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ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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It's hot, muggy, the corn is hopefully sprouting up on schedule and this August I'd like to highlight a couple of fun events that will hopefully engage both of our churches as well as the larger community. On August 2nd we have our annual Froelich Barn Worship with the Moser Family as special guests. Please join us for some old timey music, old timey worship, and a little German thrown in there for good measure. Both services will include Holy Communion.

There is something profoundly holy about stepping out of the traditional sanctuary and into the quiet sanctity of a barn. It reminds us that God is not confined to four walls and a steeple, but is present in the rhythm of our daily lives, the labor of our hands, and the very land we work. Worshiping amidst the dust and the history of the Froelich Barn connects us to the generations who came before us—those who praised God while leaning on fence posts and working the soil. It's an opportunity to strip away the distractions of the modern world and find a deeper, more intentional connection with our Creator and with one another.

Then later this month we're doing something new. Luana Daze is a wonderful celebration and for a couple of years we've wanted to have a worship service outdoors to engage the community. On August 23rd we are having a worship service at the park closest to the Luana Smart Shopper. This will be a special service as we will have Holy Communion combined with a blessing of pets! Bring a lawn chair or maybe you want to roll up in a UTV? Also, bring your favorite furry friend and we'll bless and pray over your pet. God loves all of his creation and as much as we love our four-legged friends, he loved them more and we look forward to the day when the lion lays down with the lamb.

"The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." — Isaiah 11:6

There is a unique ministry in the companionship our animals provide. They are often our most faithful listeners, our silent comforters in times of grief, and our most enthusiastic greeters when we return home after a long day. By blessing our pets, we are acknowledging that they are a gift from God—a small reflection of His unconditional love for us. Whether they walk on four legs, swim in a tank, or crawl, they bring a distinct joy into our homes, and it is only fitting that we set aside time to thank God for the role they play in making our lives whole.

"Our pets are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." — Roger Caras

If you have an exotic pet like a boa constrictor, tarantula, or iguana I am happy to bless if you hold it :) We hope to see you at either or both services. These gatherings—one honoring our traditions and the other reaching out to welcome our neighbors—truly represent the heartbeat of our community.

God bless you and stay cool!

Pastor Jeremy

FARMERSBURG

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Pres: Linda Schoulte (26)

V. Pres: Dave Hageman (28)

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Kelly Shaw

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Remember to like St. John Facebook
Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS



MEN'S GROUP

St. John Farmersburg Pork Dinner

August 16th 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

****All men of the church are asked to help either on
Saturday to prepare or Sunday to serve**
(Saturday we will start around 10 AM)**



Holy Baptism

Weston Alan Radloff was
Baptized on July 12, 2026. He is
the son of Zachary Radloff and
Autumn Schuety. Weston's
sponsors are Alexandria Schuety,
Tonya Radloff and Nicole
Radloff.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August

19 Clark & Kris Wikner

28 Wyatt & Olivia Glawe



BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

August

4 – Shirley Marmann
14 – Brian Rodas
15 – John Fuelling
20 – Madelyn Lnenicka
21 – Scarlett Scherf

The start of *Sunday School* will be *Sunday September 13th.*

Parish Education letters will be mailed to parents/students at the
end of August. Encourage all parents to reach out to Loretta
Weipert if their child wishes to be involved in Parish Education
(Confirmation, Sunday School and after school program) and
hasn't been getting annual letters in the mail.

