

## ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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I hope that you are soaking in the season of lent. For me today it's a time for reflection mixed with some somberness but when I was a kid lent was presented to me as kind of a "bummer". Oh lent? That's the time where you aren't supposed to eat any sweets and in many households it meant not eating meat on Friday. Those practices aren't necessarily bad but I never found a way with squaring the idea of eating a cheese pizza on Friday night or shelving the candy bars as getting closer to God. Giving up things for lent is supposed to be a sacrifice and I don't want to take away from anyone's spiritual practices but for me it never worked. What kind of sacrifices does God require of us? Does he want us to give up anything? Well not eating certain things and that is a form of fasting. Fasting is a very good spiritual practice but should only be done by those in a healthy place to do it. If you are committed to some sort of sacrifice during lent I'd like to steer you towards an alternative to giving up food or something like that.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6 NRSV)

This is one of my favorite Bible verses and it cuts to the heart of what God wants from us. What kind of sacrifice does God want? He wants your love! He wants you to know him and to get closer to him. This can be done through prayer, meditation on his word, devotions, Bible study, listening to hymns or spiritual songs.

So anything that brings you closer to God during lent is good. That may be giving up something, that's fine. What if you gave him more of your time, focus, and love instead? If you have kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, step kids, or whatever the case may be one thing that you prize is when they choose to spend time with you or ask for your advice or help. Our Father views you as beloved and you can make his day by spending some time and focus with him. Consider this sacrifice of love during lent.

In his service,

Jeremy

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*Lent*

## FARMERSBURG

### CHURCH COUNCIL

**Pres:** Tammy Muller (23)  
**V. Pres:** Bill Scherf III. (25)  
**Sec:** Loretta Weipert (23)  
**Treas:** Ryan Moon (24)  
**Council Members:** Ken Erickson (24),  
 Dave Hageman (25) & Bruce Glawe (25)

### CHURCH SECRETARY:

Kelly Shaw

### FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

Kelly Shaw

### 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

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**V. Pres:**  
**Sec:** Ashley Shaw  
**Treas:** Ethan Goltz

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 Jason Klinge (23)  
 Janelle Smith (25)  
 Becky Fuelling (25)

### NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

Church Website:

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

## FARMERSBURG NEWS



March 8 5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten  
 Supper Group 1 Serves  
*Ham Bone Soup*  
*Salads, Bars & Desserts*  
*Beverages*



6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Farmersburg

March 22 5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Supper Group 2 Serves  
*Chicken Noodle and*  
*Cheesy Broccoli Soup*  
*Bars & Beverages*

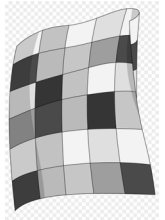


6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Farmersburg

The quilts on the back of the pews were completed this year. They are available to purchase for a donation to WELCA. We use the donation to help pay for supplies for next year. If interested choose your quilt, wrote a check to St. John WELCA with the memo quilt and give to check to Becky Fuelling or leave int in her mailbox.

We would like to thank all those who help with this project. Those who donate fabric, sheets, pillowcases and tops. Also thank you to all those who help assemble the quilts and tie them. Last year we donated to SOTH Holiday Shop, Lutheran World Relief and Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We also had 2 senior quilts.

As you do your spring cleaning, if you wish to donate any fabric, pillow cases, tablecloths or sheets, bring them to the church and we will get them to the right place. Thanks for supporting the St. John WELCA.



### Church Directory

UPDATE

- We are working on a directory.
- There are two ways that you
- can be a part of the directory.
- You can submit a picture to
- Vicar Jeremy (via email) or via
- one of the Facebook pages.

