

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Established 1900

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Coming up in October St. John Farmersburg has it's annual Harvest Meal. This is a wonderful event and it's awe inspiring to see all of the people who put their time and effort into the day. It's a well oiled machine that I think would make most restaurants a little jealous. It's also wonderful to see lots of people visit us and show support for the church. Every year it is a blessing.

Many things come and go but harvesting has been and will always be with us. In the Bible we are given lots of agricultural examples to learn from. This is brilliant because it stands the test of time. Will a tractor or combine look more like a flying car 50 years from now? I have no idea but I do know that it will still be involved in a harvest.

Whether you are a farmer, used to farm, or have never farmed in your life you are a harvester. Jesus used two good examples to show us what can of work we are called to as evangelists. He made us fishers of men and harvesters as well.

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Luke 10:1-2 NRSV

We hear a lot about the twelve apostles but we don't dwell on these 72 folks that Jesus sent out into the world to harvest. What is the difference between fishing for men or harvesting? Well they both have the same goal. We want to bring people to Jesus. Today we usually fish with a pole but at the time of the apostles you would have used a net. When you fish you are always looking for "keepers". When you harvest you are gathering crops which have matured to the point where you can add them to your "keepers" pile. Good wheat, corn, produce, or whatever you are growing.

In each case we are called to gather people in. To tell them about God's love, the good news that Jesus came to liberate them from sin and give them eternal life, and that they can have an abundant life in Christ. Harvest time is hopefully a time for abundance. Thank your heavenly father for that abundance and try to gather some more of his children in if you can.

Blessings to you.

Jeremy

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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

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

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FARMERSBURG NEWS



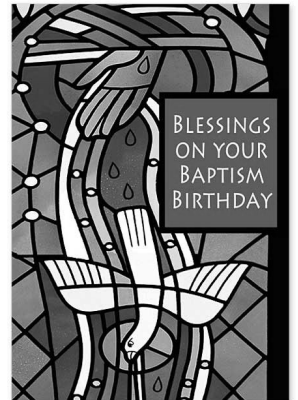
Congratulations to Danny & Lizzy Forsythe who were married on September 9th.

Congratulations to Matthew & Nicole Radloff who were married on September 16th.

Wishing both couples a lifetime of Happiness and Love.

October Known Baptisms

- 2 - Brayden Hoth
- 3 - Declan Wolfe
- 4 - Landon Goltz
 Josiah L'Dean Scherf
 Maverick Lee Palmersheim
 Jameson Wayne Palmersheim
- 18 -Matthew Radloff
- 25 -Doug Glawe
 William Scherf III
 Gary Scherf
- 27- Bennett John Radloff



October

31 Jeremiah & Ashley Schoenfeldt

WELCA projects include layettes and quilt making. The layettes will be going on the LWR Truck on November 4th. Items needed for the layettes are

*Bar Soap, Socks,
 Small Dark colored Hand Towels
 Cotton T-shirts or Onesies
 Long or Short sleeve Gowns or Sleepers
 Receiving Blankets
 Cloth Diapers
 Baby Cap
 Jacket, Sweater or Sweatshirts
 Diaper Pins
 Clothes should be size 6- 24 Months*

Always in need of sheets and pillowcases for quilts.

Any of the above items can be left in the narthex or the Resource room.

Thank you—Marlene, Nancy & Bev

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

Date September 10, 2023

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

Meeting called to order by President Tammy Muller at 11:40.

Opening devotions given by Jeremy.

Loretta moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ken. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2023 meeting made by Bill, second by Dave. Motion carried.

Bill moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Bruce. Motion carried.

Vicar's Report: Jeremy shared August mileage and his process of tracking/reporting mileage. Showed video clips that he records to show his location while traveling.

Ongoing Business:

- *Photo Directory Orders - Orders are coming in. Deadline for first submission of orders is October 1st.

- *Schoolhouse - Turkey River Construction unable to work on project until the end of November.

- *Harvest Meal - Scheduled for October 22. Ryan spoke to John & Becky, they will order and cook the meat.