Loretta's contact information is 563-880-3011 or



*Christian
Education*

FARMERSBURG NEWS

USHERS

August 2 (Froelich Barn) Luana

August 9 & August 16

Captain Lyn Tielbar Brian Glawe
Jeremy Howard John Fuelling

August 23 Combined @ Luana Park

August 30

Captain Alan Feldman Josh Schoulte
Dan Moon Matt Radloff

ACOLYTES

August

2 Joint Service @ Frolich Barn at 9:00 am

9 10:00 am Rylan Hoth

16 10:00 am Annabelle Palmersheim

23 Joint Services @ Luana Park 9:00 am

30 10:00 am Dominic Schoulte

ALTAR GUILD

Velma Kuehl
Linda Schoulte

GREETERS

August 2 (Froelich Barn) Luana

9 Lyn & Mary Beth Tielbar

16 Jeff Klinge & Deb Tidwell

23 Combined Worship Luana Park

30 Matt & Amanda Goltz



COMMUNION ASSISTANT

August 16 Linda Schoulte

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Julie Kurth

JUNE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

7	27
14	31
21	22
28	31



AUGUST 1 Mindy (Erickson) Clubb

Wyatt Glawe

2 Renee Storkson

Nathan Thornton

5 Karish Kluth

7 Julie Fuelling

9 Darcy (Fuelling) Gerndt

10 Jameson Palmersheim

Beverly Wagner

Christine Walleser

11 Karen Feldmann

13 Nolan Walby

Mateo William Moran

14 Joel Scherf

Ben Wikner

15 Blake Brainard

Austyn Isaacs

Landry Ann Rodas

17 Kaleb Richard

18 Kathy Erickson

Harry Gerndt

Dennis Leuchtenmacher

19 Dan Moon

20 Declan Wolfe

21 Theresa Rodas

23 Kim Scherf

McCoy Rodas

Sophia Palmersheim

24 Wm Scherf IV

25 Lendall Schievelbein

26 Sophie Byroade

28 Kelly (Hoth) Shaw

29 Becky Fuelling

30 Dan Wikner

:"AUGUST SUN" BY ROBERT DUNCAN

"God of the idle heat, in this glaring road

you dominate all.

And over the green fields wilted down

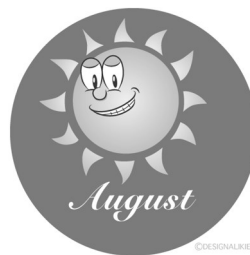
under your blaze, these

thirsty unruly plants grow a jungle domesticity

to protect their fruit.

Of all hidden things, I sing, waiting

for evening's grace."



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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AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Neil & Cindy Landt

Read Lessons & Prayers: Aug. 2 – Mel Lenth - Froelich

Aug. 9 – Luke Steege

Aug. 16 – Vicky Baade

Aug. 23 – Loren Lenth

Aug. 30 – Karla Schrader

Acolyte:

Aug. 2 - Froelich

Aug. 9 –

Aug. 16 – Karsten Steege

Aug. 23 – Worship @ Park

Aug. 30 – Dayne Anderson

Communion Servers: Aug. 2 – Tim Donlon & Heath Landt - Froelich

Aug. 16 – Jerry Schroeder – Vicky Baade

Aug. 23—

Altar Guild: Sherri Johnson

Flowers: Cindy Landt



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August

10 – Chad & Melissa Moeller

22 – Keith & Sherri Johnson

27 – Kenneth & Cheryl Wagner

ST. JOHN LUANA

August 30th

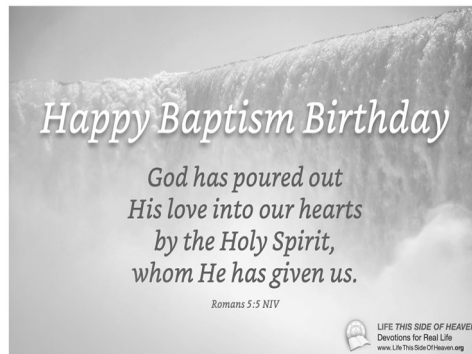
7:45—8:15 am

First day of

Sunday School

All are Welcome

Plan now to attend!



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

August

4 - Layton Pape

5 - Sheri Landt

11 – Brent Pape

31 - Brian Bugenhagen

LUANA NEWS

St. John, Luana Council Minutes July 11, 2026

Present were: Pastor Jeremy, Jerry Schroeder, Luke Steege, Cindy Landt, Linda Davis, Jim Meyer, Tim Donlon, Heath Landt, Loren Lenth and Vicky Baade. 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 June 14 meeting. Cindy moved to accept the minutes, Heath seconded, approved.

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

Pastor will start advertising the Luana Daze worship which will be held Sunday, August 23 at 9:00 am at the small park by Luana's Smart Shopper.

Bless and Ride planning is in process.

Sunday school planning is in process.

The Christmas Day meal will be in Luana this year.

The vote on selling/not selling the parsonage will be today after worship. After some discussion, Luke moved that if the congregation votes to sell, the parsonage will be listed with Allen Real Estate. Heath seconded, approved.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary

St. John, Luana Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting July 11, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Schroeder immediately following worship service. Thirty-five voting members were present.

Jerry thanked everyone who helped with cleaning and repairs at the parsonage. He asked for discussion from the members in attendance.

After discussion a motion was made by Luke Steege, seconded by Mel Lenth to sell the parsonage. A majority of voting members in attendance raised their hands in favor of selling.

Tim Donlon commented that the council has a minimum figure for the selling price in mind, reassuring the members that the parsonage would not be sold for less than that.

