

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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I enjoy New Year's Day and I hope that you do too. New Year's Day and the traditions and things that we do in regard to New Year's Day are really our own inventions. There are no Biblical traditions about New Year's Resolutions, staying up to see the ball drop at midnight, or gathering with friends. That being said, the idea of renewal is VERY Biblical. Here is one of my favorites:

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV)

While New Year's Day and the feeling of renewal and refreshing at that time is good, in reality every day is New Year's Day for the believer in Christ. You are being remade into the image of Christ day by day, hour by hour, year by year. So if you've ever failed in one of your New Year's resolutions take heart! God is working on you whether you realize it or not and that work is much more important than the little improvements that we wish to make in our lives. Earthly goals are fine, heavenly ones last forever.

In the spirit of New Year's and renewal we are working on a little project to help us to get to know one another better. We are working on a directory for both churches. There are two ways that you can be a part of the directory.

1. You can submit a picture to me (via email) or via one of the Facebook pages.

You can have your picture taken. Loretta Weipert has graciously offered to take pictures during church services in January. Thanks Loretta! Please keep in mind that these are "semi-pro" pictures. Loretta will do an awesome job but the pictures are being done for our directory. If you want a formal portrait you will have to look for a photographer.

2. Dates for pictures will be on the calendar. In the meantime please submit your pictures. We'd love to add you to the directory which will be printed sometime in 2023.

Blessings to you and your family in the New Year,

Jeremy

Jeremy Wolfe

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FARMERSBURG NEWS

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.



Sunday School Program Cast Members: Kaylee, Brayden and Rylan Hoth, Annabelle and Maverick Palmersheim, Dominic Schoulte, Scarlett and Liam Scherf.
Director: Ryan Moon
Teachers: Loretta Weipert, Lindelle Scherf & Kelly Shaw

Sunday January 22 worship time changes due to Luana's annual meeting
Farmersburg 9:00 am
Luana 10:30 am



CHURCH YEARBOOKS

It is time to put together the yearbook. Maybe you want to be added to a committee or want a different month or other changes. Please contact Tammy Muller or Cheryl Bossard before January 23rd. Thank You



ANNUAL MEETING

St. John Lutheran Church, Farmersburg will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, February 5 following the 10:30 am worship service.

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 2022 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.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

December 11, 2022

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

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Muller at 11:30 am. Opening devotions given by Jeremy Wolfe.

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

Motion to approve the minutes of 11/13/22 meeting made by Zach, second by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Zach moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ken. Motion carried.

Vicar's Report:

*Luana's annual meeting will be January 22. Will switch service times, Farmersburg @ 9 & Luana @ 10:30.

*Joint service when Pastor Brackett visits Feb 19 10 am in Farmersburg. Church will provide ham & scallop potatoes, others to bring desserts & salads. Pastor Brackett will meet with Mutual ministry afterwards, everyone welcomed to join the meeting.

*Pastor Mike will cover Funeral services and end of life visits while Jeremy is gone.

*Baptism scheduled for New Years Day for Scherf Baby.

Ongoing Business:

*COVID restrictions: keep the same until further notice. In the Spring will rediscuss.

*Hwy 13 Church Sign: Postponed until Spring

*Photo Directory: Only 1 photo submitted so far. January 15 photos will be taken after service in Farmersburg.

January 22 photos will be taken after service in Luana. Photos are not being taken by a professional. They are being taken for the sole purpose of directory, there will be no ordering of photos. Everyone to submit photos to Jeremy Wolfe.

*Parsonage: Discussed the pros/cons of selling for annual meeting. Will continue to discuss next month.

*Harvest Meal: all bills have been paid in full.

*Snow removal: Has been resolved, Brad agreed to take care of it this winter season.

*Wreath sales: 7 left. Jeremy agreed to advertise on Facebook for \$15 to get rid of them.

*Rev Steve Brackett, assistant to the Bishop Congregational visit, see Vicar note above.

New Business:

*Nominating committee meeting date set for Wed Jan 4 at 6 pm. Consist of Zach, Lindelle, Becky Fuelling, Jason Klinge and Bill.

*Budget Committee meeting date set for Wed Jan 4 at 7 pm. Consist of council officers and John Klinge.

*Annual Reports due January 8.

*Annual Meeting February 5 agenda items: At the next council meeting need to come up with agenda.

Committee Reports:

*Evangelism- Poinsettias delivered to Care Centers.

*Parish Education- Sunday School Christmas program today. Confirmation going well.

