

# ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Summer is kind of a quiet time on the church calendar. Our biggest seasons are of course Advent and Lent. Our graduates have graduated, confirmation kids are enjoying their summer, and the summer has a tendency to pull us away from church a bit. God wants us to enjoy life and his creation so this is normal and expected. Summer church attendance is sporadic for many churches. In my experience, quiet times are the time of the most growth. The rains of May delayed planting for many but now (hopefully) the seed is in the ground and we wait.

A few years ago I learned about the principles of hiddenness and manifestation. That sounds kind of exotic but in reality, it just means that there are times when things are happening for us and times when we are waiting for growth. Have you ever felt like God is far away at times? At other times do you see, hear, and feel his presence easily? That's part of the natural cycle of things. How can we build our faith if we can always see, hear, and feel what's going on?

The seasons in between where things are growing are often the most fruitful. I take pleasure in waiting for things and on God's perfect timing. When I am waiting on an answer from him or waiting on a result I know that he's working on something wonderful. What is God developing in you through the waiting? Does God feel far away? Jesus told us that he will never leave or forsake you so I assure you that isn't the case. There are times when God feels hidden though. That's when the growth happens. Soon we will have days where it's too hot, too humid, and life feels like a reverse winter where there's a tendency to stay inside (if possible) and things slow down. This is when growth is happening that's not always apparent. Corn likes those kinds of conditions and it's necessary for growth.

What are you waiting on? What is God doing in your life? Does God feel hidden or very close? No matter the case we always have the right to go boldly to the throne of grace in confidence. You have that right because of your belief in Jesus Christ. Have a blessed summer and always remember that there is never a time that God isn't working in your life, even in the dog days of summer.

-Jeremy

## 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)

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

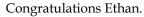
Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.

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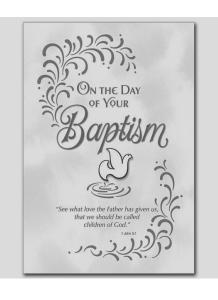


Confirming their faith on May 5th are Olivia Kirby, Claire Goltz, Lucy Kessler and Kaylee King. Thankyou for the Altar flowers.

We honored our Graduate, Ethan Goltz during worship on May 12th. This was extra special, for Becky to read the Graduate Poem and hand her grandson a quilt, made by the ladies of St John. A reception was held in the basement following worship. Ethan is the son of Matt & Amanda Goltz.







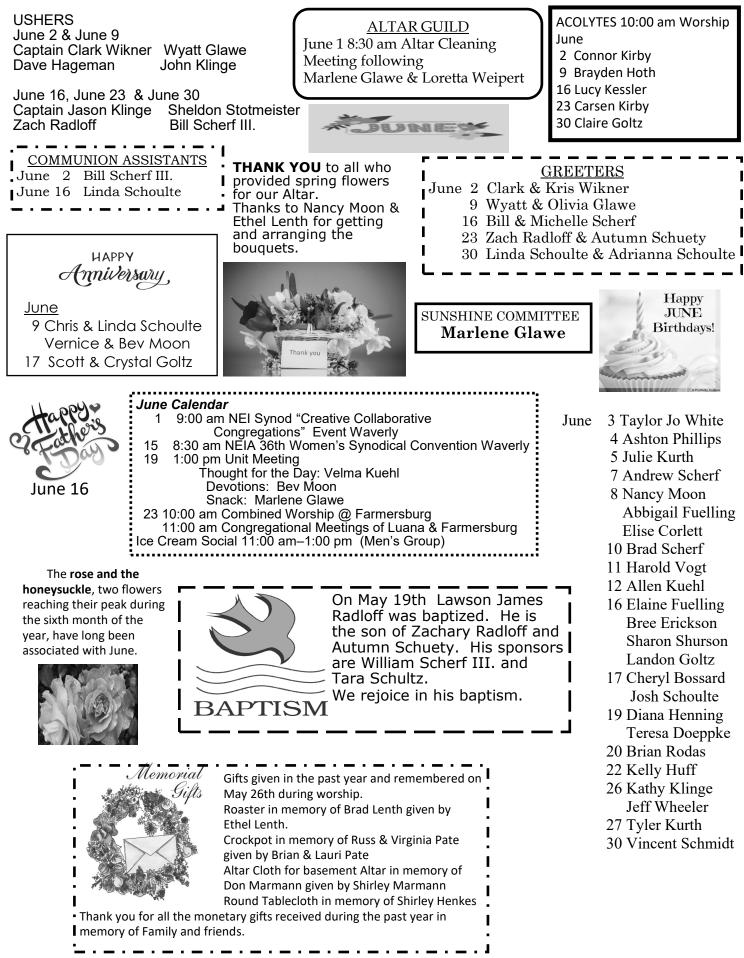
- June Known Baptisms 1 Jeremy Howard
  - Lisa Pavlovec
  - Heather Crogan
  - 6 Gage Koopman
  - 8 Lyvea Krambeer 10 Vernice Moon
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  - 15 Todd Ihlenfeldt
  - 16 Jane Davis 18 Amy Klinge
    - Gloria Tayek
  - 21 Dillon Hope Axel Rodas
  - 24 Carson Kirby Conner Kirby
  - 25 Lindelle Scherf
  - 28 Kenneth Kuehl
  - 29 Iris Fuelling Weston Fuelling

