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## ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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### VOLUME 1 JUNE 2025 ISSUE 79

June is a month to celebrate in Farmersburg. We are celebrating our 125th anniversary on June 29th. Bishop Kevin Jones will be here, and we'll also celebrate with some former Pastors as well as some current Pastors who "cut their teeth" at St. John Farmersburg. It's going to be a blast.

125 years of ministry. What does that mean? What kind of legacy is that? As someone who administers and oversees the sacraments, this is what I think it means. Beyond the church building itself, the memories, and the other aspects of 125 years of ministry, it means that we have played a role in ushering generations of God's people to their true home with Him. When we baptize a little one, they are knit to Jesus in His baptism and join Him in His death and resurrection. We administer the sacrament of Holy Communion to both young and old. We affirm that baptism through confirmation, and we feed people constantly through worship, teaching, Holy Communion, fellowship, and other means of grace. Finally, people "graduate" from St. John and go back to be with the Lord forever, and we do that too. We celebrate our beloved children of God from beginning to end. 125 years of that is impressive.

There is also the impact that the church has made in the world that is unseen. Many people are embraced by a local church, and God scatters them out into the world to make a difference there. We may not see it all the time, but there are many out there who have been influenced by their time at St. John Lutheran Church, and they are salt and light wherever they are now.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ... Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!" (Psalm 90:1-2, 17, NRSV)

The church is changing, and who knows what it will look like 25 years from now? Only God knows. That's not just a St. John thing, it's a universal church thing. We can guess based on things that are happening now and trends, but there's an X-factor at work. With God, all things are possible. This is Christ's church, and several times in the history of the American church, God has inspired awakenings and movements, and God simply likes to engage in the unexpected. I know that it won't look as it did when I was a boy, but that's not bad, it just means change.

This is what I do know for sure. Whether it's the past, present, or future, His church will endure. I know that the work we do is eternal. 125 years of ministry means that we have multiple generations of people who are with the Lord who can say, "I am here because of Jesus Christ, but it happened through a church in Farmersburg, Iowa." The church has had an unexpected impact on me as well. When I was at my home church of St. Patrick's in Epworth, Iowa, I didn't know of Farmersburg and never thought God would utilize it to reach me one day. He likes doing unexpected things, though, and we look forward to what He decides to do next.

In the meantime, we continue His work, we celebrate, and we give thanks for 125 years and counting.

In His service,

Pastor Jeremy Wolfe



## FARMERSBURG NEWS

### FARMERSBURG

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

**Pres:** Bill Scherf III. (25)  
**V. Pres:** Bruce Glawe (25)  
**Sec:** Loretta Weipert (26)  
**Treas:** Linda Schoulte (26)  
**Council Members:** Ken Erickson (27),  
 Crystal Goltz (27) & Dave Hageman (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:** Ryan Moon  
**V. Pres:** Brad Hoth  
**Sec/Treas:** Dan Moon

#### ALTAR GUILD:

**Directress:** Cheryl Bossard  
**Sec:** Heather Crogan  
**Treas:** Velma Kuehl

#### ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

**Chairperson:** Linda Schoulte (26)  
**Secretary:** Vicki Baade (27)  
**Members:** Janelle Smith (25)  
 Becky Fuelling (25)  
 Aaron Smith (26)  
 Amanda Goltz (27)

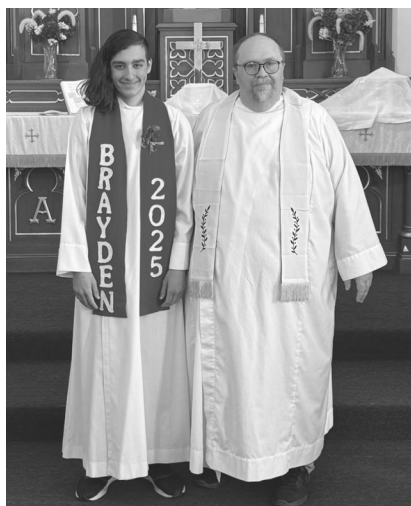
#### NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

Church Website:

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.



Brayden Hoth was Confirmed on May 4 at St. John Farmersburg. He is the son of Chad Hoth and Brianna Serenko. Congratulations!

