



## ST. JOHNS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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*Established 1900*

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*Established 1893*

There's something about fall, isn't there? The cool air, the leaves turning brilliant colors, and the days getting just a little bit shorter. It's like the world is slowing down and preparing us for winter by easing us into it. This season reminds us that life is full of transition. A time to pause, reflect, and take stock of where we've been and where we're headed. The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. (NRSV)

The Byrds made those verses a hit song in 1965 with "Turn! Turn! Turn!". These verses speak to us all and have been read at funerals, weddings, and everywhere in between, because they touch on a truth we all experience: life moves in seasons. Just as we watch the leaves change and fall from the trees, we too go through times of transition. There are periods of growth, times when we're in full bloom, and there are periods of letting go, where we shed things that have run their course.

Sometimes we're ready for those changes. Other times, they come unexpectedly, leaving us uncertain. Whether it's a new chapter in life, the loss of a loved one, or a shift in routine, Ecclesiastes reminds us that God is present in all of it. There's no season we face that God isn't aware of. He is there in the joyful times and the sorrowful ones, in the beginnings and the endings.

As we look at the changing world around us, we can take comfort in the fact that God has created this rhythm of life. Just like the farmer who sows in spring and reaps in fall, we too go through seasons of planting and harvesting, of waiting and growth. Each one has its purpose, even if we don't fully understand it in the moment. And in each season, God is working, shaping us, teaching us, and drawing us closer to Him.

As the late Tom Petty sang, "Waiting is the hardest part." Our waiting is often the hardest part of any transition. When we're between seasons—when it feels like we're neither here nor there—it's easy to wonder if God is still at work. But Ecclesiastes reminds us, there is a time for everything. Sometimes, the time for waiting is just as important as the time for action. Psalm 27:14 tells us, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Waiting is often where God does some of His best work in us, teaching us patience and deepening our faith. And while it may not always be easy, we can trust that He is working behind the scenes, preparing us for what's next.

So, as we move into this season of fall and reflect on the words of Ecclesiastes, let's remember that God is with us in every season of life. Whether we're in a time of abundance or a time of waiting, a time of joy or a time of sorrow, He is present. He is the steady hand guiding us through each change, the One who never changes, even when everything around us does.

Let's embrace this season, trusting that with God by our side, every change brings us closer to the new things He is doing in our lives. Blessings on your fall and in all seasons!

*Pastor J Wolfe*

Pastor Jeremy Wolfe

## 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. 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.

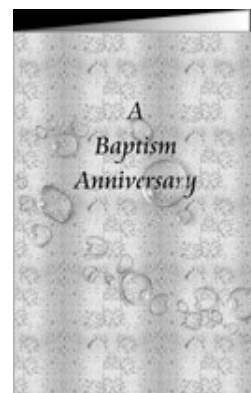
### St. John Annual Harvest Dinner is October 27



Volunteers are needed for Saturday prep work, Sunday morning, during the event and clean-up. Food donations will also be needed. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex. Stop in at Church anytime and sign up.

#### **October Known Baptisms**

- 2 – Brayden Hoth
- 3 – Declan Wolfe
- 4 – Landon Goltz  
Josiah L'Dean Scherf
- 4- Maverick Lee Palmersheim  
Jameson Wayne Palmersheim
- 18 – Matthew Radloff
- 25 – Doug Glawe  
William Scherf III  
Gary Scherf
- 27- Bennett John Radloff



#### September 18th WELCA meeting highlights:

Old Business: 14 lap quilts were taken to the Elkader Care Center

New Business: 3 desserts will be delivered to the SOTH Hog Roast Cluster B Fall Gathering will be Saturday, October 26th at First Lutheran near McGregor  
Lutheran World Relief Truck will be in Decorah November 2  
WELCA Thankoffering service will be November 17th  
Group 2 will decorate the basement Christmas Tree-Stacey Fuelling and Theresa Rodas in Charge

Officers will remain the same for next year:

President-Shirley Marmann  
Vice-President-Velma Kuehl  
Secretary-Nancy Moon  
Treasurer-Becky Fuelling

Next meeting will be December 4th at noon. Our Christmas party will follow at 1 PM.

