

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Advent is here already. Advent means arrival and through the church calendar we are preparing ourselves for the arrival of the infant Jesus. Immanuel or "God is with us". When God brought Jesus into the world it was the ultimate act of love. When you love someone you don't withhold your best from them. Jesus is the best gift that we could have ever received. Every good arrival needs an announcement and Jesus was introduced by a group of angels.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: **11** to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"
Luke 2:8-14 NRSV

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors! Who does he favor? He favors you. He favors those who love the infant that he sent into the world. He loves those who value the sacrifice that he made on the cross so that we could be reconciled to him forever. He favors those who both died and resurrected with him in his baptism. He favors those who receive the good news.

As you celebrate this advent you will think about his arrival as a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. While we celebrate this magical moment, always remember that he won't remain there. Jesus fulfilled the will of our heavenly Father by living a sinless life and after preaching the gospel with mighty miracles and power he willingly laid down his life so that we could be free. Free to love God, love our neighbor, and to celebrate the arrival of the son. God bless you in this advent season.

Jeremy

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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) & Ken Erickson (24)

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 (24)
Secretary: Vicki Baade (24)
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.

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It is time to order poinsettias for the Church worship services.
 The cost is \$10.00. Please pay when ordering.
 Contact Cheryl Bossard, Julie Kurth, Deb Tidwell or Loretta Weipert.
 Deadline is December 5th.

The church is doing a Church Directory.

Please submit photo for the directory.

If you do not have a photo to submit, an individual or family photo can be taken on January 15th after church.

Photos on January 15 are not going to be taken by a paid professional, so photos are being taken for directory only.



Secret Santa



St. John will be adopting a local family for Christmas. Gift tags are on a tree in the narthex. We are asking for the gifts to be brought back to church by Friday, December 9. If you wrap your gift, please attach the gift tag. Because this family is a Secret Santa family, they are not eligible for the Holiday Shop.

The Sunday School

Christmas Program will be held on December 11th at 10:30 am. Sunday School Practice is at 9:00 am on December 4th and 11th. Please plan to attend.

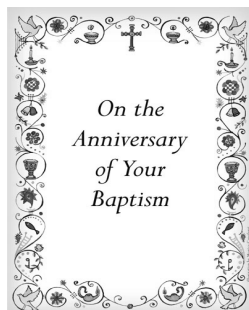


December

27 – John & Kathy Klinge
 28 – Jeff Klinge & Deb Tidwell

December

1 – Ethel Lenth
 6 – Adam Lnenicka
 Andrea Lnenicka
 Amanda Goltz
 8 – Jeff Wiedenman
 11 – Annabelle Palmersheim
 13 – Glenda Henkes



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USHERS

December 4 & December 11

Captain Jason Klinge
Blake Brainard

Randy Wiedenman
Jim Lenth

December 18 & December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Captain John Fuelling
Matt Radloff

Jeff Klinge
Martyn Geick

DECEMBER SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Jeff Klinge & Deb Tidwell



DECEMBER GREETERS

4 Jim & Carol Lenth
11 Jamie Tielbar
18 Nick & Samantha Kirby
24 Zach Radloff & Autumn Schuety



ACOLYTES

December 4	10:30 AM	Olivia Kirby
December 11	10:30 AM	Landon Goltz
December 18	10:30 AM	Kaylee Hoth
December 24	8:30 PM	Brayden Hoth
	(Christmas Eve)	
December 25	9:00 AM	Joint worship @ Luana



December ALTAR GUILD

Julie Kurth
Deb Tidwell
Loretta Weipert

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

December 4	Loretta Weipert
December 18	Ken Erickson
December 24	Ryan Moon
(Christmas Eve)	



December

7 12:00 pm Unit Meeting
1:00 pm Christmas Party Ladies from Luana are invited.
Farmersburg ladies bring Christmas treats to share and bingo prizes.