St. John is privileged to have two scholarship programs for our graduating seniors. This year Ava Goltz and Isabelle Kirby each received Fascher & Schoenfeldt scholarships. Fascher Scholarship is given in memory of Otto and Ardee Fascher. Schoenfeldt Scholarship is given in honor of Marilyn Schoenfeldt. Isabelle Kirby is the daughter of Nick & Samantha Kirby of Farmersburg and Ava Goltz is the daughter of Scott & Crystal Goltz of Monona. Also graduating is Autumn Shaw the daughter of Kelly & Jake Shaw.



Senior recognition was held on May 11. Quilts and Prayer books were given by WELCA.

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June	3 Taylor Jo White	16 Sharon Shurson
	4 Ashton Phillips	Landon Goltz
	5 Julie Kurth	17 Cheryl Bossard
	Oliver Jacob Nehl	Josh Schoulte
	7 Andrew Scherf	19 Diana Henning
	8 Nancy Moon	Teresa Doeppke
	Abbigail Fuelling	20 Brian Rodas
	Elise Corlett	22 Kelly Huff
	10 Brad Scherf	26 Kathy Klinge
	11 Harold Vogt	Jeff Wheeler
	12 Allen Kuehl	27 Tyler Kurth
	16 Elaine Fuelling	30 Vincent Schmidt
	Bree Erickson	

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## USHERS

June 1, June 8 & June 15 10:00 am  
 Captain Ben Wikner Jim Lenth  
 Dan Moon Josh Schoulte

June 22 & June 29 10:00 am  
 Captain Clark Wikner Wyatt Glawe  
 Dave Hageman John Klinge

## GREETERS

June 1 Clark & Kris Wikner  
 8 Wyatt & Olivia Glawe  
 15 Linda Schoulte & Adrianna Schoulte  
 22 Zach Radloff & Autumn Schuety  
 29 Bill & Michelle Scherf

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Marlene Glawe

## WELCA NEWS

June 18 1:00 pm Unit Meeting  
 Thought for the Day: Velma Kuehl  
 Devotions: Bev Moon  
 Snack: Marlene Glawe



## June

9 Chris & Linda Schoulte  
 Vernice & Bev Moon  
 17 Scott & Crystal Goltz

## June Known Baptisms

1 Jeremy Howard  
 Lisa Pavlovec  
 Heather Crogan  
 6 Gage Koopman  
 8 Lyvea Krambeer  
 10 Vernice Moon  
 15 Todd Ihlenfeldt  
 16 Jane Davis  
 18 Amy Klinge  
 Gloria Tayek  
 21 Dillon Hope  
 Axel Rodas  
 24 Carson Kirby  
 Conner Kirby  
 25 Lindelle Scherf  
 28 Kenneth Kuehl  
 29 Iris Fuelling  
 Weston Fuelling



## June Acolytes

1 10:00 AM Brayden Hoth  
 8 10:00 AM volunteer  
 15 10:00 AM Carsen Kirby  
 22 10:00 AM volunteer  
 29 (Anniversary celebration) 10:00 AM Connor Kirby

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June 1 Crystal Goltz  
 15 Dave Hageman  
 29 Bill Scherf III



## ALTAR GUILD

June Church cleaning  
 Becky Fuelling Sat. June 7th 8:30 am  
 Velma Kuehl Meeting following

PLEASE JOIN US *as we celebrate*

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**125th Anniversary**

June 29, 2025

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

*Program and Dinner to follow*

St. John Lutheran Church  
 208 E. Washington St.  
 Farmersburg, Iowa 52047

*Please RSVP by June 22*

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# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: MAY 11, 2025

Present: Bill Scherf, Ken Erickson, Crystal Goltz, Linda Schoulte, Jeremy Wolfe.

Absent: Loretta Weipert, Bruce Glawe, Dave Hageman.

Meeting called to order by President Bill at 11:39 am. Opening devotions given by Jeremy.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Linda. Second by Ken. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes for April 13, 2025 made by Crystal. Second by Linda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: The 125th anniversary celebration plans are made.

Old Business: The freon has been replaced in the cooler and is now working.

New Business: Scholarships: Discussion held on the mature \$55,000 CD scholarship . Decision made to move the monies to a 5-year fixed Annuity with Edward-Jones. Plan to meet with a financial advisor in the next couple years before the next CD matures in 2027. Motion made by Crystal. Second by Linda.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: No report.

Parish Ed: No report.

