

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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We serve a God who likes to restore things. He likes to give good gifts in the first place but sometimes we get off of the path, someone interrupts our blessings somehow, or a tragedy or hardship happens that makes us feel like we're missing something.

This lengthy pandemic has certainly impacted all of us and has made us feel at one time or another that we've lost something. I am convinced and have been convinced that God is using this season in multiple ways to add to our lives and to restore certain things. This is peppered throughout the Bible but the most obvious example is Job. Job lost his children, his friends turned on him, and he suffered a terrible illness. Yet he kept his faith in God and Our Father not only restored him but added to his blessings in the end.

You are an heir with Christ. Did you know that?

It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:16-17 NRSV)

We go through tough times now and then be we heirs... we inherit things! Blessings of all kinds. So I write this (1/11/22) as I'm dealing personally with the Covid-19 virus. It's not fun but at the same time I know that God always has a blessing built into every difficult thing. So I'm using this down-time on the couch planning for the year. Now my system will be stronger having fought off Covid-19 and I'll be ready for the rest of the year.

God has used this pandemic to bring us closer together, to push us to find new ways of doing things, and in some cases to give us an opportunity to spend more time with him and to discover or rediscover his will for our lives.

What has the pandemic shown you? Something big? Something small? Maybe lots of things. Having done service work for a long time I have always appreciated folks who do service work but now... even more so. One other thing that it's shown me is that our lives are often too fast and too digital. When your isolated at home it pushes you towards family meals, sharing a movie or television show together, board games, or working on a family projects. God uses everything for good.

So I might be a broken record but I still believe what I believed two years ago. God works all things together for good towards those who love him (Romans 8:28). It's still true and it will never stop being true. Blessings to you, Jeremy Jeremy Wolfe jeremy.wolfe@csuglobal.edu 563-258-2936

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

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

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Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

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sunshine committee, monthly newsletter team, sending of the devotional booklets. Thank you to the church council and to all that remembered me with cards and messages during Christmas.

Hope you all have a Blessed 2022. Dorothy Kluth

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<u>USHERS</u>

February 6 & February 13 John Fuelling Sheldon Stotmeister Bill Scherf III. Matt Goltz

February 20 & February 27 John Klinge Ron Tayek Justin Fuelling Jamie Tielbar



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FEBRUARY ACOLYTES	-
6 Kaylee Hoth	1
13 Adrianna Schoulte	•
20 Brayden Hoth	
• 27 Olivia Kirby	•

27 Julie (Scherf) Morley

February 2022 February Greeters 7,8, & 9 Do-Days 9:00 am-3:00 pm 6 Kenny & Velma Kuehl 13 Bill & Michelle Scherf 20 Lisa Berns & Beth Bries 28 Dorothy Jennings & Teresa Feldman February Altar Guild Velma Kuehl Loretta Weipert SUNSHINE COMMITTEE Becky Fuelling Birthday: February 24 SCRIPTURE READERS Sharon Henning 6 Becky Fuelling 2 Alexandra (Ali) Moran February 13 Volunteer Needed 4 John Suhr 20 Volunteer Needed Jeffrey Scherf 27 Volunteer Needed Ron Tayek 7 Connor Kirby Carsen Kirby Foster Wolfe February 8 Linda McMillin 20 Don & Cheryl Bossard Noah Klinge 9 Kelly Schoenfeldt ADDRESS REQUEST Cierra Weipert WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 10 Elizabeth Crogan December 2021 **IMOGENE IHLENFELDT** 12 Miranda Looby 5 **BICKFORD ASSISTED LIVING** 28 Matthew Erickson 301 S. HUNT CLUB RD. 12 29 Chris Schmidt **GURNEE**, IL. 60031 19 67 Emily (Moon) Palmersheim 24 60 13 Desirae Henning 26 20 14 Kenneth Crogan Jeremy Howard 15 Dantae Henning Known Baptisms 16 Randall Wiedenman February 18 Brooklyn Scherf 7 – Olivia Kirby 19 Kathy Kluth • 11 – Samantha Howard Blessings 20 Shirley Wagner ON YOUR Autumn Shaw 21 Paul Weipert BAPTISM 15 – Tammy Muller Birthday **Dominic Schoulte** •17 – Marlene Glawe 22 Elissa Gardner 22 – Matthew Scherf 23 Linda Friedlein 23 – Brian Glawe 24 Kurt Kessler -23 – Bruce Glawe Sharon Henning 28 – Garrett Lnenicka 25 Rylan Hoth

