

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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We've settled into 2024 and it's dawning on me that we are in an election year. It's not just an election year in the US, there are 76 nations around the world making decisions this year so it's a time of great decision. Honestly, ugh! Even if you are a person who likes politics we get overloaded in Iowa. Mail, calls, public appearances by politicians, ads, and a feeling of stress and contention. I'm looking forward to getting past it to be honest.

As things will start to heat up I'd like to remind you of a couple of things. These things are obvious but in these trying times I think we need reminders of the obvious because election years can be quite frankly a bit crazy.

1. People are usually not just one thing. We are all complex and our views about things are complex. Most of us are a mixture of opinions so labels are often not productive or accurate. It's impossible to categorize someone and their views in a simple label. Are you a red state person or a blue state person? I don't know but in my experience most people are a shade of purple. A mixture of the two.
2. All of our elected leaders belong to God. He allows them to come into office and he does so in his wisdom. After the election is over we hopefully settle into a time where we are rooting for the elected person to do God's will and do what's best for the people. For example, no matter who our Governor is I always hope that they are working to bring jobs to Iowa. I always want them to succeed in things that are good for all of us.
3. Call me naive but I think that most people want good things for others. In fact I've never met anyone who didn't want the hungry to be fed, kids to be educated, and for people to be employed. The way to make those good things happen is often a reason for arguments. At the end of the day we often want many of the same things but simply disagree on how to do it.
4. Politicians are just people and since they are people they are a mixture of good and bad. Historians often rank Presidents and the ones at the top of the list weren't perfect. They all make mistakes and the ones that we consider to be less good had their strong suits as well. Jimmy Carter only received one term as President so he's not ranked among the greats but I've never met anyone who thought he was a bad man. Some Presidents and politicians who seem less kind than Jimmy had their strengths. I'm convinced that God allows leaders to come in at a specific time and season for a purpose.
5. I hope that we work towards loving the differences in people. I like hearing from people who are very different from me! They help me to examine my own views and test them. God gives us all different experiences and passions for his justice. Naturally we are going to have different points of view. This is good! If everyone thought exactly like me we would be in trouble.
6. Do you want to convince someone of your point of view? That's okay I guess but the best way to do that is to be kind, answer questions when asked, and show people through your everyday life as to why your values make sense. Arguing doesn't change people, if anything it makes them double down on their thoughts. People change their mind on things over time based on their experiences.

God is in control! This is why I don't sweat all the political stuff. It will play out as it is supposed to play out and God will utilize who he will. Our job is to decide and then pray for those who have been chosen.

I hope that this election year treats you well and that you step away from the news for a while. I'm already worn out by political ads. Trust in God and pray for our nation.

Blessings to you
Jeremy

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

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

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Secretary: Vicki Baade (24)
Members: Luke Steege (23)
 Jason Klinge (23)
 Janelle Smith (25)
 Becky Fuelling (25)

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Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

Church Website:

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook
 Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



Michael Erickson, son of Don and Kathy Erickson and a St. John 1987 Confirmant, will be ordained on Saturday, **February 3, 2024 at 1:00 pm** at West Clermont Lutheran Church in Clermont. The congregation is invited.

PS: Trudy Petersen while serving as an interim at St. John was ordained at West Clermont on February 6. 1983.

ANNUAL MEETING of St. John Lutheran Farmersburg will be held on February 4th following worship. Please plan to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING



Men of St. John Lutheran will have a meeting following annual meeting on Sunday, February 4th.

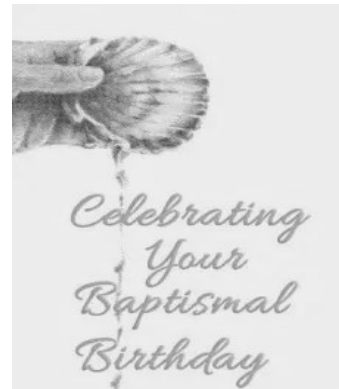
AGENDA

*Election of officers
 Dates of Ice Cream Social
 & Men's meal*

Known February

Baptisms

7 – Olivia Kirby
 11 – Samantha Howard
 Autumn Shaw
 15 – Tammy Muller
 17 – Marlene Glawe
 22 – Matthew Scherf
 23 – Brian Glawe
 23 – Bruce Glawe
 28 – Garrett Lnenicka



Thank you to all that remembered me this past year With the newsletter, devotional book, Sunshine committee and cards. It's always good to have contact with St. John and Farmersburg. May you all have a blessed 2024.