Property : Ken is working on leveling the dirt along the newly poured cement.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship: Working on the Anniversary Service. Planning on a joint service with St. John of Luana. OUR FRIENDS AT OUT SISTER CONGREGATION ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATION OF 125 YEARS!

Memorial: No report.

Men's Group: No report.

Adjournment : Motion to adjourn the meeting by Linda. Second by Crystal.

Next meeting: June 22, 2025

Respectively submitted by Linda Schoulte



Church Attendance for April

April

6- 34

13- 49

20- 44

27- 28

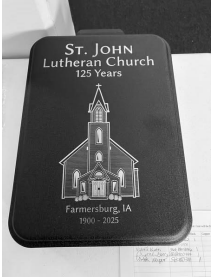


The origins of Father's Day as we celebrate it in the United States are the work of Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington. In 1909, she first proposed the idea of a "father's day" when she wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. The white or red rose is the official flower for Father's Day. Mrs. Dodd suggested that people wear a white rose to honor a father who was deceased and a red rose for a father who was living.



JUNE 15th

# FARMERSBURG NEWS



We are still taking orders for the cake pans, trivets, and puzzles for the 125th Anniversary celebration. The cost of a pan is \$35, the cost of the trivet is \$12, and these will be paid for at the time of delivery. The puzzle cost is \$20, due before ordering. There have been some questions about shipping of pans and trivets. The church will not be shipping any pans or trivets. If you would like them shipped to you, the following email and/or phone number is the place to contact.

Austin Zuercher is the person to speak to at Lead Custom Engraving phone # 1-563-794-5323 and his email is [sales@leadcustomengraving.com](mailto:sales@leadcustomengraving.com). If you contact him, he will help get the items to you.

To those who have ordered items, we would like you to wait until after the meal and celebration is complete before you pick up your items. We are thinking maybe some of the guests that come will want to purchase a souvenir. This way, those not members of our church can take their items and not have to return to pick them up. We will place additional orders for those members of our church, so everyone will get what they order. but we will not have any leftovers. If you want to order a pan or trivet we would like your order by June 14th if possible. Contact Nancy Moon 539-4562. For puzzles contact Theresa Rodas 1-563-880-4534. You can check the St. John Farmersburg Facebook page for colored pictures of the souvenir items.

## April 2025 – Treasurer's Report

### Income:

573.00	
880.00	
929.00	
1230.00	
674.81	
456.73	(PayPal Offering)

### Missions:

NE Iowa Synod:	270.00
SOTH:	232.00
Food Shelf:	122.00
St. Pt. Home:	35.00
LSI:	50.00
EWALU:	35.00

### Staff Compensation:

Pastor:	2636.37 + 383.52+ 351.38 (Portico)
	(Housing from different Account: 707.58)
Inside Cust.:	215.48
Outside Cust	126.98
Organists:	161.61

### Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	273.75
Alliant (elec):	195.19
NEIT:	121.43
Church Mutual	773.00
SOTH	500.00 (Furnace Replacement)
City of Farmersburg	255.40
1517 Media	98.52 (Communion Supplies)
KingPin	67.82 (Bowling Party)

Total Income: 4627.27

Total Expenses: 6903.45

General Checking Balance – April 1, 2025:	2627.33
April 30, 2025:	351.15

Kelly Shaw, Treasurer



## LUANA NEWS

### **LUANA**

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

Karla Schrader

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL:**

**President:** Jerry Schroeder (26)

**V. Pres:** Aaron Smith (25)

**Sec:** Vicky Baade (27)

**Cur. Treas:** Diane Kraus (25)

**Bene. Treas:** Stan Dull (26)

**Financial Counters:** Council

#### **DEACONS:**

Jerry Schroeder (26)

Tim Donlon (26)

Loren Lenth (27)

#### **TRUSTEES:**

Diane Kraus (25)

Aaron Smith (25)

Heath Landt (26)

Vicky Baade (27)

Luke Steege (27)

#### **WELCA:**

##### **Leaders:**

January—March: Karla Schrader

April—June Mel: Lenth

July—September: Lisa Meyer

Oct.—December: Vicky Baade

#### **ALTAR GUILD:**

**Pres:** Sherri Johnson (26)

**Sec:** Darci Engelhardt (26)

##### **Banners/Linens/Candles:**

Lisa Meyer (25)

Mary Schroeder (27)