Farmersburg ladies bring prizes and food. All are welcome!

Other Business: Shirley will check into prices on a folding table to use for funeral displays.

Offering money was sent to NEI Food Bank

Nancy Moon secretary

Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## OCTOBER ACOLYTES

- 6 Claire Goltz
- 13 Olivia Kirby
- 20 Brayden Hoth
- 27 Carsen Kirby

## USHERS

- October 6 & October 13  
 Captain Jason Klinge Don Bossard  
 Wyatt Glawe Justin Fuelling

- October 20 & October 27  
 Captain Rod Stagman Gilbert Brainard  
 Scott Goltz Lyn Tielbar



October

- 3 Bennett John Radloff
- 4 Wm. Scherf III
- 5 Verdean Schlake
- 7 Mike Reardon
- 8 Amanda Nelson
- 9 Ben Schlake
- 12 Carisa Taylor
- 14 Eli Byroade
- 17 Nicholas Thornton
- 18 Jeff Wiedenman  
Lyndean Tielbar
- 19 Joshua Kluth  
Adam Lnenicka  
Megan (Glawe) Klink
- 20 Brian Pate  
Chad Taylor
- 24 Gilbert Brainard
- 29 Melissa (Fuelling) Wolfe

## October Greeters

- 6 Don & Cheryl Bossard
- 13 Kelly, Ashley & Autumn Shaw
- 20 Julie Kurth & Valerie Kurth
- 27 Gilbert & Barb Brainard

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- October 6 Bill Scherf III.
- October 20 Linda Schoulte

## October Altar Guild

- Heather Crogan
- Shirley Marmann
- Becky Fuelling

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

October: Shirley Marmann & Velma Kuehl

Thank You!

Thank you to Nancy Moon & Ethel Lenth for the flower arrangements for our worship services.



## Quilt Tying Invitational

**Monday, October 7**  
9 AM - ?

Lunch and coffee breaks provided.

**Bethany Lutheran Church**

307 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NE, Elkader



Fellowship, food and fun while tying finished quilts for Lutheran World Relief - Plus packing school, baby care and personal care kits - more fun than ever before!

Call Marie 563-245-2333 with ? questions.



October

31 Jeremiah & Ashley Schoenfeldt

## October

*Author Unknown*

October's the month  
 When the smallest breeze  
 Gives us a shower  
 Of autumn leaves.  
 Bonfires and pumpkins,  
 Leaves sailing down -  
 October is red  
 And golden and brown.  
 October leaves are lovely  
 They rustle when I run  
 Sometimes I make a heap  
 And jump in them for fun.

Autumn leaves float quietly down  
 And form a carpet on the ground.  
 But when those leaves are stepped upon,  
 Listen for the crackling sound.

Did you notice?

A new updated  
 Picture on front  
 page. Thanks  
 Julie Kurth for taking  
 the picture.



# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## ST JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

September 8, 2024

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

Meeting called to order by President Bill at 1130 am. Opening devotions given by Pastor Jeremy Wolfe.

Suggested to add Vacation Bible School to the agenda. Ryan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of 8/18/24 meeting made by Bruce, second by Ken. Motion carried. Ken moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Loretta. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Discussed setup of Paypal, Jeremy states he is working on it. Linda motioned for Jeremy to set up Paypal, second by Loretta.

**Ongoing Business:** \*Harvest Meal - Set for October 27 11:30 to 1 pm. Loretta will apply for a Thrivent card for paper products. Loretta will check with Brad Hoth and the Wikners to see if they plan on applying for the Thrivent cards again this year. Ryan will ask John Fuelling if he plans on cooking turkey and ask Becky Fuelling if she is ordering turkey from Quillins again this year. Ryan is also going to contact Tammy to get copies of Harvest meal flyers, sign up sheets for help/food items and any other needed documents. Loretta asked Ryan to include Linda and Loretta in an email to Tammy so we all have copies of information.

### **New Business:**

\*Vacation Bible Study: Interchurch Council discussed VBS rotation at last meeting. Linda asked council members if they wish to keep Farmersburg and Luana churches separate in rotation or join them together. Council members agreed to keep churches separate for VBS rotation.