Dorothy Kluth



FEBRUARY 2nd

HAPPY Anniversary

KNOWN Anniversaries

February 20

Don & Cheryl Bossard

FARMERSBURG NEWS

USHERS

February 4 & February 11
 Captain Jason Klinge Ken Erickson
 Matt Goltz Bill Scherf III.

February 18 & February 25
 Captain John Klinge Rod Stagman
 Jamie Tielbar Ken Crogan

February

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

4 Brayden Hoth
 11 Olivia Kirby
 18 Lucy Kessler
 25 Claire Goltz

February Greeters

4 Bill & Michelle Scherf
 11 Kelly, Ashley & Autumn Shaw
 18 Lisa Berns & Beth Bries
 25 Rodney Stagman & Jeremy Howard

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Feb. 4 Ken Erickson
 Feb. 18 Bruce Glawe

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Becky Fuelling



ALTAR GUILD

Velma Kuehl
 Shirley Marmann

WELCA NEWS

FEBRUARY

5, 6, 7 Do-Days 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 14 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Lenten Service @ Luana
 21 5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Meal @ Farmersburg Group 1
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service @ Farmersburg
 28 5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Meal @ Luana
 6:30 pm Lenten Worship Service @ Luana

The 2024-2025 Yearbook will be published in February.
 This is a list of Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons for the 2024
 Kitchen committees.

Group 1

Chairperson: Amanda Goltz 539-4190 or 563-880-3130
 Co-Chairperson: Kathy Scherf 964-2240 or 563-379-2485

Group 2

Chairperson: Stacy Fuelling 539-8390 or 563-880-8695
 Co-Chairperson: Theresa Rodas 563-880-4534

Group 3

Chairperson: Kelly Shaw 536-2364 or 563-880-5504
 Co-Chairperson: Megan Schoulte 563-380-3228

February 2 Alexandra (Ali) Moran
 3 Dave Hageman
 4 John Suhr
 Jeffrey Scherf
 Ron Tayek
 7 Connor Kirby
 Carsen Kirby
 Foster Wolfe
 Wayne Wyatt Glawe
 8 Linda McMillin
 Noah Klinge
 9 Kelly (Schoenfeldt) Titel
 Cierra Weipert
 10 Elizabeth Crogan
 12 Miranda Looby
 Matthew Erickson
 Chris Schmidt
 Emily (Moon) Palmersheim
 13 Desirae Henning
 14 Kenneth Crogan
 Jeremy Howard
 15 Dantae Henning
 16 Randall Wiedenman
 18 Brooklyn Scherf
 19 Kathy Kluth
 20 Shirley Wagner
 21 Paul Weipert
 Dominic Schoulte
 22 Elissa Gardner
 23 Linda Friedlein
 24 Kurt Kessler
 25 Rylan Hoth
 27 Julie (Scherf) Morley

December Attendance

3- 22
 10- 63
 17- 30
 24- 52
 31- 35



St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes. 1-21-2024

Present were Tammy Muller, Bruce Glawe, Bill Scherf III, Ken Erickson, Dave Hageman. No secretary was present so Jeremy took notes.

The meeting was called to order by Tammy.

Jeremy lead a devotion based on Hebrews 10:19-25

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bill, seconded by Dave.

A motion to approve the secretary's minutes was made by Ken, seconded by Bruce.

Treasurer reports for November and December were presented. Bruce made a motion to accept both, seconded by Dave.

Vicar report. Jeremy updated us on the internship process and potential timeline.

Nomination committee decisions and information was reviewed. If approved... Dave H, Heather H, Jeff K, and Deb T were chosen to represent us for Shepherd of the Hills. Shirley M and Ethel L will represent us for EWALU, Velma K & Loretta W will represent us for Strawberry Point Lutheran Home. Linda Schoulte accepted a nomination for church council and team ministry. Lindelle for interchurch council.

