

### ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Established 1900

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Established 1893

Hello, we have been working on a church directory for awhile and now it's time to print! In the past you would have to order these kinds of directories in bulk and wait on a commercial printer. Thankfully today we can do it a bit differently and print as many copies as are ordered and have them shipped to us within days. That means that I'm hoping that you will help me by telling me if you'd like a copy and how many. What will be in it? Pictures of all those who submitted them, a list of active members, and a few other assorted pictures from each church.

As we move into the future things like this are really valuable and important. We are a yoked parish and while we are two distinct and separate churches who make their own decisions we share some things also. We share a confirmation class, do shared worship together sometimes, and we even share a name. This will help us to get to one another a little better and also to pinpoint a nice moment in the history of the ministry of the church.

The price for each guide is \$20.00. This will cover the cost of printing and shipping. We'd like to print all orders by October 1st and have the directories to you within a couple of weeks after that.

How do you order? Reach out to me by phone, text, email, or Facebook or however you'd like. You can pay in advance or we can collect on delivery. I'll be sharing some screenshots of the directory on the Facebook groups soon if you'd like a preview but it's a pretty traditional directory.

Blessings to you.
Jeremy
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#### September 3

9:00 am Combined Worship @ Luana

September 10th starts the Fall Schedule

9:00 am Worship @ Luana

9:30 am Sunday School @ Farmersburg

10:30 am Worship @ Farmersburg

#### **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)

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.

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September 10 will start the fall schedule with Worship at 10:30 am.

Blessing Students bring your school backof the Backpacks packs to church for the blessing.



FARMERSBURG NEWS

## September

5 William & Michelle Scherf

7 Ron & Gloria Tayek

10 Andrew & Megan Klink

18 Bill & Erin Scherf

Jarrod & Laney (Gardner) Van Hauen

20 Paul & Loretta Weipert 23 Ken & Heather Crogan

## KNOWN "SEPTEMBER" BAPTISMS

3 Diane (Henning) Stangeland Morgan Peterson

7 – Lendall Schievelbein

8 – Wyatt Glawe

9 - Cheryl Bossard

11 – Ben Wikner

16 - Nick Scherf

21 – Nicole Tuecke

29 – Kyle Moon Dacia Schoulte





Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Grant Alvin Miller who passed away on August 2, 2023. There will be a Graveside Service at a later date.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Ann Jennings who passed away on August 13, 2023. Her services were held on August 19,2023 at St. John Lutheran Church Farmersburg. Thank you for sharing flowers in her Memory.

## **FARMERSBURG NEWS**

#### **USHERS**

September 3 @ Luana,

September 10, September 17 & September 24

Captain Bill Scherf IV. Doug Glawe
Clark Wikner Alan Feldman

### **GREETERS**

September 3 Combined Worship @ Luana

10 Allen & Karen Feldman

17 Josh & Megan Schoulte

24 Bill & Erin Scherf IV.



#### **ACOLYTES**

September 3 Combined @ Luana 10 (10:30 am) Lucy Kessler 17 (10:30 am) Olivia Kirby 24 (10:30 am) Claire Goltz

#### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

September 17 Ryan Moon

## September WELCA NEWS

16 1:00 pm Ewalu Quilt Auction

20 1:00 pm Unit Meeting & Election of officers Thought for the Day: Nancy Moon

Devotions: Becky Fuelling Snack: Shirley Marmann

21-24 WELCA Triennial Gathering Phoenix, AZ.

30 Good Will Truck-8:00 am-11:00 am St. Paul

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Julie Kurth Velma Kuehl

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Don & Cheryl Bossard



St. John's Men's Group would like to thank everyone for preparing the meat, donating food, monetary gifts and all the help from the men of the church for putting on the dinner of August 13th.

Thank You to Ethel Lenth and Nancy Moon for the beautiful Flower displays made for our worship services.

## Worship Attendance

July

2- 41

9- 24

16- 26

23- 32

30- 23





## September

- 3 Darci (Kurth) Quamme
- 4 Heather Crogan
- 6 Brad Hoth Nick Kirby
- 7 Lee Zurcher Blake Walleser
- 8 Nathan Johanningmeier Gloria Tayek
- 11 Annabelle Rae Palmersheim Addison Corlett
- 12 Kenneth Erickson
- 13 Doug Little
- 14 Allan Wiedemann
- 16 Martin Hope Emma Phillips
- 17 Michelle Scherf
- 18 Max Byroade
- 19 Eleanor Mae Rodas
- 21 Jordan Klinge Matthew Radloff
- 22 Doug Glawe
- 23 Dennis Henning
- 25 Lisa Pritchard Knickenbocker
- 27 Loretta Weipert Brayden Hoth
- 28 Charlie Byroade
- 29 Harold Henning

# ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES Date: August 20, 2023

Present: Tammy Muller, Loretta Weipert, Ryan Moon, Bruce Glawe, Dave Hageman, Bill Scherf and Jeremy Wolfe. Absent: Ken Erickson.

