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ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a time to reflect on our blessings and express gratitude. But as followers of Christ, we're called to something deeper—a daily posture of thanksgiving. Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to "give thanks in all circumstances," not just for the good times but even in the midst of challenges. He doesn't ask us to be grateful for hardship itself, but to find reasons to be thankful within it—whether it's for healing, support, or the lessons learned through trials.

Gratitude is transformative. It changes our outlook and pushes out negativity, making room for peace and joy. It doesn't remove our struggles, but it helps us face them with grace, focusing on what we have rather than what we lack. If practicing gratitude feels hard, start small—thank God for simple blessings like a kind word or a sunny day. Over time, it becomes more natural, shaping every aspect of our lives.

As your pastor, I'm deeply grateful for each of you through your commitment to our church, your generosity, and your service. This Thanksgiving, I'm excited to share a new way to give that will make supporting the church even easier for some. St. John Lutheran Church Farmersburg is now set up to receive offerings through PayPal. You can use Venmo to donate through PayPal but a direct link to Venmo is coming. For the majority of folks who prefer traditional giving methods, please continue using what works best for you. This is an addition to how we give, not a replacement for anything. Farmersburg is the "quinea pig" for this and St. John Luana may adopt this later. It will be added to the website and Facebook page as well.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ, who reconciled us to God and gave us endless reasons to be thankful. My prayer is that we embrace an attitude of gratitude not just in November, but every day, as it brings us closer to God. Thank you for being part of this community, and may God bless you this season of thanks.

Pastor T Wolfe

Pastor Jeremy

Link and QR code below: https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/P782KPPTQJXBS

St. John Lutheran Church Donation



FARMERSBURG

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Kelly Shaw

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Kelly Shaw

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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

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Directress: Cheryl Bossard

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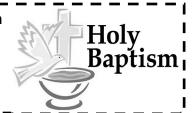
http://www.stjohn-farmersburg.org

Remember to like St. John Facebook

Page.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

Congratulations to Mateo William Moran child of Alex & Alli Moran who was baptized on October 20. His sponsors are Lizzy & Danny Forsythe.



All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024 the following Saints will be remembered by a family member lighting a candle.

Shirley Mae Henkes	Died 12/30/2023	Date of Service 01/03/2024
Kathy Ann Wagner	05/02/2024	05/08/2024
Brooklyn Marie Scherf	06/26/2024	07/02/2024
Lloyd "Peewee" Chris Schei	f 10/19/2024	10/19/2024





November Anniversaries 14 Steve & Lisa Pavlovec 29 Jeremy & Melissa Wolfe

NOVEMBER KNOWN BAPTISMS

- 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





FARMERSBURG NEWS

USHERS

November 3 & November 10

Captain Ben Wikner Dave Hageman Mike Reardon Jamie Tielbar

November 17 & November 24
Captain John Fuelling Bill Scherf III.
Matt Goltz Brian Glawe

NOVEMBER ACOLYTES

3 Connor Kirby

10 Claire Goltz

17 Olivia Kirby

24 Brayden Hoth

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

November 3 Loretta Weipert November 17 Ken Erickson



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 Kenneth Kuehl 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

November Greeters

- 3 Dave & Heather Hageman
- 10 Scott & Crystal Goltz
- 17 Melissa Wolfe & Shirley Marmann
- 24 John & Becky Fuelling



November Altar Guild

Meeting: November 2 9:00 am

Velma Kuehl All Saints Sunday Nov. 3 Julie Kurth Harvest Display 17 & 24

November

- 2 Lutheran World Relief Truck Decorah 7:30-10:30 am
- 17 WELCA Thankoffering Service
- 27 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship @ Monona Methodist
- 30 Decorate basement Christmas Tree—Group 2

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Marlene Glawe

VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Our Sympathy to the Family and Friends of Lloyd "Peewee" Chris Scherf who passed away on October 14th. His funeral service was held on October 19th at St. John Farmersburg. Thankyou to the family for sharing Altar Flowers.



Thankofferings are a long standing custom among Lutheran women. We give in thanksgiving for blessings received-and we do receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

There are envelopes in the Narthex for you to pick up and put your Thankofferings in.

Thankoffering Sunday is November 17th.

FARMERSBURG NEWS

ST JOHN CHURCH COUNCIL October 13, 2024

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

Meeting called to order by President Bill at 1125. Opening devotions given by Pastor Jeremy Wolfe. Linda moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's report:

- *Discussed the Christmas Meal, shared flier to advertise. There will be no carry outs. Need volunteers to assist that day.
- *AED- Jeremy is still working with technician "Storm" about the low battery alerts. Linda is going to email Jeremy the copy of the receipt of the new battery from earlier this year. Jeremy has the program downloaded for AED once the battery issue is resolved.
- *Discussed the updates on the Children's Program in Luana, no dates set yet. Looking for volunteers.