Tammy presented the proposed budget and highlighted adjustments and items of note. Bill made a motion to present the budget at the annual meeting and it was seconded by Kenny.

Items for the annual meeting were reviewed. Review of the parsonage sale, the investment of proceeds, and a potential committee for the 125th anniversary of the church were discussed. In addition we may discuss the most efficient way to make sure money is counted after worship.

The council decided to give Mike Erickson \$75.00 (most likely a gift card) which will be presented by Jeremy when he attends Mike's ordination.

We reviewed points from the last worship committee meeting. We discussed a possible first communion on Maundy Thursday and Confirmation on May 5th. Souper Bowl Sunday is February 11th. The worship schedule for lenten services has been set as well.

Memorials were discussed. The Men's group will meet on February 4th. The woman's group has been busy quilting. The rest of the committees are busy preparing reports for the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be February 11th after worship.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ken and seconded by Dave. The group closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Vicar Jeremy Wolfe.



**Church Council
Meeting Minutes**

FARMERSBURG NEWS

November, 2023 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

650.00	
2039.18	CD Interest
1595.00	
1505.00	
1360.00	
485.00	

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 + 525.98
Inside Cust.:	209.22
Outside Cust.:	220.05
Organists:	110.82

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	59.90
Alliant (elec):	187.13
NEIT:	116.79

Total Income: 7634.18

Total Expenses: 3177.48

General Checking Balance –

November 1, 2023: 4158.66

November 30, 2023: 8615.36

Kelly Shaw—Treasurer



December, 2023 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

2610.00	
49.86	CD Interest
1037.00	
1010.00	
1430.00	

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 + 334.82
Inside Cust.:	209.22
Outside Cust.:	120.05
Organists:	138.52

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	125.55
Alliant (elec):	233.26
NEIT:	116.24
USPS:	266.00 Mailings & Roll of stamps
1517 Media	89.00 Augsburg License
Kurt's Plum & Heat	115.33 unpaid bill from 10/15/22
Nu-Trend	700.15 Annual Safety Test
Dubuque Relig. Center	64.90 Advent Candles
NE Iowa Fire/flood	1056.00 Basement Carpet Cleaning

Total Income: 6136.86

Total Expenses: 5416.63

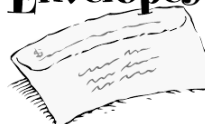
General Checking Balance –

December 1, 2023: 8615.36

December 31, 2023: 9335.59

Kelly Shaw—Treasurer

Offering Envelopes



Reminder: The church is no longer providing envelopes for your offering. You can use any you have left or there are envelopes on the counter in the narthex.

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Neil Landt (24)

V. Pres: Aaron Smith (25)

Sec: Mel Lenth (24)

Cur. Treas: Diane Kraus (25)

Bene. Treas: Sherri Johnson (24)

Financial Counters: Council

DEACONS:

Neil Landt (24)

Jerry Schroeder (26)

Tim Donlon (26)

TRUSTEES:

Sherri Johnson (24)

Mel Lenth (24)

Diane Kraus (25)

Aaron Smith (25)

Heath Landt (26)

WELCA:

Leaders:

January—March Vicky Baade

April—June Lisa Meyer

July—September Mel Lenth

Oct.—December Karla Schrader

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (26)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (26)

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

Chairperson: Tammy Muller(24)

Secretary: Vicki Baade (24)

Members: Jason Klinge (23)

Janelle Smith (25)

Becky Fuelling (25)

Aaron Smith (26)

St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Lonnie & Vicky Baade

February

Read Lessons & Prayers:

Feb. 4 - Mel Lenth

Feb. 11 - Neal Wikner

Feb. 18 - Luke Steege

Feb. 25 - Loren Lenth

Acolyte:

Feb. 4 - Dayne Anderson

Feb. 11 - Emme Wikner

Feb. 18 - Karsten Steege

Feb. 25 - Josh Schierholz

Communion Servers:

Feb. 4 - Neil Landt & Aaron Smith

Ash Wednesday Feb. 14

Feb. 18 - Jerry Schroeder & Diane Kraus

Altar Guild: Darci Engelhardt

Flowers: Mel Lenth

Known Baptismal

Birthdays

3 - Darin Schlein

Darci Engelhardt

12 - Anne Sadler

24 - Sonya Anderson

27 - Linda Davis

Celebrating
your
Baptismal
Birthday

He saved us
through the
washing of
rebirth and
renewal by
the Holy
Spirit.

