

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Established 1900

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Established 1893

There are some things that I value very highly. One is adult education. It's personal to me. Although I am thankful for the things I learned in youth I really grew as an adult. How did I grow? Through Bible study, listening to preaching, and then comparing what I was hearing in that preaching to the word of God. I didn't know it at the time but I was behaving like a Berean. What is a Berean? They were a group of folks described in the Book of Acts.

Acts 17:11-12

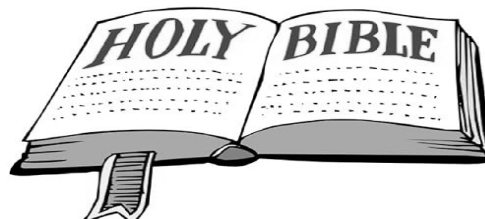
These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing.

The people at Berea were wise. They knew the gospel when they heard it but at the same time, they dug into the Old Testament to compare what they were hearing to what it says in the word. The Bereans were the kind of folks who you might find at a WELCA Bible study. Hungry for knowledge and also willing to test what they hear to make sure it's true and in step with the word of God.

I think the Bereans are a good example for all and that's why I frequently post videos going line by line through the Bible. So far I've done Psalms, Proverbs, Hebrews, Ruth, Romans, 1st & 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. That's 271 chapters via video which is about 23% of the entire Bible. We've also done other books in group Bible studies and so my hope is that we are constantly growing in the word. My goal is to teach all 1189 books and every time I do a study it's incredibly rewarding. You could read the Bible 10,000 times and still find new things revealed to you.

Whether you join a Bible study, watch a video, or like to read by yourself, always remember to stay in God's word. When you read God's word it will sustain you, build you up, and protect you. Jesus Christ is the word of God itself (John 1:1) and so I urge you to spend as much time as you can with him. Stay cool this summer and always give thanks for his word and the blessings in our lives.

Jeremy



FARMERSBURG NEWS

FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Bill Scherf III. (25)
V. Pres: Bruce Glawe (25)
Sec: Loretta Weipert (26)
Treas: Ryan Moon (24)
Council Members: Ken Erickson (24),
 Dave Hageman (25) & Linda Schoulte (26)

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: Jason Klinge
V. Pres: Brad Hoth
Sec/Treas: Don Bossard

ALTAR GUILD:

Directress: Cheryl Bossard
Sec: Loretta Weipert
Treas: Velma Kuehl

ST. JOHNS MINISTRY YOUTH

Pres:
V. Pres:
Sec: Ashley Shaw
Treas: Ethan Goltz

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Tammy Muller (24)
Secretary: Vicki Baade (24)
Members: Janelle Smith (25)
 Becky Fuelling (25)
 Aaron Smith (26)
 Linda Schoulte (26)

NEWSLETTER EDITORS:

Cheryl Bossard & Tammy Muller

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

Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.



USHERS

July 7 & July 14
 Captain Don Erickson Randy Wiedenman
 Scott Goltz Josh Schoulte

July 21 10:00 am & July 28 2:00 pm
 Captain Ken Erickson John Suhr
 Doug Glawe Brad Hoth

ACOLYTES

July

7 10:00 am Carsen Kirby
 14 10:00 am Connor Kirby
 21 10:00 am Claire Goltz
 28 2:00 pm Olivia Kirby & Brayden Hoth

GREETERS

July 7 Scott & Crystal Goltz
 14 Don & Kathy Erickson
 21 Tammy Muller & Christina Pate
 2:00 pm 28 Heather Crogan & Lizzy Forsythe

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 7 Loretta Weipert
 July 21 Ken Erickson
 July 28 2:00 pm Bill Scherf III.

ALTAR GUILD

Julie Kurth
 Bev Moon



July

2 Sophia Rose Dubberke
 5 Tessa Tielbar
 8 Abigail Fuelling
 9 Jade Gerndt
 16 Breanna Hope
 21 Kathy Klinge
 23 Diezel Fuelling
 24 Kim Koopman, Jr.
 31 Bobby King
 Brandon Looby



July

19 Dave & Heather Hageman
 24 John & Becky Fuelling

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
 Jeff Klinge & Deb Tidwell



FARMERSBURG NEWS

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

June 16, 2024

Present: Linda Schoulte, Loretta Weipert, Ken Erickson, Ryan Moon, Bruce Glawe, Dave Hageman, Bill Scherf and Jeremy Wolfe.