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December, 2021 – Treasurer's Report Income: 14.96 CD Int. 1155.00 1165.00 1550.00 3659.19 Loose: Weekly Offering
Rental income:
Missions: NE Iowa Synod: 265.00 SOTH: 215.00 St. Pt. Home: 60.00 LSI: 45.00 Food Shelf: 100.00 EWALU 35.00 Staff Compensation: Pastor: Pastor: 1169.33 + 508.93 mileage Portico: Secretary: Secretary: 200.00 (100.00 ea. Kwik star & Casey's GC - Kelly) Inside Cust.: 209.22 Outside Cust.: 120.05 + (100 GC Kwik star, extra gas & maintenance as per council) Organist: 166.22 Secretary: 330 GC. Kwik Star - \$165 ea. Kelly & Brenda, June & Dec. as per council)
Expenses:Black Hills (gas):184.49Alliant (elec):200.56NEIT:80.68Fburg Post Off200.00 (1 book of stamps & mailings)1517 Media112.11 (CIOH Qtr-1-2021)Marco328.32 (copier contract)NEI Synod2500.00 (Team Ministry Scholarship 2 nd payment 2021)Total Income:7544.90
Total Expenses: 7029.91

General Checking Balance – Dec.1, 2021: 9286.34 Dec. 31, 2021: 9801.33

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer

Your Offering Envelopes can be picked up in the narthex in your mail box. If you did not receive your offering envelopes, contact Kelly Shaw or leave a message at the church office.



St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

January 12, 2022

Present at meeting: Brad Hoth, Lindelle Scherf, Tammy Muller, Zachary Radloff, and Loretta Weipert. Jeff Klinge and Jeremy Wolfe joined by telephone. Absent: Tracey Phillips

Meeting called to order by President Radloff at 6:33 PM. Opening devotions given by Jeremy.

Loretta moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Brad. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of December 2021 meeting made by Brad, seconded by Loretta. Motion carried. Tammy moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Brad. Motion carried.

Lay Minister Report: Jeremy is working with the youth to get registered for the 2022 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis July 24-28. Luana has none and Farmersburg has 4 youth interested at this time.

Ongoing Business:

Due to high numbers of COVID and the cold & flu season, restrictions & practices will remain in effect.

Zach has contacted the parsonage renters to schedule an inspection and to review the new lease.

Internet service at the church is extremely slow. Upon inspection of the bill, we are at the lowest level. Lindelle will check into upgrading the plan.

Continued discussion on putting together a combined photo directory with Luana.

New Business:

Jeremy is currently in COVID quarantine. January 16 will be a lay service. Holy Communion will be served on January 23. Bishop Kevin Jones will be joining us on January 23 for worship with a potluck dinner to follow.

Annual meeting will be February 6 following worship services. Council reviewed the agenda for the annual meeting. Unfinished business will include the schoolhouse from the June congregational meeting.

Brad presented the ballot from the Nominating Committee. Still need one more volunteer for the Synod assembly meeting in June.

Budget Committee met on January 5 to review the finances. A budget of \$75,782.63 (an increase of \$3713.13) will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Audit committee will meet January 19 to review all treasurer's books. Dorothy Jennings has resigned from the Audit Committee. Motion by Tammy, seconded by Lindelle to appoint Bill Scherf III to fill the open spot.

The church sign on Hwy 13 was broken off during one of our recent windstorms. Discussion on replacing it. Lindelle will check into pricing at Sports World.

