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ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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I was only two years old when America's Bicentennial took place in 1976. I'd love to tell you I have vivid memories of the tall ships in the harbor or the fireworks over the monuments, but that would be a fib. What I do remember is the "stuff". The memorabilia, the red white-and-blue trinkets that lingered in our homes for years, and the archival news coverage that treated the anniversary as a massive cultural reset. The nation was still healing from the deep wounds of Vietnam and the disillusionment of Watergate, yet even then, we found a collective way to say: "This thing is special."

But what is "this thing" exactly? It's many things. A land. A people. A melting pot. One of the reasons that we celebrate it is that it's at the end of the day an idea. It is the radical notion that people can pursue happiness, walk in religious freedom, and strive toward a more perfect union. We are a union made up of fifty distinct states, each with its own government and its own unique way of doing things. It is a place where you can travel across thousands of miles of state lines freely, protected by a framework of rights that follow you.

Are we perfect? No way. We weren't perfect in 1976, and we certainly aren't now. Can we be proud of every single moment of these 250 years of history? Of course not. History is messy because people are messy. We have a great deal of work left to do. In the grand timeline of global history, we are still a remarkably young nation, a "noble experiment" that is still being tested. Who knows exactly what the future holds for us?

However, here is what we can truly celebrate: we are not fixed. We are a living work in progress. We have the capacity to change and grow, and history proves that we have. We can learn from our mistakes, repent of our failures, and do our best to preserve that which is good. It isn't pretty most of the time. Progress rarely is. Sometimes it feels like we take one step forward and two steps back, or vice versa, but the movement is there.

The Founding Fathers understood that this journey was never intended to be easy or instantaneous. They knew that the "Union" was a goal to be pursued rather than a destination already reached. They allowed for amendments to our constitution because they knew that they didn't know everything and couldn't predict the future. Alexander Hamilton, writing in The Federalist Papers, captured this spirit of ongoing effort:

"The establishment of a Constitution, in time of profound peace, by the voluntary consent of a whole people, is a prodigy, to the completion of which I look forward with trembling anxiety."

That "trembling anxiety" is something many of us feel today, but it is also the fuel for our civic and spiritual engagement. As we look toward another milestone in our national story, we are reminded that our freedom is not just a right to be enjoyed, but a responsibility to be exercised with grace and humility.

As a community of faith, we understand that true growth whether national or personal requires a foundation of love and a commitment to the "more perfect" path. We find our ultimate guidance in the words of the Apostle Paul, who reminded the early church that we are all part of a larger, developing body:

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

As we enter this month of June, let us be the "supporting ligaments" that hold our communities and the body of Christ together. Let us do the work of building each other up in love, ensuring that as we move forward, we do so with a heart for our neighbors and a renewed dedication to the ideals that make "this thing" so special.

Pastor Jeremy

FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Linda Schoulte (26)
V. Pres: Dave Hageman (28)
Sec: Loretta Weipert (26)
Treas: Crystal Goltz (27)
Council Members: Ken Erickson (27),
Becky Fuelling (28) & Lindelle Scherf (28)

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, Linda Friedlein &
Ethel Lenth

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 (28)
Becky Fuelling (28)
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Amanda Goltz (27)

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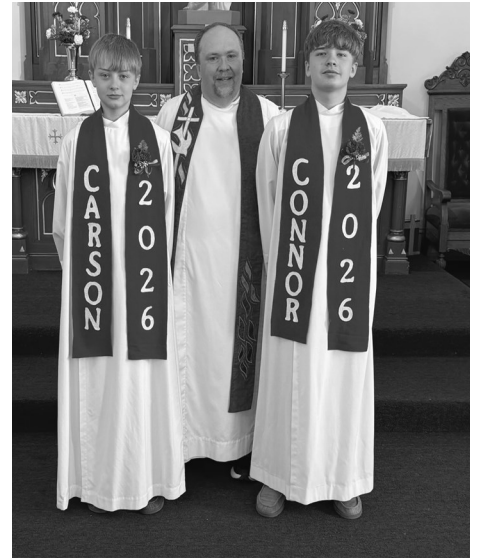
Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

Church Website:

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

Affirmation of Baptism of Carson & Connor Kirby was celebrated on May 3, 2026. Parents are Nick & Samantha Kirby. Thank you for sharing Altar Flowers.