*Property- Need receipt from renter to get cost of tree removal deducted from rent.

*Stewardship- Gift tags for Christmas gifts for local family were purchased. Heather at SOTH will take care of getting to the family.

*Worship- Lay services for others to lead: Jan 8 Tammy; January 15 Deb Tidwell & Feb 5 Tammy. Ryan will consider leading some if Zach plays piano. Ryan doesn't wish to do a sermon.

*Memorial- No Report

*Youth Group- Discuss on what past fundraisers lead by youth do we wish to continue, agreed on Geraniums in the Spring & wreaths in December for now. 2024 Youth Convention will be mentioned in confirmation to see what interest there is in going. Will need to start fundraising if any are interested.

*Mens Group - No report.

*Womens Group - Meeting last Wednesday.

Motion to adjourn by Zach, second by Ken. Motion carried. Next meeting January 8, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary

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2023 USHERS

January 1, January 8 & January 15
 Captain Brad Hoth Derek Radloff
 Gilbert Brainard Brian Glawe

January 22 (**9:00 am**) & January 29
 Captain Lyn Tielbar Don Bossard
 Jim Lenth Randy Muller

JANUARY GREETERS

1 Brad & Brenda Hoth
 8 Shirley Marmann & Tracey Phillips
 15 Clark & Kris Wikner
 22 Don & Cheryl Bossard **9:00 am**
 29 Josh & Kathy Kluth



ACOLYTES

January 1 10:30 AM Olivia Kirby
 January 8 10:30 AM Landon Goltz
 January 15 10:30 AM Kaylee Hoth
 January 22 **9:00 AM** Brayden Hoth
 January 29 10:30 AM Olivia Kirby

Communion Assistants

January 1 Tammy Muller
 January 22 **9:00 am** Bill Scherf

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Cheryl & Don Bossard

2023 WELCA CALENDAR

January 2023

9, 10, & 11 Do-Days 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 18 7:00 pm Meeting of all officers and group
 leaders to plan 2023—2024 yearbook

ALTAR GUILD

Cheryl Bossard
 Deb Tidwell

January 14 9:00 am
 Altar Guild Meeting
 Note Date Change

Congratulations

on Your
 Wedding...



Congratulations to Connie
 (Rhode) and Tim Lessard
 who were married on
 December 10th.



November Worship

Attendance

6-	45
13-	32
20-	34
27-	36



January

1 Emily Peterson
 Heith Kessler
 Samantha (Howard) Kirby
 6 Jeff Klinge
 7 Katie (Feldmann) Vaske
 8 Chad Hoth
 11 Hudson Robert Radloff
 13 Tammy Muller
 14 Scott Henkes
 15 Lisa (Tielbar) Geick
 Tracey Phillips
 16 Diana Miller
 22 Valerie Kurth
 Scarlett Joy Scherf
 Skylar Kessler
 25 Cody Radloff
 Tait Wilker
 27 Brenda Hoth
 Makenzie Corlett
 28 Maycale Trumblee
 30 Jason Klinge
 Andy Suhr
 31 Brian Glawe
 Bruce Glawe
 Kathy (Kutzbach) Wagner

Known January Baptisms Anniversaries

4 – Dallas Tielbar
 18 – Diane Kluth
 27 – Hudson Robert Radloff
 30 – Joel Moran



FARMERSBURG NEWS

THANK YOU FOR SHARING POINSETTIAS

RED POINSETTIAS

In memory of Brad Lenth & Loved Ones given by Ethel Lenth
 In memory of Larry Kurth & Loved Ones given by Julie Kurth & Family
 In memory of Verdine Glawe & Loved Ones given by Marlene Glawe
 In memory of Dawn Miller Novak & Other Loved Ones given by Diana Miller
 In memory of Don Wagner given by Shirley Wagner & Family
 In memory of Leo and Diane Hageman, parents of Dave Hageman
 In memory of Ronnie Miller and Colleen Janko, beloved family of Heather Hageman
 In memory of Lafonda Scherf & Loved Ones from Bill Scherf Jr.
 In memory of Rev. Richard H. and Frieda C. Steege given by The Steege family
 In memory of Jerry Jennings & Loved Ones given by Dorothy & Jill Jennings
 In memory of Loved Ones given by Ron & Gloria Tayek
 In memory of Virginia Pate given by Chris, Robert & Melody, & Brian & Lauri & Families
 In memory of Russ Pate given by Chris, Robert & Melody, & Brian & Lauri & Families
 In memory of Fern Schievelbein, Relatives, Neighbors & Friends given by Lendall Schievelbein & Family
 In memory of Don Marmann & Loved Ones given by Shirley Marmann
 In memory of Mary Tielbar, Cheryl Howard & Loved Ones given by Ken & Heather Crogan & family
 In memory of Otto & Ardie Fascher and Orlando & June Fascher given by the family
 Heather Crogan given by her Secret Sister