### **Committee Reports:**

\*Evangelism - No report

\*Parish Education - Sunday School starts 9/8/24, will have blessing of back packs during the worship service. Confirmation class will begin 9/11/24 at 7 pm at St John Lutheran Church in Luana. Bibles and Catechisms will be presented on Reformation Sunday October 31, 2024.

\*Property - School house project will be completed the first 1-2 weeks of October.

\*Stewardship - Harvest Meal planning in progress.

\*Worship - Starting today worship time will be 10:30 am. Will have Commission of the Acolytes soon. Lindelle & Kelly requested no installation of Sunday School teachers during worship. Council members very appreciative of Lindelle's and Kelly's dedication to teaching Sunday School.

\*Memorial - Will assist with the cost of cement work if needed.

\*Mens Group - Men's Group is paying for the cement work, Don and Jason have been working with Ethan Koehn to complete the cement work project.

\*Womens Group - No report.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Linda. Motion carried. Next meeting October 13, 2024 after worship.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary

# FARMERSBURG NEWS

## August, 2024 – Treasurer's Report

### Income:

275.00  
465.00  
950.00  
1480.00

### 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 + 287.64 (Housing from different Account: 681.17)  
Inside Cust.: 215.48  
Outside Cust.: 126.98  
Organists: 64.64

### Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 41.63  
Alliant (elec): 416.22  
NEIT: 116.25  
Church Mutual 597.57  
Melissa Wolfe 181.90 (Ordination Cake)

Total Income: 3170.00  
Total Expenses: 5338.68

General Checking Balance – August 1, 2024: 7088.81  
August 31, 2024: 4920.13

Kelly Shaw Treasurer



### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

#### August

11 -30

18 -28

25 Worship in Luana



Our Sympathy to the family and friends  
of Ronald Leigh Reimer, passed away  
Sunday, September 1, 2024.

Sister Linda (Chris) Schoulte

## 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. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

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**Secretary:** Vicki Baade (24)

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Becky Fuelling (25)

Aaron Smith (26)

Linda Schoulte (26)

St. John's Luana website

[www.stjohn-luana.org](http://www.stjohn-luana.org)

## LUANA NEWS

### OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS



Greeters: Stan and Dawn Dull

Read Lessons & Prayers: Oct. 6 - Janelle Smith  
Oct. 13 - Mary Schroeder  
Oct. 20 - Mel Lenth  
Oct. 27 - Neal Wikner

Acolyte: Oct. 6 - Livia Steege  
Oct. 13 - Tyce Wikner  
Oct. 20 - Dayne Anderson  
Oct. 27 - Karsten Steege

Communion Servers: Oct. 6 - Neil Landt and Aaron Smith  
Oct. 20 - Tim Donlon and Diane Krause

Altar Guild: Diane Krause

Flowers: Erma Swenson

### Known Baptismal Birthdays

#### October

9 - Mason Baade

14 - Duaine Davis

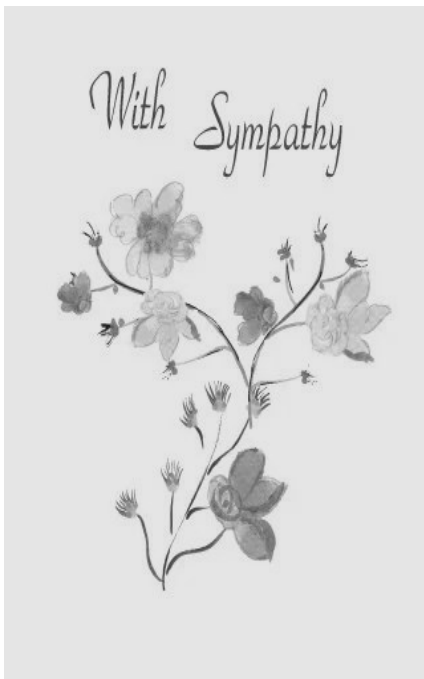
15 - Lilian Smith

16 - Vicky Baade

17 - James Meyer

25 - Cindy Landt

26 - Duaine Palas



Our Sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of LuNida Bertha Landt, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2024.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church, Luana, Iowa, with the Rev. Jeremy Wolfe as the officiant.