Committee Reports:

Parish Ed – youth will be singing February 13 during worship

Memorial- purchased TV, Computer and Computer software in 2021

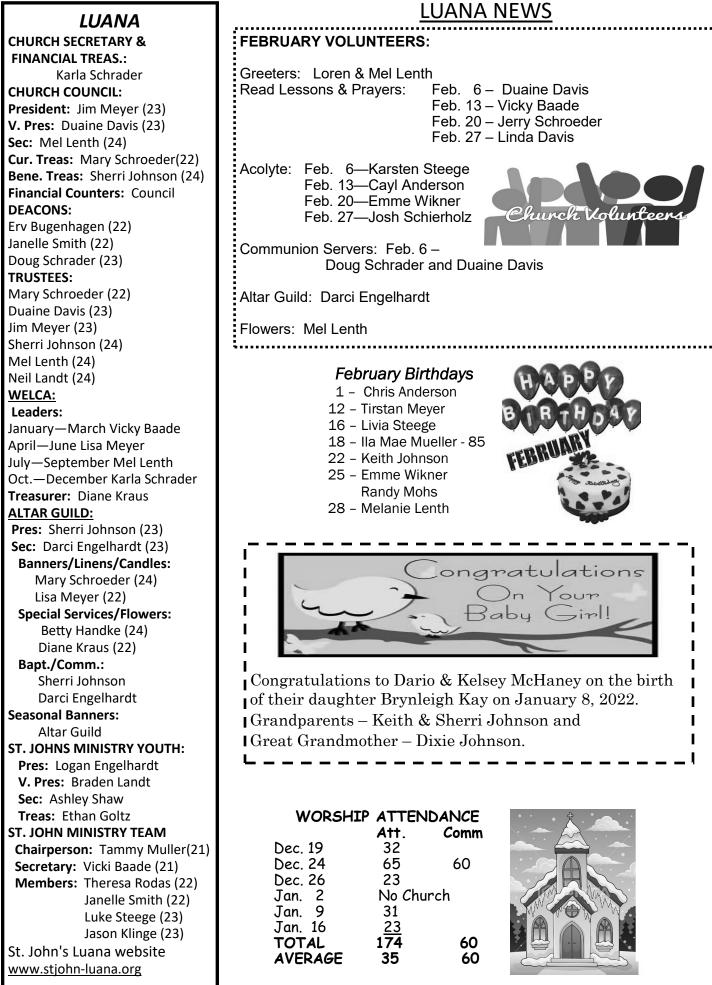
Women- Do Days were January 10, 11 & 12. February dates are 8, 9 & 10

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

Motion to adjourn by Brad at 7:43 pm. Seconded by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Muller, secretary





LUANA NEWS

2022 Council & Committees

(Council Meetings – 2nd Sunday @ 7:45 am)

Council: (3 yr. terms)

President: Jim Meyer (23) V. President: Duaine Davis (23) Secretary: Mel Lenth (24) Current Treasurer: Mary Schroeder (22) Benevolence Treasurer: Sherri Johnson (24)

DEACONS:

Erv Bugenhagen (22) Janelle Smith (22) Doug Schrader (23)

TRUSTEES: Mary Schroeder (22) Duaine Davis (23) Jim Meyer (23) Sherri Johnson (24) Mel Lenth (24) Neil Landt (24)

COMMITTEES

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL: Mary Schroeder, Jerry Schroeder, Neil Landt

SCHOLARSHIP: Cyrus Landt, Stephanie Steele, Dawn Dull, Neil Landt WORSHIP: Linda Davis, Carol Goettler, Marj Schrader EDUCATION: Luke Steege, Janelle Smith, Sherri Johnson BUILDING: Jim Meyer, Cyrus Landt, Chad Davis AUDITING: Sherri Johnson, Sheri Landt

STEWARDSHIP: Council EVANGELISM: Council

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY TEAM: Vicky Baade, Janelle Smith, Luke Steege

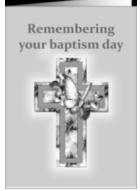
NOMINATING: Doug Schlein, Sonya Anderson, Cindy Landt