December

2 Randy Scherf
3 Glenda Henkes
Derek Radloff
Cora Fuelling
Cassidy Penrod
4 Marlene Glawe
Eugene Dreier Jr.
5 Lisa (Howard) Pavlovec
Jill Jennings
8 Connie Rohde
11 Amanda Richard
12 Aaron Heck
Loren (Barney) Scherf
13 Brian Henning
Dallas Lee Tielbar
14 Andrew Rodas
Kurt Hauschild
Melvin Wallester
15 Ethan Goltz
16 Lori Tielbar
Marcella (Tootie) Kessler
18 Scott Peterson
Briella Schmidt
19 Derek Leuchtenmacher
22 Cory Pritchard
23 Amy Suhr
Michael Klinge
Madelyn Lnenicka
Isabelle Kirby
24 Matthew Scherf
25 Alan Feldmann
26 Randy Muller
Robert Bossard
29 Velma Kuehl
31 Don Bossard

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

THANK YOU to everyone who has cooperated each year in getting these reports ready for the Annual meeting. The following is a list of committees and groups that were active this past year and from whom we would like to receive a report. Any other committee or group that would like to submit a report and inform us of 2021 happenings, please feel free to turn in a written report. All reports can be emailed to the church office (stjohn87@neitel.net) or given to Kelly Shaw.

DEADLINE FOR THE REPORTS IS JANUARY 9, 2023

Pastor's Report	Jeremy Wolfe
President's Report	Tammy Muller
Treasurer's Report	Lindelle Scherf
Auditing Committee	Cheryl Bossard/Bill Scherf III./Nancy Moon
Nominating Committee	Zach Radloff/Lindelle Scherf/Becky Fuelling/ Jason Klinge/Bill Scherf III.
Budget Committee	Lindelle Scherf/Tammy Muller/Ryan Moon/ Loretta Weipert/John Klinge
Congregational Statistical Report	Kelly Shaw/Jeremy Wolfe
Stewardship Committee	Tammy Muller
Evangelism Committee/Caring Spirits	Lindelle Scherf
Worship Committee	Ryan Moon/Tammy Muller/Zach Radloff
Property Committee	Ken Erickson
Memorial Committee	Heather Crogan/Loretta Weipert/Tracey Phillips
Parish Education Committee	Loretta Weipert
St. John Ministry Team	Tammy Muller/Theresa Rodas/Jason Klinge
Women of the ELCA	Shirley Marmann/Becky Fuelling
Men of St. John	Jason Klinge/Don Bossard
Youth	Logan Engelhardt/Ethan Goltz
Altar Guild	Cheryl Bossard/Velma Kuehl
Fascher Scholarship Fund	Tammy Muller/Lindelle Scherf
Probert Scholarship Committee	Tammy Muller/Lindelle Scherf
Schoenfeldt Scholarship	Tammy Muller/Lindelle Scherf
Banner Committee	Marlene Glawe
Strawberry Point Lutheran Home	Bill & Michelle Scherf/Loretta Weipert & Velma Kuehl
EWALU Ambassadors	Shirley Marmann/Ethel Lenth
Interchurch Council	Marlene Glawe/Becky Fuelling/Linda Schoulte
Prayer Shawl Project	Marlene Glawe
Shepherd of the Hills	Heather Hageman
Clayton County Food Shelf	Utonia Ruff

Chapter 9 Bylaws

B9.01 All committees and organizations handling funds within the congregation shall include as a part of their annual report to the congregation a financial report in writing which shall be included in the congregation's written annual report.

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September 2022 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

181.00
15.12 CD Interest
1505.00
1025.00
1200.00
1278.00
804.25 (Transferred from building fund – prop taxes parsonage)



Missions:

NE Iowa Synod: 270.00
SOTH: 215.00
Food Shelf: 100.00
St. Pt. Home: 60.00
LSI: 50.00
EWALU: 35.00

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1184.20 + 221.93
Portico:
Secretary: 212.00 (GC Kwik Star + 1 book stamps & Casey's)
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists: 83.11

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 45.49
Alliant (elec): 421.74
NEIT: 116.09
Clayton Co. Treasures 804.25 (pd 1/2 yr taxes on parsonage)
Marco Technologies 372.48 (contract copier)
City of Farmersburg 225.40 (4th quart util)
Quill 149.75 (copier paper)
1517 Media 70.00 (CIOH 4th quart)
Dubuque Relig Cent 86.08 (altar candles)
Pastor Mike Ashman 124.42 (Glawe wedding)