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

Diane Kraus (25)

Betty Handke (27)

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

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

##### **Seasonal Banners:**

Mary Schroeder

#### **ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM**

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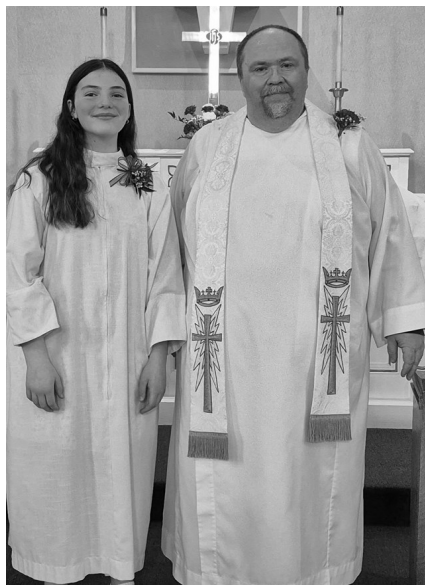
Becky Fuelling (25)

Aaron Smith (26)

Amanda Goltz (27)

St. John's Luana website

[www.stjohn-luana.org](http://www.stjohn-luana.org)



Livia Steege was confirmed on  
May 4th @ St. John Lutheran  
Luana.

#### **JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

**Greeters:** Keith & Sherri Johnson

#### **Read Lessons & Prayers:**

June 1 Karla Schrader

June 8 Keith Johnson

June 15 Deb Hanson

June 22 Janelle Smith

June 29 Combined Service at Farmersburg (10:00 am)

#### **Acolyte:**

June 1 Dayne Anderson

June 8 Josh Schierholz

June 15 Emme Wikner

June 22 Livia Steege

June 29 Combined Service at Farmersburg

#### **Communion Servers:**

June 1 - Tim Donlon and Heath Landt

June 15 - Jerry Schroeder and Vicky Baade

**Altar Guild:** Sherri Johnson


**Flowers:** Vicky Baade



Congratulations to Kyle Tilson, son of Kevin and Katie Tilson, on his Graduation on May 18 from MFL Mar-Mac High School. Kyle's future plans are to attend Southwest Tech.

Congratulations to Jaxton Schroeder, son of Jay Schroeder and Grandson of Jerry and Mary Schroeder, from Iowa City High. Jaxton's future plans are to attend Kirkwood College and play baseball.

## LUANA NEWS



**JUNE**

4 – Darlene Moon  
 8 – Neil Landt  
 9 – Chad Davis  
 10 - Travis Landt  
 19 – Miracle Harnack  
 20 - Mason Baade  
 25 – Juanita Mohs  
 29 – Grace Doerring  
       Kelsi Davis

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

	Att.	Comm
Apr. 27	28	
May 4	43	40
May 11	37	
May 18	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>
	137	65



**JUNE**

17 – Randy & Susan Mohs  
 30 – Stan & Dawn Dull

### **St. John Council Minutes May 14, 2025**

Present were: Pastor Jeremy, Jerry Schroeder, Diane Kraus, Stan Dull, Loren Lenth, Heath Landt, Luke Steege, and Vicky Baade. Church secretary, Karla Schrader was also present. Tim Donlon and Aaron Smith were absent. Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Schroeder.

Pastor led devotions.

Vicky read the minutes of the April 13 meeting. Loren moved to accept the minutes, Stan seconded, approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Luke moved to accept the report, Heath seconded, approved.

Church insurance – Jeremy reported that Church Mutual has been taking a long time to reply to questions about our current coverage. If they don't reply very shortly, the other companies will be contacted, anyway.

Loren, Stan, and Jerry will hang up the new church sign tomorrow.

After some discussion about the cost of improvements needed at the parsonage, Luke moved to hire a surveyor to determine the property lines of the parsonage. Loren seconded, approved. Jerry will call the surveyor. Council does not have the authority to decide if the parsonage should be sold, a congregational meeting would have to be held to make that decision. Council is just gathering information at this point.


St. John Farmersburg will be celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 29. There will be a combined service that day, no service in Luana. Bishop Kevin will be there.