Meeting called to order by President Bill at 11:05 am. Opening devotions given by Jeremy Wolfe. Tammy Muller was present, she spoke to the council about the recent Mutual Ministry meeting. Presented Salary and Benefits Compensation Worksheet from Northeast Iowa Synod. Farmersburg will be responsible for ordination reception on July 28 and Luana will be responsible for the installation this Fall (date to still be determined).

Loretta moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Linda. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2024 meeting made by Bruce, second by Linda. Motion carried.

Loretta moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Ongoing Business: None

New Business:

*AED- Needed new pad/battery pack, warranty expired November 2022. Council agreed to replace the battery instead of purchasing a new AED. Linda presented the bill for the new AED pad/battery pack, which was \$250.75. Linda suggested having AED more visible. Linda also volunteered to do a demonstration of AED use after announcements during worship next Sunday.

*Linda made a motion to approve the Salary & Benefit Compensation worksheet from Northeast Iowa Synod, second by Ken. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

*Evangelism- No report.

*Parish Education- No report.

*Property- Dave made a motion to approve John & Becky Fuelling planting bushes and donating a plaque as a dedication to Jeremy, second by Linda. Motion carried. Dave has called Turkey River Construction about schoolhouse multiple times, no return calls.

*Stewardship- No report.

*Worship- Joint worship in Farmersburg next week. Sunday July 7 next meeting. Becky Fuelling trying to set up music on the patio for September.

*Memorial- Recent memorials mentioned. Received a thank You from Kathy Wagner's family for the beautiful service.

*Mens Group- Ice Cream Social next Sunday.

*Womens Group- No report.

Motion to adjourn by Ken, second by Dave. Motion carried.

Next meeting July 14 after service.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

May, 2024 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

674.00
 465.00
 473.00
 1650.00
 2039.18 (CD Interest)

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: 1184.41
 Inside Cust.: 215.48
 Outside Cust.: 126.98
 Organists: 161.61

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 192.05
 Alliant (elec): 185.74
 NEIT: 116.25
 Church Mutual 597.57
 Dept. of Treasury 1138.11 (SS and Med- quarterly tax)
 Franklin Street Liquor 76.34 (Case of Wine)

Total Income: 5301.18

Total Expenses: 4738.54

General Checking Balance – May 1, 2024: 7530.71
 May 31, 2024: 8093.35

Kelly Shaw, Treasurer



July

- 1 Cody Henkes
- 3 Christina Pate
- 4 Theresa Feldmann
- 5 Morgan Peterson
 Jessica Holly
- 7 Adrianna Schoulte
- 10 Jared Lenth
- 13 Barb Brainard
- 15 Zoe Gerndt
- 17 Renae Sherven
 Robert Fuelling
 Jake Shaw
- 18 Ann Scherf
- 19 John Fuelling
 Laura (Glawe) Zurcher
- 20 Charlotte Elizabeth Rodas
- 22 David Wagner
- 23 Talisa (Leuchtenmacher) Porter
- 25 Jeremy Wolfe
 William Scherf V.
 Landon Phillips
- 26 Brooke (Glawe) Tesar
- 28 David Leuchtenmacher



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May
 5- 80
 12- 37
 19- 52
 26- 24



Thank You to Nancy Moon & Ethel Lenth for the beautiful flower arrangements for our Worship Services. Thank you to those who donated the flowers.

WITH DEEPEST *Sympathy*

Our Sympathy to the family & friends of Ricky Joseph Kirby who passed away June 6, 2024. His services were held on June 18, 2024 at St. Mary Catholic Church, McGregor Iowa. He is survived by his son Nick Kirby & family.

LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Neil Landt (24)

V. Pres: Aaron Smith (25)

Sec: Mel Lenth (24)

Cur. Treas: Diane Kraus (25)

Bene. Treas: Sherri Johnson (24)

Financial Counters: Council

DEACONS:

Neil Landt (24)

Jerry Schroeder (26)

Tim Donlon (26)

TRUSTEES:

Sherri Johnson (24)

Mel Lenth (24)

Diane Kraus (25)

Aaron Smith (25)

Heath Landt (26)

WELCA:

Leaders:

January—March Vicky Baade

April—June Lisa Meyer

July—September Mel Lenth

Oct.—December Karla Schrader

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (26)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (26)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Mary Schroeder (24)

Lisa Meyer (25)

Special Services/Flowers:

Betty Handke (24)

Diane Kraus (25)

Bapt./Comm.:

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners:

Altar Guild

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St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

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JULY VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Keith & Sherri Johnson

Read Lessons & Prayers:

July 7 - Linda Davis

July 14 - Mary Schroeder

July 21 - Neal Wikner

July 28 - Mel Lenth

Acolyte:

July 7 - Dayne Anderson

July 14 - Karsten Steege

July 21 - Emme Wikner

July 28 - Josh Schierholz

Communion Servers: July 7 - Tim Donlon & Diane Kraus

July 21 - Jerry Schroeder & Sherri Johnson

Altar Guild: Diane Kraus

Flowers: Marj Schrader



JULY

4 - Chad & Annette Davis

6 - Lonnie & Vicky Baade

7 - Neal & Stephanie Wikner

13 - Travis & Sheri Landt

24 - Tim & Lisa Donlon

31 - Doug & Karla Schrader

NOTICE

No Bible Study in July



JULY

1 - Tyce Wikner

Karli Tilson

6 - Sheri Landt

13 - Melissa Moeller

15 - Nancy Donlon - 90

17 - Tim Donlon

Denver Pape

20 - Mary Schroeder

23 - Jade Moeller

26 - Katie Tilson

29 - Logan Engelhardt

" " "
 JULY IS HOLLYHOCKS AND HAMMOCKS,
 FIREWORKS AND VACATIONS,
 HOT AND STEAMY WEATHER,
 COOL AND REFRESHING SWIMS,
 BEACH PICNICS, AND VEGETABLES
 ALL OUT OF THE GARDEN.

- JEAN HERSEY

ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm.
May 26	29	
June 2	38	36
June 9	22	
June 16	<u>36</u>	<u>34</u>
	125	70

LUANA NEWS

Special Council Meeting on Sunday, June 16, 2024

President Neil Landt called a special council meeting on Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 8:14am

Present: Neil Landt, Melanie Lenth, Diane Kraus, Tim Donlon, Jerry Schroeder and Vicar Jeremy.

Absent: Heath Landt, Stan Dull, Sherri Johnson and Aaron Smith. Also, Karla Schrader attended.

Purpose of the meeting - send a Call to Vicar Jeremy & compensation.

Jerry made the motion to send the call, seconded by Tim. Motion carried.

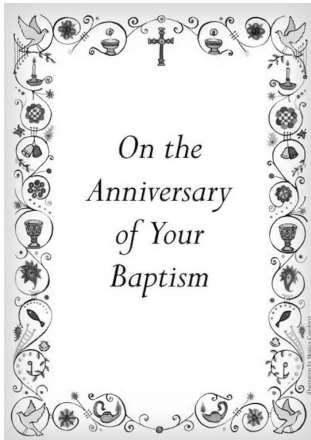
Review and agree upon the definition of compensation/salary, benefits and responsibilities of the Pastor as presented by the Northeast Iowa Synod.

Motion to accept by Jerry, seconded by Melanie. Motion carried.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:21am

Next meeting: Combined Worship Service @Farmersburg, June 23, 2024, at 10:00am, to proceed with the Congregational Call Meeting between the two churches.

Respectively submitted by Melanie Lenth, council secretary.



Known Baptismal Birthdays

July

1 – Chad Davis

Juanita Mohs

4 - Aaron Smith

10 – Brynleigh McHaney

13 – Neil Landt

19 – Dayne Anderson

30 – Betty Handke



Both Churches News



July 2024 – God's Work, Our Hands It's nearly that time of year again – God's Work, Our Hands! Though the official day is in September, it's not too late to plan how your congregation can engage with GWOH Day. One of the best ways to practice GWOH is through volunteering. At LSI, we have volunteer opportunities for individuals of nearly every age, ability, and schedule.

