

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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I have a home church in Epworth Iowa. I haven't walked through the front doors of that church on a Sunday morning in many years but I was baptized, confirmed, had my first communion there, and went to school next door to that church as well. It will always be my home church but walking through the front door on a Sunday morning would be tough because I've been away for so long.

People want to connect with their home church but sometimes the front door on Sunday morning isn't the best way for everyone. One of my goals has always been to create as many side doors to the church as possible for those who still love the church but have trouble for whatever reason getting through the front door.

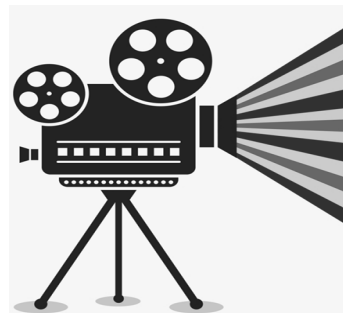
Sometimes that's a home or facility visit. Sometimes it's a video. Sometimes it's an event. Events are the best because it gives a chance for folks to visit in a low stress and festive way.

Recently we had a pair of nice events. In Farmersburg we had a really nice Ice Cream Social. It was well attended. In Luana we recently held VBS and for the last night we had a movie night. We watched a movie together, ate hamburgers and hot dogs, and the kids got to sing a couple of VBS songs in front of their loved ones beforehand.

We'd like to keep the momentum going and on Wednesday August 30th we're going to have another movie night in Farmersburg which will double for our first night of confirmation. I'm still working on the movie as there are some good ones to choose from but we will have a simple meal, a quick prayer, and we'll watch a movie together. This is a way for multiple generations of the church to spend time together in fellowship and it's another side door to the church for those who can't get to us on Sunday morning for whatever reason. More details to come and this is something that I think we'd like to do every couple of months to keep that spirit of fellowship alive outside of worship. Blessings to you and I hope to see you then and in between.

-Jeremy

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FARMERSBURG NEWS

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

Pres:

V. Pres:

Sec: Ashley Shaw

Treas: Ethan Goltz

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Tammy Muller (24)

Secretary: Vicki Baade (24)

Members: Luke Steege (23)
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.



Work was completed on the outside of the bell tower by Turkey River Construction, Elgin, IA; the decorative arches were replaced, loose slats were repaired and reattached.

Thanks to Justin Fuelling for hauling the Lift, thanks to the anonymous donor of \$100 toward the project, and thanks to John and Becky Fuelling for covering the cost.



August 20 @ 11:00 AM
St. John Lutheran
Church, Farmersburg
will be having a special
congregational meeting
on Sunday, August 20

following worship services.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the options
of renovating the schoolhouse.

THANK YOU!

BIG thank you to those who
helped with the ice cream social!
Special thanks to those who
donated food and volunteered
their time.

It was great to see the "church
family" working and socializing together.

Plus thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the meal
and fellowship.

St. John Church Council

A BIG
*thank
you*

*Thank you for sharing flowers on the Altar
Zachary Radloff & Autumn Schuety in memory
of Gracelynn Radloff.*

Thank you to Ethel Lenth & Nancy Moon for
arranging flowers. Thank you to Dave &
Heather Hageman for the Calla Lilies.



FARMERSBURG NEWS

GREETERS

August 6 John & Becky Fuelling
(9:00 am Froelich Barn)
13 Kenny & Velma Kuehl
20 Don & Kathy Erickson
27 Larry & Linda Friedlein



USHERS

August 6 9:00 am (Froelich Barn) & August 13 10:00 am
Captain Larry Friedlein Don Erickson
John Fuelling Rod Stagman

August 20 & August 27 10:00 am
Captain Matt Radloff Paul Weipert
John Klinge Dan Moon

AUGUST ACOLYTES

6 (Joint @Froelich Barn) 9:00 AM Claire Goltz
13 10:00 AM Landon Goltz
20 10:00 AM Kaylee Hoth
27 10:00 AM Brayden Hoth



August 1 Mindy (Erickson) Clubb
Wyatt Glawe

ALTAR GUILD

Marlene Glawe
Bev Moon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

August 6 Bruce Glawe (9:00 am Froelich Barn)
August 20 Dave Hageman

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Julie Kurth

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

Holy Baptism



Sophia Rose Dubberke was baptized on July 2, 2023.
She is the daughter of Jason Dubberke & Christina
Klinge. We give thanks that Sophia is a child of God
and pray that together with her family she will grow in
grace and faith.