Please submit your pictures. We'd love to add you to the directory which will be printed sometime in 2023. **Deadline for pictures is MARCH 15th.**

### PROBERT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE FOR MFL MAR-MAC SENIORS

The Probert Scholarship Fund was established with a bequest from the estate of James & Marie Probert. Available scholarships are based on earnings each year. At least one scholarship must be given to a graduate who is a member St. John, Farmersburg. Per the will this scholarship fund is administered through St. John Lutheran Church. Scholarships are available to graduating seniors of the MFL MarMac School. Applicants must be in the top half of the class, exemplify high moral standards, academic achievement, and have a need for financial assistance. Students may contact the MFL MarMac High School Guidance Office for application information.

**Application deadline is March 15.**

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## USHERS

March 5 & March 12  
Captain Paul Weipert  
Wyatt Geick

Dave Hageman 563-419-2395  
Lyn Tielbar 536-2901

March 19 & March 26

Captain Zach Radloff 563-329-1634 Ken Crogan 783-7756  
John Klinge 536-2287 Don Erickson 536-2222



## MARCH

- 2 Andrea (Lnenicka) Byroade  
Jacob Meyer
- 3 Corbin Gardner  
Nick Henkes
- 4 Ivan James Nehl
- 5 Sophia (Glawe) Rose  
Chloe Lynn Fuelling
- 6 Rachel Henning
- 9 Kris Wikner  
Zachery Radloff
- 10 Brianna Seronko
- 11 Diane Wiedenman
- 12 Dorothy Kluth
- 13 Jessica (Preuser) Smith
- 14 Emery Rodas
- 15 Heather (Radloff) Berry
- 17 Terene Hauschild
- 18 David Schoenfeldt
- 20 Don Erickson
- 23 Lisa Berns
- 24 Loretta Davis
- 25 Bill Scherf Jr.
- 26 Kyle Moon
- 27 Jim Fuelling  
Iris Fuelling  
Arthur James Hatlan
- 28 Pastor Harold McMillin  
Daniel Wagner
- 29 Hilary (Scherf) Anderegg  
Joleen Schoulte  
Marjorie Henderson  
Ashley Shaw  
Bowie Lynn VanHauen
- 30 Jacob Morley  
Erica Scherf  
Diezel Fuelling



## ACOLYTES

March 5 10:30 AM Kaylee Hoth  
March 8 (Lent) 6:30 PM Brayden Hoth  
March 12 10:30 AM Lucy Kessler  
March 19 10:30 AM Olivia Kirby  
March 22 (Lent) 6:30 PM Claire Goltz

## GREETERS

March 5 Paul & Loretta Weipert  
12 Lyn & Mary Beth Tielbar  
19 Emily Palmersheim & Nancy Moon  
26 Matt & Amanda Goltz



## ALTAR GUILD

Marlene Glawe  
Bev Moon  
March 4 9:30 am Meeting

## Communion Assistants

March 5 Tammy Muller  
March 19 Bill Scherf III.

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Bev Moon



**Congratulations** to Wyatt and Olivia Glawe on the birth of their son.  
Wayne Wyatt Glawe was born on February 7, 2023.  
Grandparents are Brian & Susan Glawe.  
Great Grandmother is Marlene Glawe.

## March Activities

- 3 1:00 pm World Day of Prayer—St. Patrick's
- 15 1:00 pm Unit Meeting  
Thought for the Day: Becky Fuelling  
Devotions: Shirley Marmann  
Snack: Nancy Moon
- 18 1:00 pm Ewalu Annual Meeting
- 19 2:00 pm Strawberry Point Lutheran Home Annual Meeting
- 27 7:00 pm Interchurch council @ St. John Luana

## January Worship

1	47
8	26
15	32
22	25
29	Canceled Church

ATTENDANCE

# ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: February 12, 2023

Present: Tammy Muller, Loretta Weipert, Ken Erickson, Ryan Moon, Bruce Glawe, Dave Hageman, 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 Ken. Motioned carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2023 meeting made by Ken, second by Bill. Motion carried.

Loretta moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.

Vicar's Report: See attached report. Confirmation will most likely be May 7th, no objections from council members.

## Ongoing Business:

### \*Recap of Annual Meeting:

- \*Sale of parsonage - Nathan Trappe from Allen Real Estate Company came to meeting to discuss process.