Additionally, we offer group volunteer projects – the perfect opportunity for this upcoming day of service. If you are interested in volunteering with LSI for God's Work, Our Hands, talk to your pastor and have them contact philanthropy@LSIowa.org. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa

Both Churches News

School Supply List for Shepherd of the Hills

Back pack (17 inch is ideal)
(Back packs with characters are great for elementary)

**Dry Erase Markers

**Washable Markers

Bottles of Glue

Glue Sticks

**Pocket Folders- Lots!!!!

**Crayons

Scissors

**Wide Notebook

**Narrow/College Ruled Notebooks

Composition Books- Wide and Narrow

Loose Leaf Paper- both wide and Narrow

Kleenex

Pencil Box

**Highlighters- Lots!!!

Pencils

**Thin Markers

Mechanical Pencils

**Classic markers

Scientific Calculator (Texas

Pink Big Erasers

Instrument 30X)

Pencil cap erasers

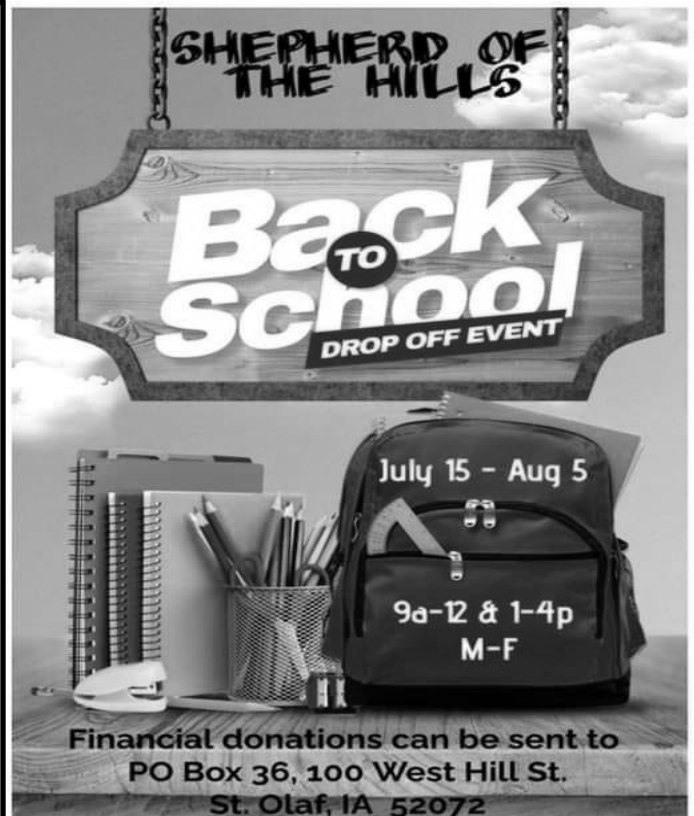
Index cards

**Colored Pencils

1 in Binder

Red/Black Pens

If you have any questions, please call Heather at (563) 783-2409



YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE ORDINATION SERVICE OF

Jeremy Wolfe

INTO THE MINISTRY OF
WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday, July 28 at 2:00 PM

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

Reception to follow



Both Churches News

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Stacy DeSotel, Carolyn Middendorf, Tom Meuleman, Mary Zittergruen, Linda Hughes, Larry Doerring, Missy Adams, Julie Mohs, Ryne Landt, Charlie Post, Lonnie Baade, Joy David, Rick Conley, Harper Armstrong, *Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Bram Byroade, Robert Pate, Melody Pate, Jim Fuelling, Mike Reardon, Joel Moran, Ron Tayek, Marlene Glawe, Brooklyn Scherf*

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

ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Grace Doerring, *Kenny Kuehl*

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon

TOWER LIVING CENTER: *Lendall Schievelbein*

SAMARITAN BETHANY ROCHESTER, MN 55901: *Dorothy Kluth*

KENSINGTON ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Russett

WAUKON GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER: *Rita Pritchard*

HOMEBOUND: JoAnn Meyer, *Glenda Henkes, Lee Klinkenberg, Jeanette Krambeer, Jim Fuelling, Shirley Wagner*



St. John Ministry Team Meeting

June 12, 2024

The St. John Ministry Team met Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 6:30pm at Farmersburg. Present were: Jeremy Wolfe, Tammy Muller, Becky Fuelling, Aaron Smith, Janelle Smith, and Vicky Baade. Church secretaries, Karla Schrader and Kelly Shaw were also present. Linda Schoulte was absent. Chairperson, Tammy Muller called the meeting to order.