August

19 Clark & Kris Wikner
28 Wyatt & Olivia Glawe

Volunteers
Needed



Sunday School Teachers

Loretta Weipert is stepping down as a
Sunday School Teacher. Looking for
volunteers to do rotation with Lindelle
and Kelly. Each teacher takes a turn and

no one is expected to teach every Sunday.

Thank You to Loretta for her years of service teaching Sunday School.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

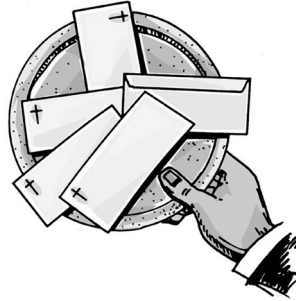
June, 2023 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1730.00
1640.00
710.00
1343.00
50.41 CD Interest

Missions:

NE Iowa Synod: 270.00
SOTH: 220.00
Food Shelf: 110.00
St. Pt. Home: 60.00
LSI: 50.00
EWALU: 35.00



Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 1252.59 + 379.99
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists: 110.81

Expenses:

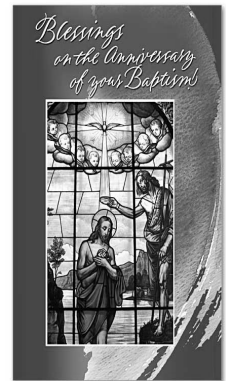
Black Hills (gas): 81.42
Alliant (elec): 176.62
NEIT: 118.19
Synod 50.00 (Bishops Ride Against Hunger for RAGBRAI)
Fisk Farm & Home 62.97 (Mop and Broom for Kitchen)
Church Mutual 678.93
Superior Building Supply 68.13 (Alum Astrical)
Kurt's Plumbing & Heat 74.90 (Water Heater Repair)
Freedom Bank 19.26 (Debt Card Annual Fee)

Total Income: 5473.41

Total Expenses: 4148.08

General Checking Balance – May 1, 2023: 3198.15
May 31, 2023: 4523.48

Kelly Shaw Treasurer



KNOWN BAPTISMS

August

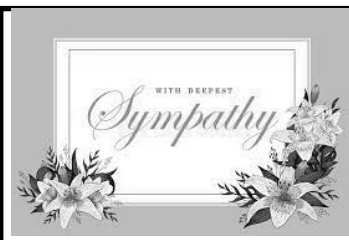
4 – Shirley Marmann
14 – Brian Rodas
15 – John Fuelling
20 – Madelyn Lnenicka
21 – Scarlett Scherf



Worship Attendance

June

4	24
11	30
18	26
25	33



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Wayne Dale Van Note who died on June 30, 2023. He was married to Vernelda Scherf.



August 6th
9:00 am Combined Worship/Comm. @
Froelich Barn



MEN'S PORK MEAL
AUGUST 13, 2023
11:00 am—1:00 pm
Sign up sheet in
Narthex for donations.

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: July 9, 2023

Present: Tammy Muller, Ken Erickson, Bruce Glawe, Dave Hageman, Bill Scherf and Jeremy Wolfe.

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Muller at 1100 am.

Opening devotions given by Jeremy Wolfe.

The meeting started with an update from Becky Fuelling on steeple and schoolhouse repairs and estimates. Labor to materials for steeple arches was \$900.00. Labor, trim, mileage, new fleshing, etc. was \$120. This total of \$1020.00 was paid by John and Becky Fuelling. The council gave their thanks to John and Becky on behalf of the congregation.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken and seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting made by Bill and seconded by Bruce. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the secretaries report was made by Bruce and seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ken and seconded by Bill. Motion approved

The council recapped the ice cream social as part of the Vicar's report. \$1343 was earned through the Ice Cream Social. We bought food for 150 people and used up all the food plus some extra.

The council talked about plans for next year and noted that the Men's Group is considering taking on the event in the future but that will be decided at a later date.

The council discussed the SOTH construction project and decided to table the discussion on a potential donation or support until a firmer estimate is given.

Jeremy gave an update on the photo directory. This is nearly complete and will be published through Snapfish.com for a price of \$20.00 per book. These will be sold to the congregation when prepared and we can order these as needed.

The council discussed the basement carpet and cleaning. Jeremy had Mick Hermesen with Northeast Iowa Fire and Flood do an estimate and Dave is exploring a quote from Service master in Decorah.

SOTH Back to School have been advertising in the building and the church is doing our best to promote this.

We discussed God's work our hands Sunday. It was suggested that proceeds from this might go towards the SOTH building project.