- Nathan attempted to evaluate parsonage this past week, but renter's children were sick, plans to evaluate this upcoming week.

- \*Bell Tower - John Fuelling will look at it, he may be able to find someone to repair it.

- \*Combining Church Treasurer & Financial Secretary position - tabled until after election of officers in new business.

- \*February 19 combined worship at Farmersburg 10 am with Rev. Steve Brackett visit and potluck.

- \*Photo Directory - Plan to continue accepting photos until the end of February.

## New Business:

### \*Election of officers:

- President - Ryan made a motion for Tammy as President, motion second by Bill.

- Vice President - Bill made a motion for Ryan as Vice President, Ryan declined. Ryan made a motion for Bill as Vice President, Bill accepted and Loretta second motion.

- Secretary - Ken made a motion for Loretta, second by Bill.

- Treasurer - Discussed Treasurers role if Kelly would take over as Church Treasurer & Financial Secretary position. Ryan volunteered to take Treasurer role on council. Loretta Weipert made a motion that Kelly Shaw as church secretary and Ryan Moon as council Treasurer to be individuals to have names on signature card for St John Church account. Dave Hageman second motion.

### \*Committee appointments:

- Evangelism Bill & Bruce; Parish Education Loretta; Property Ken & Dave; Stewardship Ryan; Worship Ryan.

- \*Sexual Harassment Policy: form signed and will be filed with synod office.

- \*Future of fundraising activities previously done by Luther League group were Sunrise Breakfast, Geranium sales, Ice Cream Social and wreath sales. Was questioned if Sunday School wishes to continue with the Sunrise Breakfast. Loretta will discuss with parish ed committee. Tabled until next meeting.

## Committee Reports:

- \*Evangelism- No report.

- \*Parish Education- Vacation Bible School will be hosted by Luana this year. Looking for volunteers to help.

- \*Property- Ken and Dave are going to check weather stripping in front doors after meeting.

- \*Stewardship- No report.

- \*Worship- Ash Wednesday February 22 @ 6:30 pm at Farmersburg. Installation of officers planned for Feb 26.

- \*Memorial- No report.

- \*Mens Group - At recent meeting decided to keep the same officers. It was decided by the Mens group to get white rock for out front of the church.

- \*Womens Group - Meeting tomorrow to finish tying quilts.

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

Next meeting March 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## January, 2023 – Treasurer's Report

Income:     906.00  
                  1820.00  
                  830.00  
                  985.00

### 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: 1184.20 + 288.50 mileage  
 Portico:  
 Secretary: 200.00 – (GC \$100 ea. Casey's & KS)  
 Inside Cust.: 209.22  
 Outside Cust.: 120.05  
 Organists: 110.82

### Expenses:

United States Treasury: 814.82 (4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021)  
 Black Hills (gas): 484.41  
 Alliant (elec): 251.49  
 NEIT: 116.05  
 Safe Deposit Box Rent: 5.00  
 City of Farmersburg 236.40 (1<sup>st</sup> Quart utilities)  
 Church Mutual 983.20 (pkg month 1 & 2)  
 Church Mutual 192.75 (workers comp 4 pay)  
 1517 Media 61.30 (comm. wafers & cups)  
 Farmersburg PO 200.00 (1 book stamps)

Gifts to employees: \$440 ( as per church council Jan. meet)

Total Income: 4541.00

Total Expenses: 6628.21

General Checking Balance – January 1, 2023: 6751.71

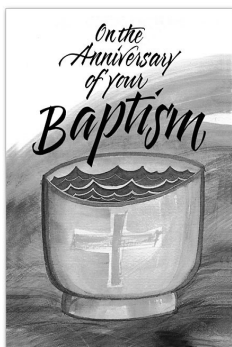
January 31, 2023: 4664.50

Lindelle Scherf, Treasurer



## Known March Baptisms

1 – Diana Miller  
 11 – Don Bossard  
 15 – Alexis Feldman  
 19 – Ali Crogan  
 26 – Bowie VanHauen  
 27 – Skylar Kessler



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, or there are offering envelopes by the offering plate at church. Thank you.



