



# Voice of One In Faith Parish



June 2022

Hope ..... 8:30 am  
St. Paul..... 10:30 am.

St. John ..... 8:30 am  
St. Sebald ..... 10:30 am

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Dear Beloved Community of One in Faith,

As I've been moving around NE IA in the last weeks, I've seen planters and disc plows out in the fields and

on the roads. I pray continually for farmers and gardeners alike this year, especially as they're hard at work at their important tasks of getting seeds in the ground! May God grant us all a safe planting and a bountiful harvest in the fall!

We've had our Seed, Soil, Water and Farm Implement blessing at all four of our churches in the last weeks. I love doing that with you all and I love this time of the year. It makes me stop and think about how all of us plant metaphorical seeds in our lives as well.

We are all charged with planting seeds of new life in the world around us. As we care for our students, children and grandchildren, and teach them the stories of our faith, we are planting seeds of knowledge, wisdom, hope and love in a world that so desperately needs to know it. When we serve on church and community boards and in organizations, we plant seeds of growth and life. When we accompany someone who is grieving, we sow seeds of hope in place of despair.

During this planting season, I encourage all of you to look around you and think about the opportunities you have in your daily lives to plant seeds. Are you planting seeds as often and as readily as you could? What seeds have you already

planted that you can work on cultivating and how can you do this?

I have now been blessed to serve as your pastor for the past (almost) 7 years. It is evident to me that you all have faithfully planted many good seeds of faith that have sustained our four churches for generations. You have empowered many who are now faithful church members in many places – here in NE IA and around the country! You worked hard to plant seeds for shared ministry here as a parish, and you continue to work to sustain it and to grow new pastors as well! You have planted good seeds, and we have been blessed to cultivate and harvest them.

Likewise, as a church, we are all called to be mindful of new opportunities for ministry and care in our midst. What seeds should we be working on planting right now? Are there new opportunities to reach out to or reconnect with others? Are there topics to be discussed or explored together?

May God be with all those farmers and gardeners hard at work this season to grow those things that all the world may eat. May God be with each one of us as we plant seeds of life and hope in the world and cultivate the many seeds that have already been planted.



God's Peace,  
Pastor Margaret

## Golden Oldies Worship

We hope that young and old and in between come join with the worshipping family of One in Faith at LuAnn and John Hunt's barn for a Golden Oldies worship and Barn Dance!



**6pm:** gather for food and

fellowship. Maidrites and Ice cream will be provided along with Lemonade and water. Feel free to bring your own beverages and side dishes to share.

**7pm:** worship service featuring the music of PITW followed by a Barn Dance at **8pm**

Come for a fun evening of worship and fellowship and bring a friend or two or three!

Take Note: no worship in the parish on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>!



**Music at Hunt's Barn**  
**Saturday, June 4, 6 pm**  
**37502 Essex Ave. Edgewood**

## Join us for a Parish Campfire

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 5-9pm

St Sebald Lutheran Church  
Food and Games



Hot dogs/brats, s'mores, lemonade, water and tableware will be provided. Bring a side dish, other drinks and lawn chair if you'd like!

This will be down the lane by the garages.

Come and join in for  
Smoke fun!

## St. John Community Garden

"We'll be starting a community garden behind the parsonage at St. John and we'll be growing a variety of produce that anyone in the community is welcome to take. Anybody can stop by the garden to weed and pick produce."

We have a variety of seeds collected so far, but we are looking for the following donations:

- garden hoes
- a long garden hose (50 ft. or longer)
- hose reel
- tomato plants
- fencing



Stay tuned for more information from Pastor Margaret and Vicar Brittany."



Pastor Margaret will hold "office hours" at The Brim in Elkader June 3 from 10-1 pm and June 10 from 10-12 pm at Embers in Strawberry Point (at the four corners), June 17 from 10-1pm at the Brim on the following Stop and enjoy a cup of Joe or a treat. And/or Stop for prayer and a chat!