Blessing of backpacks will be done in September

Committee Reports:

Evangelism- No report

Parish Education- VBS was successful with 15 kids, 2 eighth grade helpers, and adult teachers from both schools pitching in. Movie night with meal went well also.

Property- Kenny gave an update on basement windows. Due to the sizeable quote to replace basement windows (500.00 per window) we will not be moving forward at this time. The basement cooler has been making lots of noise and a new motor was installed. We are waiting on the invoice for it. The council revisited schoolhouse bids given by Becky. Bill suggested that it should be brought to the congregation. A congregational meeting for the bids was discussed for the date of August 20th, 2023. Motion by Bill and seconded by Kenny.

Stewardship-it was suggested that an additional set of keys be made for Dave in case the church is locked in the early morning since he is close by.

Men's Group-Will meet on Sunday July 16th.

Woman's Group-No report.

Worship-Jeremy is continuing to work on the Froelich Barn service. He is coordinating with the Moser's and the altar guild for communion.

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

Next meeting August 20th after worship service and congregational meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Jeremy Wolfe, Vicar

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

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY YOUTH:

Pres:

V. Pres:

Sec: Ashley Shaw

Treas: Ethan Goltz

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Members: Luke Steege (23)

Jason Klinge (23)

Janelle Smith (25)

Becky Fuelling (25)

St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS:

Greeters: Stan & Dawn Dull

Read Lessons & Prayers:

August 6 – Keith Johnson

August 13 – Mary Schroeder

August 20 - Neal Wikner

August 27 – Duaine Davis

Acolyte:

August 6 – Froelich Barn Service

August 13 – Emme Wikner

August 20 - Ty Wikner

August 27 – Dayne Anderson

Communion Servers: August 6 - Neil Landt & Sherri Johnson

August 20 - Doug Schrader & Mel Lenth

Altar Guild: Betty Handke

Flowers: Betty Handke



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 - Charlie & Cheryl Wagner

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
May 21	32	29
June 4	26	26
June 18	32	31
July 2	27	27
July 16	35	35
	152	148

*Worship
With Us*

ST. JOHN/LUANA CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 16, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Meyer @7:34am

Present: Vicar Jeremy Wolfe, Diane Kraus, Sherri Johnson, Melanie Lenth, Duaine Davis, Neil Landt, Stan Dull, Doug Schrader, Aaron Smith and Jim Meyer.

Also, in attendance Karla Schrader, Church Secretary.

Devotions: Led by Vicar Jeremy Wolfe.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2023 made by Neil and 2nd by Sherri. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Reviewed and Karla reported the parsonage rent is a month late and will be caught up shortly. Doug moved to accept the report and 2nd by Stan. Motion carried.

Old Business: Vicar Jeremy reported the VBS was successful and movie night went extremely well. Around 17 children & helpers (more/less) participated.

*SW corner of the church is repaired and the bill from Stan Thompson for the work will be submitted. Stan recommended the sidewalk by there should be repaired. The Building Committee will pursue concrete estimates from local contractors.

*Stan Thompson will repair the plaster in the parsonage entry way ceiling caused by the roof water damage. This will be done during the winter months.

*Reminder on the Joint Worship Service at Froelich August 6 @9:00am.

New Business: Vicar Jeremy read a letter from SOTH director Heather for repair work needed on the SOTH building rails & entry way. Estimated cost between \$10k-\$15k. Council agreed to donate \$1,000.00 out of the building fund for the project, motioned made by Stan and 2nd by Duaine. Church members may also donate to help derail the cost by designating on their church envelope.

*Copyrights/Live streaming service debate to be tabled at this time.

*Vicar Jeremy informed the council the Church directory is in its final stages and printing will begin soon. 5 copies will be order for the Church. More copies can be ordered at a later date.

*New A/C units will be installed since the original ones/air compressors aren't working. Sherri commented to check on our Church insurance policy which could possibly be covered for the costs. Karla will investigate.

*Vicar Jeremy will discuss with the Shared Ministry Team on service times to allow for more duration between the two services.