## June 2nd 10:00 am

Worship at St. John Farmersburg.



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## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

St. John Lutheran Church Council Meeting May 19, 2024 (minutes printed pending official approval)

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

Vice President Bruce Glawe called the meeting to order at 11:43AM, Devotions led by Jeremy. Motion by Ryan/second by Linda to approve agenda as amended. Motion Carried. Motion by Linda/Second by Dave to approve April secretary minutes. Motion Carried. Motion by Dave/second by Linda to approve April treasurer report. Motion Carried.

## Vicar report

Jeremy has been keeping busy with services, and visits. All things with seminary are completed.

## Unfinished business-none

(Bill present at 11:58 and took the chair)

## New business

Stevens Ministry-Gay Hallberg from First Lutheran contacted Bill about the formerly shared Stevens Ministry that existed when our two churches were yoked; looking for a document stating that yoke was no longer in place. Jeremy will contact the synod and get back to Gay.

Jeremy's upcoming ordination- Jeremy shared that he is working on setting up a meeting with the joint ministry team to review the site profile for both churches. After this is completed we will be in contact with the synod to schedule a congregational meeting to vote on calling Jeremy as pastor. Jeremy's ordination service is scheduled for July 28 at 2PM in Farmersburg.

## Ministry Team-none

**Evangelism**-Linda purchased prayer/scripture cards for Jeremy to hand out to the shut ins on his visits. Committee members will help with the Christmas day meal at Luana.

**Parish Education**-Confirmation and Sunday School are out for the summer. Jeremy discussed trying to find a fair way for confirmation students that take the class at a different age to complete the class.

**Property**-Motion by Dave/Second by Bruce to allow the men's group to take over the sidewalk on the south side of the building. Motion carried.

## Stewardship-none

**Worship**-Had meeting May 1 following confirmation rehearsal. Confirmation service went well. <u>Worship time changes</u> <u>to 10AM starting in June.</u> Next meeting set for July 7 after worship to help plan for Jeremy's ordination service on July 28.

## Youth- none

Men-Ice Cram Social is June 23 from 11AM-1PM serving BBQ, potato salad, beans, pie and ice cream

## WELCA- none

**Memorial**-List of past year's memorials was given to Brad to give to Kelly for worship service on Memorial Day weekend.

Next Meeting will be June 16 after Worship.