Jerry adjourned the meeting. Members prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be June 8 at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary

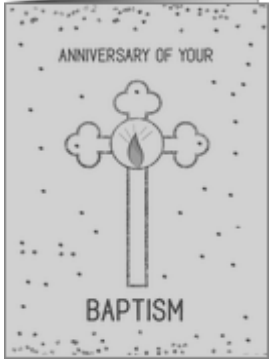




Bible Study in Luana has been changed to Monday June 2nd @ 5:00 pm.

Known Baptismal Birthdays

1 – Diane Doerring  
 3 – Denver Pape  
 6 – Susan Mohs  
       Avrey Smith  
 14 – Jean Wolter  
 18 – Douglas Schlein  
 25 – Cayl Anderson  
 28 – Travis Landt  
 29 – Myah Davis



# APRIL REPORT ST. JOHN LUANA

## EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	331.29
Alliant - Electricity	397.26
Karla Schrader –Secretary	500.24
Cindy Landt – Custodian	461.50
NEITEL	119.79
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	2,636.46
Jeremy Wolfe – housing	707.58
Jeremy Wolfe –Mar. mileage	685.30
IRS	159.37
Portico -	702.75
Church Mutual – Prop. Ins.	1,507.26
Outdoor Creations – Palms	13.38
Plunkett's Exterminators	57.25
Jeremy Wolfe – Laptop for worship	<u>212.93</u>
	8,492.36

## INCOME

Apr. 6	1,621.00
Apr. 13	1,024.00
Apr. 20	1,428.00
Apr. 27	<u>557.00</u>
	4,620.00
Trfr Repair Fund	3,250.00
diff in amt of ck	<u>.04</u>
	7,870.04
Bal. Mar. 31, 2025	1,286.63
Income	<u>7,780.04</u>
	9,156.67
Less Expenses	<u>8,492.36</u>
Bal. Apr. 30, 2025	664.31

## SPECIAL FUNDS

St John Scholarship Fund CD	43,249.01
Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,676.58
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,690.04

## RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 3-31-25	\$18,442.84
Interest	43.84
To current fund	<u>3,250.00</u>
Bal. 4-30-25	\$15,236.68

## CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Apr. 6	1,585.00	36.00	1,621.00
Apr. 13	1,012.00	12.00	1,024.00
Apr. 20	1,125.00	293.00	1,418.00
Apr. 27	<u>542.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>557.00</u>
	4,264.00	356.00	4,620.00

## THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Mar. 31, 2025	304,253.88
w/d to CD at LSB	-150,000.00
Income	740.37
Taxes, Fees, Exp.	- 509.75
Change in Value	<u>-5,663.86</u>
Bal. Apr. 30, 2025	148,820.64

## BENEVOLENCE REPORT

### INCOME

Apr. 6	Offering	155.00
	Oper.	50.00
	SOTH Furn	250.00
Apr. 9	Lent	165.00
Apr. 13	Food Shelf	10.00
	SOTH Oper	50.00
	Lent	159.00
Apr. 17	Lent	327.00
Apr. 20	Offering	45.00
	Food Shelf	5.00
	Easter	532.00
Apr. 27	Offering	70.00

Apr. 27	Food Shelf	110.00
	Operating	<u>50.00</u>
		\$1,978.00
	Lent	<u>665.00</u>
		\$2,643.00

### EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Oper.	150.00
SOTH FURN.	750.00
(Lent & Ben)	
FOOD Shelf	125.00
FS – Lent	1,348.00
Synod -	<u>140.00</u>
	2,643.00



## Both Churches News

### Probert Scholarship 2025

The Probert scholarship program is in honor of James & Marie Probert, who were long-time residents of the Farmersburg community. It is through their hard work and dedication that these scholarship monies are available to the graduates of the MFL MarMac School District. Applicants must have a need for financial assistance, be in the top half of the graduating class, exemplify high moral standards, academic achievement, and be of good Christian character. The scholarship program is administered through St. John Lutheran Church of Farmersburg and is open to all graduating senior of MFL MarMac. Over the past 23 years the committee has awarded over \$165,000 in scholarships. Selected scholarship winners for 2025 are Isabelle Kirby, daughter of Nick & Samantha Kirby of Farmersburg; Mackenzie Bachman, daughter of Chet & Rachel Bachman of McGregor; Ava Goltz, daughter of Scott & Crystal Goltz, Monona and Brock Hackett, son of Chad & Rachel Hackett, McGregor.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** McCoy Eberling, Roger Landt, Doug Schlein, Dennis Hanson, Stacy DeSotel, Tom Meuleman, Julie Mohs, Charlie Post, Joy David, *Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Bram Byroade, Melody Pate, Jim Fuelling, Mike Reardon, Ron Tayek, Cheryl Bossard, Beth Bries, Alan Feldmann*