Total Income: 6008.37

Total Expenses: 5176.21

General Checking Balance –Sept. 1, 2022: 94.12
Sept. 30, 2022: 926.28

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



Congratulations to Jarrod and Laney Van Hauen on the birth of their son. Duncan Jake was born November 17, 2022. Grandmother is Majil Tayek and Grandparents are Ron & Gloria Tayek.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

October, 2022 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1255.55
 2537.63 (cashed in CD from 3/2019)
 610.00
 486.00
 310.00

Harvest Meal : 3,496.00

Missions:

NE Iowa Synod: 270.00
 SOTH: 215.00
 Food Shelf: 100.00
 St. Pt. Home: 60.00
 LSI: 50.00
 EWALU: 35.00



Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1184.20 + 270.70 mileage
 Secretary: (200 – GC Kwik Star & Casey's)
 Inside Cust.: 209.22
 Outside Cust.: 120.05
 Organists: 138.52

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 45.94
 Alliant (elec): 352.01
 NEIT: 115.67
 Gage Exterminating:
 Farmersburg PO : 200.00
 United States Treasury 790.34 (3rd quarter federal SS & Med)
 Quillins 383.51 (bal after Harvest meal from \$750 Thrivent cards)

Total Income: 8695.18
 Total Expenses: 4740.16

General Checking Balance –Oct. 1, 2022 926.28
 Oct. 31, 2022 4881.30

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer

October Attendance

2 30
 9 28
 16 23
 23 34
 30 15



Thank You to Nancy Moon and Ethel Lenth for the fall arrangements for our Worship Services.

Thank you to all the altar guild members For their continued work to prepare for our worship services. If there is anyone who would like to help with the altar please contact an altar guild member or Cheryl Bossard.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES November 13, 2022

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

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Muller at 1130 am. Opening devotions given by Jeremy Wolfe.
Bill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ken. Motioned carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of October meeting made by Ryan, second by Bill. Motion carried.
Loretta moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ken for September and October. Motion carried.

Vicar's Report: Provide service at GRCC every Sunday. Funerals. Confirmation updates. Care visits.
Adult Ed-WELCA Bible Study. New member in Luana from West Coast wants to join and see live stream.
Internship with Steve Bracket who wants to come to a joint Service, council agreed with Feb 19.
Biblical counseling. Israel trip.

Ongoing Business:

- *Review COVID restrictions: Agreed to keep the same.
- *Hwy 13 church sign: All supplies obtained except concrete. Loren Scherf will contact Bill to put sign up.
- *Photo Directory: Loretta will check calendar and select date to take photos at church. Will put information in bulletin.
- *Parsonage:
 - Leaking roof: on hold to assess more. Will ask Cody to call when leaking to assess further.
 - Trees: Cody would like to take cost of tree removal off of rent. Need to get receipt from tree removal.
- *Harvest Meal: Served 250 people. See treasure report for profit and expenses.
- *Donation apps: Lindelle will check into options for donation apps pros/cons.

New Business:

- *Snow Removal: Brad Hoth will do the 2 parking lots.
- *Decorate church Christmas tree: Sunday November 27 after church.

Committee Reports:

- *Mutual Ministry Team: Report from November 9 meeting. Lent meals at both churches. Christmas Eve service 7 pm at Luana and 8:30 pm at Farmersburg. Christmas Day joint at 9 am in Luana. Easter services discussed. Discussed Pastor salary and benefits. Discussed how to support Jeremy.
- *Evangelism- Poinsettias for Care centers.
- *Parish Education- Sunday School Christmas Program is December 11. Two new confirmation students.
- *Property- Windows in basement hard to close after cleaning. Jones Logging Tree Service may be a possibility to ask to look at bell tower. Will discuss more at annual meeting.
- *Stewardship- Was decided to adopt a family again for Christmas. Tags will be made and placed on tree in narthex this week. Gifts need to be at church by December 9th.
- *Worship- No report
- *Memorial- NO report.
- *Youth Group- Status of traditional fundraisers. Youth group won't be selling wreaths. Lindelle agreed to check to see if possible to get wreaths.
- *Mens Group - No report.
- *Womens Group - Thank Offering Sunday is November 20. Bring item for Food Shelf during Christmas Eve Service.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Next meeting December 11, 2022 after church.