WHITE POINSETTIAS

In memory of Manuel Manolo Escourido, Estelle Darlington Escourido, Minnie Tidwell Apple, James Valentine Tidwell, & Frank Apple

The wreaths on the church doors are given by Rod Stagman in memory of Sonya Stagman and Loved Ones and by Don & Cheryl Bossard & Family in memory of John & Dorothy Bossard & Arlyn & MaryAnn Gray

Thank You to everyone for beautifying our worship services this Christmas Season. Also Thanks to Nancy Moon and Ethel Lenth for their Christmas arrangements.

Please pick up your poinsettias at your convivence. The plants are in the resource room. Bring a large Bag to cover them.

November, 2022 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1050.00
1035.00
980.00
1030.00
98.40 (transferred from evangelism for poinsettias - care centers)

Missions:

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

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: -	184.20 + 285.32	mileage
Portico:		
Secretary:	200.00	(KS & Casey's GC – 100 ea.)
Inside Cust	209.22 + 30	(Glawe wedd Sept)
Outside Cust.	120.05	
Organists:	110.82	

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	115.45
Alliant (elec):	208.45
NEIT:	115.67
1517 Media	89.00 (AF Liturgies)
Fisk Farm & Home	49.99 (1 case paper towels)
Homestead Evergreens	280.00 (20 wreaths)
Outdoor Creation	98.40 (4 Poinset– Monona, McGreg, Elkader & Straw PT Centers Evangelism)
Superior Build Cntr	44.58 (2 – 4 x 4 x 12 ft posts for sign Hwy 13)
United States Postal Service	275.00 (Yearly fee – 2022)

Total Income: 4193.40

Total Expenses: 4146.15

General Checking Balance – Nov.1, 2022: 4881.30
 Nov. 30, 2022: 4928.55

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer

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

Chairperson: Tammy Muller(24)

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



Sunday January 22 worship time changes due to

Luana's annual meeting

Farmersburg 9:00 am

Luana 10:30 am

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters: Ervin Bugenhagen and LaVerne Landt

Read Lessons & Prayers: Jan. 8 - Duaine Davis

Jan. 15 - Vicky Baade

Jan. 22 - Jerry Schroeder

Jan. 29 - Linda Davis

Acolyte:

Jan. 8 - Josh Schierholz

Jan. 15 - Ty Wikner

Jan. 22 - Dayne Anderson

Jan. 29 - Emme Wikner

Communion Servers: Jan. 1 - Doug Schrader & Mel Lenth

Jan. 22 - Erv Bugenhagen & Sherri Johnson

Altar Guild: Darci Engelhardt

Flowers: Mary Schroeder



POINSETTIAS SHARED:

In memory of Loved Ones:

Lonnie & Vicky Baade and family

Diane Kraus

Bob & Betty Handke

Jim & Lisa Meyer

KNOWN BAPTISMAL

BIRTHDAYS

10 - Megan Johnson

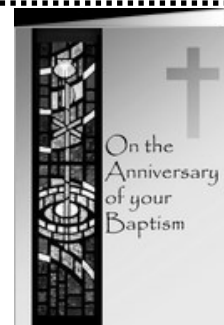
Kimberly Kraus

13 - Paul Miller

15 - Burke Schrader

28 - Lisa Meyer

29 - Carol Goettler



Happy Anniversary!

20 - Duaine & Linda Davis

31 - Dwain & Jean Wolter - 70

LUANA NEWS

St John Luana Church Council Minutes December 11, 2022



Meeting was called to order by President Jim Meyer at 7:45 am.

Present: Vicar Jeremy Wolf, Neil Landt, Duaine Davis, Ervin Bugenhagen, Jim Meyer, Sherri Johnson, Mary Schroeder and Janelle Smith

Absent: Melanie Lenth and Doug Schrader

Devotions were led by Vicar Jeremy Wolf.

Old Business: The minutes were read, Mary made a motion to approve the minutes and Ervin seconded. Motion approved.

The financials were reviewed and a motion by Neil and seconded by Janelle to approve.

Jeremy spoke to someone regarding insurance for the church and no changes are needed at this time.