Congratulations, Adrianna on your high school graduation! Adrianna is the daughter of Josh & Megan Schoulte. A scholarship, quilt and prayer book were presented to Adrianna.

June Known Baptisms

- 1 Jeremy Howard
- Lisa Pavlovec
- Heather Crogan
- Bodie James Forsythe
- 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
- 22 Julie Kurth
- 24 Carson Kirby
- Conner Kirby
- 25 Lindelle Scherf
- 29 Iris Fuelling
- Weston Fuelling



FARMERSBURG NEWS

USHERS

June 7 & June 14 *Worship 10:00 am*
 Captain Clark Wikner Wyatt Glawe
 Dave Hageman John Klinge

June 21 & June 28 *Worship 10:00 am*
 Captain Bill Scherf III. Jeff Klinge
 Zach Radloff Larry Friedlein



ACOLYTES

June 7 10:00 AM Dominic Schoulte
 June 14 10:00 AM Scarlett Scherf
 June 21 10:00 AM Connor Kirby
 June 28 10:00 AM Carson Kirby

GREETERS

June 7 Wyatt & Olivia Glawe
 14 Linda Schoulte & Adrianna Schoulte
 21 Zach Radloff & Autumn Schuety
 28 Bill & Michelle Scherf

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June 7 Becky Fuelling
 June 21 Crystal Goltz

June 21
 First Day of Summer

ALTAR GUILD

June

Bev Moon
 Loretta Weipert

Church cleaning

Sat. June 6th 8:30 am
 Meeting following

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Linda Friedlein

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 6 The Creative, Collaborative, Congregation (C3) Conference
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church Waverly
- 7 Summer Schedule 10:00 am Worship @ Farmersburg
- 12 8:30 am—3:30 pm Vacation Bible School @ Farmersburg
- 17 1:00 pm Unit Meeting
 Thought for the Day: Velma Kuehl
 Devotions: Bev Moon
 Snack: Marlene Glawe
- 20 Women's Synodical Annual Gathering
 Our Savior's Lutheran Mason City
- 28 11:00 am—1:00 pm Men's Ice Cream Social @ St. John Farmersburg
- 29 6:30 pm Interchurch Council St. Pat's Catholic



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



June

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



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Dorothy Kluth who passed away on May 4, 2026. Services were held on May 23, 2026 at St. John Farmersburg, Iowa.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes

Date: May 10, 2026

Present: Becky Fuelling, Lindelle Scherf, Loretta Weipert, Ken Erickson, Linda Schoulte, Dave Hageman and Jeremy Wolfe. Absent: Crystal Goltz.

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

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

Motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2026 meeting made by Dave, second by Becky. Motion carried.

Ken moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Dave. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Discussed moving PEEPS Program to Farmersburg starting in the Fall. Kieth Hanson is willing to drive to Farmersburg to assist with the program. Loretta made a motion to have the PEEPS Program in Farmersburg, second by Dave. Many Council members willing to help with the after school Program.

New Business:

*Nancy Moon - Attended council meeting to discuss altered confirmation photo on Facebook. She is questioning if someone changed photo using A1. Administrators of the St John Farmersburg Facebook page deny any changes being made to the photo. Jeremy stated that he will check settings and attempt to get the original photo to replace the altered photo.

*Mature CD for Parsonage - At the end of December 2025 the CD had \$79,971.90. Lindelle made a motion to put \$55,000 in a 1 year CD, \$5000 x 4 in a 6 month CD and \$2500 x 2 in a 6 month CD. Ken second motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

*Gutter Cover cost - Ken is still working on quotes for gutter cover cost.

*VBS - Jeremy agreed to get information and sign up sheets out to the local churches. Flyer is posted on Facebook. Becky volunteered to be in charge of the food for VBS. Set a VBS planning meeting for May 20 at 6:30 pm, encouraging volunteers to bring ideas. Will put information in the Sunday bulletin and in the June newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism - Agreed that we need to work on.

Parish Education - Today was the last day of Sunday School. Lindelle suggested having next year's end of the party at the end of March, because many families are busy at the end of April.

Property - working on quotes for gutter covers.

Stewardship - No report.

Worship - No report.

Memorial - No report.

Men's Group - Ice cream Social in June.

Women's Group - Spring fling event was a great time.

