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March is here, and with it comes the beginning of the holy season of Lent. For us it's a time to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. In the stillness of these early spring days, we're invited to draw closer to God, seeking His guidance and grace in our lives.

Lent is a season that calls us to look inward and upward. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with God and the ways we can live more faithfully as His people. One passage that speaks beautifully to this is from the Psalms:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." —Psalm 51:10-12 (RSV)

We all know this passage because it's built into our liturgy. We sing it and say it but when we memorize something it's a double edged sword. We know it by heart but can also have a hard time focusing on it.

These words of David resonate deeply during Lent, a season of repentance and renewal. They remind us that no matter how far we may stray, God's mercy is abundant, and His love is steadfast. Lent gives us the opportunity to lay our burdens before the Lord and trust in His promise to restore and renew us.

This season also encourages us to think about the sacrifices Jesus made for us and how we can respond in gratitude. While many people associate Lent with giving something up, it can also be a time of taking something on whether that's committing to daily prayer, reading scripture, or finding new ways to serve others. Small, intentional acts of devotion can bring us closer to God and remind us of His presence in our lives.

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring begin to appear, we're reminded of the renewal that is possible through Christ. Just as the earth begins to awaken from winter's slumber, our spirits can be refreshed by the promise of new life in Him. Lent is a journey, and each step we take brings us closer to the cross and the hope of the resurrection.

During this month, I encourage you to find moments of quiet to reflect on Psalm 51. Maybe it's in the morning as the sun rises, or in the evening when the house is still. Let the words sink in: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." What does that look like in your life? Are there places where you need God's healing touch or areas where you feel called to grow?

Lent is not about perfection; it's about intention. It's about showing up with an open heart, ready to receive God's grace and to be transformed by it. It's a time to let go of what weighs us down and to embrace the freedom that comes from walking in faith. Whether through fasting, prayer, or acts of service, every effort we make during Lent is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the One who loves us unconditionally.

As we journey through this season together, let us hold fast to the hope we have in Christ. His love is unchanging, His mercy is boundless, and His promises are sure. At St. John Lutheran Church, we are blessed to walk this path as a community, supporting and encouraging one another along the way.

Thank you for being part of this family of faith. Let's make this Lent a season of renewal, reflection, and rejoicing in the love of God. May He create in us clean hearts and uphold us with willing spirits, now and always.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jeremy

LENT

FARMERSBURG NEWS

FARMERSBURG

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pres: Bill Scherf III. (25)
V. Pres: Bruce Glawe (25)
Sec: Loretta Weipert (26)
Treas: Linda Schoulte (26)
Council Members: Ken Erickson (27),
Crystal Goltz (27) & Dave Hageman (25)

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: Ryan Moon
V. Pres: Brad Hoth
Sec/Treas: Dan Moon

ALTAR GUILD:

Directress: Cheryl Bossard
Sec: Heather Crogan
Treas: Velma Kuehl

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Linda Schoulte (26)
Secretary: Vicki Baade (27)
Members: Janelle Smith (25)
Becky Fuelling (25)
Aaron Smith (26)
Amanda Goltz (27)

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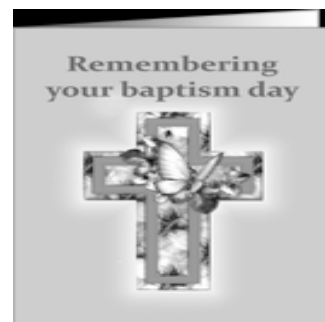
Remember to like St. John Facebook Page.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service March 5 @ 6:30 pm at St. John Farmersburg. Lenten meal 5:00 pm—6:15 pm. See Combined News page for Lenten Services & Lenten meal Menus.

Known March Baptisms

- 1 – Diana Miller
- 11 – Don Bossard
- 15 – Alexis Feldman
- 17 - Kayden Radloff
- 19 – Ali Crogan
- 26 – Duncan VanHauen
- 28 - Bowie Lynn VanHauen
- 29 - Skylar Kessler



WELCA MEETING

March 19 1:00 pm Unit Meeting
Thought for the Day: Becky Fuelling
Devotions: Shirley Marmann
Snack: Nancy Moon

Yearbook

The yearbook of ushers, greeters, etc. & calendar will be in your mailboxes the first part of March. Please pick up your copy.