Loretta started asking individuals to apply for Thrivent cards: Brad Hoth for advertising; Kris Wikner for turkey and Loretta Weipert for paper products. Ryan has a food list. With the increased cost of meat, we will ask for more food donations this year. Tammy will take care of getting ads in place. Dave volunteered to make road signs again this year.

New Business: *Meeting at St Peters in Garnavillo with Bishop tonight to discuss putting together church resources to help each individual church with their needs if able.

Committee Reports: *Evangelism - No report

- *Parish Education - Sunday school served donuts and beverages after church. Thanked Jeremy for supplying donuts and Kelly milk. Confirmation students 8 at this time, a new student.

- *Property - Basement carpet cleaning completed. Elevator door fixed.

- *Stewardship - No report

- *Worship - Next meeting September 20 after confirmation.

- *Memorial - No report

- *Mens Group - No report

- *Womens Group - No report

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

Next meeting October 8 after worship services.

Respectfully submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS



St. John, Farmersburg will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2025. We are looking for volunteers to be on a planning committee for the celebration. Please contact a council member if you are interested.

GREETERS

October 1 Lindelle Scherf & Martyn Geick
 8 Wyatt & Olivia Glawe
 15 Kelly, Ashley & Autumn Shaw
 22 Ken & Heather Crogan
 29 Gilbert & Barb Brainard

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

October 1 Tammy Muller
 October 15 Bill Scherf III.

USHERS

October 1 & October 8
 Captain Jason Klinge Don Bossard
 Wyatt Glawe Justin Fuelling
 October 15, October 22 & October 29
 Captain Rod Stagman Gilbert Brainard
 Harry Gerndt Lyn Tielbar



ACOLYTES

October
 1 Brayden Hoth
 8 Olivia Kirby
 15 Lucy Kessler
 22 Claire Goltz
 29 Carsen Kirby

October Altar Guild
 Cheryl Bossard
 Heather Crogan

Sunshine Committee
 Shirley Marmann
 Velma Kuehl

October

3 Bennett John Radloff
 4 Wm. Scherf III
 5 Verdean Schlake
 7 Mike Reardon
 8 Amanda Nelson
 9 Ben Schlake
 12 Carisa Taylor
 14 Eli Byroade
 17 Nicholas Thornton
 18 Jeff Wiedenman
 Lyndean Tielbar
 19 Joshua Kluth
 Adam Lnenicka
 Megan (Glawe) Klink
 20 Brian Pate
 Chad Taylor
 24 Gilbert Brainard
 29 Melissa (Fuelling) Wolfe

WELCA Highlights

- *The EWALU quilt brought \$300
- *officers will stay the same for the next 2 years
- *Good Will truck will be in Monona on Sept. 30th
- *Little Flock Cluster meeting is October 28th
 9:00am –1:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church if
 interested in attending contact Shirley Marmann
- *will have Thank Offering envelopes made instead
 of ordering them
- *will donate 10 more quilts to RISE around
 Christmas
- *next meeting is December 6th at noon-followed
 by the Christmas Party will invite Luana ladies and
 some others from town
- *made a donation to LSI

If anyone has a large slow cooker or a small electric coffee pot they are not using, the church kitchen could use one. If you have one to donate please contact Shirley Marmann.



WITH DEEPEST Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Gary Lee Pritchard passed away Saturday, August 19, 2023. Funeral services were September 1 at St. John Lutheran Church.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends Richard A. Steege who died on August 24, 2023 A Memorial Service will be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 715 Minnetonka Mills Rd., Hopkins, MN 55343 on Saturday, October 7th @ 11:00 am. Cards can be mailed to MARIE STEEGE, 10531 CEDAR LAKE ROAD #301 MINNETONKA, MN 55305

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Willard "Bill" Paschal (Tracey Phillips Father) who passed away September 17, 2023. Visitation was held on September 22.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

August, 2023 – Treasurer's Report Income:

618.00
1145.00
1893.87
1280.00



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: 1102.59 + 434.20
Inside Cust.: 209.22
Outside Cust.: 120.05
Organists: 83.11

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	39.34	
Alliant (elec):	261.48	
NEIT:	115.69	
S & P Refrigeration	238.56	(Cooler Repair)
Times Register	57.09	(Ice Cream Social Ad)
USPS	200.00	(Postage)
Dubuque Religious Cen	240.59	(San. Lights)
Church Mutual	613.33	(Insurance)

Total Income: 4936.87
Total Expenses: 4460.25

General Checking Balance – August 1, 2023: 2720.99
August 31, 2023: 3197.61

Kelly Shaw, Treasurer



St. John annual Harvest Dinner is October 22.

Volunteers are needed for Saturday prep work, on Sunday morning, during the event and clean-up. More food donations will be needed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Stop in at Church anytime and sign up for donations.



August

13	-33
20	-25
27	-24

Our fall worship schedule has begun. Sunday School is at 9:15 am and Worship is at 10:30 am.
Plan to join us in worship.



Have you donated food for the ice cream social, men's meal or a funeral at church? If you are missing some dishes or pans, they might be at church. The church has accumulated pans, dishes, and bowls again.

A friendly reminder to pick your items up at your convenience.



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

www.stjohn-luana.org

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OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Jeff & Janelle Smith

Read Lessons & Prayers:	Oct. 1	- Luke Steege
	Oct. 8	- Janelle Smith
	Oct. 15	- Loren Lenth
	Oct. 22	- Keith Johnson
	Oct. 29	- Neal Wikner



Acolyte:	Oct. 1	- Karsten Steege
	Oct. 8	- Josh Schierholtz
	Oct. 15	- Emme Wikner
	Oct. 22	- Dayne Anderson
	Oct. 29	- Ty Wikner

Communion Servers: Oct. 1 - Doug Schrader & Stan Dull
Oct 15 - Jim Meyer & Duaine Davis

Altar Guild: Diane Kraus

Flowers: Erma Swenson



October 1 – Joe & Nancy Donlon

Congratulations to Ozzie and Carol Goettler who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary September 18th.

Women of the ELCA

Luana WELCA Meeting October
26 @ 5:30p.m.

Linda, Betty & Karla as Hostesses



Our Sympathy to Melissa & Chad Moeller and families on the death of Melissa's father Don Steffans.



2 - David Schultz
12 - Matt Baade
21 - Jerry Schroeder
23 - Karla Schrader
24 - Marjorie Schrader - 90
Jeff Smith
Neal Wikner

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
Aug. 20	34	34
Aug. 27	30	
Sept. 3	29	Combined 28
Sept. 10	30	
Sept. 17	27	24
	150	86



LUANA NEWS

St. John/Luana Church Council Minutes September 10, 2023



Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Jim Meyer @ 7:32am.

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

Also, in attendance was Karla Schrader, Church Secretary.

Devotions: Vicar Jeremy read a letter from Pastor Harold and Pastor Lynn in regards of a meeting to be held in Garnavillo at St. Peters, tonight @6:30pm. Anyone may attend. Vicar Jeremy will explain this during Church worship service this morning.

The August 13, 2023 meeting minutes were read by Melanie. Duaine made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Doug. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Reviewed and issues discussed by council. Sherri motioned to accept the report and 2nd by Diane. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jim presented to the council a sidewalk cement bid for the south & west side of the Church from B & R Construction/Farmersburg for \$4,220.00. Council will wait for a written bid from Bacon Construction. Motion was made by Doug, 2nd by Neil to wait for the other bid. Council will call a special meeting after the bid is submitted on how to proceed. Council did step outside to review the sidewalk repair.

*Vicar Jeremy discussed his procedures on visiting the shut-ins and will be wearing an Alb for all church services.

New Business: Council agreed to change the date for the October meeting to third Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 7:30am. This change will allow Karla more time to prepare the financials.

Adjournment @ 8:42am and meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Lenth, council secretary.

