

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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We are on the tail end of summer and summer is a lot of things. It's time to enjoy life. A time for things to grow. Although we complain about the heat and humidity at times deep down we know that our winters are long. After Christmas and New Years day at some point we long for the warmth of summer. It's something to hold onto. Something to thank God for.

Summer is a time for children. School is out and the weather is usually nice for playing outside. Our world is different then the one that I grew up in so I see fewer kids on trikes, bikes, and big wheels. Sports are more serious and electronics take up more and more time even at an early age. Summer belongs to children though. My favorite game growing up was kick the can. We don't have enough spontaneous games of kick the can or tag.

My kick the can days are long behind me, but I would like to keep the spirit of kick the can. The spirit of summer. What is that spirit? It's a spirit of joy, appreciation, a bit of adventure, and a sense of eternity. I never want to lose that. How do we keep that every day? How do we do that on a dreary day in early February?

We can keep that spirit of summer and the wonder of being a child constantly by keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, and approaching the throne of God as if we were little children. That's not too big of a stretch. We are completely reliant on him, and whether we are 9 or 99 our need for him is the same. Jesus put it this way:

People were bringing even infants to him so that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." (Luke 18:15-17 NRSV)

Keep that mindset with you always. Approach God's throne as a little child. He died so that you could cry out "Abba Father!" and get closer to him. You can carry that childlike spirit of summer with you always. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

In Christ,

Jeremy-Vicar at St. John's Lutheran Church-Farmersburg & Luana.



FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Tammy Muller (23)
V. Pres: Ryan Moon (24)
Sec: Loretta Weipert (23)
Treas: Lindelle Scherf (22)
Council Members:
 Bill Scherf III. (22) & Zach Radloff (22)

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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

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Pres: Jason Klinge
V. Pres: Brad Hoth
Sec/Treas: Don Bossard

ALTAR GUILD:

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Sec: Loretta Weipert
Treas: Velma Kuehl

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V. Pres: Braden Landt
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 Janelle Smith (22)
 Luke Steege (23)
 Jason Klinge (23)

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Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

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Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



The Men's Pork Dinner is on August 14, 2022. A donation sheet is on the desk in the narthex. Please check it out and sign up to donate. Please bring **donations** to the church before **Saturday August 13th.**

USHERS

August 7 & August 14
 Captain Jeff Klinge Lyn Tielbar
 Harry Gerndt Ken Erickson
 August 21 & August 28
 Captain Brad Hoth Larry Friedlein
 Don Erickson Dan Moon

August GREETERS

7 Jeff Klinge & Deb Tidwell
 14 Kenny & Velma Kuehl
 21 Don & Kathy Erickson
 28 Larry & Linda Friedlein

Communion Assistants

August 7 Loretta Weipert
 August 21 Ken Erickson

AUGUST ACOLYTES

7 Oliva Kirby
 14 Landon Goltz
 21 Kaylee Hoth
 28 Brayden Hoth

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Julie Kurth

ALTAR GUILD

Velma Kuehl & Cheryl Bossard

AUGUST SCRIPTURE READERS

7 Volunteer Needed
 14 Volunteer Needed
 21 Becky Fuelling
 28 Volunteer Needed



Known Baptismal Birthdays

August


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

August

19 Clark & Kris Wikner
 28 Wyatt & Olivia Glawe



FARMERSBURG NEWS

CHURCH ATTENDANCE?		JUNE	
		5	30
		12	28
		19	21
		26	33

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Gerald "Jerry" Jennings who passed away on June 30, 2022. His services were held on Saturday, July 9th at St. John Lutheran of Farmersburg. Thank you for sharing flowers.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Karen Kay Miene who passed away on July 2, 2022. Her services were held on July 11 at St. John Lutheran, Farmersburg. Thank you for sharing flowers.

Gracelynn Rose Radloff who was born into the arms of Jesus on July 7th, 2022. She was the daughter of Zachary Radloff and Autumn Schuety, and little sister to Hudson Radloff. Our Sympathy to all of you. Thank you for sharing flowers.



- 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



Thank you to Nancy Moon, Ethel Lenth and Heather Hageman for the flowers shared during our worship services.



August 3-7



August 11-21

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: July 10, 2022

Present: Tammy Muller, Loretta Weipert, Ken Erickson, Ryan Moon, Bill Scherf and Jeremy Wolfe.

Absent: Lindelle Scherf and Zach Radloff.

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Muller at 10:55 am. Opening devotions given by Jeremy Wolfe.

Bill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Loretta. Motioned carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of 6/12/22 meeting made by Ryan, second by Bill. Motion carried.

No treasurer's report available related to treasurer absent. Will table until next meeting.

Lay Minister Report:

*Ewalu trip delayed until Fall related to increase interest if postponed. Cost \$150-\$175 per individual. Will use funds from money saved for Youth trip, Women and Men's Group plan to contribute.

*For adult Bible lessons have done 150 playlist on YouTube, plan to do another 50.

*Busy with funerals.

Ongoing Business:

*COVID Restrictions: No change. When sharing the peace, emphasize isn't necessary to give hand shake.

