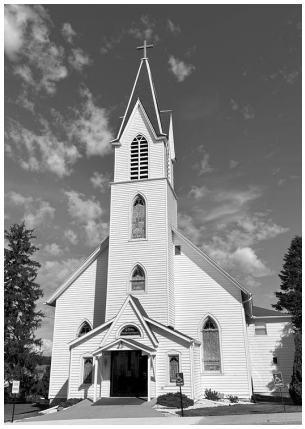


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It really is November already, isn't it?

I refuse to believe that. November occupies an odd little space. It's not quite winter yet, though we may get a touch of snow. It's not quite Christmas time yet, but some will put up Christmas stuff early, and retailers will remind you it's coming the second they can shove the Halloween decor away. Bing Crosby, Burl Ives, Mariah Carey, and other Christmas related artists are already warming up their pipes in the background. We gather for Thanksgiving Day, and while it is its own specific holiday, it also serves as the official kickoff to the Christmas season.

November is the time before the time. It's the eighth inning of a baseball game, or the third quarter of a football or basketball game. It's easy to look past.

I refuse to do that, though. I've lived long enough to know that the time before the time is often when God does His best work. You can't have something great without the setup. We live in a culture that wants everything instantly. A time of high speed fiber optics, same day delivery, and immediate gratification. But savoring the moment and giving thanks for the times when things are being set up is one of the most fruitful disciplines a believer can practice, shaping our character and deepening our patience along the way.

The Scriptures remind us of the sacred value of waiting and the profound work God accomplishes in the quiet interim. As the Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 6:9:

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

On Thanksgiving Day which is hopefully every single day for the Christian; one of the many things I find myself most thankful for are the times when God delayed something. We often struggle in times of delay, but He has multiple reasons for those delays. Sometimes there is something far better coming along down the road. Sometimes the timing simply isn't right, and our hearts need to catch up to His provision. Sometimes the setup takes a bit longer than we'd like because divine alignment doesn't happen on our time. It happens on a heavenly, perfect schedule that always exceeds our earthly expectations.

Martin Luther once reflected on how God conceals His greatest works beneath the veil of hiddenness, writing in his commentary on Psalm 123:

"Therefore let us think that the thing which we ask is not denied but deferred, and assure ourselves that we are not neglected because of this delay."

God doesn't neglect. He treasures our prayers. Scripture tells us that the prayers of the saints are like a sweet incense to him, rising up as a pleasing aroma before His heavenly throne every single moment of every single day.

So savor this November and every day while you are at it. God is always doing things for our good and for our future, whether we see the harvest yet or not.

Happy Thanksgiving and Peace to You!

Pastor Jeremy



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Treas: Velma Kuehl

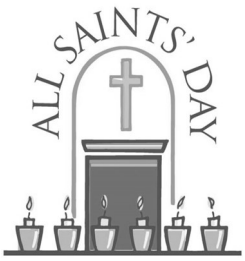
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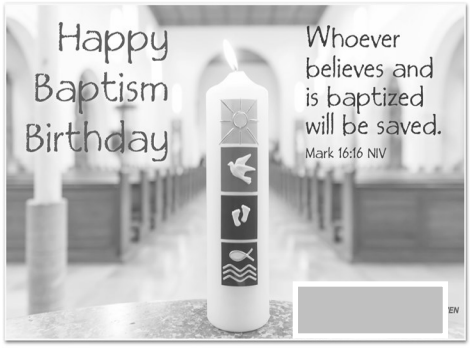
All Saints Sunday is November 1st.
The following Saints will be remembered by a family member lighting a candle.

Harold H Vogt
06/11/1935 01/14/2026
Kenneth Chester Kuehl
11/09/1935 01/27/2026
Jeanette Ann Krambeer
08/28/1932 02/17/2026
Dorothy Kluth
03/12/1933 05/04/2026
Jeanette Vogt
08/21/2026 08/24/2026
Ronald R. Tayek
02/04/1945 10/11/2026



November
14 Steve & Lisa Pavlovec
29 Jeremy & Melissa Wolfe
Mick & Donna Krambeer

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





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USHERS

November 1, November 8 & November 15
Captain Bill Scherf III. Brian Glawe
Jamie Tielbar Jason Klinge

November 22 & November 29
Captain Randy Wiedenman John Fuelling
Bill Scherf IV. Jim Lenth

ACOLYTES

November
1 Scarlett Scherf
8 Rylan Hoth
15 Annabelle Palmershiem
22 Dominic Schoulte
29 Maclynn Knickerbocker

