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ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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As November rolls in, there's a change that settles over the world. The leaves are mostly gone, the air has a crisp bite, and we start thinking about Thanksgiving, the end of the year, and the weather maybe messes with our mood a bit. November isn't flashy; it doesn't have the sparkle of December or the optimism of spring. But maybe that's exactly why it's the perfect month to pause and take stock of where we are spiritually.

I like to think of November as a little bridge. On one side, there's the year we've lived so far. The victories, the mistakes, the moments we wished we could do over. On the other, Advent, with its candles and anticipation of Christ coming into the world. It's a gentle opportunity to reflect, to breathe, and maybe even to recalibrate before the holiday rush begins in earnest.

Reflection doesn't have to be complicated. You don't need a fancy journal, a retreat, or a lot of extra time. Just a few quiet moments each day to ask yourself some simple questions: What went well this year? What didn't? Where did I see God working in my life? Where do I need to repent, adjust, or forgive?

Psalms 46:10 gives us a simple, powerful invitation:

"Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

—Psalms 46:10, NRSV

Being still doesn't come naturally to most of us. We're busy people. We plan, we run errands, we check boxes. But the psalmist reminds us that stillness isn't just an absence of noise it's an active, deliberate posture of trust. It's pausing long enough to recognize God's hand in the ordinary, in the chaos, in the quiet corners of our hearts.

So, here's a little challenge for November: give yourself five minutes each day to sit quietly, reflect on the year, and notice God's presence. Maybe light a candle, maybe put on a little quiet music, or maybe just lean back in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee. Jot down one or two things that stand out. They don't have to be profound. Gratitude for a good conversation, for a friend who checked in, or even just for surviving a tough week all of it counts.

And speaking of gratitude and good company, let me take a moment to invite you to our Christmas Day meal. It's a simple gathering with friends and neighbors and another chance to pause, share stories, and reflect on the year while enjoying some comfort food. Consider this your official heads-up: come hungry, leave lighter in spirit. Just bring yourself and a heart open to fellowship.

The beauty of this month is that reflection isn't a race. There's no right answer, no perfect list, no award at the end. It's just a way to align your heart with God's, to take stock honestly, and to step into Advent with a little more clarity and peace. When the world turns toward decorating and shopping and endless to do lists, you'll have that quiet anchor of stillness and perspective.

November is a bridge, a pause, a breath. Treat it like that. Reflect. Be grateful. Let go of what you need to leave behind. And then, when Advent comes, you'll be ready. Not just for the lights and songs, but for the Christ who enters the world to meet us right where we are.

Take the time, friend. The bridge is here, the path is gentle, and God is waiting on the other side. And if you're looking for a little company on Christmas Day, we'd love to see you at the table.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Jeremy

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)

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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,
Linda Friedlein & Ethel Lenth

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Pres: Ryan Moon

V. Pres: Brad Hoth

Sec/Treas: Dan Moon

ALTAR GUILD:

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Sec: Heather Crogan

Treas: Velma Kuehl

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Secretary: Vicki Baade (27)

Members: Janelle Smith (25)
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Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



William Robert Scherf V will receive his first Communion on November 2nd. He is the son of Bill & Erin Scherf IV.

KNOWN BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

November

1 – Rylan James Hoth

7—Emma Phillips

13—Brad Hoth

Theresa Rodas

14 – Megan Glawe

20 – Taylor White

26 – Beth Bries

27 – Rod Stagman

29 – William Wikner



All Saints Day is November 1st. We remember the Saints by family members lighting a candle.

Isabella Grace Dubberke

Died 11/27/2024

Born 11/25/2024

Lee Elmer Klinkenberg

Died 07/28/2025

Born 04/02/1920



This has been at the church for awhile now. Wondering who this belongs to. If this is yours please pick up as soon as possible. Thanks for sharing this beautiful lighthouse and pillow.



Kenny Kuehl will be celebrating his 90th birthday with an Open House on **November 9th** at the Farmersburg Community Center from 2:00—4:00pm.