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

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY YOUTH:

Pres: Logan Engelhardt

V. Pres: Braden Landt

Sec: Ashley Shaw

Treas: Ethan Goltz

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

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Secretary: Vicki Baade (24)

Members: Theresa Rodas (22)

Janelle Smith (22)

Luke Steege (23)

Jason Klinge (23)

St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS



All Women of St. John
Luana are invited to
the WELCA Christmas
Party on December 7th
at 1:00 pm at St. John
Farmersburg for fun
and fellowship.

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters: Travis & Sheri Landt

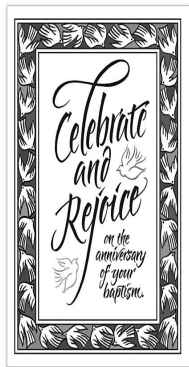
Read Lessons & Prayers: Dec. 4 Loren Lenth
Dec. 11 Karla Schrader
Dec. 18 Keith Johnson
Dec. 24 Luke Steege
Dec. 25 Mel Lenth

Acolyte: Dec. 4 – Josh Schierholz
Dec. 11 – Dayne Anderson
Dec. 18 – Emme Wikner
Dec. 24 - Karsten Steege
Dec. 25 - Ty Wikner

Communion Servers: Dec. 4 - Doug Schrader & Jim Meyer
Dec. 18 - Erv Bugenhagen & Mary Schroeder
Dec. 24 – Janelle Smith & Jim Meyer

Altar Guild: Sherri Johnson

Flowers: Poinsettias



DECEMBER

15 – Lonnie Baade

17 – Marjorie Schrader

26 – Oswald Goettler

St John, Luana greet and usher schedule for 2023

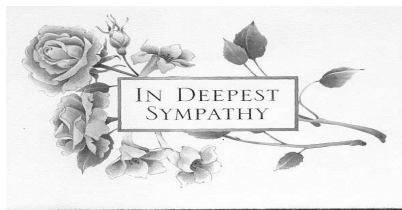
2023

Jan: Ervin Bugenhagen & LaVerne Landt
Feb: Duaine & Linda Davis
Mar: Tim & Lisa Donlon
Apr: Jim & Lisa Meyer
May: Lonnie & Vicky Baade
Jun: Luke & Kim Steege
Jul: Loren & Mel Lenth
Aug: Stan & Dawn Dull
Sep: Jerry & Mary Schroeder
Oct: Jeff & Janelle Smith
Nov: Keith & Sherri Johnson
Dec: Doug & Connie Schlein

LUANA NEWS



If you will be bringing a Poinsettia for church please let the office know who you what to honor or in memory of.



Our Sympathy to the family of Wayne Landt whose funeral was October 30 at Luana.



DECEMBER

9 – Jerry & Mary Schroeder
31 – Reggie & Sarah Freilinger

DECEMBER

5 – Paul Miller
9 - Mona Schultz
11 - LaRee Berger
13 – Stephanie Wikner
14- Wayne DeSotel – **85**
15 – Betty Handke
17 – Diane Doerring
18 – Carol Goettler
18 – Kim Kraus
19 – Burke Schrader
24 – Tom Harnack
26 – Darin Schlein

St. John Council Minutes

October 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Meyer at 7:50 A. M.

Council members present: Jim Meyer, Duaine Davis, Doug Schrader, Mary Schroeder, Neal Landt, Janelle Smith, Vicar Jeremy Wolfe, and church secretary Karla Schrader. Absent Ervin Bugenhagen, Melanie Lenth, and Sherri Johnson.

Opened with Devotions from Luke 10:1-9

Secretary's report was read, motioned by Duaine and 2nd by Mary to accept the report. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's report was looked over and discussed. Motion was made by Mary to accept the report and 2nd by Doug. Motion was carried.

Old business: The Parsonage roof is done and looks good; we are waiting on the final bill. There is now an electric water heater in the parsonage. The cement has been removed and replaced with gravel on the sidewalk in the south-west corner, the brick work still needs to be looked at.