Motion to adjourn by Linda/Second by Dave. Meeting Adjourned at 12:13PM Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Ryan Moon



# FARMERSBURG NEWS

April 2024 – Treasurer's Report Income:

> 620.00 825.00 910.00 999.00 895.00

## Missions:

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

4249.00

General Checking Balance - April 1, 2024:

## Staff Compensation:

Pastor:	1184.41+415.53 Mileage
Inside Cust.:	215.48
Outside Cust.:	126.98
Organists:	164.28

## Expenses:

Total Income:

Total Expenses: 4406.64

Treasurer: Kelly Shaw

206.65
204.37
116.25
597.57
275.40 Qrt 2 Utilities
65.00 Flowers Bruce Hansen Funeral
90.72 Bowling with youth

April 30, 2024:

WORS	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
<u>April</u>			
7- 3	D		
14- 2	6		
28- 3	2		

Treasurer

Report



Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Kathy Ann Wagner who passed away on May 2, 2024. Her funeral services were held on May 8, 2024 at St. John Lutheran Church Farmersburg, Iowa. Thankyou for sharing flowers.

Our Sympathy to the family & Friends of Betty Johanningmeier

who passed away on March 10, 2024. Celebration of Life will be held on June 22,2024 @ First Lutheran Church, McGregor, Iowa. Barb Doyle is her daughter.



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Dorothy Kluth Samaritan Bethany 24 8th Street NW Rochester, MN 55901



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## 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 **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)

St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

# LUANA NEWS



St. John Luana honored Cayl Anderson with quilt, scholarship, and reception following worship. Congrats Cayl!

Cayl Anderson is the son of Christopher Anderson and Sonya Anderson.

Cayl plans on attending SW Wisc. Tech for Lineman. Confirming their faith on May 5th were Karsten Mikkel Steege, son of Luke and Kim Steege and Tyce Edward Wikner, son of Neal and Stephanie Wikner.



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4 – Darlene Moon

8 - Neil Landt

9 - Chad Davis

10 – Aaron Smith

20 – Mason Baade

29 – Kelsi Davis

19 - Miracle Harnack

25 – Juanita Mohs – 90

Grace Doerring

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Greeters: Doug & Karla Schrader Read Lessons & Prayers: June 2 -

June 2 - Duaine Davis June 9 - Jerry Schroeder June 16 - Keith Johnson June 23 - Karla Schrader June 30 - Janelle Smith

Acolyte:

June 2 - Emme Wikner June 9 - Josh Schierholz June 16 - Livia Steege June 23 - Ty Wikner June 30 -

Communion Servers: June 2 - Jerry Schroeder and Stan Dull June 16 – Neil Landt and Aaron Smith Altar Guild: Sherri Johnson Flowers: Carol Goettler

WELCA sent 10 boxes to Lutheran World Relief. They included 21 guilts, 42 personal health kits and 4 baby layettes.

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## St. John/Luana Church Council Minutes May 12, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Neil Landt at 7:32am

**Present:** Neil Landt, Melanie Lenth, Sherri Johnson, Diane Kraus, Vicar Jeremy Wolfe, Heath Landt, Tim Donlon and Stan Dull. Also, in attendance Karla Schrader, church secretary. Aaron Smith arrived at 7:38am

Absent: Jerry Schroeder.

**Devotions:** Led by Vicar Jeremy - Ephesians, chapter 1 verse 3.

The council minutes were read by Melanie Lenth from the previous meeting. Motion made by Tim and seconded by Stan to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Motion made by Sherri and seconded by Diane to approve the report.

## Motion carried.

## Old Business:

- Game day after church in Luana was a success.
- Plan for the Christmas meal possibly catered by Johnson's is still in the works per Jeremy.
- Melanie updated several local businesses who might be interested in developing the outdoor church sign. Jeremy will work with Melanie on a design.
- Vicar Jeremy graduated on May 12th. He will meet with the Shared Ministry team regarding his ministry profile.
- Vicar Jeremy ordination is set for July 28th, in Farmersburg. Jeremy will check with the Bishop in regard to installation to be held in Luana?
- Tim Donlon is currently working on the Baptismal Font.