Titus 3:5 NIV

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



February Birthdays

1 - Chris Anderson

12 - Tristan Meyer

16 - Livia Steege

22 - Keith Johnson

25 - Randy Mohs

Emme Wikner

27 - Erma Swenson

28 - Linda Davis

29 - Amber Moeller

	Att.	Comm
Dec. 24 Joint	48	
Dec. 24	66	
Jan. 7	33	23
Jan. 14	No Church	
Jan. 21	34	34
	181	57



February 7th @ 5:00 pm in
Luana. (Note time change)
All are welcome.

LUANA NEWS

DECEMBER REPORT



EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	106.10
Alliant - Electricity	270.70
Karla Schrader –Secretary	423.26
Cindy Landt – Custodian	400.18
NEITEL	119.35
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,102.59
IRS	879.62
Jeremy Wolfe -Nov. mileage	368.72
Plunketts – annual agrmt & monthly	391.20
City of Luana – w/s/g	293.74
Access Systems – copier agrmt	166.74
Year End Bonus – 800.00 x 3	2,400.00
Church Mutual – Wk Comp & Ins	9,164.00
Concordia – P & P	131.50
St John Farmersburg – 06-12 newsletter	263.39
IA Tax – extra w/h for Jeremy	<u>250.00</u>
	16,731.19

SPECIAL FUNDS

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,500.44
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,895.06
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,499.38

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Dec. 3	1,125.00	5.00	1,130.00
Dec. 10	727.00		727.00
Dec. 17	527.00	15.00	542.00
Dec. 24	1,040.00	93.00	1,133.00
Dec. 31	<u>1,090.00</u>		<u>1,090.00</u>
	4,509.00	113.00	4,622.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Dec 3	Offering	141.00
	Food Shelf	115.00
Dec. 10	Offering	25.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Crisis	50.00
Dec. 17	Offering	15.00
Dec. 24	Offering	79.00
	Food Shelf	90.00
Dec. 24	Christmas	954.00
Dec. 31	Offering	30.00
	Christmas	<u>10.00</u>
		1,419.00

INCOME

Dec. 3	1,130.00
Dec. 10	727.00
Dec. 17	542.00
Dec. 24	1,133.00
Dec. 31	<u>1,090.00</u>
	4,622.00
From repair fund	10,450.00
Davis dividend	501.00
Wentz REC dividend	28.54
Thrivent	<u>93.00</u>
	15,694.54
Bal. 11-30-23	2,607.09
Income	<u>15,601.54</u>
	18,301.63
Less Expenses	<u>16,731.19</u>
Bal. 12-31-23	1,570.44

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 11-30-23	\$ 35,669.69
Interest	89.61
Rent	1,000.00
To current fund	<u>10,450.00</u>
Bal. 12-31-23	\$ 26,309.30

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Dec. 31, 2023	\$282,926.28
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EXPENSES

SOTH	612.00
Food Shelf	647.00
Synod	<u>160.00</u>
	1,419.00



LUANA NEWS



President Jim Meyer call the meeting to order at 9:18am following church service. 33 members were present.

Devotions were lead by Vicar Jeremy Wolfe from a reading by Hebrews.

Previous year's meeting minutes were read by Melanie Lenth. Mary Schroeder made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Lisa Meyer. Motion approved.

Vicar Jeremy gave a brief update on his schooling which will be completed in May 2024 and possibly be ordain in the summer. Jeremy will meet with the Bishop in March. If anyone has any questions or concerns on his process, please contact him. Jeremy thanked the congregation for their continued support.

Stan Dull gave the Auditor's report. He along with Sheri Landt found the church books to be in order. Tim Donlon motioned to approve. Keith Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

Financials were reviewed next. There were no concerns or questions, Jerry Schroeder made a motion to accept and 2nd by Cindy Landt. Motion carried.