Next meeting: August 13, 2023 @7:30am

Adjournment @8:25am. Motion by Diane & 2nd by Sherri. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Lenth, council secretary



Council Minutes

LUANA NEWS

MAY REPORT Karla Schrader

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	188.67
Alliant - Electricity	364.56
Karla Schrader –Secretary	423.26
Cindy Landt – Custodian	400.18
NEITEL	118.58
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,252.59
Jeremy Wolfe – May mileage	544.60
IRS	339.81
St John Farmersburg – geraniums	<u>182.00</u>
	3,744.25

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,329.89
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,086.73
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,316.50

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
May 7	1,090.00	100.00	1,190.00
May 14	797.00	94.00	891.00
May 21	432.00	10.00	762.00
May 28	<u>432.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>457.00</u>
	2,751.00	229.00	2,980.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

May 7	Offering	95.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
May 14	Offering	10.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
May 21	Offering	5.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
May 28	Offering	45.00
	Food Shelf	<u>50.00</u>
	SOTH Opr.	<u>75.00</u>
		350.00

INCOME

May 7	1,198.00
May 14	891.00
May 21	442.00
May 28	<u>457.00</u>
	2,980.00
St. John Fmbg	182.00
Concordia Pub.	<u>38.80</u>
	3,200.80
Bal. Apr 30, 2023	2,528.05
Income	<u>3,200.80</u>
	5,728.85
Less Expenses	<u>3,744.25</u>
Bal. May 31	1,922.60

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 4-30-2023	\$ 41,080.83
Interest	93.33
Rent	<u>500.00</u>
Bal. 5-31-23	\$ 41,674.16

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. May 31, 2023	\$262,292.97
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EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Opr.	75.00
Food Shelf	120.00
Synod	<u>25.00</u>
	350.00



LUANA NEWS

JUNE REPORT Karla Schrader

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	107.36
Alliant - Electricity	253.80
Karla Schrader –Secretary	423.26
Cindy Landt – Custodian	400.18
NEITEL	118.58
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,259.59
Jeremy Wolfe – May mileage	870.89
IRS	339.81
Access Systems – copier mtce	155.85
City of Luana – w/s/g	<u>268.74</u>
	4,198.06

INCOME

June 4	1,075.00
June 11	745.00
June 18	534.00
June 25	<u>5,617.00</u>
	7,971.00

Bal. May 31, 2023	1,922.60
Income	<u>7,971.00</u>

9,893.60

Less Expenses	<u>4,198.06</u>
Bal. 6-30-2023	5,695.54

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,329.89
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,086.73
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,316.50

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 5-31-23	\$ 41,674.16
Interest	<u>98.42</u>
Bal. 6-30-23	\$ 41,772.58

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Int	Total
June 4	1,065.00	5.00	5.00	1,075.00
June 11	725.00	20.00		745.00
June 18	524.00	10.00		534.00
June 25	<u>5,617.00</u>			<u>5,617.00</u>
	7,931.00	35.00	5.00	7,971.00

1,075.00

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. June 30, 2023	\$270,521.17
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BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

June 4	Offering	76.00
	Food Shelf	100.00
June 11	Offering	25.00
June 18	Offering	30.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
June 25	Offering	20.00
	Food Shelf	<u>10.00</u>
		296.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Opr.	25.00
Synod	<u>21.00</u>
	296.00

Known Baptismal Birthdays

4 - Layton Pape

5- Sheri Landt

31 – Brian Bugenhagen



Both Churches News



VBS was awesome this year! We had 15 kids (17 if you include our 8th grade helpers) and the kids had a great time. We learned stories of the Bible and characters of faith. We spent some time with Abraham, Noah, Jesus, Zacchaeus, Peter, and others. The kids learned (or relearned) some songs and we capped it off with a fun movie night and meal. The kids sang for the audience, we had burgers and hot dogs, and then we watched "The Prince of Egypt" together. Some of the kids asked, "are you doing this next year?". We were extremely blessed because we were able to lean on decades of education and Sunday School experience from Luke, Kim, Loretta, Janelle, Kelly, Lindelle, Sherri, and Cindy. Special thanks to the Steeges for all of their incredible contributions (and hot dogs) and to Keith for helping us out with burgers. Hopefully we were a blessing to the kids and I know that the kids were a blessing to us!

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
FARMERSBURG, IOWA
MEN'S BBQ PORK DINNER
Dine In or Carry Out
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023
11:00 AM—1:00 PM

B-B-Q Pork Sandwich
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Watermelon
Muskmelon
Bars
Lemonade, Milk,
Water, Coffee



Free Will Donation
Call 536-2800 for delivery to Shut-ins on
Sunday, August 13th.



Combined Worship

& Communion on

AUGUST 6th 9:00 am

At Froelich Barn.