Our Sympathy to the family and friends of Nancy Irene Donlon. She passed away on August 27, 2024.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at St. John Lutheran Church in Luana, Iowa with Rev. Jeremy Wolfe as the officiant.

# LUANA NEWS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
	Att.	Comm
Aug. 25	57	54
Sept. 8	34	
Sept. 15	32	26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
OCTOBER  
2 - David Schultz  
12 - Matt Baade  
21 - Jerry Schroeder  
23 - Karla Schrader  
24 - Marjorie Schrader  
Neal Wikner



## St. John/Luana Council Minutes September 8, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Neil Landt at 7:30am

**Present:** Pastor Jeremy, Neil Landt, Tim Donlon, Jerry Schroeder, Diane Kraus, Sherri Johnson, Melanie Lenth, Stan Dull and Aaron Smith.

Also, in attendance Karla Schrader/church secretary.

**Absent:** Heath Landt.

Devotions: Led by Pastor-meditation from Luke.

Motion by Stan/second by Tim to approve August secretary minutes with the correction-interchurch council meeting to be held in Luana in September and not Faith Lutheran. Motion carried.

Motion by Jerry/second by Diane to approve August 18th special council minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Diane/second by Stan to approve August financial report. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

\*Baptismal Font is a work in progress.

\*Pastor showed the new church sign that Carol Goettler agreed on. Pastor will select different colors for the sign and present it to council.

### **New Business:**

\*Tim stated the repair man will be available during the winter months to work in the parsonage.

\*The council discussed the parsonage appraisal and checked on Beacon to obtain its assessed value.

\*The council discussed in length regarding raising the parsonage rent. The rent will be increased to \$700.00/month beginning January 1, 2025. A motion was made by Jerry/second by Tim. Motion carried. A certified letter will be mailed to the renters on November 1, 2024, notifying them when the increase will become effective. Aaron mentioned the smoke detectors have been removed in some of the rooms in the parsonage.

\*Our future Sunday School will be looked into going forward. Sherri who is on the Education Committee will contact the other 2 members and will report next month.

\*Pastor Jeremy informed the council that he is typically in the office on Wednesday's. His email address and phone number are on the cover of our church bulletin and on the front page of the monthly messenger. If needed, he will come into the office on other days when he is contacted. He will also add this information in the "Peek of the Week" inside our weekly bulletin as a friendly reminder. He announced the new web cams are working.

\*The "After School" program will commence after the Christmas break. A small snack will be served along with a short service.

\*Next spring the shrubs and rocks on the west side of the church will be removed. Moving forward Aaron and Jim Meyer will try to trim up the pine trees and clean up the church's window wells.

\*Next meeting—October 13, 2024 @7:30am.

Adjournment @8:14am concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted by Melanie Lenth, council secretary



MEETING  
MINUTES

# LUANA NEWS

## AUGUST REPORT

Submitted by Karla Schrader

### **EXPENSES**

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	37.75
Alliant - Electricity	98.70
Karla Schrader –Secretary	500.24
Cindy Landt – Custodian	461.50
NEITEL	119.34
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	2,546.37
Jeremy Wolfe - mileage	294.13
Jeremy Wolfe – housing	681.17
IRS	79.93
Plunkett’s – ext	<u>57.25</u>
	4,876.38

### **INCOME**

Aug. 4	945.00
Aug. 11	917.00
Aug. 18	1,082.00
Aug. 25	<u>1,203.00</u>
	4,147.00

Bal July 31, 202	5,963.22
Income	<u>4,147.00</u>
	10,110.22
Less Expense	<u>4,876.38</u>
Bal. Aug. 31, 2024	5,233.84

### **SPECIAL FUNDS**

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

### **RENT/REPAIR FUND**

#### **CURRENT FUND**

	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Plate</b>	<b>Total</b>
Aug. 4	815.00	130.00	945.00
Aug. 11	887.00	30.00	914.00
Aug. 18	1,057.00	25.00	1,082.00
Aug. 25	<u>1,137.00</u>	<u>66.00</u>	<u>1,203.00</u>
	3,896.00	251.00	4,147.00