New Business: Vicar Jeremy will be taking a trip with other Wartburg students. We will need to have someone do the services on January 8 and 15th. Janelle has offered to do the sermon on January 15th.

Jeremy will talk with a few individuals to see if they would be willing to do the sermon on January 8th.

Pastor Mike Ashman of Guttenberg will be covering for Jeremy while he is gone if there is a funeral.

February 19th Pastor Brackett will be visiting to observe Jeremy and visit with the Ministry Team and possibly council members. One service will be held that day at 10:00 in Farmersburg.

Mary mentioned that we will be hosting VBS this summer at our church with the assistance of Farmersburg.

Janelle will organize a meeting to get the planning started. The Thanksgiving Eve service for 2023 will be held at our church also.

Ervin brought up that either an usher or council member should be lighting and extinguishing the candles if an acolyte does not show on a Sunday. It was agreed that should be the procedure going forward instead of Jeremy having to do that.

Discussion was brought up to move the Annual Meeting to January 22. With the New Year falling on a Sunday it would make it difficult for accounts to get reconciled and reviewed before the Annual Meeting and also because the agenda for the Annual Meeting is to be available the Sunday prior to the meeting. Janelle made a motion and Mary seconded to approve the change for just this year. Motion approved.

Jeremy will check with Farmersburg to see if they would agree to have their service on January 22 at 9:00 and Luana would have the service at 10:30 so that Jeremy could attend.

Budget was discussed next.

Next meeting will be January 22 following the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am. Janelle made a motion and Duaine seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherri Johnson



St. John Luana Church Annual Meeting will follow worship service on

*January 22nd.
Worship @ 10:30 am.*

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NOVEMBER REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	132.65
Alliant - Electricity	205.88
Karla Schrader –Secretary	330.91
Cindy Landt – Custodian	307.83
NEITEL	118.69
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,184.20
IRS	297.87
Jeremy Wolfe mlge Sept/Oct., WELCA bks	1,092.79
Silver Birch - worship supplies	24.58
Fisk Farm & Home – light bulbs, etc	306.69
Kregel Electric – wiring for bulbs	88.53
Kurt's Plumbing- drains	74.90
CCLI – copyright renewal	<u>150.00</u>
	4,315.52

INCOME

Nov. 4	1,445.00
Nov. 13	1,297.00
Nov. 20	692.00
Nov. 27	<u>627.00</u>
	4,061.00
Cemetery fund of lawn spraying	<u>556.45</u>
	4,617.45
Bal. Oct. 31, 2022	4,235.18
Income	<u>4,617.45</u>
	8,852.63
Less Expenses	<u>4,315.52</u>
Bal. Nov. 30, 2022	4,537.11

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. Oct. 31, 2022	\$ 44,976.37
Interest	87.34
Rent 11-30	<u>500.00</u>
Bal. Nov. 30, 2022	\$ 45,563.71

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Nov. 6	1,390.00	55.00	1,445.00
Nov. 13	1,297.00	10.00	1,297.00
Nov. 20	692.00		692.00
Nov. 27	<u>627.00</u>		<u>627.00</u>
	3,996.00	65.00	4,061.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Nov. 6	Offering	95.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
Nov. 13	Offering	50.00
	Kids Xmas	150.00
Nov. 20	Offering	26.00
	Food Shelf	20.00
Nov. 27	Offering	123.00
	Food Shelf	35.00
	Kids Xmas	100.00
	Thanksgiving offering	<u>240.00</u>
		889.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Crisis	120.00 – ½ Thanksgiving
Kids Xmas	250.00
Food Shelf	105.00
Food Shelf	120.00 – ½ Thanksgiving
Synod	<u>164.00</u>
	889.00

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Offering Envelopes have not arrived yet due to mechanical and labor issues. Please use any envelopes you have left in your 2022 box for your 2023 giving. The box numbers will remain the same when receive the shipment. Thank you.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm.
Nov. 27	31	
Dec. 4	29	29
Dec. 11	38	
Dec. 18	<u>34</u>	<u>34</u>
TOTAL	159	57



St John, Luana greet and usher schedule for **2023**

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



Please exchange with one another if there is a conflict.

Thank you to all!