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Muller at 1110. Opening given by Jeremy Wolfe. Bill moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bruce. Motioned carried. Motion to approve the minutes of 7/9/23 meeting made by Dave, 2nd by Bill. Motion carried. Bruce moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Vicar's Report: Updates on photo directory. The plan is to print copies as ordered. Can be printed and arrive within a few days. \$20 a copy. Will get the word out to find out how many to order the first order.

#### Ongoing Business:

- \*SOTH construction project: SOTH decided to put in a wood deck to save on cost, which will be around \$5000. Bill made a motion to donate \$500, second by Loretta. Motion carried.
- \*Photo directory: See Vicar report. Loretta made motion to order 3 copies for the church. One for office, Jeremy and in resource room. Motion second by Dave. Motion carried.
- \*Basement Carpet Cleaning: Jeremy had shared a bid given by Mick Hermsen Northeast Iowa Fire & Flood for \$880 to clean and \$176 to add protector to carpet. Bill made a motion to accept the bid for both, second by Bruce. Motion carried
- \*Schoolhouse: See notes from congregational meeting prior to council meeting. Related to generous donations, the cost will be covered. Dave will contact Eddie J. Gingerich of Turkey River Construction from Elgin that bid for \$6825 was accepted.

#### **New Business:**

\*Harvest Meal: Scheduled for October 22. Dave will put advertisement signs out by the hwy. Keep same menu. Ryan will contact John Fuelling to discuss commitments for event, then council will coordinate for event at next council meeting. Discussed finding Thrivent members to help with cost of event.

#### Committee Reports:

- \*Evangelism- No report
- \*Parish Education- Sunday School starts 9/10/23. Will have Blessing of back packs on Sunday 9/10/23.
- \*Property- Bill will call about basement elevator door not automatically opening.
- \*Stewardship- No report.
- \*Worship- Froelich Barn Worship August 6 lots of positive feedback. Bruce made a motion for a \$150 stipend for the Moser Family, second by Loretta. Motion carried.
- \*Memorial- No report.
- \*Mens Group Men's Meal on August 13 well attended. Raised about \$2400.
- \*Womens Group No report

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Dave. Motion carried. Next meeting September 10 after worship.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary



## **FARMERSBURG NEWS**

July, 2023 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1597.00 545.00 180.00

850.00

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 + 429.52

Inside Cust.: 209.22 Outside Cust.: 120.05 Organists: 138.52

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 40.16 Alliant (elec): 262.91 NEIT: 118.18

City of Farmersburg 225.40 (Quarter 3 Utilities)
Marco 430.65 (Copier contract)
United States Treasu 838.11 (Quarter 2 taxes)
Superior Building Supp 164.18 (Palram White)

Total Income: 3172.00 Total Expenses: 4974.49

General Checking Balance – July 1, 2023: 4523.48

July 31, 2023: 2720.99

Kelly Shaw 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: 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

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

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

St. John's Luana website www.stjohn-luana.org

## **LUANA NEWS**

#### **SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

Greeters: Jerry and Mary Schroeder

Read Lessons & Prayers: Sept. 3 – Vicky Baade

Sept. 10 – Jerry Schroeder Sept. 17 - Linda Davis Sept. 24 – Mel Lenth

Acolyte: Sept. 3 – Joshua Schierholz

Sept. 10 – Emme Wikner Sept. 17 - Dayne Anderson Sept. 24 – Ty Wikner

Communion Servers: Sept. 3 - Jim Meyer & Diane Kraus

Sept. 17 - Neil Landt & Aaron Smith

Altar Guild: Betty Handke

Flowers: Dawn Dull



School Students bring your backpacks or bookbags to Worship Services on Sunday September 9th @ 9:00am for the blessing.