## ST. JOHN

The regular meeting of the St. John Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. Present were council members: Jeri Watson, Debbie Watson, Linda Adams, Kelli Knickerbocker, Penny Handke, Tia Shaffer, Doug Nus, Pastor Margaret, and Vicar Brittany. Absent was Cassie Gruman.

Jeri Watson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Pastor Margaret shared a prayer from author Joyce Rupp.

The secretary's report was reviewed. Kelli moved to approve the minutes and Penny seconded the motion, motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by Kelli. Income of \$4,493 reported with expenses of \$5,969.10. Highlighted a transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,000 to write check to Mission Investments for a 3-year variable rate CD. Linda moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Penny, motion carried.

Pastor Margaret highlighted her report. Pastor will have office hours at the local coffee shops in May. Baptized on Easter Sunday was Kabrien McDonald. Bryson Taylor celebrated his first communion. St. Paul will host VBS July 11-15 in mornings, and St. John will host VBS August 2-4 with a parents' night on the 5th.

A special thank you is extended to Dawn, Debra, Deatra, and Darla for the "Christ on the Mount of Olives" wall hanging in memory of their parents, Duane and Ilo Mae Rau.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Worship & Evangelism:** More positive comments were shared and discussion was held regarding feedback on the screen usage during worship services.

**Parish Education:** Nothing to report

**Buildings & Grounds:** Jeri spoke to Cathedral Crafts Inc., Winona, Mn., and they said they will call when they are in the area and have time to inspect windows. Doug will contact Paul Seedorff regarding lawn mowing. Youth will pick up pine cones after confirmation on Wednesday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Concerns:** QSS balance is \$800.94. Bills submitted for Wal Mart: \$105.37; Dollar General: \$77.77. Items have been purchased for the multiple refugee kits. Kits will be finalized and sent to Synod Assembly in June

**Parish Board:** Will meet in June.

**Stewardship:** Pastor Margaret received a nice thank you letter from the Synod thanking us for our support.

**Unfinished Business:** Community garden was discussed. Craig Seedorff will till the area when Pastor is ready. Plan is to "start small." Dessels Carpet from West Union will contact Joyce Knickerbocker when they are in the area to inspect the carpet that is lifting in the aisles and several other areas upstairs. Plans are to move the smaller organ to the basement for service usage and forego fixing/tuning the piano in large dining room.

**New Business:** Pastor Margaret and Vicar Brittany are attending Synod Assembly in Waverly in June. No other church members are available to attend.

Deb moved to donate \$250 to support LYO with funds for sundries for their trip in July and was seconded by Tia, motion carried.

Property Liability Insurance is coming due. Jeri presented an Insurance Proposal for St. John. Tia moved to continue with the coverage for St. John's through Smith Insurance L.L.C. and was seconded by Kelli, motion carried.

Special thank you to Linda & Butch Adams and Rick & Ann Breitsprecher for delivering all of the quilts to Decorah.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Doug moved to adjourn, seconded by Penny. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Tia Shaffer, Secretary

## St. Sebald

St. Sebald Council met May 11, 2022. Present: Kris Morarend, Tracy Kregel, Pastor Margaret, Wayne Yelden, Jerry Harvey, Nancy Yelden, and Owen Kregel. The council meeting was called to order by Nancy at 7 pm and Pastor led

devotions outside. The council reviewed Pastor's report. The parish is asked to donate any food, clothing, household and hygiene items for the youth servant trip by June 10th.

April council minutes were reviewed. Kris moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Jerry, motion passed. Wayne discussed the treasurer's report. The Year to Date ending balance was \$-468.30. Kris has continued to send out monthly packets to the kids and plan on doing a family campfire with yard games on June 19th. The event will utilize the garage and yard for those in attendance.

The council has not received a contract for the lawn mowing bid to date but did receive verbal confirmation that the same company will mow. Treasurer will pay at the old rate until a new contract is received.