## **LUANA**

### **CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:**

Karla Schrader

### **CHURCH COUNCIL:**

**President:** Jim Meyer (23)

**V. Pres:** Duaine Davis (23)

**Sec:** Mel Lenth (24)

**Cur. Treas:** Diane Kraus (24)

**Bene. Treas:** Sherri Johnson (24)

**Financial Counters:** Council

### **DEACONS:**

Doug Schrader (23)

Neil Landt (24)

Stan Dull (25)

### **TRUSTEES:**

Duaine Davis (23)

Jim Meyer (23)

Sherri Johnson (24)

Mel Lenth (24)

Diane Kraus (25)

Aaron Smith (25)

### **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 (25)

#### **Special Services/Flowers:**

Betty Handke (24)

Diane Kraus (25)

#### **Bapt./Comm.:**

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

### **Seasonal Banners:**

Altar Guild

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St. John's Luana website

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## **LUANA NEWS**

### **MARCH VOLUNTEERS:**

Greeters: Tim & Lisa Donlon

Read Lessons & Prayers: Mar. 5 – Luke Steege

Mar. 12 – Keith Johnson

Mar. 19 – Mary Schroeder

Mar. 26 – Neal Wikner

Acolyte:

Lent Mar. 1 – Dayne Anderson

Mar. 5 – Karsten Steege

Lent Mar. 12 & 15- Tyce Wikner

Mar. 19 – Joshua Schierholz

Lent Mar. 26 & 29 – Emme Wikner

Communion Servers: Mar. 5 - Jim Meyer & Sherri Johnson

Mar. 19 - Neil Landt & Mel Lenth

Altar Guild: Lisa Meyer

### Menus for Lenten Services

#### March 1st

Potato/Sausage Soup

Bean/Ham Soup

Chili

Buns

Bars

5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Supper @ Luana

6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Luana



#### March 15th

Cheeseburger Soup

Beef Noodle Soup

Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Buns

Bars

5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Supper @ Luana

6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Luana



#### March 29th

Chicken Noodle Soup

Potato/Ham Soup

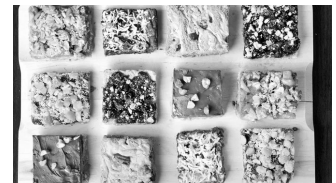
Chili

Buns

Bars

5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Supper @ Luana

6:30 pm Lenten Service @ Luana



### **PERSONAL CARE KITS**

We will be collecting items for Personal Care Kits during Lent.

The items include:

ONE light or medium-weight bath-size towel (52" X 27"), dark color

TWO (2) bath-size bars (4-5 oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping

ONE Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (toothbrush multipacks may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-sized envelope ; NO plastic bags or wrap)

ONE sturdy comb

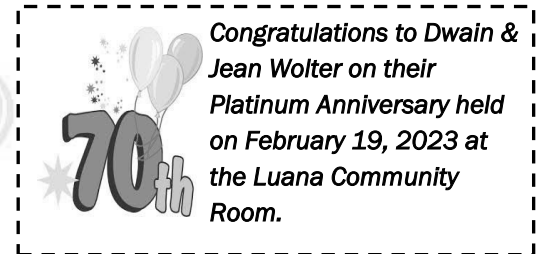
ONE metal nail clippers

## LUANA NEWS



3 – Keisha Formanek  
4 – Ervin Bugenhagen - **85**  
7 – Karsten Steege  
8 – Braden Landt  
18 – Austin Smith  
21 – Kyle Tilson  
24 – Elaine Gehring  
26 – Joshua Schierholz  
28 – Candice Schlein  
31 – Dwain Wolter

*Happy Anniversary*  
March 8 Heath & Chris Landt



### **St. John/Luana Church Council Minutes February 12, 2023**

Meeting was call to order by Jim Meyer at 7:52am

**Present:** Vicar Jeremy Wolf, Jim Meyer, Doug Schrader, Sherri Johnson, Diane Kraus, Neil Landt, Duaine Davis, Stan Dull, Aaron Smith and Melanie Lenth. Also in attendance was Karla Schrader/Church Secretary. Devotions led by Vicar Jeremy after a brief summary on his Dubuque candidacy retreat.