## Known Baptismal Birthdays

12 - Kelsi Davis

Tyce Wikner

15- Robert Handke Heath Landt

16 – Kelsey McHaney

18 – Jade Moeller

22 – Logan Engelhardt Sabrina Swenson

23 – Doug Schrader

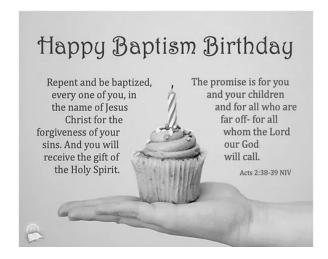
24 – Dawn Dull Brooklyn Landt

25 - Diane Kraus

26 – Kim Steege

27 - Stan Dull

30 – Joshua Schierholz





1 - Paul & Jeanne Miller

2 - Paul & Darci Engelhardt

4 - Luke & Kim Steege

18 - Oswald & Carol Goettler - 70

### ST. JOHN/LUANA CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Meyer @ 7:33am

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

**Absent:** Aaron Smith

Devotions: Vicar Jeremy told a story about a Pastor who dealt with covid and how he rebounded back to health.

Motion to approve the minutes from July 16, 2023 with the correction of the last name of the repair person to Thomas and not Thompson, made by Diane and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Schrader. Motion carried.

<u>Financial Report:</u> Discussed and reviewed by council. Motion to accept report made by Neil and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stan. Motion carried.

<u>Old Business:</u> SOTH is currently accepting donations and will begin work soon on the outside repair work to their building entry way. No estimates were available at this time.

**New Business:** Council unanimously approved Livia Steege to start confirmation this year. Kim Steege will assist Vicar Jeremy with confirmation class in Luana.

- \*Confirmation begins August 30<sup>th</sup> with a movie night.
- \*Motion made by Stan to donate a sum of \$150.00 to the Moser family, \$200.00 for the printing of the church directories and \$50.00 for the use of the Froelich facilities to Vicar Jeremy Wolfe. Diane 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and approved by council. Vicar Jeremy will check with the Moser family for 2024 service for same time and place.
- \*Vicar Jeremy will discuss with Shared Ministry Team via email on both Churches service times and will report back to council.

#### Next Meeting: September 10, 2023 @7:30am

Adjournment @8:25am. Motion made by Duaine and  $2^{nd}$  by Sherri. Motion carried. Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Lenth, council secretary.





Our Sympathy to Jim & Lisa Meyer and families on the passing of Lisa's mother, Betty Belloma. Elizabeth "Betty" A. Belloma passed away Friday, August 18, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 26, 2023 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Centerville.



- 2 Diane Kraus
- 8 Cindy Landt
- 13 Lilian Smith
- 15 Dennis Landt
- 17 Lisa Donlon Paul Engelhardt
- 18 James Meyer
- 20 Vicky Baade
- 22 Duaine Palas
- 26 Duaine Davis

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## **LUANA NEWS**

## JULY REPORT

EXPENSES		INCOME		
Black Hills Utilities -Nat. Gas	41.82	July 2	940.00	
Alliant - Electricity	264.24	July 9	592.00	
Karla Schrader –Secretary	423.26	July 16	946.00	
Cindy Landt – Custodian	400.18	July 23 502.00		
NEITEL	118.59	July 31 <u>1,002.</u> (		
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,252.59		3,982.00	
Jeremy Wolfe – May mileage	472.97	Quill refund	56.13	
IRS	339.81		4,038.13	
Stan Thomas – cement work	415.00			
Plunketts – exerm. & annual agrmt	404.02			
Concordia Publ - P & P	79.77	Bal. 6-30-2023 5.695		
Farm & Home –supplies	159.51	Income $\underline{4,038}$		
Church Budget – envelopes	177.64		9,733.67	
St John Fmbg – Mar./June Nwsltr	176.87	Less Expenses 5,726		
SOTH – Building Fund	1,000.00	Bal. 7-31-2023 4,007.		
	5,726.27			
SPECIAL FUNDS		RENT/REPAIR I	RENT/REPAIR FUND	
Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,329.89	Bal. 6-30-23 \$	41,772.58	
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,086.73	Interest	89.61	
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,316.50	Bal. 7-31-23 \$	41,862.19	
CURRENT FUND		THRIVENT BALA	ANCE	
Fnyelones Plate	Total	Ral July 31 2023	\$273 946 89	

	Envelopes	<b>Plate</b>	Total
July 2	915.00	25.00	940.00
July 9	552.00	40.00	592.00
July 16	932.00	14.00	946.00
July 23	502.00		502.00
July 30	997.00	5.00	1,002.00
-	3,898.00	84.00	3,982.00