Baccalaureate Service will be held in Farmersburg, May 15th.

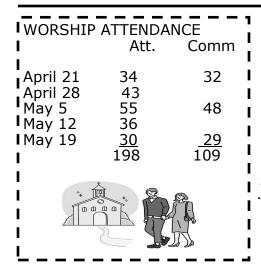
## <u>New Business:</u>

• Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul's/Monona on July 9th-11th. Time: 9am-3:30pm

• Jeremy is working with Keith Hanson and Deb Tidwell on "after school program" in Luana this fall. Neil and Jerry will work with the renters on the dirt to be leveled off between the church and the parsonage.

## Next meeting June 9, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:09am, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. Respectively submitted by Melanie Lenth, council secretary.

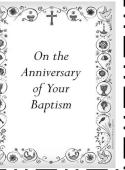




June 17 - Randy & Susie Mohs 30 – Stan & Dawn Dull

# Known Baptismal Birthdays

- June 1 – Diane Doerring
- 6 Susan Mohs
- Avrey Smith
- 14 Jean Wolter
- 18 Douglas Schlein
- 25 Cayl Anderson
- 28 Travis Landt
- 29 Myah Davis



## **APRIL REPORT**

## **EXPENSES**

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	197.85
Alliant - Electricity	351.26
Karla Schrader – Secretary	500.24
Cindy Landt – Custodian	461.50
NEITEL	119.12
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	1,234.40
IRS	480.45
Jeremy Wofe – March mileage	543.86
Bacon Concrete	1,600.00
Joe & Matt's – water lines	155.42
Plunkett's – exterminating	55.11
Farm & Home – supplies	74.39
	5,773.60

### INCOME

nicound	
Apr. 7	1,525.00
Apr. 14	919.00
Apr. 21	1,102.00
Apr. 28	<u>1,195.00</u>
	4,741.00
Thrivent dep	74.00
	4,815.00
Bal. Mar. 31, 2024	966.91
Income	4,815.00
	5,781.91
Less Expense	<u>5,773.60</u>
Bal. Apr. 30,2024	8.31

## **RENT/REPAIR FUND**

Bal. 3-31-24	\$28,240.63
4-1 Dep.	500.00
Interest	63.61
Bal . 4-30-24	\$28,804.24

## SPECIAL FUNDS Ruby Breitsprecher CD

Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,500.44
St John Scholarship Fund CD	40,895.06
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,499.38

### **CURRENT FUND**

	Envelopes	Plate	Total
Apr. 7	1,515.00	10.00	1,525.00
Apr. 14	792.00	127.00	919.00
Apr. 21	1,052.00	50.00	1,102.00
Apr. 28	<u>1,185.00</u>	10.00	1,195.00
	4,544.00	197.00	4,741.00

## **THRIVENT BALANCE**

Bal. Apr. 30 2024	\$284,119.03
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#### **BENEVOLENCE REPORT** INCOME

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Apr. 7	Offering	125.00
	Food Shelf	5.00
Apr. 14	Offering	60.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Apr. 21	Offering	15.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
	Crisis	50.00
Apr. 28	Offering	115.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
		455.00

## EXPENSE

SOTH	185.00
Food Shelf	85.00
Synod	190.00

# **Both Churches News**



A joint congregational call vote meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23 following joint

worship service a St. John, Farmersburg. Both Luana and Farmersburg congregations will <u>vote</u> **separately** on calling a pastor and approving the compensation package.