Known Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 - Nancy Donlon
- 14- Duaine Davis
Mary Russett
- 16 - Vicky Baade
- 17 - James Meyer
- 25 - Cindy Landt
- 26 - Duaine Palas



LUANA NEWS

AUGUST REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	38.15
Alliant - Electricity	327.69
Karla Schrader –Secretary	423.26
Cindy Landt – Custodian	400.18
NEITEL	118.59
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,102.59
Jeremy Wolfe – July mileage	381.49
IRS	339.81
Kurt's Plbg & Htg – air cond.	4,425.14
Plunketts – exerm	59.39
Farm & Home –supplies	26.99
City of Luana – w/s/g	<u>293.74</u>
	7,937.02

INCOME

Aug. 6	524.00
Aug. 13	667.00
Aug. 20	977.00
Aug. 27	<u>385.00</u>
	2,553.00
From Bldg fund	<u>4,500.00</u>
Total	7,053.00
Bal. 7-31-2023	4,007.40
Income	<u>7,053.00</u>
	11,060.40
Less Expenses	<u>7,937.02</u>
	3,123.38

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,413.79
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,086.73
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,316.50

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 7-31-23	\$ 41,862.19
To Current Fund	4,500.00
Interest	<u>31.65</u>
Bal. 8-31-23	\$ 37,454.73

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Aug. 6	485.00	39.00	524.00
Aug. 13	657.00	10.00	667.00
Aug. 20	862.00	115.00	977.00
Aug. 27	<u>370.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>385.00</u>
	2,374.00	179.00	2,553.00

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Aug 31, 2023	\$270,167.38
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BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Aug. 6	Offering	65.00
	Food Shelf	5.00
Aug. 13	Offering	83.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Operating	50.00
Aug. 20	Offering	40.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Operating	50.00
Aug. 27	Offering	65.00
	Food Shelf	<u>40.00</u>
		418.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Oper.	100.00
Food Shelf	65.00
Synod	<u>123.00</u>
	418.00

Both Churches News

First Communion



As we get closer to Reformation Sunday I wanted to check in to see if we have any little ones who might be a good candidate for First Communion. If you know of any kids who are just **started 2nd grade or older.** Would you please let Vicar Jeremy Wolfe know.



I have a new email address.

jeremy.wolfe@csuglobal.edu still works, but it's the school where I got my undergrad from, and they are tightening their rules on email on email and storage and stuff like that.

So... now you can reach me at vicarjeremywolfe@gmail.com

If you use the old one its fine. It's set to auto forward anyway but it was time for a new email. Blessings.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mary Zittergruen, 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 Kailee Thomae, Tracey Phillips*

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

STONE BROOK VILLAGE: Elaine Gehring

ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Grace Doerring

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon

STRAWBERRY POINT LUTHERAN HOME: Shirley Henkes

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

KENSINGTON ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Russett

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



Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2023

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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. I have asked the WELCA women from the churches to make the wonderful deserts again. The auditorium doors will be open for drop offs that day at 10 am. Or you are welcome to bring them with you when you enjoy our meal. Thank you for all the donations to help make this a huge success. 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.

Shepherd of the Hills is here to help our churches and communities to advertise church and community events. If you have a fundraiser, event or something you would like the public to be invited to, please reach out. I am happy to help get the word out. I will do my best to advertise on social media, text and email.

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 are still short of our goal needed for the project so if you are able to contribute to this project, please send your donations to Shepherd of the Hills office.

It's that time of year to clean your closets and cupboards. I am currently accepting FALL/WINTER clothing. I require and appreciate an appointment for drop offs due to limited space and scheduling volunteers. Thank you all for supporting our clothing center with great/nice donations. Your generosity is appreciated.

Shepherd Conference News

I would like to recognize Pastor Kate Johnson on her 9th Anniversary of her Ordination (October 19, 2014) and Pastor Lynn Noel on his 10th Anniversary of his Ordination (October 21, 2013). Congratulations to you both.
(October 21, 2013)

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 28th, 9:00-1:00 @ Hope Lutheran Church, Littleport.

Any event may be subject to change

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