GREETERS

November
1 Dave & Heather Hageman
8 Scott & Crystal Goltz
15 John & Becky Fuelling
22 Melissa Wolfe & Velma Kuehl
29 Jim & Carol Lenth

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

November 1 Dave Hageman
November 15 Lindelle Scherf

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Linda Friedlein

November WELCA

7 Lutheran World Relief Truck Decorah 7:30-10:00 am
15 WELCA Thankoffering Service
25 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship @ Faith Lutheran
28 Decorate basement Christmas Tree—Group 1
30 6:30 pm Interchurch Council @ Giard Methodist

ALTAR GUILD

Meeting: November 7 @ 9:30 am

Loretta Weipert	All Saints Sunday November 1
Becky Fuelling	Harvest Display November 15 & 22
Julie Kurth	First Sunday of Advent November 29
	White Poinsettias

There have been questions about ordering the 9" X 13" cake pans that were sold at the 125th Anniversary celebration. After talking with the owner, we are able to place more orders. The orders should be placed by November 20th. There are 5 color choices: Red, Navy Blue, Black, Copper, and Teal. There are also 2 choices for the church to be placed on the pan lid: vertical or horizontal.

The cost will be $42.80 with shipping included to your home. When ordering be sure to note it is for St. John Farmersburg and the shipping is taken off. The following is the link to order https://www.leadcustomengraving.com/product/cake-pan/59?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false

For the free shipping they can enter the code: St. John and shipping costs will be removed. If you have questions you can contact Austin Zuercher at Lead Custom Engraving 1-563-794-5323. If you have any other questions you can contact Nancy Moon at 539-4562 or 1-563-880-4351 and leave a message.

Thanks again, Nancy!



Our Sympathy to the Family and Friends of Ronald R. Tayek who passed away on October 11, 2026. His celebration of life was held on October 18, 2026.



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 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

FARMERSBURG NEWS

St. John Farmersburg Council Minutes
Date: October 11, 2026

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

Meeting called to order by President Linda at 1123. Opening devotions given by Jeremy, Psalm 46. Becky moved to approve the agenda after adding Piano, seconded by Crystal. Motion carried.
Motion to approve the minutes of 9/13/2026 meeting made by Crystal, second by Dave. Motion carried.
Becky moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Dave. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:
*Bless & Ride in Luana yesterday was successful with 16 ATV/about 40 riders.
*Asked about April 4th being a combined worship at Beulahland Bible Camp, Luana's church were in favor. Our council agrees to combined worship.
*States it is going well with counseling out of Elkader. He is now closer to the area so decrease in mileage for visits and church commitments.
*Dave shared a newspaper ad for Pastor appreciation. All council members agreed that we should submit an ad for Jeremy.

Old Business:
*Church Insurance - Luana received a great quote from Cincinnati Insurance Co, waiting for us to receive our quote. Will discuss further when we receive a quote.
*Loose siding - still waiting for it to be completed. The Men's group will cover the cost.
*Trick or Treat - Decided to change the theme to a McDonald theme. Melissa Wolfe is making the costumes. The event will be on Halloween from 5-7 pm. Council members are going to bring a drink to share with children and a treat if they wish, left overs will be used for Sunday School or PEEPS.
*Harvest Meal - discussed final details and divided up the task.
*Letters to congregation - Postponing at this.

New Business:
*AED doesn't work, and costs $1200 to replace. Crystal agreed to check into grant(s) to cover the cost.
*Treasure Report - Crystal gave updates from July's report. The checking balance match after corrected. Kelly pays bills by regular mail, online and automatic depending on available options and best fit.
*Piano - Council agreed that Ryan can have the piano in the Resource room.

Committee Reports:
Evangelism; Stewardship; Worship - No reports.
Parish Education - Confirmation and PEEP students want to go every other week between Farmersburg and Luana location.
Property - Refrigerator in Resource room not working, Memorial Fund will cover the cost.
Memorial - Lap top for secretary office paid for by Memorial fund.
Men's Group - Paid for carpet cleaning. Carpets were professional cleaning, this was discussed and agreed upon via emails this past month after heavy rains.
Women's Group - Fall Fun day in Cedar Falls Motion to adjourn by Becky, second by Dave. Motion carried.
Next meeting November 8, 2026 after worship.
Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary.