REPRESENTATIVES: (Shepherd of the Hills Conference Assembly) Neil & Cindy Landt Keith & Sherri Johnson

DELEGATES: (Synod Assembly) Jim Meyer & Vicky Baade

WELCA

Leaders – Jan. – Mar. – Vicky Baade Treasurer: Diane Kraus Apr. – June - Lisa Meyer July – Sept. – Mel Lenth Oct. – Dec. - Karla Schrader

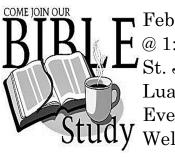


Known Baptismal Birthdays

- 3 Darin Schlein
- 4– Darci Engelhardt
- 5 Wayne DeSotel
- 24 Julie Mohs
- 27 Linda Davis



Please Note: Interchurch Council is January 31st at St. Paul, Monona with First Lutheran hosting.



¬ February 1st
→ @ 1:30 pm at
→ St. John
Luana.
Everyone
Y Welcome.

Valentine's Day

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DECEMBER REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	178.23
Alliant - Electricity	273.09
Karla Schrader – Secretary	330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian	307.83
NEITEL	118.58
Jeremy Wolfe	1,169.33
Jeremy Wolfe – Nov mileage, Alb	740.83
IRS	292.43
Plunketts – Pest control	55.64
Farm & Home – cust.	53.87
Pastor Ashman - wedding mileage	66.75
City of Luana – w/s/g	264.48
Concordia- P & P	113.35
Quill – office	69.99
St John Farmersburg – newsletter	139.67
Church Mutual – Workmans Comp	797.00
LSB – Yearly Bonuses	2,100.00
Access Systems – copier	<u>145.97</u>
	7,217.95

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,317.21
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,172.40
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,276.79

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Dec. 5	1,795.00	5.00	1,800.00
Dec. 12	792.00		492.00
Dec. 19	1,742.00		772.00
Nov. 28	5,112.00	10.00	5,122.00
	9,441.00	15.00	9,456.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT INCOME

Dec. 5	Offering	89.00
Dec. 12	Offering	19.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Dec. 19	Offering	25.00
	Food Shelf	310.00
	Operating	20.00
	Crisis	50.00
Dec 24	Christmas	880.00
Dec. 26	Offering	120.00
	Food Shelf	90.00
		1,613.00

INCOME

1,800.00
792.00
1,742.00
797.00
<u>4,525.00</u>
9,656.00
9.234.03

Dui. 100. 50, 2021	2,234.05
Income	9,656.00
	18,690.03
Less Expenses	7,217.95
Bal. Dec. 31, 2021	11,672.08

FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. Nov. 30, 21	\$ 41,320.32
Wentz dep	10,000.00
Interest	39.19
Bal. Dec. 31, 21	\$ 51,359.51



EXPENSES

NE IA Synod	123.00
Food Shelf	410.00
SOTH	130.00
SOTH Operating	20.00
SOTH Crisis	50.00
	733.00
Christmas	<u>880.00</u>
	1,613.00

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

Video Ministry

Miss church on Sunday? You still have an opportunity to worship with your church family through the NEIT cable system. Both Farmersburg and Luana church services are played on NEIT Cable Channel 4 and 37.

St. John Farmersburg worship services are shown on Tuesday at

10:15 am, Tuesday at 5:00 pm and Saturday at 8:00 am.

St. John Luana services are shown on Monday at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at 12 noon and Saturday at 10:00 am.



<u>REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>: Shaun Mohs, Norman Mueller, Joy David, Marian Olson, Rick Conley, Keith Lee, Dawson Spiker, Greg & Lisa Snitker, *Dallas Tielbar, Luke Baade, RoseMary Tielbar,* Shannon Nelson, Imogene Ihlenfeldt, Shelby Preston, Jim Fuelling, Mickey Phillips, & Jeff Klinge.