Motion to adjourn by Loretta, second by Lindelle. Motion carried.

Next meeting June 14, 2026 after worship.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary.

Addendum: On Monday May 11 after great thought Ken spoke to Linda, they agreed the council would benefit from putting \$4500 from Parsonage CD into the checking account. With the rest of the funds put \$5000 x 4 in 6 month CDs and \$55,000 in a 1 year CD. This would total \$79,500, left over dollars put into one of the CDs. Ken made a motion to make these changes, Linda second motion. Each council member was contacted and all members agreed with the changes. Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

Schoenfeldt Scholarship

St. John, Farmersburg is privileged to have scholarship program for our graduating seniors. This year Adrianna Schoulte received the Schoenfeldt scholarship. This scholarship is given in memory of Marilyn Schoenfeldt and was presented on Senior Recognition Day on May 10 at St. John. Adrianna is the daughter of Josh & Meagan Schoulte of Farmersburg.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April	
5	26
12	39
19	28
26	32



April 2026 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

46.00
 300.00
 973.00
 1000.00
 780.00
 2311.00
 250.96 (PayPal Offering)
 25.00 (Thrivent Choice Dollars)

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: 2780.90 + (200.00 Mileage) + (Housing from different Account: 728.80)
 Inside Cust.: 215.48
 Outside Cust.: 126.98
 Organists: 193.92

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 335.96
 Alliant (elec): 212.88
 NEIT: 119.18
 City of Farmersburg 275.80 2nd quarter utilities

Total Income: 4905.96

Total Expenses: 5205.10

General Checking Balance – April 1, 2026: 394.17
 April 30, 2026: 95.03

Kelly Shaw, Treasurer

LUANA NEWS

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY &

FINANCIAL TREAS.: Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Jerry Schroeder (26)

V. Pres: Loren Lenth (27)

Sec: Vicky Baade (27)

Cur. Treas: Cindy Landt (28)

Bene. Treas: Luke Steege (27)

Financial Counters: Council

DEACONS:

Jerry Schroeder (26)

Tim Donlon (26)

Loren Lenth (27)

TRUSTEES:

Heath Landt (26)

Vicky Baade (27)

Luke Steege (27)

Cindy Landt (28)

Linda Davis (28)

Jim Meyer (28)

WELCA:

Leaders:

January—March: Lisa Meyer

April—June: Vicky Baade

July—September: Karla Schrader

October—December: Mel Lenth

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (26)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (26)

Lisa Meyer (28)

Diane Kraus (28)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (27)

Special Services/Flowers:

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



On May 10th we celebrated our graduate Joshua Schierholz with a scholarship and quilt!

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Keith & Sherri Johnson

Read Lessons & Prayers: June 7 – Luke Steege
June 14 – Vicky Baade
June 21 – Loren Lenth
June 28 – Karla Schrader

Acolyte: June 7 – Dayne Anderson
June 14 – Karsten Steege
June 21 – Livia Steege
June 28 - Josh Schierholz

Communion Servers: June 7 – Loren Lenth & Luke Steege
June 21 – Tim Donlon & Cindy Landt

Altar Guild: Sherri Johnson

Flowers: Vicky Baade



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

4 - Darlene Moon

8- Neil Landt

9 – Chad Davis

10 – Aaron Smith

19 – Miracle Harnack

20 – Mason Baade

25 - Juanita Mohs

29 - Kelsi Davis

Grace Doerring



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



	Att.	Comm
Apr. 19	36	
Apr. 26	40	
May 3	33	27
May 10	40	
May 17	25	22
	174	49

St. John, Luana Council Minutes May 10, 2026

Present were: Pastor Jeremy, Jerry Schroeder, Luke Steege, Cindy Landt, Linda Davis, Jim Meyer, Tim Donlon, Heath Landt and Vicky Baade. Absent was: Loren Lenth. Church secretary, Karla Schrader was also present.

Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Schroeder.

Pastor led devotions and prayer.

Vicky read the minutes of the April 12 meeting. Cindy moved to accept the minutes, Luke seconded, approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Luke moved to accept the report, Jim seconded, approved.