Cards can also be sent to PO Box 142, Farmersburg, IA. 52047.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



USHERS

November 2, November 9 & November 16
Captain Dave Hageman, Mike Reardon
Matt Goltz, Ben Wikner

November 23 & November 30
Captain Bill Scherf III., Brian Glawe
Jamie Tielbar, John Fuelling



ACOLYTES NOVEMBER

2 Carsen Kirby
9 Volunteer Needed
16 Connor Kirby
23 Volunteer Needed
30 Volunteer Needed

November Greeters

2 Dave & Heather Hageman
9 Scott & Crystal Goltz
16 John & Becky Fuelling
23 Melissa Wolfe & Shirley Marmann
30 Jim & Carol Lenth

NOVEMBER

1 Mark Glawe
Justin Fuelling
2 Stacy Fuelling
Maverick Lee Palmersheim
3 Josh Lenth
Beth Bries
4 Kari (Hope) Waterman
5 April (Koopman) Peringer
Danny Leuchtenmacher
Todd Walleser
8 Jeremiah Schoenfeldt
9 Kenneth Kuehl
Rick Muller
10 Ryan Moon
Olivia Kirby
11 Pastor Jenny Edinger
Ethel Lenth
Erin (Scherf) Vens
Beverly Moon
Amanda (Lnenicka) Goltz
12 Rodney Stagman
14 Pastor Bob Edwards
15 Jim Lenth
Randy Looby
17 Steve Trumblee
Duncan VanHauen
19 David Radloff
20 Craig Rodas
Autumn Shaw
Wyatt Geick
Jay Geick
Martyn Geick
Joel E. Moran
21 Vernice Moon
Megan Schoulte
22 Nixon Moon
24 Kris Edwards
28 Diane Kluth
Ben Erickson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

November
2 Loretta Weipert
16 Ken Erickson

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Marlene Glawe



WELCA Thank Offering Service
is Sunday, November 16th.
Envelopes can be picked up in
the Narthex. You can also mail
them to the church (208 E.
Washington St.) Please mark
checks WELCA.



November

1 Lutheran World Relief Truck Decorah
7:30-10:30 am St. John's Arlington
16 WELCA Thankoffering Service
27 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship
@ St. Paul Monona
29 Decorate basement Christmas
Tree—Group 3

ALTAR GUILD NOVEMBER

Shirley Marmann
Becky Fuelling
Marlene Glawe
Meeting November 1st @ 9:00 am

November Anniversaries

14 Steve & Lisa Pavlovec
29 Jeremy & Melissa Wolfe



Happy
THANKSGIVING

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2025

Present: Loretta Weipert, Bruce Glawe, Crystal Goltz, Dave Hageman and Jeremy Wolfe.
Absent: Bill Scherf, Ken Erickson and Linda Schoulte.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Bruce at 1130. Opening devotions given by Jeremy.

Crystal moved to approve the agenda with addition of sponsoring family for Christmas, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of Sept 14, 2025 meeting made by Dave. Second by Crystal.
Motion carried.

Crystal moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Loretta. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: *Bless and Ride Event went well and was enjoyed by many.

*Continues to work on the planning for the Christmas meal. Have donated funds from last year to cover expenses. Will again ask for free will donations, will keep a set amount to fund next years meal and the rest will be donated to Shepherd of the Hills.

*Plans to do door to door visits close to the Christmas Meal event to advertise and get out to meet people.

Old Business:

*Harvest Meal planning: Loretta ordered the turkey tenders from Quillins. Jeremy ordered supplies from Sam's Club, will be dropped off at church this week. Dave volunteered to pick up butter pads and gravy from Johnsons prior to the event. Dave volunteered for an advertisement on NEIT TV bar with Heather's help.

Jeremy will contact KCTN to advertise and Loretta will advertise for KNEI radio station. Loretta already took care of newspaper ads. Heather Hageman contacted all churches of the event. Jeremy will email everyone flyers to print if able and hand at local Post offices, libraries and other local businesses. Council appreciative of John Fuelling volunteering to cook turkey again this year. Becky Fuelling will provide and make the rolls again this year. Loretta to pick up dairy products to submit to the Dairy Committee for reimbursement.

New Business:

*Council agrees that the congregation should support a local family in need with Christmas gifts. Dave will discuss with Heather Hageman to bring a gift list for a local family to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism - No report
Parish Education - Jeremy will complete 1st Communion teaching October 26 during Sunday School. November 2nd will be 1st Communion service for Liam Scherf. I would like a TV for the SS room upstairs.