SENIORS Scholarships applications

are due on March 15th!



MARCH 20

FARMERSBURG NEWS

USHERS

March 2, March 5 (Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm) & March 9
 Captain Lyn Tielbar Dave Hageman
 Paul Weipert Wyatt Geick

March 16, March 23, & March 30
 Captain Bill Scherf IV. Ken Erickson
 Zach Radloff John Klinge

ACOLYTES

March 2 Brayden Hoth
 5 (6:30 pm Ash Wednesday) Carsen Kirby
 9 Connor Kirby
 16 Brayden Hoth
 23 Carsen Kirby
 30 Connor Kirby

GREETERS

March 3 Paul & Loretta Weipert
 5 Lyn & Mary Beth Tielbar (Ash Wednesday)
 9 Emily Palmersheim & Nancy Moon
 16 Matt & Amanda Goltz
 23 Ben & Clark Wikner
 30 Ken & Heather Crogan

ALTAR GUILD

Velma Kuehl & Deb Tidwell
 Meeting March 1st @ 9:30 am

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Bev Moon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 2 Crystal Goltz
 March 5 Dave Hageman (6:30 pm) Ash Wednesday
 March 16 Bill Scherf III.



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Tara Cheeseman
- 2 Andrea (Lnenicka) Byroade
Jacob Meyer
- 3 Corbin Gardner
Nick Henkes
- 4 Ivan James Nehl
- 5 Sophia (Glawe) Rose
Chloe Lynn Fuelling
Kayden Loren Radloff
- 6 Rachel Henning
- 9 Kris Wikner
Zachery Radloff
- 10 Brianna Seronko
- 11 Diane Wiedenman
- 12 Dorothy Kluth
- 13 Jessica (Preuser) Smith
- 14 Emery Rodas
- 15 Heather (Radloff) Berry
- 17 Terene Hauschild
- 18 David Schoenfeldt
- 20 Don Erickson
- 23 Lisa Berns
- 24 Loretta Davis
- 25 Bill Scherf Jr.
- 26 Kyle Moon
- 27 Jim Fuelling
Iris Fuelling
Arthur James Hatlan
- 28 Daniel Wagner
- 29 Hilary (Scherf) Anderegg
Joleen Schoulte
Marjorie Henderson
Ashley Shaw
Bowie Lynn VanHauen
- 30 Jacob Morley
Erica Scherf
Diezel Fuelling



"The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war. March was the beginning of our calendar year. We changed to the 'New Style' or 'Gregorian calendar in 1752, and it is only since then when we the year began on 1st January. The Anglo-Saxons called the month *Hlyd monath* which means Stormy month, or *Hraed monath* which means Rugged month. All through Lent the traditional games played are marbles and skipping. The games were stopped on the stroke of twelve noon on Good Friday, which in some places was called Marble Day or Long Rope Day. The game of marbles has been played for hundreds of years and some historians say that it might have been started by rolling eggs. In the past, round stones, hazelnuts, round balls of baked clay and even cherry stones have been used."

- Facts About March

FARMERSBURG NEWS

ST. JOHN FARMERSBURG COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: February 9, 2025

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

Meeting called to order by President Bill at 11:28. Opening devotions given by Jeremy.

Linda moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Bruce. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2025 meeting made by Crystal, second by Ken. Motion carried.

Bruce moved to approve the treasurer's report, second by Linda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Bishop will be attending the 125th Anniversary celebration on June 29. Jeremy is getting quotes from Johnson's Restaurant. 11 children attended the PEEPS after school program this past Wednesday. The plan is to do door to door visits in Luana when it gets warmer outside.

Old Business:

Tammy Muller attended the meeting to discuss purchase of a new copier. Last copier was purchased in March 2012, no longer able to get parts for it. Reviewed options for purchasing a new copier. Linda made a motion that Memorial Committee will pay for option #3 (see attached printout) pending approval from all Memorial Committee members, second by Crystal. Motion carried.

