittany! We will get to know Brittany a little more in next month's newsletter!
- ❖ Bishop Elect Kevin Jones, Trinity Lutheran, Mason City, will be Ordained on September 25th as our Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod! Many Blessings as he begins this new journey!

Shepherd of the Hill's Needs:

The Operating Fund pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and 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 6th & 7th
*Christmas 4 Kids Giveaway
Donation Drop Off Days
at St. Olaf Auditorium*

December 8th & 9th
Packing of Christmas Gift Bags

December 16th & 17th
*Clothing Center Closed –
Christmas Gifts Pickup Days*

Any event may be subject to change

Shepherd of the Hills

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9am-12pm and 1pm-4 pm

Heather Crogan, Director

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



October 2021, Article and Story

Leaving a Legacy

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness

The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.