JANUARY

1 – Lisa Meyer

9 – Sharon Landt

13 – Julie Mohs

15 – Darci Engelhardt

19 – Jeanne Miller

21 – Josephine Schlitter

Adam Smith

22 – Loren Lenth

Stephanie Steele

27 – Erma Swenson

28 – Linda Davis

29 – Amber Moeller

Winter Word Search Puzzle

F S K A T I N G H O C K E Y V
V U S B J T M P W O L P T D W
P T N P B O O T S F Y S A L T
S N O W M A N Y C C S T O R M
E F W T Z L S E I R R U L F S
S F M L E E L Y E O Y Y D N E
E O O M E M I A U M A V O I R
K G B S W O P S B L F W G H U
A N I H V B P A P W B M N S T
L I L O B B E N N L O L I K P
F D E V D U R D O Q U N H I L
X I N E D B Y W W X J P S I U
Z L K L N I E L D T L D I N C
F S V V L R K T F I R D F G S
T S C R A P E R J W W H I T E

BOOTS

DRIFT

FISHING

FLAKES

FLURRIES

FUN

HOCKEY

ICY

PLAY

PLOW

SALT

SAND

SCRAPER

SCULPTURE

SHOVEL

SKATING

SKIING

SLIDING

SLIPPERY

SNOWBALL

SNOWBLOWER

SNOWMAN

SNOWMOBILE

STORM

WHITE

Both Churches News

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Betty Belloma, 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

STRAWBERRY POINT LUTHERAN HOME: Shirley Henkes

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

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



January 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Amplifying the Voices of Iowa Children and Families

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) works to provide services to Iowa children and families and to share their stories with the community. As a way of amplifying our communities' voices, we invite you to be a part of the annual Lutheran Day on the Hill event.

Join Lutheran Services in Iowa and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on March 14, 2023! This day is essential for amplifying the voices of those who are not heard, for seeking social justice and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process.

If you are interested in joining LSI for Lutheran Day on the Hill, visit our website at <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/>. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

A Journey of Overwhelming Joy

After going through fertility treatments and being told they weren't able to have any more kids, Dani and her husband pursued their foster care license in 2015 and have cared for 13 kids since.

"Throughout our journey of being foster parents, we've had many great placements," said Dani. "Our shortest placement lasted five days when we cared for a girl, whose mother was incapable of watching her while she recovered in the hospital, and our longest lasted 18 months."

Dani shared that one of their biggest blessings was having the opportunity to adopt some of the children they fostered. The family adopted their first child at age one, and they had plans to adopt another when the child turned 18 years old.

"Every time our family adopts another child, I get the same feeling of overwhelming joy," said Dani. "I feel like any expectant mom --not being able to contain my joy when their adoption comes up, and telling everyone I know about it."

Dani shared that it is hard to explain the full impact fostering – and the lows and highs it brings – has had on her family. "We've cried, stressed and lost a lot of sleep. We loved, laughed and had so many firsts," said Dani. "But I still tell everyone who is considering being a foster parent to do it. It's a roller coaster, but so worth it."

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2023

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The holiday season is here! I hope everyone is having a safe and glorious Christmas. We just “wrapped” up our Christmas for Kids Holiday Event. We were so blessed with many donations near and far. Toys for Tots provided a huge number of toys, but a very impressive amount of local donations was also received. Thank you to all the churches and affiliations of churches that provided the pillowcases, quilts and blankets. They are always a needed commodity this time of year. We served over 400 children for Christmas. That equals to just over 150 families! Your donations and monetary donations are very much appreciated and made this event possible. So, thank you to everyone that made it a success.

On December 6th, an informational meeting was held to discuss the details of the trip to Hungary. Thank you to all who showed an interest in the trip for the summer of 2023. We will be reviewing the applications in the coming weeks. More information will be available in the near future. I hope that 2022 has provided you with happy and blessed memories as we ring in 2023! Stay safe and God bless you all!

Clothing center updates

WE ARE OPEN to the public!!!

December was a hectic month with the Holiday shop so the clothing center has been closed to prepare for that event the week of Dec. 12-16. We have not accepted much of donations this month, but will resume to normal business in January. I am seeing quite a bit of summer clothing donated still. Please remember, we cannot take them at this time. I am making a few changes in the children’s section. Most of the children’s clothing is now hanging up for a better shopping experience. I encourage everyone to stop in and take a look at the inventory we have as we are almost to capacity. We need to move the inventory to make room for all the donations I am expecting in January. A quick note: We will be CLOSED from December. 26-January 1st, 2023. We will re-open on January 2, 2023!

Shepherd Conference News

Congratulations to Rev. Michael G. Ashman from St. John’s and St. Paul Lutheran, Guttenberg on his anniversary of his ordination on January 3, 1993.

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:

***The clothing center will
be closed from December
26-January 1, 2023***

****Any event may be subject to
change****

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