The main objective of this meeting was to compose the Ministry Site Profile for each congregation. This is a requirement by the Synod as part of the Call Process since Jeremy will be ordained soon. After completing the Ministry Site Profiles, the group voted and unanimously approved them.

Ordination Plans: Jeremy's ordination will take place Sunday, July 28 at 2:00pm at Farmersburg. There will be no morning services at either church that day. There will be a cake and punch reception following provided by Farmersburg.

Installation Plans: Jeremy's installation is tentatively scheduled as a combined service on a Sunday in August at 9:00am at Luana with refreshments following provided by Luana.

Other upcoming events were discussed:

A combined service at the Froelich Barn is planned for August 4 at 9am with Luana in charge. The Moser Family will provide music.

A combined service is planned for Labor Day weekend September 1 at 10am at Farmersburg.

The September movie night idea was modified. Becky and Jeremy are looking into finding someone to do inexpensive live music at a bonfire at Farmersburg on Sunday, September 8 from 6-8pm.

The Christmas meal was discussed. This is planned for Christmas Day at Luana. Johnson's would prepare the meat and potatoes for us to heat up in electric roasters. Corn and rolls can be purchased at Sam's Club. We will ask for donations of salads and desserts or cookie trays. No carryouts are planned. We will ask for a freewill donation with the hopes of funding the event the next year. We received a grant from the Synod to help with the expenses and Thrivent cards are always helpful.

Reminder that we will review the Ministry Team agreement at the November meeting so any modifications can be presented to the church councils before the annual meetings.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and Jeremy closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Baade, Secretary



**MEETING
MINUTES**

july word search

R	D	W	T	F	I	M	C	T	T	H	E	A	T
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I	P	E	O	F	L	A	G	S	R	C	O	B	D
F	U	O	H	O	T	D	O	G	S	A	L	L	L

HOTDOGS
WATERMELON
PICNIC
HEAT
DECLARATION
SPARKLERS
FOURTH
FIREWORKS
POTATO SALAD
BASEBALL
FREEDOM
BARBEQUE
FLAGS
CONSTITUTION
PARADE

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – JULY 2024



Please consider supporting our youth in this event.

Our Back to School event is August 7, 2024 from 9am to 5pm. We **NEED** your help to make this successful! Last year we filled 335 backpacks. We have seen a steady increase of need in the area so we are planning to fill around 350 backpacks this year. Families are struggling to make ends meet and this is one area we can alleviate the burden, The best way to invest in a child's future is to give them the "tools" to succeed.

All donations can be sent to the SOTH office.

If you would prefer me to shop for you and would like to send a monetary donation, please send the support to:

PO Box 36, St. Olaf, IA 52072.

We will be accepting physical donation drop-offs from July 15- August 5 during normal business hours.

Clothing Center Updates:

Our thrift store is getting full of donations for the summer season. The selections are very nice with some name brand items. We continue to accept donations for the current season only. Long sleeve and winter items will be accepted in October. I will continue the process of scheduling donations as this allows the time to sort items and keep the inventory rotated. I will ask what day you want to donate and how much you are donating when you call. You will be able to drop off during business hours on the day you schedule. If I do not have your donation scheduled, you may not be able to drop your items off.

Shepherd Conference News:

We would like to congratulate Pastor Gary Hatcher, St. Paul Garnavillo, on his anniversary of his ordination on 7/24/77 (47 years).

We would also like to congratulate the following Vicars who have graduated from Wartberg Seminary on May 12th, 2024



Brittany Barkus

One in Faith
Parish
Littleport,
Volga
Arlington
Strawberry Point



Pastor
Micheal Erickson

West Clermont,
Clermont

Ordained:
2/3/2024



Jeremy Wolfe

St, John Luana
and
Farmersburg

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 7th

9am-5pm

****** Referral is required to participate***

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

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