New business: A letter from Church Mutual, about the church's insurance and workman's comp was discussed and tabled so that Jeremy can check in to it and report back. Request was made by JoAnn Meyer and family to plant a tree in the south lawn in memory of Dixie Johnson. Motion to approve by Duaine and 2nd by Neal; motion was carried. Motion was made by Mary to divide the Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve offerings between the food shelf and the Clayton County Crisis fund, 2nd by Doug; motion was carried.

Vicar Jeremy gave his report. He thanked all who helped with the goodwill truck. He reported that the WELCA book Study has increased in numbers by moving it to 5 P.M. He will be trying a new way to document his visits.

Motion to adjourn by Neal and 2nd by Duaine, motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:39 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted by Janelle Smith

LUANA NEWS

OCTOBER REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	37.75
Alliant - Electricity	231.09
Karla Schrader –Secretary	330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian	307.83
NEITEL	118.56
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,184.20
IRS	297.87
St John Farmersburg (Mar.- Oct)	375.55
Allen Roofing (dwnpmt)	9,565.00
Fisk Farm & Home – supplies	21.13
Plunkett's (pest control)	209.22
1517 Media (Sun & Seasons)	339.00
Silver Birch (candle oil)	105.90
Lutheran World Relief (crisis)	<u>623.00</u>
	13,747.01

INCOME

Oct . 2	1,405.00
Oct. 9	442.00
Oct. 16	862.00
Oct. 23	332.00
Oct. 30	<u>897.00</u>
	3,938.00
trfr from repair fund	12,000.00
benv to current	<u>357.00</u>
(dep to wrong acct)	16,295.00
Bal. Sept. 30, 2022	1,687.19
Income	<u>16,295.00</u>
	17,982.19
Less Expenses	<u>13,747.01</u>
Bal. Oct. 31, 2022	4,235.18

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. Sept. 30, 2022	\$ 55,896.17
Interest	80.20
Rent 10-3	500.00
Rent 10-28	500.00
To current fund	<u>12,000.00</u>
Bal. Oct. 31, 2022	\$ 44,976.37

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Oct. 2	1,405.00		1,405.00
Oct. 9	417.00	25.00	442.00
Oct. 16	842.00	20.00	862.00
Oct. 23	307.00	25.00	332.00
Oct. 30	<u>897.00</u>		<u>897.00</u>
	3,868.00	70.00	3,938.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
Oct. 23	21	
Oct. 30	32	
Nov. 6	38	37
Nov. 13	43	
Nov. 20	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>
TOTAL	159	57

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Oct. 2	Offering	115.00
	Food Shelf	85.00
Oct. 9	Offering	30.00
Oct. 16	Offering	20.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	Crisis Fund	50.00
Oct. 23	Offering	10.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Oct. 30	Offering	80.00
	Food Shelf	45.00
	Operating	<u>100.00</u>
		605.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
Food Shelf	200.00
SOTH Crisis	50.00
SOTH Operating	100.00
Synod	<u>125.00</u>
	605.00

LUANA NEWS

St. John/Luana Church Council Minutes November 13, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Jim Meyer at 7:48am

Present: Vicar Jeremy Wolf, Jim Meyer, Doug Schrader, Sherri Johnson, Melanie Lenth, Neil Landt, Ervin Bugenhagen, Duaine Davis and Church Secretary Karla Schrader. Absent: Mary Schroeder and Janelle Smith. Janelle arrived at 7:59am.

Devotions led by Vicar Jeremy Wolf

Old Business: Jim proceeded with old business until Janelle arrived with the minutes from last council meeting. Parsonage roof is complete & no one checked the inside of the parsonage if the ceiling quit leaking. Jim reported the Church outside railing, needs repair and will be completed in the future by him. Jeremy will work on the kitchen tile by the drain. The sidewalk by the back of the Church will be worked on in the Spring 2023.

Janelle arrived at the meeting and the council minutes were read from October. Sherri approved the minutes and 2nd by Doug, motion carried.

Financials reviewed and Ervin approved the report and 2nd by Duaine, motion carried.

The remainder of old business was discussed. Church kitchen sink drain is fixed. Church Mutual Insurance will be discussed at the next council meeting.