The parsonage was discussed. Brian Brincks was contacted to submit an estimate for replacing siding on the dormer which had blown off. When the tenant has moved out, the water/sewer bill will be changed to the church's name. The water valve in the basement will be turned off and just turned on as needed for cleaning, etc. Jerry will contact the abstract office this week to check on the abstract. After the abstract is finished, a congregational meeting will be scheduled to decide if the parsonage should be sold or not. Meeting notice must appear in the bulletin two weeks before meeting date.

Council viewed samples for carpet for steps/ramp outside front of church and pad outside side door of church. The carpet chosen has a 5-year warranty. The estimate from Knockel's is \$1377.69. Jim moved to get this carpet and that the funds should come from the Memorial undesignated fund or the Kamin or Breitsprecher CD's. Luke seconded, approved. Linda and Vicky will order the carpet.

Vicky moved to divide the Lent/Easter offerings $\frac{1}{2}$ to Shepherd of the Hills and $\frac{1}{2}$ to Clayton County Food Shelf. Heath seconded, approved.

Pastor reported that PEEPS is finished for summer. There are interested leaders in Farmersburg, so PEEPS will be held at Farmersburg during the next school year. Pastor will focus on Sunday school at Luana. The plan now is to have class before worship from 7:45-8:15. Bless and Ride will continue as a Shepherd of the Hills event, with congregations rotating hosting duties. Luana will host this year in October - working on finding a date that doesn't conflict with other rides in the area. Plan is to run similar to event in Farmersburg last year: 3- to 4-hour ride, meal, bag tournament.

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

Next meeting will be June 14 at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary



LUANA NEWS

April Report

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	359.12
Alliant - Electricity	448.68
Karla Schrader –Secretary	500.24
Cindy Landt – Custodian	461.50
NEITEL	119.72
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	2,715.59
Jeremy Wolfe – housing	728.80
Jeremy Wolfe – mileage	200.00
IRS	167.01
City of Luana –w/s/g.	121.67
Portico	702.75
Plunketts – exterm	57.25
Jerry Schroeder – alter supplies	<u>126.25</u>
	<u>6,708.58</u>

INCOME

Apr. 5	1,804.00
Apr. 12	917.00
Apr. 19	1,397.00
Apr. 26	<u>983.00</u>
	5,101.00
Fmbg – Portico	1,054.14
Easter incl. in Current	480.00
St John Ceme. (lawn)	<u>643.79</u>
	7,278.93
Bal. Mar. 31,2026	2,454.16
Income	<u>7,278.93</u>
	9,733.09
Less Expenses	<u>6,708.58</u>
Bal. Apr. 30, 2026	3,024.51

SPECIAL FUNDS

St John Scholarship Fund CD	44,121.10
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,788.07
Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,858.10
St John CD	150,000.00

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 3-31-26	10,164.68
Interest	17.76
Assist dept	600.00
CD Interest	<u>2,991.78</u>
Bal. 4-30-26	\$13,774.22

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Apr. 1	1,760.00	44.00	1,804.00
Apr. 12	917.00		917.00
Apr. 19	1,397.00		1,397.00
Apr. 26	<u>902.00</u>	<u>81.00</u>	<u>983.00</u>
	4,976.00	125.00	5,101.00

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Mar. 31, 2026	\$134,791.57
Income	93.27
Taxes, fees, expenses	-386.62
Change in Value	<u>10,530.93</u>
Bal. Apr. 30, 2026	\$145,029.15

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

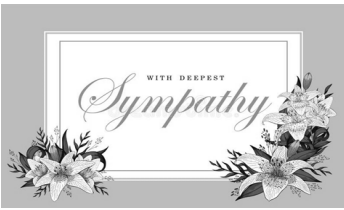
INCOME

Apr. 5	Offering	135.00
	Food Shelf	100.00
	Lent	20.00
	Easter	430.00
Apr. 12	Offering	32.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
	SOTH Oper.	50.00
	Lent	301.00
	Easter	40.00
Apr. 19	Offering	45.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Easter	10.00
Apr. 26	Offering	135.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	SOTH Crisis	<u>25.00</u>
		1,443.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Oper.	50.00
SOTH Crisis	25.00
Food Shelf	220.00
Synod	217.00
Lent	321.00
Easter	<u>480.00</u>
	1,443.00
Ash Wed & Lent	441.00
March Lent	509.00
Apr. Lent	321.00
Easter	<u>480.00</u>
NOT DISBURSED	1,751.00

LUANA NEWS



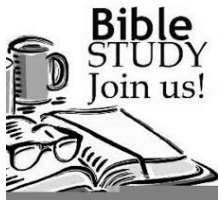
Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Robert “Bob” Wymore Dull who passed away Sunday, May 17, 2026. Services were held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at St Paul Lutheran Church in Postville, Iowa .