Bal. 7-31-24	\$29,500.80
Interest	<u>0.00</u>
Bal. 8-31-24	\$29,500.80
(Int. pd on 9-2, Aug rent pd in July)	

## **BENEVOLENCE REPORT**

### **INCOME**

Aug. 4	Offering	140.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
	Operating	100.00
Aug. 11	Offering	15.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
Aug. 18	Offering	70.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Aug. 25	Offering	70.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	Operating	<u>100.00</u>
		675.00

### **THRIVENT BALANCE**

Bal. July 31, 2024	299,216.04
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### **EXPENSE**

SOTH	131.00
SOTH Operating	200.00
Food Shelf	180.00
Synod	<u>164.00</u>
	675.00





## Both Churches News



SHEPHERD OF  
THE HILLS  
*annual*  
HOG ROAST

OCTOBER, 6TH | 4-7PM  
ST OLAF AUDITORIUM

FREE WILL DONATION

SERVING- PULLED PORK SANDWICHES,  
CHEESY POTATOES, BAKED BEANS,  
SALADS, DESERTS,

**Quilt Auction 4-6pm**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
CRISIS FUND



*Sunday, October 27*  
SERVING 11:30 AM -1:00 PM

**HARVEST DINNER**

Turkey, Potatoes/gravy, Stuffing,  
Corn, Squash, Rolls, Pie

Dine In or Carry Out  
Suggested Donation \$12

*St. John Lutheran Church*

208 E. Washington Street  
Farmersburg, Iowa

Worship 10:30 AM



October 2024: Now through December 31, Double your Donation! Consider giving a gift to Lutheran Services in Iowa to support Iowans from all walks of life. Until the end of December, all donations will be doubled! A handful of generous donors agreed to match donations up to \$80,000. Increase your impact by donating today at [LSIowa.org/donate](https://LSIowa.org/donate). You may be able to increase your gift even more! See if your employer has a matching gift program. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065. 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](https://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** 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, Ron Tayek, 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*



# Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

## NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2024



*We served 321 children with new backpacks filled with supplies for school. Thank you for your donations to this project. We had some pretty excited kids returning to school in style!*

*Our annual Hog Roast is October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. We will be serving pork sandwiches, baked beans, cheesy potatoes, salads, deserts and drinks. All proceeds (free-will donations) will be supporting our crisis fund for families in need of extra help with utilities/rent.*

*\*\*\* If you have an extra 18-22 quart roaster you are not using (in great condition) or if you want to purchase one, we are looking to add some to our inventory so we do not have to borrow every year.\*\*\**

*Our quilt auction is a new addition to our Hog Roast this year. The online auction started September 15<sup>th</sup> with pictures, quilt information and opening bids listed on our FACEBOOK page. From there, people can bid using the comment section of the post. Online bidding will close at 11:59 pm October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will then begin in person bidding at the Hog Roast the next day from 4-6pm. At 6 pm we will announce the winning bids. There will be other items at the "in-person" bidding so please plan on attending and supporting SOTH and our mission to help others in need!*

### **Clothing Center Updates:**

*We are currently transitioning into the fall/winter season at the thrift store. We will not be accepting the Spring/summer items until March. Also, all Christmas décor will not be accepted until November. Our space is limited so we are unable to store those items that are not in season. Please keep these gentle reminders in mind when you donate. Thank you for having patience and understanding of the policies, as we want to keep things organized and safe for all shoppers.*

### **Shepherd Conference News:**

*Pastor Lyn Noel, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Postville, is celebrating his ordination anniversary on 10/20/13. Pastor Katherine Longtin Johnson, Bethany Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran, is celebrating her ordination anniversary on 10/19/14.*

*Congratulations Pastor Lyn and Pastor Katherine!*

*We would also like to welcome Pastor Tyler Hoey to our Conference. He is the new pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo and Peace Lutheran Church in Clayton.*

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:**

**Annual Hog Roast  
October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm**

**Christmas for Kids  
December 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>**

*\*Any event may be subject to change*

#### **Shepherd of the Hills:**

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9am-12pm and 1pm-4 pm**