Addition to minutes Harvest meal:
*Becky is ordering 5 gallons of turkey gravy and 100 butter pads from Johnson's, then Brad will pick them up on Friday or Saturday before event.
*Becky will order rolls.
*John and Dave will cook turkey breast Sunday morning.
*Dave was going to check with Heather to see if info sent to local churches. Jeremy said he has the Beulah Camp distribution list to send to them.
*Dave will put signs along the road.
*Crystal was going to contact PDC station to advertise. I contacted KCTN and KNEI.
*I will order supplies for the event, put ads in newspapers (The trader, North Iowa Times & The Courier) and on local TV station.

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Thankoffering Sunday is November 15th. There will be envelopes in the narthex to put your offering in. Please remember your offering.



Worship Attendance
SEPTEMBER

6	-57
13	-25
20	-28
27	-26

August 2026 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

505.00
1076.00
980.00
1239.00
150.48 (PayPal)

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:	96.96

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	49.14
Alliant (elec):	405.76
NEIT:	105.17

Total Income: 3950.48
Total Expenses: 3980.39

General Checking Balance – August 1, 2026: 285.46
August 31, 2026: 23.55

Kelly Shaw, Treasurer

September 2026 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1060.00
1150.00
720.00
5978.23
150.00 (PayPal)

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:	129.28

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas):	48.28
Alliant (elec):	297.31
NEIT:	116.70
Freedom Bank	17.07 (Checks)
Marco	222.70 (Copier Contract)
Dubuque Fire Equip	77.97 (Fire Extinguishers)
Church Mutual	733.00
St. John Luana	1405.52 (Portico)

Total Income: 9058.23
Total Expenses: 7155.19

General Checking Balance – September 1 2026: 23.55
September 30, 2026: 1923.59

Kelly Shaw, Treasurer

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.: Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:
President: Jerry Schroeder (26)
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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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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS



Greeters: Doug & Karla Schrader
Read Lessons & Prayers: Nov. 1 Loren Lenth
Nov. 8 Karla Schrader
Nov. 15 Keith Johnson
Nov. 22 Deb Hanson
Nov. 29 Janelle Smith

Acolyte: Nov. 1 Tyce Wikner
Nov. 8 Karsten Steege
Nov. 15 Dayne Anderson
Nov. 22 Livia Steege
Nov. 29 Emme Wikner

Communion Servers: Nov. 1 – Loren Lenth & Jim Meyer
Nov. 15 – Tim Donlon & Heath Landt

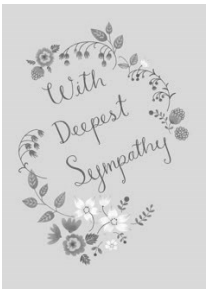
Altar Guild: Betty Handke

Flowers: Karla Schrader



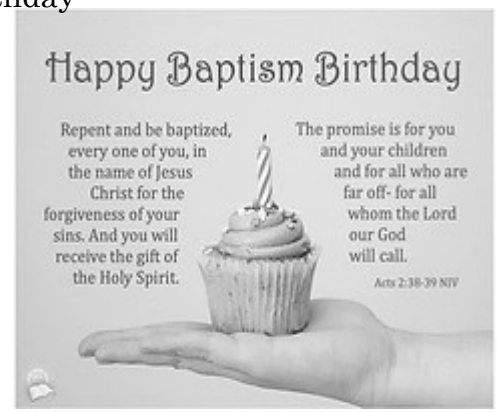
NOVEMBER
11 – Neil & Cindy Landt
28 – Jeff & Janelle Smith

Our Sympathy to the Family & Friends of Dwain Marlin Wolter, who passed on Oct. 3, 2026. Visitation is on October 30th 9:00 am-11:00 am at St. John Lutheran Church, Luana. A Celebration of Life will follow at 11:00 am.

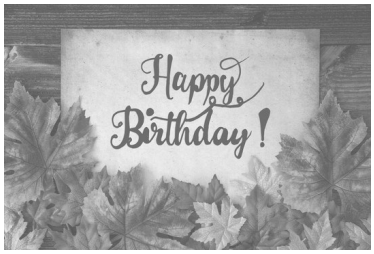


Our Sympathy to the Family & Friends of Keith Hegtvedt Lee passed away on October 11. The funeral service will be at St. John's Lutheran Church in Luana on Tuesday, December 1st with visitation preceding the service.