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

Luana WELCA sent 31 boxes to Lutheran World Relief.
 23 Quilts, 37 School kits,
 55 Personal Care Kits and
 35 Layettees.

Baptismal Birthdays

- June
 1 - Diane Doerring
 6 - Susan Mohs
 Avery Smith
 18 - Doug Schlein
 25 - Cayl Anderson
 28 - Travis Landt



**Bible
 STUDY**
 Join us!

JUNE 1st
5:00 pm
St. John Luana



- JUNE**
 17 - Randy & Susie Mohs
 30 - Stan & Dawn Dull

BOTH CHURCHES INFORMATION

You are invited to come and participate in the bi-annual convention and gathering of the Northeast Iowa Synodical Women’s Organization (NEISWO). It will be a fun and informational event for all women of the church with FOOD, singing, worship, FOOD, learning, fellowship, FOOD, and, yes, a concise business meeting.

- Who:** You and your friends!!
- What?** 2026 NEISWO Convention and Gathering
- When?** June 20, 2026 Registration and coffee at 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Worship at 9:00 a.m.
- Where?** Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 2502 S. Jefferson, Mason City 50401
- Why?** Learn about the Northern Lights New Beginnings House of Hope For Women and Children and also the Beacon House of Mason City. Also experience how you grow in your prayer life with making a prayer journal and discussing ways to your own holy space for prayer and devotions.
Cost - \$30.00 Register by June 1, 2026.



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There will be a valet service available for those who need to be dropped off near the east middle door for the elevator to the worship sanctuary and the fellowship hall. (Please drive up to that door on the sidewalk.)

Also, prayerfully considered putting your name, or someone you know who is agreeable to it, up for nomination as a Board leader or member or as a member on the nominations committee. Every position is available for election, or re-election, due to the change in our convention cycle. (Contact Chris VanDeventer at cdvandeven@gmail.com for nomination forms if you don’t have one from January’s mailing.)

Blessings,
 The NEISWO Board

Both Churches News

Ice Cream Social

(Men's Group)

June 28th 11:00 am—1:00 pm

St. John Lutheran Church

Farmersburg, Iowa

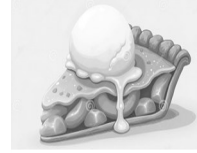
Barbecues, Baked Beans,

Potato Salad, Chips,

Pie and Ice Cream,

Coffee, Milk, & Lemonade

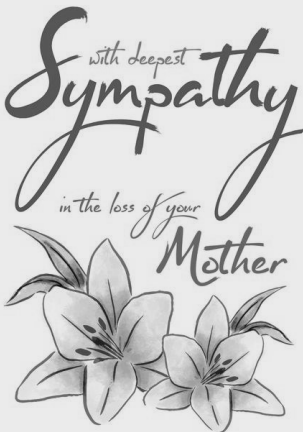
Free Will Offering



Probert Memorial Scholarships Winners Selected for 2026

The James & Marie Probert Memorial Scholarship Committee awarded eight MFL MarMac graduating seniors with scholarships totaling \$15,000 at Awards Night on May 6. Receiving scholarships were Madelyn Keehner, Caleb Zuercher, Cora Keehner, Brooke Hackett, Haley Bouzek, Mattie Hallberg, Kiarra Young, and Adrianna Schoulte.

The Probert Memorial Scholarship was created with gift monies from the estate of James and Marie Probert of Farmersburg. The Scholarship Committee utilizes the estates' gift monies annually to sponsor scholarships for high school seniors of the MFL MarMac Community Schools who plan to attend a college or vocational technical school. The scholarship program is administered through St. John Lutheran Church of Farmersburg.