New Business: Janelle reported on Team Ministry, the pictorial directory is moving slowly. Lorretta Wippert agreed to take pictures of any interested church members & times to be determined. Christmas Eve service @Luana 7:00pm & Farmersburg @ 8:30pm. Joint worship on Christmas Day @Luana 9:00am and New Year's Day @Farmersburg 10:30am. 2023 Lenten Services: Ash Wednesday @Farmersburg 6:30pm. Lenten dinners beginning March 1 from 5:00pm-6:00pm in Luana & will rotate weekly between Luana and Farmersburg. All services will begin @6:30pm. Maundy Thursday service @Luana and Good Friday service @Farmersburg.

Easter Sunrise service @Farmersburg 7:00am and @Luana 9:00am.

August 9, 2023 joint service @Froelich barn with Moser family performing.

2023 Church Budget to be discussed next month. The Church Synod scholarship fund will be discussed and determined at a later date.

Jeremy added the Confirmation Class has 10 students and Jeremy will write a text book for the class.

Sherri asked if the Offering plate could be passed around during service instead of being located on the table in the vestibule. Council agreed on this proposal and Vicar Jeremy will announce it before service today and be implemented on November 20th. Another possibility is using the Communion rail for special Church occasions.

Jeremy will investigate of posting the church service on line and/or on Utube for those who are unable to watch the service thru NEITEL.

Next meeting: 7:45am - December 11, 2022

Adjournment: 8:43am by Sherri and 2nd by Ervin. Motion carried followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted by: Melanie Lenth

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



December 24th

Join us for Worship
with Communion at
7:00 pm Luana or
8:30 pm Farmersburg



Combined Worship Service December 25th
9:00 am @ Luana



Combined Worship Service
January 1st
10:30 am @ Farmersburg



CANADIAN PACIFIC HOLIDAY TRAIN December 7th

Marquette (Marina Parking lot)
Marquette - 2:45 p.m./3-3:30 p.m. **Bring items & Monetary Donations** for the Clayton County Food Shelf

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ryne Landt, Charlie Post, Lonnie Baade, Melanie Cahoon, Shaun Mohs, Joy David, Rick Conley, Keith Lee, *Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Shirley Wagner & Vivien Scherf*

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: Juanita Mohs

GUTTENBERG CARE CENTER: Jim Fuelling

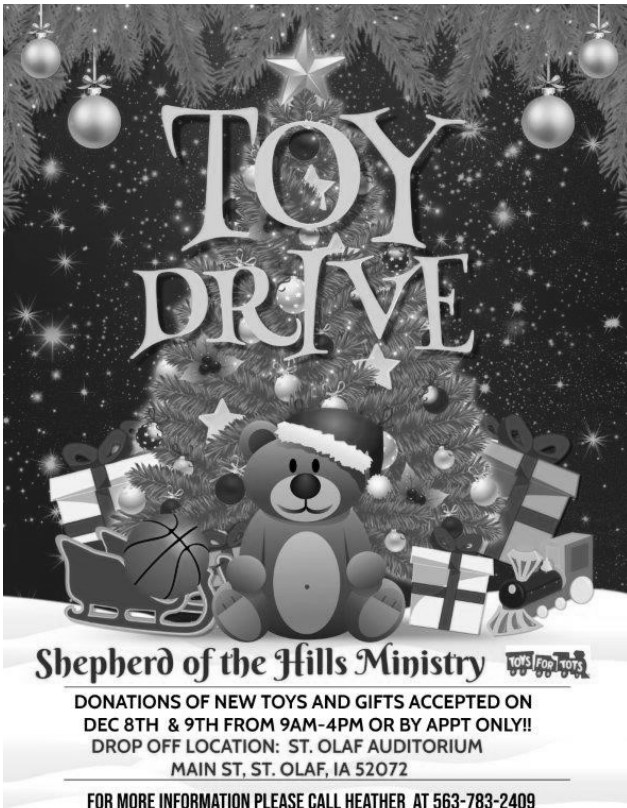
STRAWBERRY LUTHERAN HOME: Shirley Henkes

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

HOMEBOUND: Mary Russett, JoAnn Meyer, Glenda Henkes, Lee Klinkenberg, Jeanette Krambeer, Lendall Schievelbein



BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



Have you ever thought of traveling abroad to Hungary? The Northeastern Iowa Synod has a Companion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary. Rev. Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen (Treasurer of Shepherd of the

Hills Conference and faculty member of Wartburg Theological Seminary) and Rev. Margaret Yackel-Juleen (Lead pastor of One in Faith Parish) traveled in August 2022 to lay the groundwork for a grassroots delegation from our conference and synod in Hungary.