**Old Business:** Minutes were read from the previous meeting and Stan approved the minutes, seconded by Doug. Motion carried. Financials were reviewed and a motion by Duaine and seconded by Sherri to approve the financial report. Motion carried.

Lenten service dates and times were reviewed. Jeremy explained his internship and his 2 candidacy interviews which will take place in February and March through the Synod. Pastor Brackett will be in attendance to listen to Vicar Jeremy preach at the combined church service in Farmersburg on February 19, at 10:00am.

Pastor Brackett will take any questions after service and will meet with Team Ministry. Potluck to follow.

At the Annual meeting a question arose in regards to the Luther League checking and savings account sitting dormant. Sherri will look into the best rates to transfer it over into a CD. Diane made a motion for Sherri to make this change and seconded by Neil. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Communion servers schedule for 2023 was distributed. Non-voting member was once again discussed and it was explained at the annual meeting how to become a voting member.

May 7, 2023 is the date set for Confirmation for Dayne Anderson and Emme Wikner in Luana. An early confirmation will be granted for those confirmands who completed their 2 year course.

Jim reviewed the weather related church cancellation procedures with the council and he will continue to contact each council member before a decision will be made.

Parsonage monthly rent was discussed and council decided not to increase the rent.

Church envelopes are still on back-order, no time frame was given when they will arrive. It was noted that several local churches are experiencing the same problem.

**Next meeting** will be March 12, 2023.

Motion made by Sherri and seconded by Aaron to adjourn the meeting at 8:37am. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Lenth

# LUANA NEWS

## JANUARY REPORT

### EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	517.80
Alliant - Electricity	414.77
Karla Schrader –Secretary	423.26
Cindy Landt – Custodian	400.18
NEITEL	119.39
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,252.59
IRS	297.87
Jeremy Wolfe - Dec mileage	326.07
Church Mutual – Ins	<u>7,650.00</u>
	11,401.93

### INCOME

Jan. 8	995.00
Jan. 15	652.00
Jan. 22	<u>2,389.69</u>
	4,036.69
From Rent/Rep	1,450.00
Dep @ Bk	<u>153.31</u>
	5,640.00
Bal. Dec. 31, 2022	5,782.61
Income	<u>5,640.00</u>
	11,422.61
Less Expenses	<u>11,401.93</u>
Bal. Jan. 31, 2023	20.68

### SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,329.89
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40077.13
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,316.50

### CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Jan. 8	920.00	75.00	995.00
Jan. 15	610.00	42.00	652.00
Jan. 22	<u>2,362.69</u>	<u>27.00</u>	<u>2,389.69</u>
	3,892.69	144.00	4,036.69

### RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 46,161.84
Interest	97.86
Rent 1-26	500.00
To Current	<u>1,450.00</u>
Bal. 1-31-2023	\$ 45,309.70




### BENEVOLENCE REPORT

#### INCOME

Jan. 8	Offering	50.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
	Christmas	74.00
Jan. 15	Offering	65.00
Jan. 22	Offering	60.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Soth Oper.	50.00
	SOTH Crisis	<u>50.00</u>
		409.00

#### EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Xmas	37.00
SOTH Operating	50.00
SOTH Crisis	50.00
Food Shelf	60.00
Food Shelf Xmas	37.00
Synod	<u>45.00</u>
	409.00

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			
		Att.	Comm
	Jan. 22	39	39
	Feb. 5	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>

### **Still haven't arrived....**

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**Offering Envelopes**



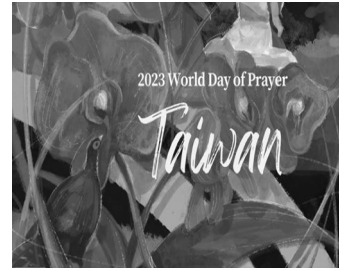


## Both Churches News

**World Day of Prayer is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Pat's Catholic Church, 1:00p.m.** This years host country is Taiwan.