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Alex & 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: Shirley Henkes, Sharon Henning 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, Lendall Schievelbein

February 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families; in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building bright futures; in lowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence; in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families; and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at <u>Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org</u> or 563-676-2065. Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

Experiencing Love Incarnate

Penelope had been in and out of residential treatment at various facilities across lowa for a few years. Her most recent placement was at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, which provides 24/7 behavioral healthcare and support for children and teens.

Upon her arrival, Penelope was able to build a relationship with the new LSI Spiritual Life Leader, Pastor Kyle. The voluntary Spiritual Life program connects youth on Bremwood's campus to faith-based music and art, youth group, and chapel sessions. After Pastor Kyle had begun to settle into his new call with LSI, he began hosting a worship service each week for children on campus centered around the eucharist. Penelope enjoyed participating in worship and encouraged her peers to join in.

One day while talking with Penelope, Pastor Kyle asked her what got her so excited about worship and why she encouraged her peers to attend.

"Dude," Penelope responded. "It's because we get communion!"

As Pastor Kyle continued the conversation with Penelope, the two discussed the importance of communion and how being fed through the bread of life empowered us to live amongst and for our neighbors.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, Penelope's story about receiving the sacrament of communion helps us to remember that our love for one another is possible through the one who first loved us. No matter who we might receive valentines or sweet treats from on Feb. 14, we trust that all are embraced in love through Jesus Christ.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER – FEB 2022

CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Center remains <u>CLOSED to foot traffic</u>. ALL SERVICES REMAIN AVAILABLE. Items can be packed up for our families/clients upon request.

Donations are <u>ACCEPTED BY APPT ONLY</u>: At the time of this writing, <u>WE ARE ON HOLD - NOT TAKING IN</u> <u>DONATIONS</u>. January is typically one of the slower months for client shopping requests.

As a gentle reminder, please call the office before making the drive to Shepherd, to inquire on most recent needs and/or setting up a donation time! Thank you for bearing with us during these most uncertain times!

Conference Assembly UPDATE

Annual Conference Assembly is scheduled for February 20, 2022 at 2:00pm and will be held VIRTUALLY – BY ZOOM!

St Peter, Garnavillo has policies in place regarding outside events during this pandemic. The Council recently evaluated the State/County numbers, citing rising numbers within Clayton County and the policy limiting outside events at this time.

Our SOTH Board voted in November to hope for INPERSON, however, will hold VIRTUALLY if needed.

Assembly Packets will be mailed to each of Conference Churches the first week of February. Delegates should plan to pick up the meeting information from their church. If a delegate has questions, please reach out to the office for further guidance.

Shepherd of the Hill's Needs:

The <u>Operating Fund</u> pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The <u>Crisis Fund</u> is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities.

> Please utilize the <u>MEMO LINE</u> on your check to specify <u>Crisis</u> or <u>Operating</u> Fund!

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 20th, 2022 Annual Conference Assembly 2:00pm Virtual – Zoom

Any event may be subject to change

<u>News or Highlights</u> within the Conference

As a Conference, we would like to extend Blessings to our outgoing Board of Director Members in February: Rev Lynn Noel, St Paul Postville, President & Becky Fuelling, St John Farmersburg, Youth Chair. Both individuals have served 4 years (2 – 2yr terms), the maximum allowed as defined by our Conference By-Laws! The second term, was a challenge relating to the pandemic, however we want to say <u>THANK YOU</u>, as you have given us your time and commitment to continue the mission here at Shepherd!

We would also like to extend Blessings to 3 of our local Pastors moving on from their current calls: Rev Clark Baldwin has retired from Ewalu. Rev Hillary Burns Kite, St Peter, Garnavillo, has accepted a new call with St Peter Lutheran Church in Prairie Du Chien, Wi as an Associate Pastor. Rev Susan Friedrichs' Call has ended at Bethany, Elkader and Emanuel, St. Point. "We pray God will lead and guide each of you on the next journey of your life."

Congratulations to Rev Mike Ashman, St. John & St. Paul, Guttenberg, on celebrating his 29th Ordination Anniversary of January 3rd!

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