Plans are underway to form a delegation to travel to Hungary for TWO weeks in the middle of June 2023! If you are interested in visiting this fascinating land (and one of the world's most historic and beautiful cities, Budapest) you will want to attend the informational meeting.

What: Informational Meeting/Potluck

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 700 Washington Street, Volga, Iowa

When: December 6th, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Guest speakers: Rev. Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen and Rev.

December 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Merry Christmas from LSI!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5

As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! Because of your generosity LSI has continued to offer hope and healing to lowans of all ages. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to your neighbors who rely on these important services!

At LSI we see veterans getting help, children overcoming fear, moms and dads parenting with renewed joy and confidence, new neighbors from foreign lands becoming established and active in their communities, the pride of independence for those experiencing challenges in everyday life. We know parents who feel hopeless, with few resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a forever family.

The spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, allows us to stand together and celebrate this Christmas season. Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!

Thank you!

As 2022 comes to an end, we reflect back on all those whose lives have been impacted by your gifts.

From Iowa's newest citizens, those you've helped to feel at home in a new country: "Thank you"; from the young first-time mom who has learned how to care for her newborn: "Thank you"; from the teenager who needed some redirection and support: "Thank you".

From the veterans needing help readjusting from trauma they endured: "Thank you"; from the person who was able to receive the kind of mental health therapy they needed: "Thank you".

From the person with disabilities who is able to live as independently as possible with our help: "Thank you"; from the parents who are learning new processes to provide healthy, safe environments for their children: "Thank you"; from the foster parents who are providing care when needed, "Thank you".

From those kids in residential whose lives have come to a turning point with new skills to use going forward: "Thank you!" And from all of us at LSI that you have encouraged and supported: "Thank you!"

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2022

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Christmas is almost upon us. With that being said, some families are unable to give their children a nice Christmas. We are taking monetary donations or donations of NEW toys, warm blankets, gift cards etc.. for all ages of children. This is by far the most exciting holiday. Let's come together and make this the best year yet. These children who are less fortunate deserve it! Please send your donations with XMAS in the memo line. Or if you are donating NEW items, please bring them to the auditorium on Dec. 8-9 from 9-4 or at the office by appointment. Thank you for making this event special.

Opportunity to Visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary!

The Northeastern Iowa Synod has a Companion Synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hungary. In August 2022, Rev. Dr. Mark Yackel-Juleen, treasurer of the Shepherd of the Hills Conference and faculty member of Wartburg Theological Seminary, and Rev. Margaret Yackel-Juleen, lead pastor of One In Faith Parish, travelled at their own expense to Hungary to lay the groundwork for a grassroots delegation from our conference and synod to visit our brothers and sisters in Christ there. They had an amazing experience thanks to the wonderful hospitality of the Hungarian Lutherans they had the privilege of meeting.

Plans are underway to form a delegation to travel to Hungary for two weeks in middle June of 2023! If you are interested in the possibility of visiting a fascinating land (and one of the world's most historic and beautiful cities—Budapest), meeting wonderful, faithful Hungarian Lutheran Christians, and representing our conference and synod, contact Heather Hageman at 563-783-2409 for more information.

Clothing center updates

WE ARE OPEN to the public!!!

The clothing center is seeing more and more people for thrift store shopping. Some items still have tags on them. Take the time to come in and visit. We are accepting seasonal, winter items, donations by appointment only due to the limited space. We are currently accepting winter clothing.

Please note*** The clothing center will be closed on December 14-15 for the Christmas for Kids. Holiday closure will be from December 26- January 2. We will re-open on January 3rd.

Shepherd Conference News

There are no current updates to report this month.

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:

**Set up for Christmas
for Kids: December 8, 9,
12, 13**

December 14-15, 2022
Christmas for Kids

Any event may be subject to change

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