The theme "I Have Heard About Your Faith" is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

*St John Luana needs ONE (1) reader for this day.*



Remember to set  
your clocks ahead  
on March 11th.



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

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

**STONE BROOK VILLAGE:** Elaine Gehring

**ELKADER CARE CENTER:** LuNida Landt

**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, Jim Fuelling



### March 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

#### **March is National Professional Social Work Month**

March is National Professional Social Work Month! Take time this month to recognize social workers in your life and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa, we want to give thanks to all our social workers who do such important work every single day. Without you, LSI wouldn't be able to provide the essential services that Iowa families need.

Our social workers provide a variety of services to families in Iowa, such as crisis child care, in-home programs and classes for parents. These services provide families the support and education they need to care for their young children.

#### **Social Work is Rewarding Work**

A child saying "mom" for the first time at 3 years old, a parent getting a job that brings them joy – these are successes that are important to Mallory Berkenpas, Service Coordinator in LSI's Early Childhood department in Sioux City.

Mallory has been an employee of LSI for more than a decade, and has held many different roles in supporting children and families. "My heart lies in working with children and families and prevention work, because I've seen the value in it. I see how important it is. I wish more people knew and understood and valued the work that is done in the early childhood period because it is so crucial," said Mallory.

She expressed that one of the most rewarding parts of her job is being able to see, experience and walk this journey alongside these families, who along the way, make these small or big strides – whatever that means for them.

"Maybe the child says 'mom' for the first time at 3 years old, which is something that has happened in our program. That's a big win for this child that didn't speak from zero to three years old, and did because of the interventions we helped that family find," said Mallory. "All of those successes are so important to me and also my staff – being able to see them grow, build their skill set and feel good about their work."

"Social work can be so hard... so I think being able to see those small and big wins along the way is important," said Mallory.

# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2023

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**This is your opportunity to visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary and visit the beautiful city of Budapest.**

We are still taking applications for people interested in taking this two-week trip in the middle of June of this year. The generalized cost of the trip is around \$2,500 a person. This is a great way to vacation afar with this amazing low-cost opportunity and meet fascinating Hungarian Lutheran Christians. Applications must be received by March 15, 2023 for consideration of the trip. Applications will be reviewed for selection in early April. Applications can be picked up/dropped off at the SOTH office.

Ascension Day Service this year will be in person at the Ceres Church on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm. After the service we will have a potluck at the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo, Ia.

### Clothing center updates

**WE ARE OPEN to the public!!!**

One of the misconceptions is that we are only open to help those in need. As great as that is to be able to help the community, we want to send a reminder that we are open to **everyone**. The public is welcome to shop our amazing prices of mostly everything being only \$1.00 each. We have some name brand items throughout the store. Rock Revival, Silvers, Maurice's, Carhart, Under Armour, Nike... just to name a few. Boutique Dot Dot Smile girls' dresses are new with tags for only \$2.00 each. Clothing donations are still steadily coming in. Please call ahead to make sure I have room to store your items as I only have a small space to work with. Men's jeans are always in need and King and Queen bedding, I am hoping to have a Saturday Sale soon so it is easier for everyone to shop that work during our normal hours. I will be posting on our FACEBOOK the details on that very soon.

### Shepherd Conference News

Thank you for all your support for the Annual Conference Assembly. I hope that everyone is able to notice the great things that we, at Shepherd of the Hills, are doing for the community. We also would like to welcome all of the newly elected members of the church councils, conferences and our Shepherd of the Hills Board. Together we are all doing great things!

#### **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:**

**Ascension Day Service**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30 pm**

**Synod Assembly- June 9-10,**  
**2023 @ Luther College**

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

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