Known Baptismal Birthday
November
6 - Mary Schroeder
9 - Jerry Schroeder
Miracle Harnack
11 - David Schultz
Jeff Smith
13 – Cyrus Landt
18 – Karla Schrader
22 – Matt Baade
27 – Tim Donlon
Neal Wikner



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NOVEMBER
2 – Kylee Marie Landt
12 – Megan Koehn
21 – Sonya Anderson
23 – Karla Schrader
24 - Lonnie Baade

November
Comes and
November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early
and dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
and frost by the gate.

The fires burn
and the kettle sings,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.

By Elizabeth Coatsworth

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
Sept. 27	38	
Oct. 4	29	27
Oct. 11	37	
Oct. 18	24	22
	128	**49**

St. John, Luana Council Minutes October 11, 2026

Present were: Pastor Jeremy, Jerry Schroeder, Cindy Landt, Linda Davis, Heath Landt, Luke Steege, Loren Lenth and Vicky Baade. Jim Meyer and Tim Donlon were absent.

Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Schroeder.
Pastor led a prayer.

Pastor shared the new quote for church insurance. Council will discuss this coverage at November meeting, giving Lisa Meyer and Chris Landt time to look over this option and give their advice.

Pastor shared that the Bless and Ride event turned out well with about 40 riders and raising $1100 for Beulahland Christian Camp.

Pastor shared the idea of a joint worship at Beulahland the Sunday after Easter, April 4, 2027.

Vicky read the minutes of the September 13 meeting.

Pastor, Vicky, and her two grandsons left the meeting for Sunday school. Cindy Landt took meeting notes.

The August treasurer's report was looked over and accepted upon a motion by Luke, seconded by Heath.

The September treasurer's report was looked over and accepted upon a motion by Cindy, seconded by Heath. $11,000 was received from Betty Brownson Estate and was deposited into the Repair Fund.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary



LUANA NEWS

August Treasurer's Report

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	45.21
Black Hills Utilities – (P)	46.13
Alliant - Electricity	159.37
Alliant – Electricity – (P)	27.79
Karla Schrader –Secretary	523.32
Cindy Landt – Custodian	484.84
NEITEL	119.98
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
Plunkett's – ext.	57.25
Sherrie Johnson-wine	105.46
Froelich Barn—2026	100.00
Heath Landt—Glass for Par.	326.35
	6,631.52

INCOME

Aug. 2	1,338.00
Aug. 9	1,032.00
Aug. 16	807.00
Aug. 23	1,407.00
Aug. 30	1,122.00
	5,706.00
Reimb. Portico	1,405.52
	7,111.52
Bal. July 31, 2026	5,161.47
Income	7,111.52
	12.272.99
Less Expenses	6,631.52
Bal. Aug. 31, 2026	5,641.47

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
St. John CD-Parsonage	115,000.00

REPAIR FUND

Bal. July 31, 2026	$10,762.87
dep. 8-20	17,379.43
Interest	49.08
	28,191.38

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Aug. 2	1,255.00	83.00	1,338.00
Aug. 9	1,005.00	27.00	1,032.00
Aug. 16	807.00		807.00
Aug. 23	1,345.00	62.00	1,407.00
Aug. 30	1,122.00		1,122.00
	5,534.00	172.00	5,706.00

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal July 1, 2026	$150,045.91
Income	286.12
Taxes, Fees, Exp.	- 435.06
Change in Value	2,301.24
Bal. Aug. 31, 2026	$152,103.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Aug. 2	Offering	110.00
	Food Shelf	100.00
Aug. 9	Food Shelf	10.00
Aug. 16	Offering	46.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Operating	50.00
Aug. 23	Offering	0.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Aug. 30	Offering	80.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	Crisis	25.00
		511.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
Food Shelf	190.00
SOTH Oper.	50.00
SOTH Crisis	25.00
Synod	116.00
	511.00



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September Treasurer's Report

EXPENSES	
Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	46.13
Black Hills Utilities – Final Bill	21.63
Alliant - Electricity	302.03
Alliant – Electricity – Final Bill	37.25
Karla Schrader –Secretary	523.32
Cindy Landt – Custodian	484.84
NEITEL	119.98
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
Plunkett's – ext.	204.94
	6,375.94

INCOME	
Sept. 6	1,065.00
Sept. 13	1,690.00
Sept. 20	904.00
Sept. 27	1,414.00
	5,073.00
Thrivent dep	85.00
	5,158.00
Bal. Aug 31, 2026	5,641.47
Income	5,158.00
	10.799.47
Less Expenses	6,375.94
Bal. Sept. 30, 2026	4,423.53