New Business:

*Remove the tree by school house related to swaying with strong winds, fear of damaging church. Ken shared quotes from Lance Hangartner Tree Service. Would be \$900 for the one tree and \$4700 if wish to remove all 7 trees west of church. Crystal motioned to remove just the one tree that is concerning, second by Linda. Motion carried.

*Discussion had whether to have fellowship breakfast after worship on Easter Sunday. Loretta motioned to have no fellowship breakfast after worship on Easter, second by Linda. Motion carried.

*Set date for Harvest Meal. Bruce motioned to have Harvest Meal on October 26, 2025, second by Crystal. Motion carried. *Discuss on whether to change worship time for Summer. Linda motioned to change worship time to 10 am starting in June, Loretta second. Motion carried.

*Election of officers: Treasurer - Linda Schoulte; Secretary - Loretta; Vice President - Bruce; President - Bill. Motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot made by Crystal, second by Ken. Linda will need to go to Freedom Bank in Monona to be added to St John Lutheran Church General accounts. Signature cards at Freedom Bank for St John Lutheran Church needs to be updated to list Kelly Shaw and Linda Schoulte, Ryan Moon to be removed.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism (Linda) - No report.

Parish Education (Loretta) - No report.

Property (Ken & Dave) - No report.

Stewardship (Crystal) - No report.

Worship (Crystal) - No report. Loretta will let members of worship committee know to include Crystal in on Worship meeting details.

Memorial (Linda) - Discussed Memorial account funds and current members of committee.

Men's Group (Ken & Dave) - Recently met. Mentioned that Ryan Moon is President and Dan Moon is the Treasurer.

Women's Group (Loretta) - Do Days past week. Plan to meet again this upcoming week.

Motion to adjourn by Linda, second by Ken. Motion carried. Next meeting March 9 after worship.

Respectively submitted by Loretta Weipert, secretary



FARMERSBURG NEWS

January 2025 – Treasurer's Report

Income:

1155.00
478.59
654.00
1408.00
395.97 (PayPal Offering)



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 + 694.12 + 339.14 (Portico) (Housing from different Account: 707.58)
Inside Cust.: 215.48
Outside Cust.: 126.98
Organists: 129.28

Expenses:

Black Hills (gas): 273.97
Alliant (elec): 248.64
NEIT: 121.43
Church Mutual 773.00
Safe Dep box 5.00
City of Farmersburg 195.40

Total Income: 4091.56

Total Expenses: 6445.14

General Checking Balance – January 1, 2025: 5989.72

January 31, 2025: 3636.14

Kelly Shaw Treasurer



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January

5- 27
12- 32
19- 17
26- 24



LUANA NEWS



LUANA

CHURCH SECRETARY & FINANCIAL TREAS.:

Karla Schrader

CHURCH COUNCIL:

President: Jerry Schroeder (26)

V. Pres: Aaron Smith (25)

Sec: Vicky Baade (27)

Cur. Treas: Diane Kraus (25)

Bene. Treas: Stan Dull (26)

Financial Counters: Council

DEACONS:

Jerry Schroeder (26)

Tim Donlon (26)

Loren Lenth (27)

TRUSTEES:

Diane Kraus (25)

Aaron Smith (25)

Heath Landt (26)

Vicky Baade (27)

Luke Steege (27)

WELCA:

Leaders:

January—March: Karla Schrader

April—June Mel: Lenth

July—September: Lisa Meyer

Oct.—December: Vicky Baade

ALTAR GUILD:

Pres: Sherri Johnson (26)

Sec: Darci Engelhardt (26)

Banners/Linens/Candles:

Lisa Meyer (25)

Mary Schroeder (27)

Special Services/Flowers:

Diane Kraus (25)

Betty Handke (27)

Bapt./Comm.:

Sherri Johnson

Darci Engelhardt

Seasonal Banners:

Mary Schroeder

ST. JOHN MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Linda Schoulte (26)

Secretary: Vicki Baade (27)

Members: Janelle Smith (25)

Becky Fuelling (25)

Aaron Smith (26)

Amanda Goltz (27)

St. John's Luana website

www.stjohn-luana.org

Ash Wednesday Worship
Service March 5 @ 6:30 pm at
St. John Farmersburg.