Please join us in worship.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Linda Bacon, Linda Hughes,
Larry Doerring, Missy Adams, Julie Mohs, Betty Belloma,
Ryne Landt, Charlie Post, Lonnie Baade, Melanie Cahoon,
Joy David, Rick Conley, Keith Lee, *Dallas Tielbar, Shelby*
Preston, Shirley Wagner, Bram Byroade, Robert Pate,
Melody Pate, Diana Miller, Jim Fuelling

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, Darlene Moon

GUTTENBERG CARE CENTER: Grant Miller

STRAWBERRY POINT LUTHERAN HOME: Shirley Henkes

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

HOMEBOUND: Mary Russett, JoAnn Meyer, *Glenda Henkes,*
Lee Klinkenberg, Jeanette Krambeer, Jim Fuelling

Both Churches News

School Supply List for Shepherd of the Hills

It is that time of year again when we start thinking back to school for the kids. Please pass this information along so we can fill as many backpacks as we can. Last year we filled 238 backpacks with most of the supplies for school. This year looks like we will be serving almost 300. Any donation is greatly appreciated. **Items needed by August 8th.** Thank you- Heather

Back pack
Dry Erase Markers
Washable Markers
Glue
Glue Sticks
Pocket Folders- Lots!!!!
Crayons
Scissors
Wide Notebook
Narrow/College Ruled Notebooks
Kleenex
Pencil Box
Highlighters- Lots!!!
Thin Markers
Pink Big Erasers
Colored Pencils

Red/Black Pens
Pencils
Mechanical Pencils
Composition Books- Wide and Narrow
Loose Leaf Paper- both wide and Narrow
Scientific Calculator
Index cards
1 in Binder



August 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article

Back to School Month

Saying goodbye to summer and transitioning into a new school year can be a difficult time for many adolescents, especially those with emotional or behavioral disorders.

LSI has 27 therapists that provide mental health counseling to individuals of all ages through in-person therapy in over 20 locations across the state and virtual therapy in all 99 counties. In 2022, our Clinical Services team served more than 1,000 clients, totaling 14,000+ therapy sessions for Iowans of all ages.

In addition, our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team wraps care around a child's entire family to empower them with skills like anger management, healthy decision-making and problem-solving. In 2022, the BHIS team served over 250 clients, resulting in more than 3,900 therapy sessions for children and their families.

Through LSI's Trauma Informed Care program at the Juvenile Detention Center in Waterloo, our staff work with the teens by completing trauma assessments on each adolescent and providing a summary to their juvenile court officers. The LSI staff also facilitate both individual and group therapy sessions with the teens to help them deal with their trauma and work through it in a productive way.

If you or someone you know could benefit from therapy – even from the comfort of your own home – reach out by calling 888.457.4692 or visiting LSIowa.org/therapy.

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 and families in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI senior director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023

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We are in full swing thinking about Back to School. We are expecting close to 300 students this year that will need backpacks and supplies. With your kind donations, we will pack those new backpacks full of needed supplies for school. If you would like to donate supplies, we are still in need of sharpies, highlighters, spiral notebooks (wide and narrow), pocket folders (all colors), colored pencils, colored markers, erasers, pens and backpacks. If you would rather send monetary donations, we will use that money to shop days before the event for items we still need. All donations can be brought to Shepherd of the Hills during business hours by August 8th. We look forward to hosting this event on August 9th from 9am to 5pm. This event is open to surrounding areas with a referral. Thank you all for supporting the local students and our projects.

Clothing center updates

We are doing a “much needed” repair to the front steps and landing to the entrance of the building. The project is necessary as the cement is pulling away from the building and cracking and it can be a safety concern. We have received bids from \$10,000 up to \$15,000. We are hoping to alleviate some of the cost by doing some work ourselves. But this still is leaving a heavy cost that we need help with. SOTH has been very active with helping the community this year especially. Since our fiscal year started in February until June, we have had 414 referred families in the clothing center. 8,834 items have been distributed to those families. We have received 882 boxes/bags of donations as well. Our Crisis account has also distributed \$8,273.96 with utilities/rent help so far this year. Last year our Back-to-School event helped 238 children with backpacks and supplies. Our Christmas for Kids event gave 441 children gifts for Christmas. So, as you can see, through your continued support we have helped so many local people. We would really appreciate your donation to keep our beautiful building safe for all to enjoy. If you are able to contribute to this project, please send your donations to Shepherd of the Hills office.

Shepherd Conference News

No news to share at this time.

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 and our sponsored events throughout the year

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Back-to-School Event

August 9th 2023: 9-5

Any event may be subject to change

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