Organizational reports were next on the agenda and reviewed. Keith Johnson made the motion to accept the reports and 2nd by Doug Schrader. Motion carried.

Nomination committee report: Church council current members: Sherri Johnson(24), Melanie Lenth(24), Neil Landt(24), Diane Kraus(25), Stan Dull(25), Aaron Smith(25). Those going off council- President Jim Meyer, Vice President Duaine Davis and Doug Schrader.

Nominations for Council (3-year term)-Jerry Schroeder, Tim Donlon and Heath Landt. There weren't any nominations from the floor.

St. John Parish Ministry Writing Team(3-year term) - no one volunteered therefore, council will appoint. Luke Steege finished his 3-year term.

Synod Assembly (Wartburg College, Waverly) will be held June 8-9. This will be a workshop event only. Along with Vicar Jeremy, 2 Adults and 1 Youth are recommended to participate in. No one volunteered at this time. If anyone is interested contact Jeremy. The next Synod Assembly meeting will be held in 2025.

SOTH Conference Assembly (Sunday, February 18th) @St. John/Guttenberg, time 2pm, 4 delegates required. Lisa and Jim Meyer, along with Duaine and Linda Davis agreed to attend.

A unanimous vote was declared to accept the ballot for the three new council members, the appointment by council for ministry team, the delegates and the 2024 budget.

Old Business and President's Report: Jim Meyer stated the church outside brick corner was repaired and the sidewalk replaced on south & west side of the church. He asked if anyone was willing to reseed the grass in this area come spring. Keith and Deb Hanson agreed to tackle this task when they are in the process of doing their own lawn. Jim thanked everyone for their help in maintaining the inside and outside of the church.

New Business: Jerry Schroeder made a suggestion to have a separate water line away from the parsonage and going directly to the church just in case in the near future the church decides to sell the parsonage. The council will look into it. A question was asked if the chair lift could be moved to the steps that lead directly to the church basement. Due to the wall construction leading down to the basement it is highly impossible to change.

It was also mentioned if phone numbers need to be updated a list will be available on the table in the vestibule.

Being no further business, Sherri Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Neil Landt. Approved at approximately 9:47am.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Lenth

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS

February 4th
12:00 noon
St. John Lutheran Farmersburg
We are calling this a Game Day! Board games, cards, maybe some Mario Kart. Bring your favorite board game, deck of cards, or grab a controller and play. This is open to both churches and to the general public. We'll have a simple meal (maybe some Chili?) bring a dish to share, and play for awhile. I'll be leading a game of "Ticket To Ride" and will bring some other games with me. You can also just hang out and watch. Please reach out if you'd like to help with the meal or if you have any questions. Jeremy



LENTEN *Schedule*

February 14 Ash Wednesday
6:30 pm Worship @ Luana *Ash Wednesday*



February 21 @ Farmersburg
5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Menu: Barbecues, salads, desserts/bars

February 28 @ Luana
5:00 pm—6:15 pm Lenten Meal
6:30 pm Worship
Menu: Assorted Soups

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Stacey DeSotel, Carolyn Middendorf, Tom Meuleman, 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, Jim Fuelling, Lee Zurcher*

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

ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Grace Doerring

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon

TOWER LIVING CENTER: Lendall Schievelbein

ASSISTED LIVING ROCHESTER, MN 55901: Dorothy Kluth

KENSINGTON ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Russett

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



The Clayton County Food Shelf will be conducting its 25th annual "Souper Bowl Sunday" on February 11, 2024.

WHAT IS THE SOUPER BOWL? This is an effort to glorify God and care for the least of these by encouraging parishioners to give **ONE DOLLAR EACH** as they leave worship on Super Bowl Sunday.

WHO COLLECTS THE MONEY? Youth from each church use large soup pots to collect the monetary donations as parishioners leave worship the morning of the game.

WHAT IF YOUR CHURCH IS NOT CURRENTLY HOLDING IN-PERSON SERVICES? Ask your parishioners to designate a donation for Souper Bowl Sunday to the Clayton County Food Shelf.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? Each congregation, in Clayton County sends their contribution to the Clayton County Food Shelf, P.O. Box 48, 100 W. Hill St., St. Olaf, IA 52072. The Food Shelf will be using 100% of funds raised to help feed the hungry in our county.