*New Church sign: Bill motioned to inform Lindelle to go ahead and order from Sports World. 2nd by Loretta.

*Youth EWALU trip: see notes above

*Worship at Froelich Barn: Moser's schedule full this year. Will check into availability for joint worship 8/6/23.

*Parsonage: Property Inspection completed, IN RESOURCE ROOM FOR INDIVIDUALS TO REVIEW. Discussed issues to deal with now, decided priorities is leaking roof and drainage problem. Loretta will get quote from Lance Hangartner to remove 2-3 trees that are dying. Loretta will also call Alliant to see if they would be responsible for cost of clearing trees from electrical wires. In about 5 years roof will need to be replaced. Will continue to discuss at annual meetings continuing to rent vs selling.

New Business:

*SOTH Back to School for Kids August 10.

*God's Work Our Hands 9/11/22, our project this year will be assisting with Goodwill truck on 9/24/22.

Committee Reports:

*Evangelism: No report

*Parish Education: VBS July 25-28 at United Methodist Church. Preparing for next Sunday School year.

*Property: One of the swinging doors in the back of church is cracked, tabled to discuss options.

Mary Bissell looked at bell tower, waiting to hear back from her.

Landscaping on west side of church: Bries will look at when he gets time.

*Stewardship: No report.

*Worship: Patio worship on July 31. September 11 will be blessing of back backs. Questioned if should have a brunch that day to kick off Sunday School. Will discuss further with Sunday School committee/teachers.

*Memorial: Memorial Committees plans to replace American flag in basement related to in bad shape.

Bill made motion to purchase American flag & Luther Rose Flag for the basement, motion 2nd by Loretta.

*Youth Group: Ice cream social was June 26, Jeremy mentioned there was good volunteer participation and crowd that attended.

*Men's Group - Pork Meal 8/14/22.

*Women's Group - No report.

*Ministry Team: July 14 meeting at Luana

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Bill. Motion carried. Lord's Prayer said in unison.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Jim Meyer (23)

V. Pres: Duaine Davis (23)

Sec: Mel Lenth (24)

Cur. Treas: Mary Schroeder (22)

Bene. Treas: Sherri Johnson (24)

Financial Counters: Council

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)

WELCA:

Leaders:

January—March Vicky Baade

April—June Lisa Meyer

July—September Mel Lenth

Oct.—December Karla Schrader

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (23)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (23)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (24)

Lisa Meyer (22)

Special Services/Flowers:

Betty Handke (24)

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

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS:



Greeters: Tim & Lisa Donlon

Read Lessons & Prayers: Aug. 7 9:00 am Worship @ Farmersburg
Aug. 14 – Linda Davis
Aug. 21 – Mel Lenth
Aug. 28 – Janelle Smith

Acolyte: Aug. 7 9:00 am Worship @ Farmersburg
Aug. 14 – Josh Schierholz
Aug. 21 – Dayne Anderson
Aug. 28 – Ty Wikner

Communion Servers: Aug. 7 9:00 am Worship @ Farmersburg
Aug. 21 – Janelle Smith and Neil Landt

Altar Guild: Sherri Johnson

Flowers: Darlene Moon



AUGUST

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



AUGUST

10 – Chad & Melissa Moeller
22 – Keith & Sherri Johnson
27 – Kenneth & Cheryl Wagner



AUGUST

4 – Layton Pape
5 – Sheri Landt
27 – Sharon Landt
31 – Brian Bugenhagen



Condolences to the families of Lora Zieman, Lenny Sobecki, Lorraine Lenth and Linda Ambrose. Linda is a sister of Diane Doerring. Services for Lora Zieman were held July 5th.

Sympathy to LuNida Landt on the death of her sister, Ivanelle Henning. Services held Friday, August 22, 2022.

LUANA NEWS

JUNE REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	126.47
Alliant - Electricity	321.33
Karla Schrader –Secretary	330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian	307.83
NEITEL	117.81
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,184.20
Jeremy Wolfe (May mileage)	336.26
IRS	297.87
Access Systems – Mntc Agrmt	145.97
Fisk Farm & Home -tables	<u>1,933.49</u>
	5,102.14

INCOME

June 5	955.00
June 12	522.00
June 19	502.00
June 26	<u>5,772.00</u>
	7,751.00
Reimb from Mem.	<u>1,933.49</u>
	9,684.49
Bal. May 31, 2022	6,084.92
Income	<u>9,684.49</u>
	15,769.41
Less Expenses	<u>5,102.14</u>
Bal. June 30, 2022	10,667.27

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,317.44
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,672.40
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,276.79

FURNACE/RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. May 31, 2022	\$ 53,600.51
Deposits	1,000.00
Interest	<u>57.19</u>
Bal. June 30, 2022	\$ 54,657.70

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
June 5	945.00	10.00	955.00
June 12	517.00	5.00	522.00
June 19	472.00	30.00	502.00
June 26	<u>5,752.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>5,772.00</u>
	7,686.00	65.00	7,751.00