**MILITARY:** Avrey Smith, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas

**ELKADER CARE CENTER:** Grace Doerring, Lee Klinkenberg,

**GARDEN VIEW PLACE:** Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon, Harold & Jeanette Vogt

**TOWER LIVING CENTER:** Lendall Schievelbein

**SAMARITAN BETHANY ROCHESTER, MN 55901:** Dorothy Kluth

**KENSINGTON ASSISTED LIVING:** Mary Russett

**WAUKON GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER:** Rita Pritchard

**HOMEBOUND:** Glenda Henkes, Jeanette Krambeer, Jim Fuelling, Shirley Wagner



### ***A Father's Day Reflection: Amanda's Journey of Hope and Stability***

This Father's Day, we're honored to share the powerful story of Amanda, a young woman whose life has been transformed over the past 13 years through the unwavering dedication of LSI's Host Home program and the compassionate care of Megan D.

Amanda came to LSI with many challenges. With a limited IQ and emotional struggles rooted in past trauma, she had difficulty connecting with others and managing daily life. Before LSI, she lived in institutional settings, heavily medicated, and unable to thrive. Her life was a series of difficult chapters, until she found her match in LSI and Megan.

Megan has been a steady and committed presence in Amanda's life. With unmatched patience, professionalism, and deep care, Megan helped guide Amanda from a place of instability to one of emotional balance. What was once a life of uncertainty is now one of structure, safety, and growth thanks to the loving environment of a Host Home.

Today, Amanda lives with "Momma Mavis," her dedicated Host Home provider, who gives her 24/7 care and inclusion in family life, appointments, and even special needs art classes. The flare-ups that once led to hospital visits are now a thing of the past. Amanda is thriving, living proof that compassion and commitment can change a life.

As Bruce C., Amanda's adoptive father, says: *"LSI and Megan never wavered. I call this stabilization in Amanda's life. The individual care from a non-family member is needed beyond words. Thanks to Mavis and Megan, Amanda's quality of life would not be possible without the LSI Host Home program."*

Amanda, the 25th foster child welcomed by the C. family and their third adoption, is still on her journey and we're honored to walk alongside her.

This Father's Day, we celebrate all the fathers, families, caregivers, and advocates who believe in second chances, and who help make stories like Amanda's possible.

# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

## NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2025



*Thank you to all who donated towards our furnace/central air. We have raised enough funds to pay the whole bill! We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people who support us! Our Back to School event will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm for qualified families. Collection drop-off for this event will start July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be brought to the Shepherd of the Hills office. Monetary donations can be sent to: SOTH; PO Box 36; St. Olaf, Iowa 52072*

### **Clothing Center Updates:**

*Remember that we would love to take all of your donations but there are some items that is impossible to keep. Really worn clothing, stained, holes, non-working zippers/snaps and rusty utensils will not be kept. Appointments are still required so I can staff accordingly. Thank you for thinking of us when it comes to donations. These items are greatly needed in our area and bringing it here, they generally stay in the area.*

*We are in need of bedding sheets (all sizes), bath towels, pots and pans, baking dishes and children's clothing. Thank you all for your continued support and great donations!! I have been very blessed with volunteers that are helping me with the clothing center. The clothing store is cleaned and organized for your shopping experiences.*

### **Shepherd Conference News:**

Synod Assembly is June 6-7, 2025

Everyone is invited to the 7 p.m. worship service on Friday at Fredsville Lutheran, located seven miles west of Cedar Falls at 32756 150th St. Pastor Lee Gable will preach, and a reception with refreshments will follow. Registration is not required to attend.

June 7<sup>th</sup> check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Bien VenU Event Center at 7400 Hudson Rd., Cedar Falls. Opening worship is at 8:30 a.m. The day will include three plenary sessions, ministry exhibits, lunch and closing worship with Bishop Kevin Jones preaching. The assembly will conclude by 5 p.m.

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:**

**NE Iowa Synod Assembly**  
June 6-7, 2025

**Back to School Event**  
August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm  
(Referral required to participate)

\*Any event may be subject to change

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