Property - No report

Stewardship - No report

Worship - No report

Memorial - No report

Men's Group - No report

Women's Group - No report

Motion to adjourn by Crystal, second by Dave. Motion carried. Next meeting November 9, 2025 after worship. Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

Sept 2025 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

922.00	
1864.00	
1265.00	
815.00	
191.56	(CD Interest)
25.00	(Thrivent Choice Dollars)
346.97	(PayPal Offering)

SEPTEMBER

Missions:

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

Treasurer's Report

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 2636.37 + 399.91 + 351.38 (Portico) (Housing from different Account: 707.58)
Inside Cust.: 215.48
Outside Cust.: 126.98
Organists: 129.28

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	47.80
Alliant (elec):	342.03
NEIT:	116.40
Church Mutual	573.00
Moser Family	150.00
Dubuque Fire Equi	367.52
Augsburg Fortress	100.00 (Devotions)

Total Income: 5429.53

Total Expenses: 5460.89

General Checking Balance – September 1, 2025: 44.34
September 30, 2025: 12.98

Submitted by Kelly Shaw, Treasurer

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September Attendance	
7-	33
14-	34
21-	23
28-	27



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

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St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS



Remember to turn back you clocks on Saturday, November 1st. If you forget you will be an hour early for church.

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS



Greeters: Doug and Connie Schlein

Read Lessons & Prayers:

Nov. 2 Loren Lenth

Nov. 9 Duaine Davis

Nov. 16 Jerry Schroeder

Nov. 23 Keith Johnson

Nov. 26 Deb Hanson

Acolyte:

Nov. 2 Ty Wikner

Nov. 9 Karsten Steege

Nov. 16 Dayne Anderson

Nov. 23 Josh Schierholz

Nov. 26 Emme Wikner

Communion Servers:

Nov. 2 – Jerry Schroeder & Stan Dull

Nov. 16 – Loren Lenth & Aaron Smith

Altar Guild: Betty Handke

Flowers: Karla Schrader

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

November

6—Mary Schroeder

9—Jerry Schroeder

11—David Schultz

Jeff Smith

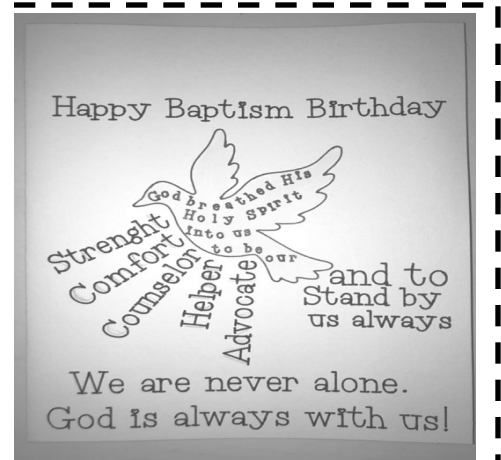
13—Cyrus Landt

18—Karla Schrader

22—Matthew Baade

27—Tim Donlon

Neal Wikner



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Marlyn Fred Henry Nuehring who passed away October 13, 2025. His services were held on October 17, 2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monona.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2—Kylee Landt
12 - Megan Koehn
21 - Sonya Anderson
23 – Lonnie Baade



November

4 – Neil and Cindy Landt
28—Jeff and Janelle Smith



Worship Attendance

	Att.	Comm
Sept. 21	30	28
Sept. 28	41	
Oct. 5	31	<u>29</u>
Oct. 12	<u>38</u>	57
	140	

St. John Council Minutes October 12, 2025

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

Pastor led devotions.

Vicky read the minutes of the September 14 meeting. Loren moved to accept the minutes, Tim seconded, approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Stan moved to accept the reports, Diane seconded, approved.

Church insurance – Lisa Meyer shared some information with the council.

The grass that was seeded on the south side of the church looks great!

The survey is finished. It will take about three weeks to get it recorded. Tim moved and Stan seconded to proceed with abstracting and getting a deed. Council approved.

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

Next meeting will be November 9 at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary



LUANA NEWS

SEPTEMBER REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	46.00
Alliant - Electricity	282.08
Karla Schrader –Secretary	500.24
Cindy Landt – Custodian	461.50
NEITEL	119.57
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	2,636.46
Jeremy Wolfe – housing	707.58
Jeremy Wolfe –Aug mileage	272.37
IRS- July	159.37
Plunkett's – pest control	204.94
Church Mutual – Prop. Ins.	944.26
Portico – Sept.	702.75
Access Systems - copier	191.87
City of Luana – Sept. w/s/g.	417.54
Steve Moser – ½ Froehlich music	150.00
St John Fmbg – ½ Barn Rent	50.00
Jeremy Wolfe – new office monitor	135.04
Clayton Co. Treas. – year prop tax	<u>1,446.25</u>
	9,427.82