Lenten meal 5:00 pm—6:15 pm.

See Combined News page for Lenten Services & Lenten meal Menus.



3 – Keisha Formanek

4 - Erv Bugenhagen

7 – Karsten Steege

8 – Braden Landt

11 – Cheryl Wagner

18 - Austin Smith

20 - Jay Schroeder

21 – Kyle Tilson

28 - Candice Schlein

31 – Dwain Wolter

WORSHIP ATTENANCE

	Att.	Comm
Jan. 26	25	
Feb. 2	45	38
Feb. 9	38	
Feb. 16	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>
	132	60



MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Jeff & Janelle Smith

Read Lessons & Prayers:

Mar. 2 Duaine Davis

Mar. 9 Jerry Schroeder

Mar. 16 Keith Johnson

Mar. 23 Deb Hanson

Mar. 30 Janelle Smith

Acolyte:

Mar. 2 Emme Wikner

Mar. 9 Livia Steege

Mar. 12 Ty Wikner

Mar. 16 Karsten Steege

Mar. 23 Dayne Anderson

Mar. 26 Josh Schierholz

Mar. 30 Ty Wikner

Communion Servers:

Mar. 2 - Jerry Schroeder and Diane Krause

Mar. 16 - Tim Donlon and Heath Landt

Altar Guild: Lisa Meyer

Flowers: Betty Handke

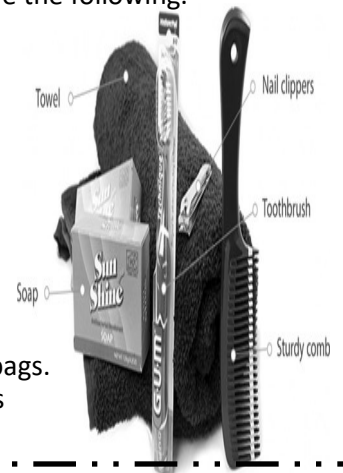
Anniversary

March 8 – Heath and Chris Landt

PERSONAL CARE KITS

For Lent we are making personal care kits the kits include the following.

- One sturdy comb, (remove packaging)
- One metal nail clippers (remove packaging)
- attached file optional
- One light or medium-weight bath size towel (52" x27")
- dark color
- Two (2) bath-size bars (4-5 oz) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- One Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (Toothbrush multipacks may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-sized envelope;
- DO NOT enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.
- DO NOT add other items or leave out any of the items listed, all items should be new and in good condition.



LUANA NEWS

St. John Council Minutes February 9, 2025

Present were: Pastor Jeremy, Diane Kraus, Stan Dull, Jerry Schroeder, Loren Lenth, Aaron Smith, Heath Landt, Karla Schrader and Vicky Baade. Absent were: Luke Steege and Tim Donlon. Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Schroeder.

Pastor led devotions based on Romans 10:15.

Vicky read the minutes of the January 19 meeting. Stan moved to accept the minutes, Diane seconded, approved.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Vicky moved to accept the report, Diane seconded, approved.

Aaron gave an update on the parsonage repairs. Jim Meyer, Stan Dull, and Loren Lenth met with two contractors about the basement wall repairs. After discussion, Stan moved to hire Stanley Thomas, whose bid was \$3000. Aaron seconded, approved. Jim Meyer will call him. Some shelves will need to be removed so the work can be done. Members volunteered to take care of this. On the outside of those walls, rainwater drains toward the house. A tile line will be installed in the spring to direct water away from the house. Inside the house, the drywalling and painting have been completed.

Mel Lenth will continue coordinating the church sign project.

Karla will continue to pay the church insurance monthly. The committee (Jeremy, Aaron, Cyrus Landt, Lisa Meyer, and Chris Landt) have been checking insurance options and will meet soon.