SPECIAL FUNDS

St John Scholarship Fund CD	45,835.54
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,976.49
Ruby Breitsprecher CD	6,058.31
St John CD	150,000.00
St. John CD-Parsonage	115,000.00

REPAIR FUND

Bal. Aug. 31, 2026	28,191.38
Interest	46.34
Bal. Sept. 30 2026	28,237.72

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Sept. 6	1,065.00		1,065.00
Sept. 13	1,690.00		1,690.00
Sept. 20	872.00	32.00	904.00
Sept. 27	1,412.00	2.00	1,414.00
	5,039.00	34.00	5,073.00

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal July 1, 2026	$150,045.91
Income	286.12
Taxes, Fees, Exp.	- 435.06
Change in Value	2,301.24
Bal. Aug. 31, 2026	$152,103.00

BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Sept. 6	Offering	55.00
	Food Shelf	100.00
Sept. 13	Offering	93.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Operating	100.00
Sept. 20	Offering	25.00
	Food Shelf	70.00
Sept. 27	Offering	70.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	Operating	125.00
		608.00

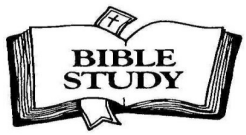
EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
Food Shelf	240.00
SOTH Oper.	125.00
Synod	113.00
	608.00



Treasurer Report

Both Churches News



No WELCA Bible study in Luana until March.



Turn your clocks Back 1 hour on October 31st.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS : Trent Bollman, Patty Leeman, Stacy DeSotel, Julie Mohs, Charlie Post, *Melissa Wolfe, Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Bram Byroade, Melody Pate, Jim Fuelling, Mike Reardon, Cheryl Bossard, Beth Bries, Alan Feldmann, Lisa Berns, Larry Friedlein, John Suhr*

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, *Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas, Will Schrandt*
ELKADER CARE CENTER: Grace Doerring, *Bill Scherf Jr.*
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Veterans Day is a U.S. federal holiday observed annually on November 11 to honor all military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Originally established as Armistice Day to mark the end of World War I, it was renamed in 1954 to recognize living veterans of all wars.

Collection day is November 1st
Some of the items needed are:
Cereal, Dry dinners (examples Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper) Tuna, Peanut butter & Jelly Individually wrapped string cheese, jerky, Canned fruit, 100% shelf life juice

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





"Christmas in Marquette" event to benefit Clayton County Food Shelf. We invite you to bring non-perishable food items or donations to Marquette Community Center on Dec. 3rd from 5-8pm. We will have a stationary light parade, wooden ornaments to have Child's name put on them. Music by Nelson Converse, and Santa, Grinch, Pinky the Elephant will be here. There will be food and drinks. All Proceeds will go to the food Shelf. The Food Shelf received about $12,000 from the Holiday Train in recent years but the train *will not* be coming through Clayton County this year.



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2026



Thank you all for supporting our annual Hog Roast Fundraiser. Your gracious donations will allow us to help families in need with crisis events. If you donated a quilt, silent auction item or dessert, please know we are so grateful. Without your support, this event would not be a success. I hope you came hungry and left full and blessed.

I am now concentrating on Christmas for Kids. That event will be held December 16-17 for families with a referral. Toys for Tots are supporting us again this year. They do not bring gifts for children 14 and over. If you would like to help, make Christmas a bit brighter for those families less fortunate, you can purchase a new, unwrapped toy or gift (Especially ages 14-17). If you would rather donate monetary support, please send the funds to the address below and in the memo line mention Christmas. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. Let's make Christmas special for our area children.

We are excited to announce we are now a 501c3 non-profit entity!!

Shepherd of the Hills would be honored if you would allocate your Choice Dollars through Thrivent to us. You can direct them online by visiting thrivent.com under Direct Choice Dollars. You can also call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice".

Thank you for making a big difference in so many people's lives!

When we work together, big or small, we can do it all!

Clothing Center Updates:

We have all of our fall/winter items out in the thrift store. There is a nice selection of adult clothing but we could use more kids' clothes. Boys and girls! Please make sure you schedule a day for your donations to be dropped off. It makes things easier for us to accept donations on a regular basis and to staff volunteers accordingly!

Shepherd Conference News:

We would like to congratulate Frank Johnson on the anniversary of his ordination on 11/04/2011. He is the executive director at EWALU.

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:

Christmas for Kids
December 16th-17th

A Formal Affair
January 14th -17th

Conference Assembly
February (date to be determined)

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

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