INCOME

Sept. 7	1,785.00
Sept. 14	649.00
Sept. 21	787.00
Sept. 28	<u>1,657.00</u>
	4,878.00
Trfr Repair Fund	3,650.00
Thrivent	<u>130.00</u>
	8,658.00
 Bal. Aug. 31, 2025	1,018.03
Income	<u>8,658.00</u>
	9,676.03
Less Expenses	<u>9,427.82</u>
Bal. Sept. 30, 2025	248.21

SPECIAL FUNDS

St John Scholarship Fund CD	43,249.01
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,788.07
Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,676.58
St John CD	125,000.00

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 8-31-25	35,004.99
Sept. Int.	<u>66.70</u>
	35,071.69
to current	<u>3,650.00</u>
Bal 9-30-25	31,421.69

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Sept. 7	1,780.00	5.00	1,785.00
Sept. 14	647.00	2.00	649.00
Sept. 21	782.00	5.00	787.00
Sept. 28	<u>1,642.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>1,657.00</u>
	4,851.00	27.00	4,878.00

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Aug. 28, 2025 \$134,713.28

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Sept. 7	Offering	114.00
	Soth Oper	50.00
Sept. 14	Offering	3.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
Sept. 21	Offering	65.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Soth Oper	50.00
Sept. 28	Offering	85.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	Soth Oper	<u>25.00</u>
		522.00

SOTH	130.00
Food Shelf	130.00
SOTH Oper	125.00
Synod	<u>137.00</u>
	522.00

Both Churches News



Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday, November 1st or you will be one hour early for church.



Monday, November 24 at 5:30 pm. We are thrilled to have the CPKC Christmas Train back with a stop in Marquette this year! The train stop will be a collection point for the Clayton County Food Shelf and will feature entertainers Smash Mouth and JJ Wilde. Plan now to attend and bring food or monetary donations.



Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monona on Wednesday November 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. All churches should supply 1 pan of bars.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Yvonne Groth, Roger Landt, Kelly Staley, Stacy DeSotel, Julie Mohs, Charlie Post, *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, Will Schrandt

ELKADER CARE CENTER: Grace Doerring,

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, Jim Fuelling, Shirley Wagner, Jeanette Krambeer in Des Moines*



Clayton County Food Shelf

Box #48 – St. Olaf, IA 52072

Monday – Friday: 9-Noon 1 – 4:00 pm

Ph #563-783-7794 Utoni Ruff, Director

Collection day is November 2nd. Some of the items needed are:

Cereal, Dry dinners (examples Tuna Helper
Hamburger Helper)
Canned fruit, 100% shelf life juice,
Peanut Butter & Tuna

Non food items include Toilet tissue, toothpaste,
Hand soap, Dish soap, & Laundry Soap



The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th. Watch the bulletins for information about Poinsettias.



Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2025



Our Hog Roast was a huge success! It is one of our biggest fundraisers and this year did not disappoint. We served over 450 people in both dine-in and carry-out. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

Our next event will be Christmas for Kids, where we will be expecting around 500 children. This event is by referral only and will be December 17-18. Toys for Tots has announced they will not be able to sponsor children age 14 and older. I am hoping that we, as a community, can come together to fill this void. Please consider gifts that would benefit these age groups. Public drop off dates are December 11-12 from 9am-4pm. If you are unable to drop off during those dates/times, please reach out to me. I will accommodate the best I can.

Clothing Center Updates:

We are in the fall and winter clothing season (we will not be accepting spring and summer items until March). Thank you for scheduling your drop-offs as this allows us to get things sorted a lot faster. Some items we are in need of are: bedding, housewares, blankets, bath towels and belts. If you have excess of these items, please consider donating them. I wanted to thank all the wonderful volunteers that help in the clothing center. They are a big part of our success. They are such a delight and we have way too much fun doing what we love. Follow us on Facebook to see the highlights and when the next sale dates are.
"Home of the \$1.00 thrift store".

Shepherd Conference News:

Please congratulate the following clergy on their ordination anniversaries:

Pastor Lynn Noel, 10/20/2013

Pastor Katherine Johnson, 10/19/2014

Pastor Frank Johnson, 11/4/2011

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:

Dollar General Christmas Event:

November 22 from 9am-6pm

Christmas for Kids

December 17-18

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

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