Vacation Bible School is June 25-27 from 9 am – 11 am at St. Paul in Monona. Be sure to get your registration in. Register at church office, St. Paul Facebook

or email stpaluth@neitel.net

## School Supply List for Shepherd of the Hills

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(\*\* variety of colors) 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!!! \*\*Thin Markers \*\*Classic markers **Pink Big Erasers** Pencil cap erasers \*\*Colored Pencils **Red/Black Pens** Pencils **Mechanical Pencils** Scientific Calculator (Texas Instrument 30X) Index cards 1 in Binder If you have any questions, please call Heather at (563) 783-2409

Ice Cream Social (Men's Group) June 23rd 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



 <u>REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>: Sue Grotegut, 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, Rick Kirby, Mike Reardon, Joel Moran, Ron Tayek, Kenny Kuehl MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas
ELKADER CARE CENTER: LuNida Landt, Grace Doerring 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

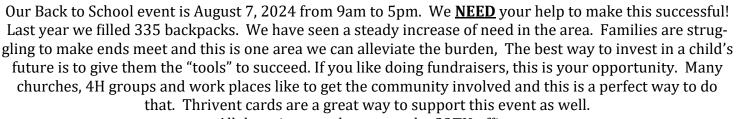
**HOMEBOUND:** JoAnn Meyer, Glenda Henkes, Jim Fuelling, Lee Klinkenberg, Jeanette Krambeer, Shirley Wagner

#### June 2024 - School is out, but LSI continues to serve

School may be out for the summer, but LSI continues to serve Iowans year-round. Our Early Childhood team continues their in-home visits, ensuring young families are supported and connected to their community as they raise the next generation of Iowans. Our therapists are talking and, most importantly, listening to individuals struggling with mental health challenges, difficult situations at home, and seemingly simple everyday problems. Children in our Foster Care and Adoption services are bonding with their foster parents as they grow and learn in their community. Immigrant and refugee learners gather at LSI offices in Des Moines, Sioux City, and Waterloo to attend class as they prepare for their citizenship test, learn how to become financially stable, practice their English skills, and more. Global Greens farmers are busy at the farm or selling their produce at the Global Greens Farmers Market in Des Moines.

Summer is a great time to get involved with LSI! Volunteer with our Immigrant and Refugee Community Services, check our social media pages to see what donations our services need most, or give a financial gift to support numerous services benefiting children and families across the state. Visit our website (LSIowa.org) to learn more about getting involved this summer.

# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024



All donations can be sent to the SOTH office.

If you would prefer me to shop for you and would like to send a check, 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. We are expecting to fill around 350 backpacks this year, so please consider supporting our youth in this event. A list of the supplies is attached for a reference of what we are in need of. We are very grateful for all the support we receive from the community. Thank you!

## **<u>Clothing Center Updates:</u>**

Our spring and summer items are coming in steady. Please continue to schedule your donations as this makes it easier to staff and sort through things quicker. We have a nice selection of tank tops, shorts, capri, swimsuits and short sleeve shirts. Come and take a look at our newly renovated houseware area. We are open to the public for your shopping needs. As always, most of our items are only \$1.00. You can't afford not to shop at Shepherd of the Hills.

## **Shepherd Conference News:**

We have several pastors that will be celebrating their ordination anniversary. Please help us congratulate and celebrate their special day! Pastor Erika Lenth, St. Paul Lutheran, Monona (June 1, 2013) Pastor Josh Schunk, Zion Lutheran, Oelwein (June 12, 2004) Pastor Margaret Yackel-Juleen, St. John, Arlington; Hope, Littleport; St. Sebald, Strawberry Point; St. Paul, Volga (June 14, 2009) Pastor Ron Roberts, East Clermont Lutheran, Clermont (June 23,1996)

Thank you to everyone that attended the Ascension Day Service on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a beautiful, fun service (part was in German) with Pastor Mike Erickson and Vicar Jeremy Wolfe presiding. 45 people were in attendance. A fellowship potluck was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo.

The <u>Operating Fund</u> pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care. The <u>Crisis Fund</u> is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities and our sponsored events throughout the year Please utilize the <u>MEMO LINE</u> on your check to specify <u>Crisis</u> or <u>Operating</u> Fund! Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

## **IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:**

Back to School: August 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm \*\*\* Referral is required to participate

\*Any event may be subject to change

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