WHEN AND WHERE DID THE "SOUPER BOWL" START? The effort began in the Senior High Youth Fellowship of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC in 1990. The partnership has grown from 22 congregations the first year to 11,300 congregations in 2000. Worshipers from all 50 states, Canada, Puerto Rico and the Netherlands gave over \$3,936, 124.83 this past year, which included over 4,715 congregations and groups and over \$193 million has been generated since the "Souper Bowl" went nationwide in 1993. Last year 41 local congregations participated in the Clayton County area giving a total of \$5,042.55.

WHEN IS "SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY"? This year the date is **Sunday, February 11, 2024.**

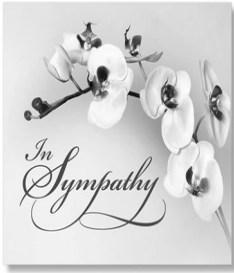
HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

ASK – On Super Bowl Sunday make an announcement asking members to give \$1 each as they leave worship.

DELIVER – Or mail the funds directly to the Clayton County Food Shelf, Box 48, 100 W. Hill St., St. Olaf, IA 52072.

Thank you, Utoni Ruff Supervisor Clayton County Food Shelf

BOTH CHURCHES NEWS



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Shirley Mae Henkes who passed away on December 30, 2023. Her funeral was on January 3, 2024 at St. John Farmersburg. Thank you to the family for sharing flowers.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Oswald (Ozzie) Goettler who passed away on January 3, 2024. Funeral services were held on January 6, 2024 at St. John Luana.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Rev. Dr. Karl Goodfeller who passed away on January 14, 2024 at his home in Indiana.

HELLO 
February

If you know and believe
God walked you safely thru
January and opened your
eyes to see February, let's
Thank Him!

Thank you, God, for your
blessings each day. Please
guide us in February with
Your love and care.
Amen



February 2024, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

The idea behind Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is centered around love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

We give thanks to all our ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families.

At LSI, we see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building brighter futures, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other joyous moments.

You can help carry out LSI's mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2024

We have had a wonderful year at Shepherd of the Hills. All of our events we hosted in 2023 were very successful, despite the increase of need. It is impressive to see the churches, community members and the businesses step up and give so graciously. Those generous efforts all year long we were able to meet the demand and serve the families in need.

Shepherd of the Hills has been serving the area for decades and each year we reflect on what we have done for the communities. Honestly, I feel that the support we have seen in 2023 makes me feel confident that 2024 will be just as wonderful. We value all of our supporters, whether it is monetary, clothing, school supplies, holiday gifts/toys or even volunteering. I would like to thank you for all you have done and continue to do to help us help others. If we work together as a team, we can make great things happen. If you, your church or organization would like to contribute to our missions or events, please let me know. Fundraising ideas are greatly appreciated and welcomed. Our area youth have great ideas, so youth groups, 4H groups, schools...Let's make 2024 the best year yet!
(See bottom left corner for financial donation protocol)

Clothing Center Updates:

The clothing center is in need of blankets, bath towels, washcloths and all sizes of bedding. In order for the clothing center to operate smoothly, we need everyone to understand the importance of the donation schedule. This allows me to plan my day, have my volunteers in place and have time to get through the donations as they come in. To schedule your donations: call the office, select a date that is available and then your appointment is set. Pretty simple and easy to do. We have been getting some really nice donations and we certainly appreciate them. As always, our prices are great and we would love see you shop in the thrift store. Inventory changes daily, so plan on visiting us soon!

Shepherd Conference News:

Our annual Conference Assembly is Feb. 18, 2024. This year's assembly is located at St. John's in Guttenberg, Ia. @ 2:00 pm. Delegates from each church should attend. Please help me in congratulating Pastor Micheal Erickson on his ordination February 3, 2024. He is the pastor at West Clermont Lutheran Church in Clermont.

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!
Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/ DATES:

**Conference Assembly
February 18th, 2024
St. John's- Guttenberg**

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

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February Facts!

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