Jerry adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary

LUANA NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August

2 - Dawn Dull
Gracelyn Brink
3 - Kelsey McHaney
6 - Sheri Landt
19 - Kimberly Steege
21 - Doug Schrader
24 - Mary Russett
30 - Stan Dull



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
June 21	33	29
June 28	30	
July 5	30	29
July 12	40	
July 19	<u>28</u>	<u>26</u>
	161	84



June Report

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	105.28
Alliant - Electricity	165.18
Karla Schrader –Secretary	523.32
Cindy Landt – Custodian	484.84
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
Access - copier	191.87
Concordia – P & P	95.88
Farm & Home – parsonage	111.92
Allen Roofing -- dumpster	550.00
Brian Brincks – parsonage	807.72
David Abstract – abstract	500.00
Alliant – parsonage	<u>37.79</u>
	8,329.34

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

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
June 7	1,365.00		1,365.00
June 14	1,262.00		1,262.00
June 21	647.00	10.00	657.00
June 28	<u>857.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>872.00</u>
	4,131.00	25.00	4,156.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

June 7	Offering	120.00
	Food Shelf	150.00
June 14	Offering	30.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
June 21	Offering	5.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
June 28	Offering	60.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	Operating	50.00
	Crisis	<u>25.00</u>
		520.00

INCOME

June 7	1,365.00
June 14	1,262.00
June 21	657.00
June 28	872.00
	4,156.00
Thrivent	350.00
From Parsonage	<u>2,007.43</u>
	6,513.43

Bal. May 31, 2026	2,536.32
Income	<u>6,513.43</u>
	9,049.75
Less Expenses	<u>8,329.34</u>
Bal. June 30, 2026	720.41

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. May 31, 2026	\$13,797.62
Interest	<u>22.68</u>
	1,820.30
to current	<u>2,007.43</u>
Bal. June 30, 2026	\$11,812.87

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Apr. 30, 2026	\$145,029.15
Income	90.65
Change in Value	<u>5,216.33</u>
Bal. May 31, 2026	\$150,336.13

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
Food Shelf	230.00
SOTH Crisis	25.00
SOTH Oper.	50.00
Synod	<u>85.00</u>
	520.00

Both Churches News

Combined Worship
9:00 am August 2nd @ Froelich barn
 Worship with Holy Communion.
 Moser Family as special guests
 Luana supplies Communion
 Please join us!



St. John Farmersburg Pork Dinner
August 16 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Put on by the men's group
 Serving Grilled Pork Loin
 Potato Salad
 Baked Beans
 Watermelon and Muskmelon
 Bars and Ice Cream
 Milk Water Lemonade Coffee
 Free will Donation



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN Combined Worship
9:00 am August 23rd

Join us for Luana Daze worship at the park closest to the Luana Smart Shopper!
 Bring a lawn chair and if you like... Your favorite furry friend.
 We will have Holy Communion and blessing of any and all pets.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS : Erma Swenson, 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, Larry Friedlein*

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



Becky Harnack was diagnosed with Neurosarcoidosis, which has caused a financial burden.

Benefit Details:

Date: Sunday August 23, 2026 at Big Four Fairgrounds Postville Iowa

Meal served 11 am to 2 pm

Free will donation

Silent Auction on Facebook 1 week prior to event, ends at 3 pm the day of the benefit.

McGregor Fun Bag Tournament
 See their Facebook page for details

If anyone wishes to make a donation (silent auction item or monetary) please contact Loretta Weipert at 563-880-3011 or pweipert@neitel.net

Further details on Facebook event page "Benefit for Becky (Heins) Harnack"

Thanks for your support, Loretta Weipert



If anyone wishes to make cookies or bars for the benefit, leave them at the Farmersburg or Luana church by **Saturday August 22.** Will have someone pick them up at the churches Sunday morning.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2026



Our project, *Back to School*, is under way! We still need your help. School supplies are getting **very expensive**, so if you are willing to help, we would be very grateful. We are accepting donations, both supplies and financial donations, through August 10th.

This truly is a great way to help families less fortunate navigate through this tough time of year. It is an investment in young people's education. That in itself is PRICELESS!

If you are a Thrivent member, you could also apply for a charitable card that will provide \$250.00 towards projects for non-profits, like Shepherd of the Hills. If you would like to apply, I can help you get started. If you have questions, please give me a call.

Also, as a Thrivent member with investments, you can allocate your yearly Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Hills. Last year, gracious members collectively donated \$2,898 through Choice Dollars. We are so blessed to have generous people with big hearts that help us help others. It is tough doing it alone, but if we come together, great things can be possible.

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 will be accepting fall items the beginning of September. This is where long sleeve with light material will be accepted. Winter items will be accepted in late October. This is the projected plan but it is subject to change. We like to stay connected in many ways possible. Please follow us on Facebook, our website and future Newsletters for updated information. When you love what you do, it no longer seems like a job. Thank you all for your continued support so I can come to work and have fun!

Shepherd Conference News:

We have one ordination anniversary to recognize this month. Pastor Adam Starrett, Elgin Lutheran (Elgin) and Highland Lutheran (Elkader). He will celebrate 16 years on 08/08/2010. Please help us come together to offer our blessings and celebrate this accomplishment. Best wishes to Pastor Starrett.

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:

Back to School
August 12th 9am-5pm

Annual Hog Roast Fundraiser
October 4th 4pm-7pm

Christmas for Kids
December 16th-17th

*Any event may be subject to change

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