# $\frac{\textbf{BENEVOLENCE REPORT}}{\underline{\textbf{INCOME}}}$

July 2	Offering	75.00
July 9	Offering	60.00
-	Food Shelf	100.00
	Back to School	75 .00
July 16	Offering	36.00
	Back to School	100.00
July 23	Offering	5.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Back to School	50.00
June 30	Offering	55.00
	Food Shelf	70.00
		636.00

Bal. July 31, 2023 \$273,946.89



## **EXPENSES**

		Worship A	Attendance
SOTH Food Shelf	355.00 180.00		Att.
Synod	101.00 636.00	July 23	32
		July 30	31
		Aug, 6 F	`roelich Barn
		Aug. 13	<u>27</u>
			90

## **Both Churches News**

The 2023 Ewalu Quilt Auction will be held in-person at Camp Ewalu's main site on Saturday, Sept. 16. The Online Auction will be held Monday, Sept. 11, through Sunday, Sept. 17.

Saturday, Sept. 16 (In person at Camp Ewalu)

- 9:00 am. Quilt viewing begins, and Country Store opens
- 11:00 am. Devotional worship service
- 12:00 pm. Freewill lunch begins
- 1:00 pm. Live quilt auction



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family of Betty Belloma, Mary Zittergruen, Shirley Reeder, Lisa Seitz, Linda Bacon, Linda Hughes, Larry Doerring, Missy Adams, Julie Mohs, Ryne Landt, Charlie Post, Lonnie Baade, Joy David, Rick Conley, Keith Lee, Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Shirley Wagner, Bram Byroade, Robert Pate, Melody Pate, Ron Tayek, Diana Miller, Jim Fuelling, family of Grant Miller, family of Dorothy Jennings, and family of Gary Pritchard.

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

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon 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

#### September 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article

**Leave a Legacy Gift** LSI has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for over 150 years. During this time, we've created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our lowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

You can celebrate your lifetime through a legacy gift, to ensure LSI can continue to provide lifesaving services for those in need. Many of our faithful donors want their gifts to continue after their lifetime, and have elected to leave a legacy through LSI's foundation or the ELCA foundation.

Planned gifts to LSI help to create a firm foundation for our ministry and contribute more than \$400,000 each year. Thanks to the generous compassion of individual donors, congregations such as yours, and our ministry partners at the three synods of the ELCA, we can be confident LSI will be here to meet the changing needs of lowans for years to come.

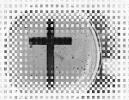
#### You Can Make a Lasting Impact

A longtime supporter of LSI turned an appreciated real estate asset into a charitable remainder unitrust agreement with the ELCA foundation. Because of this agreement, they will receive income from the trust for the remainder of their two lives, and subsequently to their two adult children for a twenty-year term. According to the actuarial tables, this gift will finally terminate in about forty years, leaving a very strong and greatly appreciated impact on LSI's future. Another LSI donor elected to share their investment by directing a required minimum distribution (RMD) from their IRA directly to LSI. The donor used this contribution to match new or increased gifts during the annual matching gift campaign.

We ask you to consider how you can make a lasting impact and leave a legacy. To learn more about planned giving opportunities, go to LSlowa.org/leave-a-legacy/ or 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 - SEPTEMBER 2023



WOW! We expected up to 300 children for our Back-to-School event and we actually had 335. That is 97 more backpacks than the previous year. My volunteers knocked it out of the park yet again. Thank you to those who help us in every way to make this a successful event. The Thrivent donations, monetary donations and supply donations were remarkable. Seeing the excitement on the children's faces (picking out their bags) makes all the hours of set up and planning worthwhile. (Parents were excited too but to see them go back to school) Our surplus of inventory has dwindled down, so if you see any supplies or backpacks on clearance, please pick them up. We will defiantly need them for next year. Thank you for your continued compassion for our children and the programs we host for them. It takes all of us to make good things great!

Our Annual Hog Roast will be held October 1, 2023 from 4pm-7pm at the Auditorium in St. Olaf. We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches, beans, cheesy potatoes, salads, deserts and beverages. There will be a raffle as well. All funds raised will replenish our CRISIS fund to support families in need and the projects we host all year long. Please plan on attending.

## 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. 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 is still leaving a heavy cost that we need help with. 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

Please help me in welcoming East Clermont Lutheran Church in Clermont, Iowa and their Pastor, Ron Roberts to our conference.

#### **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:**

Annual Hog Roast: Oct. 1st 4:00-7:00 pm

Little Flock Cluster B Fall Gathering: Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-1:00 @ Hope Lutheran Church, Littleport.

\*Any event may be subject to change\*

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