Lawn spraying by Greenlawn will cost \$946.74. The Cemetery Assn. will reimburse the church for 2/3 of the bill.

Jeremy reported that PEEPS is going well. There were 11 kids this past week. Karla commented that more upper elementary kids may come after sports seasons finish up.

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

Next meeting will be March 9 at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted by Vicky Baade, Council Secretary



LUANA JANUARY REPORT

EXPENSES

Black Hills Utilities –Nat. Gas	314.69
Alliant - Electricity	515.55
Karla Schrader –Secretary	500.24
Cindy Landt – Custodian	461.50
NEITEL	119.61
Jeremy Wolfe- salary	2,586.46
Jeremy Wolfe – housing	707.58
IRS	79.93
Portico – Jan.	678.29
Church Mutual – Prop. Ins.	<u>944.26</u>
	6,908.11

INCOME

Jan. 5	1,405.00
Jan. 12	615.00
Jan. 19	1,342.00
Jan. 26	<u>525.00</u>
	3,887.00
Bal. Dec. 31, 2024	5,209.31
Income	<u>3,887.00</u>
	9,096.31
Less Expense	<u>6,908.11</u>
Bal. Jan. 31, 2025	2,188.20

SPECIAL FUNDS

St John Scholarship Fund CD	42,223.05
Ruby Breitsprecher CD	5,676.58
Willard & Anne Kamin CD	4,690.04

CURRENT FUND

	Envelopes	Plate	Init.	Total
Jan. 5	1,320.00	25.00	60.00	1,405.00
Jan. 12	595.00		20.00	615.00
Jan. 19	1,317.00	20.00	5.00	1,342.00
Jan. 26	<u>525.00</u>			<u>525.00</u>
	3,757.00	45.00	85.00	3,887.00

RENT/REPAIR FUND

Bal. 12-31-24	\$22,706.82
Interest	<u>50.49</u>
Bal. 1-31-25	\$22,757.31

THRIVENT BALANCE

Bal. Jan. 31, 2025	308,449.31
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BENEVOLENCE REPORT

INCOME

Jan. 2	Offering	105.00
Jan. 12	Offering	20.00
	Food Shelf	10.00
Jan. 19	Offering	55.00
	Food Shelf	50.00
	Food Shelf	60.00
	SOTH oper.	20.00
	SOTH Crisis	<u>20.00</u>
		415.00

EXPENSES

SOTH	130.00
SOTH Op.	20.00
SOTH Cr.	20.00
SOTH Thnks	47.50
SOTH Christ.	721.50
Food Shelf	120.00
FS Thanks	47.50
FS Christ.	721.50
Synod	<u>125.00</u>
	1,953.00

Thanksgiving & Christmas not disbursed = \$1,538.00
415.00
 \$1,953.00



KNOWN BAPTISMS
 Birthdays
 March
 4 – Livia Steege
 6 – Kyle Landt
 18 – Jeanne Miller
 19 – Stephanie Wikner
 22 – Keith Johnson
 29 - Grace Doerring



Sympathy to the family of Jeffrey Lee son of Keith & Gertrude Lee who passed away January 29th. Celebration of Life at a later date.

Both Churches News



Our sympathy to Clark & Kris Wikner Dan, Neal, & Ben and family and friends of Joan Adel Oelke (Kris's Mom) who passed away on February 13, 2025. Private family funeral services will be held at a later date.

Ash Wednesday St. John Farmersburg. March 5 Lenten meal 5:00 pm—6:15 pm.

Menu: Beef Barley Soup
Salads & Desserts

Worship/Communion 6:30 pm



March 12 @ Luana

Lenten meal 5:00 pm—6:15 pm

Menu: Assorted Soups

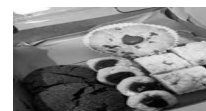
Worship 6:30 pm

March 19 @ Farmersburg

Lenten meal 5:00 pm—6:15 pm

Menu: Vegetable Beef Soup
Crackers, Sandwich
Bars/cookies

Worship 6:30 pm



March 26 @ Luana

Lenten meal 5:00 pm—6:15 pm.