BENEVOLENCE REPORT

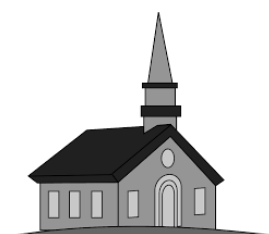
INCOME

June 5	Offering	72.00
June 12	Offering	30.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	SOTH	50.00
June 19	Offering	40.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
June 26	Offering	115.00
	Food Shelf	315.00
	SOTH	<u>250.00</u>
		892.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	430.00
Food Shelf	335.00
Synod	<u>127.00</u>
	892.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



	Att.	Comm
June 26	35	
July 3	32	32
July 10	38	
July 17	34	31
TOTAL	139	63

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



COMBINED WORSHIP
for Luana &
Farmersburg on
August 7 @ **9:00 am**
in Farmersburg.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH FARMERSBURG, IOWA

MEN'S BBQ PORK DINNER

Dine In or Carry Out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

11:00 AM—12:30 PM

B-B-Q Pork Sandwich

Potato Salad

Baked Beans

Watermelon Muskmelon

Bars

Lemonade, Milk, Water, Coffee

Free Will Donation



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wayne Landt, Lonnie Baade, Melanie Cahoon, Shaun Mohs, Joy David, Rick Conley, Keith Lee, Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Mickey Phillips, Kenny Kuehl

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Alex & Ali (Crogan) Moran, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Nadyne Reardon

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Shirley Henkes

GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIEY: Juanita Mohs

GREAT RIVER CENTER MCGREGOR: Mae Mueller

OELWEIN HEALTH CARE CENTER: Jim Fuelling

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

BICKFORD ASSISTED LIVING GURNEE, ILL

60031: Imogene Ihlenfeldt

HOMEBOUND: Mary Russett, JoAnn Meyer, Illa Mae Mueller, Glenda Henkes, Lee Klinkenberg

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS BACK TO SCHOOL!



FILL THOSE BACKPACKS!

General items in need are:
Crayons, scissors, pens, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pencil boxes, colored pencils, dry erase markers, permanent markers, high lighters, 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.

Items are needed before August 5th.

August 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story **Back to School Month**

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care.

563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Support for the Long Run

Part of LSI's mission is to ensure hundreds of Iowa children and families have access to quality mental health care, parenting education, and crisis services.

On our Bremwood Residential Treatment Center campus in Waverly, staff are able to provide 24/7 behavioral health care and encouragement for children and teens like N. During her time on campus, N. and her team of therapists and professionals worked on developing coping skills that could help her manage her anger on the difficult days and take space for herself when she felt overwhelmed.

She was able to participate in Spiritual Life, a voluntary faith-based program offered on campus. N. says the program helped her learn important lessons about forgiveness and trust through reading passages of scripture. She says the biggest lesson she has learned is that "when you make a mistake, there are ways to fix it."

N. is now looking ahead and has goals for her future. She is working on graduating high school, and she is excited to get her driver's license. She wants to become a special education teacher and empower the next generation, and she wants her story to inspire other kids who could benefit from the same care she received through LSI.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – AUG 2022



We are excited as the Back-to-School Program is fast approaching. This event is being held on August 10th, 2022 by referral only. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the communities and churches in this area. This is a very rewarding job as this will help so many families that are struggling right now. Education for the young ones is so important and I am glad everyone is doing what they can for our students in our area. We are still accepting school supplies as our referral list keeps growing. If you would like to donate you can either drop the items off at the office or mail your donations to SOTH. Indicate on the memo line of your check Back to School. Everything is greatly appreciated.

Another event that is a tradition is the annual Hog Roast Fundraiser. This event replenishes the funds in the CRISIS fund to support the Back-to-School event, Christmas for Kids, winter coats for families in need and helps pay for rent/utilities in crisis situations for local families. There will be more discussions on how/when we can host this event in the near future and try to bring us back to the gathering table for food, fun and conversations. We miss the normalcy that we so desperately need.

Clothing center updates

We are OPEN! It is exciting to see people walking through the doors again. I have made some small changes in the center, but what hasn't changed the need for donations. We are still accepting donations but by **appointment only**. This is the only way I can control the flow being we do not have a lot of space. This is a great time to go through the closets (especially the children's closets). I always had my children donate their stuff and it made them feel like they did some good and help others. We are in need of men's jeans (all sizes) kids clothing, kitchen towels, washcloths, bath towels and books. As always, please make sure they are still in good condition, free of stains, rips, tears, holes etc. We are very excited to welcome all shoppers not just the referred clients. If you have a chance, stop by and check it out. There is a great selection of things for everyone!

Shepherd Conference News

We would like to congratulate Rev. Gary G. Hatcher, of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garnavillo, who is celebrating 45 years of being ordained. Rev. Hatcher received his ordination on 7/24/1977. Rev. Dennis E. Frank of Maynard is also celebrating 39 years. He received his ordination on 7/10/1983. Blessings to you both on these special occasions.

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:

August 10, 2022
Back to School 4 Kids

Any event may be subject to change

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