Old Business:

*Harvest Meal - Discussed final details. Loretta took care of newspaper ads, and will pay for them this week. Loretta set up the NEIT TV ad. Ryan took care of radio advertisements. Sign up sheet for food full except need more pies. John Fuelling is willing to cook the turkey again this year. Becky Fuelling will pick up 120 # of turkey on October 9 or 16. Becky ordering buns. Loretta ordered and will pick up gravy and butter pads from Johnsons. Loretta will pick up milk and butter sticks, turn receipts into the Dairy Board for reimbursement. Loretta, Jeremy and Deb Tidwell picked up paper products. Remaining balance on Thrivent cards for advertisement and paper products will go toward the cost of the Turkey, in addition to one \$250 Thrivent card will help pay for turkey. Heather Hageman notifying all local churches to advertise in their church bulletins.

*PayPal setup - Jeremy reports it is all set up and is linked to bank account. The QR code will soon be in the bulletin, Facebook and St John website. Paypal owns Venmo, so Venmo should also be an option.

New Business:

*Council agrees that St John will sponsor a family for Christmas again this year. Dave will talk to Heather Hageman to get details for needs/wants for a family to sponsor by next Council meeting on November 10th.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism - No report. Jeremy continues to pass out cards purchased by Evangelism.

- Parish Ed Confirmation has 4 students. Informed Ryan that Lindelle Scherf asking for Christmas Program details by the beginning of November to start working with the Sunday School students.
- Property Turkey River will start raising the school house next week. Dave volunteered to go to Farm & Home to purchase a spray for box elder bugs and beetles to spray around the church. Sidewalk done.

Stewardship - No report.

Worship - October 27th Reformation Sunday, plan to hand out Bibles & catechisms. Nov 3 All Saints Day. Nov. 17 WELCA Thanksgiving Offering. Dec 1st Advent starts.

Memorial - Memorial fund will be paying for the remaining balance for the sidewalk project.

Men's Group - No report.

Women's Group - No report.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Dave. Motion carried. Next meeting Nov 10, 2024 after worship.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

Treasurer

Report

 $September,\,2024-Treasurer's\ Report$

Income:

50.41 CD Interest

520.00

870.00

985.00

1308.00

1630.00

Missions:

 NE Iowa Synod:
 270.00

 SOTH:
 232.00

 Food Shelf:
 122.00

 St. Pt. Home:
 35.00

 LSI:
 50.00

EWALU: 35.00

Staff Compensation:

Pastor: 2546.37 + 291.04 (Housing from different Account: 681.17)

Inside Cust.: 215.48 Outside Cust.: 126.98 Organists: 162.60

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 40.69
Alliant (elec): 319.44
NEIT: 116.25
Church Mutual 597.57

David Poggenklass 75.00 Special Music

Total Income: 5363.41 Total Expenses: 5235.42

General Checking Balance - September 1, 2024: 4920.13

September 30, 2024: 5048.12

Treasurer, Kelly Shaw





The birth flower for November is the chrysanthemum.

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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> Becky Fuelling (25) Aaron Smith (26) Linda Schoulte (26)

St. John's Luana website www.stjohn-luana.org

LUANA NEWS

All Saints Sunday - Nov. 3

Let Karla Schrader, Diane Kraus or Betty Handke know if you have a candle you would like lit for a loved ones death or baptism.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Heath & Chris Landt

Read Lessons & Prayers: Nov. 3 -

Vicky Baade

Nov. 10 - Loren Landt Nov. 17 - Luke Steege Nov. 24 - Jerry Schroeder

Acolyte: Nov. 3 - Emme Wikner

Nov. 10 - Josh Schierholz Nov. 17 - Livia Steege Nov. 24 - Tyce Wikner

Communion Servers: Nov. 3 - Jerry Schroeder and Sherri Johnson

Nov. 17 - Neil Landt and Mel Lenth

Altar Guild: Betty Handke Flowers: Karla Schrader



Happy Birthday

2 – Kylee Landt

12 - Megan Koehn

21 – Sonya Anderson

23 – Lonnie Baade

24 – Marjorie Schrader

Neal Wikner



November

4 - Neil & Cindy Landt

28 -Jeff & Janelle Smith

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	Att.	Comm
Sept. 22	31	
Sept. 29	33	
Oct. 6	30	28
Oct. 13	38	
Oct. 20	<u>44</u>	<u>39</u>
	176	67