Menu: Assorted Soups

Worship 6:30 pm

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9th. Remember to set your clocks ahead.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Doug Schlein, Dennis Hanson, Stacy DeSotel, Tom Meuleman, Julie Mohs, Charlie Post, Joy David, Jo Schlitter, *Dallas Tielbar, Shelby Preston, Bram Byroade, Melody Pate, Jim Fuelling, Mike Reardon, Ron Tayek, Cheryl Bossard, Beth Bries*

MILITARY: Avrey Smith, Andrew Rodas & Beth Rodas

ELKADER CARE CENTER: Grace Doerring

GARDEN VIEW PLACE: Juanita Mohs, Darlene Moon

GUTTENBERG CARE CENTER: Harold & Jeanette Vogt

TOWER LIVING CENTER: *Lendall Schievelbein*

SAMARITAN BETHANY ROCHESTER, MN 55901: *Dorothy Kluth*

KENSINGTON ASSISTED LIVING: Mary Russett

WAUKON GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER: *Rita Pritchard*

LSI PREP helps youth build social, emotional, and life skills to develop a positive sense of self and to connect with peers in their community. PREP utilizes the Teen Outreach Program and Wise Guys evidence-based curriculum. **“Thank you for teaching our class and taking time out of your day to come to our school. I learned a lot about healthy relationships and how to handle my anger and other emotions. You opened my eyes to my family’s habits and what I want to take with me when I have a family of my own.”**

High school student to LSI staff member

“The letters that high school students write to our staff about what they learned in class and how they will use the knowledge in their everyday life shows the programs’ tremendous impact,” said April. “We meet the youth where they are at, but also encourage healthy decision-making along the way, which plays a huge role in making prevention education successful.”

Furthermore, April's team encourages conversation and participation by providing incentives in the classroom, such as packaged snacks and other LSI materials. “When it comes to engagement in the classroom, I always say, ‘When their stomachs are full, their brains are full,’” shared April with a smile. “Some students would skip school all day, but they show up to the last class of the day, taught by LSI. That, right there, is a win for my team.”

April's team has seen significant success in response to their CAPP and PREP community programs. Based on a post-program evaluation, 96% of students in the CAPP program reported that they learned “some” or “a lot” that they didn’t already know about sexual health topics, and 53% agreed that they are now more likely to start conversations about these topics with others.

“Pregnancy rates have dropped over the last four years in many of our counties served, proving our services are making a difference in our communities,” said April. “Reaching the youth on their level and prioritizing prevention makes our program successful.”

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2025



Thank you all for the well wishes. I am feeling better and back to work! I am pleased to announce our new website. Please take a look at it as we will be adding more items in the near future. The website is...

shepherdofthehillsstolaf.org

We would also like to share that we have applied for our 501c3 status for non-profits. This will open many opportunities for Shepherd of the Hills. Extra funding will allow us to explore more ways to offer services in our area. It takes time for this process, but we are excited for this change.

Clothing Center Updates:

We are open for business. M-F 9am to noon and 1-4pm. Since my time off I decided it was time to restructure how we operate. I have enlisted some volunteers to help keep the store open for our clients and customers. We have more regular hours and I am hoping that this will allow us to have more Saturday Sales in the future. We are still taking scheduled donations for winter items. Spring and summer items will be accepting starting April 1st. Please make sure your items are free from rips, stains, holes (Unless factory made) and in good working order. We appreciate your patience as we transition through new changes,

Shepherd Conference News:

Confest will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Monona on April 30th from 5:45-7:45pm.

This event is open to all conference churches with confirmation students and chaperones. There will be fun activities, worship and lunch served. RSVP is required. All churches are encouraged to attend along with Pastors.

Ascension Day Service will be at Ceres Pioneer Rock Church on May 29th, 2025 at 5:30pm. There will be a potluck after at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Garnavillo. All are welcome to attend. Rain or shine.

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:

Confest- April 30. 2025

Ascension Day Service- May 29th, 2025

NE Iowa Synod Assembly June 6-7, 2025

*Any event may be subject to change

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