Thanks to all who have passed on condolences in the wake of my Mother's passing. She was a woman who loved the Lord and she is reunited with him and my Dad. I'm thankful for that and for her life. In celebration of that life I am holding a graveside memorial service for her on **June 6th at Saint Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Epworth Iowa at 10:30 AM.** I want to clarify that the **June 6th graveside memorial is the only one I'll be attending and presiding over.** I have no involvement with the other services listed elsewhere on Mom's obituary. This decision was prayerfully made and with great care by myself, **Melissa, and our boys.** My address is PO BOX 182 New Vienna IA 52065 if you decide to drop a line of condolences. I don't expect anyone to make the trek to Epworth on June 6th. That being said, ALL are welcome! God bless you!
Pastor Jeremy

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Family of Robert Dull, Patty Leeman, Dwain Wolter, Roger Landt, 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, Lisa Berns, Friends and family of Dorothy Kluth and Family of Norma Wolfe*

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas, Will Schrandt

ELKADER CARE CENTER: Grace Doerring,

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon, Jeanette Vogt

TOWER LIVING CENTER: Lendall Schievelbein

KENSINGTON ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Russett

WAUKON GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER: Rita Pritchard

HOMEBOUND: Glenda Henkes, Jim Fuelling, Shirley Wagner



Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2026



Our Back to School event is planned for August 12th. Referrals are required to participate. We need your help in getting the necessary items to make this a success. Character backpacks are always a great way to support us. The young children enjoy selecting their favorite bag and it provides a sense of excitement for school to start.

Most common donated items are: colored pencils, pencils, pens, crayons, blunt scissors, pencil pouches, permanent markers, glue sticks, composition tablets (wide and college) ruled spiral notebooks (wide and college), ruled notebooks (wide and college), loose leaf paper (college and wide), pocket folders, Kleenex and big pink erasers. Needed items low on inventory are: classic broad colored markers(washable), thin markers, dry erase markers, pointed tip scissors, pencil boxes, 1 inch binders, highlighters and index cards.

If you would rather donate money, that works too. I can order things in bulk with the funds raised. We are planning on 300 children this year to participate. Thank you for always thinking of our youth in need especially when it comes to their education.

Clothing Center Updates:

We are looking for more volunteers in the thrift store. Our plan is to be open more Saturdays but we need more help to ensure this can happen. If you are interested, please contact SOTH.

We are accepting spring and summer season items currently. Garage sales are happening all the time, so an appointment is best for large donations. Appointments are necessary so we can control the flow and have the ability to staff accordingly. Follow us on Facebook for all half off announcements/dates. We will also announce the sales on KCTN. As always, most of our items are only \$1.00 each unless it is on sale then it's 50 cents.

Shepherd Conference News:

Don't forget the Northeast Iowa Synod's C3 event is June 6th from 9am-3pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Waverly, Iowa. Registration is required and will cost \$50 per person. Lunch is provided and can be selected at the time of registering.

Ordination anniversaries this month are; Pastor Erica Lenth (6/1/2013) St. Paul Lutheran in Monona and Pastor Ron Roberts (6/23/1996) East Clermont, Clermont. Congratulations!

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 Fundraiser for Back to School August 1 9am-

Back to School Event August 12th 9am-5pm

**Any event may be subject to change*

Shepherd of the Hills:

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9am-12pm and 1pm-4 pm**

Both Churches News

We welcome anyone that can volunteer for the day to help with VBS. Reach out to Loretta or Becky if interested in helping.



Please fill out and return the Registration form found on the following page. Thank You!

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JONAH'S JOURNEY
A One-Day VBS Adventure
St. John Lutheran Church, Farmersburg | Sponsored by Interchurch Council

DATE: Friday, June 12th, 2026 TIME: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM COST: \$10/Kid or \$20/Family

STUDENT INFORMATION

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade Completed: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT

Primary Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

MEDICAL & DIETARY INFORMATION

Lunch and snacks are provided. Please list all allergies carefully.

Food Allergies (Peanuts, Dairy, etc.) _____

Medical Conditions/Medications _____

Additional Notes for Staff:

CONSENT & LIABILITY WAIVER

I, the undersigned, give permission for my child to participate in the "Jonah's Journey" VBS at St. John Lutheran Church on June 12, 2026. I understand that lunch and snacks will be provided. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the VBS staff to secure proper medical treatment for my child. I also grant permission for the use of any photos or videos taken during the event featuring my child for church promotional materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Return form and payment to: St. John Lutheran Church, Farmersburg Questions? Contact Pastor Jeremy Wolfe at 563-258-2936 or pastorjeremywolfe@gmail.com