KNOWN BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

November

6 - Mary Schroeder

9 – Jerry Schroeder

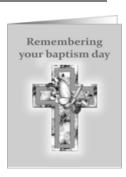
11 – Jeff Smith

13 – Cyrus Landt

18 - Karla Schrader

22 – Matt Baade

27 – Tim Donlon Neal Wikner



LUANA NEWS

SEPTEMBER REPORT

Karla So	chrader, Treas	surer						
EXPENSE	<u>ES</u>					INCOM	<u>E</u>	
Black Hil	ls Utilities –Nat	t. Gas	37.75		Sept. 1		595.00	
Alliant -	Electricity		243.08		Sept. 8		852.00	
Karla Sch	nrader –Secreta	ary !	500.24		Sept. 15		637.00	
Cindy La	ndt – Custodiai	n .	461.50		Sept. 22		712.00	
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Jeremy \	Nolfe- salary	2,	546.37				3,553.00	
Jeremy \	Nolfe - Aug. m	ileage	305.52					
Jeremy \	Nolfe – housing	g (681.17					
IRS			79.93		Bal. Aug. 31, 2	024	5,233.84	
City of Lu	uana – w/s/g		295.87		Income		3,553.00	
Access S	ystem – maint.	Agrmt	178.71				8,786.84	
Farm & I	Home – supplie	es :	108.25		Less Expense		8,461.61	
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	amily – Froehli	•	150.00					
	Fmbg – ½ of Or		250.00					
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	Food Shelf	10.00						

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50.00

Both Churches News



Daylight saving time will end for the year on Saturday November 2nd.

Please remember to turn back your clocks one hour.



NOVEMBER 27 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship @ Monona Methodist

<u>REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS</u>: Sue Grotegut, Stacy DeSotel, Carolyn Middendorf, Tom Meuleman, Kent Seitz, 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, Cheryl Bossard*

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas

ELKADER CARE CENTER: 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, Lee Klinkenberg, Jeanette Krambeer, Jim Fuelling,

Shirley Wagner



Collection day is November 3rd. Some of the items needed are:

Cereal, Dry dinners (examples Tuna Helper Hamburger Helper) Canned fruit, 100% shelf life juice, Peanut Butter & Tuna

Non food items include Toilet tissue, toothpaste, Hand soap, Dish soap, & Laundry Soap

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

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November 2024: National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month! Lutheran Services in Iowa has served adoptive and foster families for decades, helping to ensure every child has a safe and loving home. For over a year, we joined with Four Oaks Foster and Adoption Services to

better serve the families of Iowa. As a subcontractor, we continue to train and support foster, adoptive, and kin families in the western side of the state. Our team has served over 700 families through assistance during the licensing process and by providing on-going support and development in the past fiscal year.

To learn more about our Foster Care and Adoption services, please visit www.lsiowa.org/foster-care-adoption.

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2024



Wow! The outpouring of support we received from the Annual Hog Roast was amazing.

We had a total of 467 meals served (199 in take-outs). This was up from last year's 428! We had 6 roasters of meat, 4 of beans and 5 of cheesy potatoes PLUS we had 16 gallons of salads and so many superb desserts brought in! Thank you to the football players, all who helped serve, cleaned and helped in any way. Special thanks to the area WELCA women who donated the quilts and desserts PLUS the generous people who donated items for our silent auction. We generated a lot of funds to help those in need, which is the foundation of our mission. I am amazed how supportive our community has been for Shepherd of the Hills over the years. I guess that is why we have been in operation for 56 years! Now I can concentrate on my next project, Christmas for Kids...

This event is scheduled for December 18-19Th. We will be setting up the auditorium December 12-13. Doors will be open from 9-4 both days for churches, businesses and public to drop off their donations. If you cannot make it on those dates, donations can be dropped off during business hours at the office. If your church, business or youth group would like to do a fundraiser to help collect toys, please reach out to me and let me know. The local Dollar Generals are partnering with us to collect toys for the holiday shop. (Date to be determined) Volunteers are needed for these events so if you want to be involved, please reach out to me. Thank you for supporting our events and projects. We could not do this without YOU!

Clothing Center Updates:

Our "season" transition is completed. We will be accepting fall/winter items only. Décor for Christmas can be dropped off after Thanksgiving. Please make sure all donations are free from stains, tares, holes and that they work as they should. Electrical items should be tested prior to bringing them in. Appointments are necessary in order to control the flow of drop-offs. This allows us to schedule volunteers, rotate inventory and reserve a day to accept your donation without getting too full. Our goal is to keep the store organized, clean and safe for everyone. We appreciate all of the donations we have received. It helps those in need plus it is affordable for our shoppers. You can't afford not to shop when the price is \$1.00 for most all items.

Shepherd Conference News:

We would like to congratulate Pastor Frank Johnson from EWALU on the anniversary of his ordination on 11-4-2011.

I will be working on the Conference Assembly paperwork. If you are wanting to serve on the SOTH board, we will have openings for secretary (2 yr term) property (2 yr term) and the Synod Representative (3 yr term). If you have an interest in joining the board, please let me know by January 3rd, 2025.

The **Operating Fund** 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
Crisis or Operating Fund!

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:

Christmas for Kids December 18th -19th

Conference Assembly February 16th (Tentative) St. Paul, Volga

*Any event may be subject to change

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