The congregation donated over \$100 for the special offering "Welcome Boxes for Refugee Families". The items will be collected at the Synod Assembly. The council discussed the lack of communication from the Navajo school administration and discussed the possibility of supporting local families around Christmas time instead. If anyone in the congregation has another idea to support, please let a council member know. A date will be set to recognize Steven Haynes who is graduating this year.

Kris noted the organ hasn't been tuned in a while; Jerry moved to have the organ tuned, 2nd by Tracy, motion passed. Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tracy; meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Tracy Kregel, Secretary

## St. Paul

St. Paul council met on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 after church services. Members in attendance were Roger Bushkofsky, Shelly Bushkofsky, Karla Duff, Pat Klingman, Tracy Follon, Phyllis Glawe, Carrie Taylor, Denny Christeleit, Vicar Brittany and Pastor Margaret.

Shelly Bushkofsky read the minutes from the last council meeting. Minutes approved. The main reason for this meeting was to discuss our upcoming fundraiser. We have decided to hold a fundraising garage sale at the church on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm. All money made at the garage sale will go toward church expenses as our checking account is sitting very low right now. Our expenses are more than our income right now. Shelly Bushkofsky will find out how to get our listing on the Elkader City Wide Garage Sale listing in the paper and around town. She will also make a post on Facebook. Anyone who would like to make a donation of garage sale items, should please have them to the church no later than June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will be setting up that night. We will also have bake sale items, so anyone willing to make baked items, you can drop them off June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm or bring to the church the morning of the sale, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am. Anything left over from the garage sale will be donated to Goodwill or for the youth to take on their servant trip to donate to the Indian Reservation.

Pastor Margaret gave her report, and we discussed having a donation drop off at all parish churches for the youth to donate while on their servant trip this July to the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation. They are in need of all necessity items; bedding, clothes, snow gear, shoes, etc. There will be areas/boxes set up at the churches if anyone has anything to donate.

Bible School is still being discussed, and will update once we know more and have the dates set.

Meeting was adjourned and we will decide our next meeting after the garage sale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Bushkofsky – Secretary

## German Service at Elkport

The Immanuel Preservation Society will sponsor a German service at the former Immanuel Lutheran Church at Elkport June 24 at 10:30 am. The Guttenberg German band will lead the service. Guest pastor will be Pastor Laura

Gentry. Pastor Laura has ties to Immanuel with her father, grandmother and other family members being former active members of the congregation.

A German meal will follow the service. The public is invited to attend

There will be no worship at Hope that day.



## Hope WELCA

The Hope WELCA met for Bible Study and a business meeting May 5. President Annette Dahling called the session to order at 9:30 am. Pastor Margaret led the Bible Study on intergenerational relationships and what Scripture says about their importance. The group shared many powerful stories.

the business meeting which followed minutes of the previous meeting treasurer's report were read and approved.

reception for graduate Isabelle Groth will be held May 22. She will be presented with a devotional book as a gift from the WELCA.

Annette gave an update on the Cluster B Little Flock Spring Gathering which was held at St. Peter, Garnavillo.

The Synod Women will hold their annual convention at Nashua June 18, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

A kitchen designer will be at the church June 6 at 10:00 am to make suggestions on possibly updating the floor plan to make a better flow for serving.

The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer and birthday song.

*Remember Hope's annual homemade ice cream social will be July 10. Serving pie and ice cream.  
Pies will be needed.*



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## Arlington Community Vacation Bible School At St. John, Arlington

For 3-Year-Olds Thru Students  
Who Just Completed 6th Grade  
Tuesday, August 2 thru Thursday, August 4  
5:30 – 7:30 pm with a meal served at 5:30 pm  
There will be a special program for  
participants and parents on Friday, August 5.

This is what we'll be studying:  
God Provides Exodus 17:1  
God Protects Mark 4: 35-41  
God Loves, We Love John 13:3-15, 33-35

**WE NEED HELPERS**  
Would you consider helping with any or all sessions.  
Accepting 7th graders through adults.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer,  
please call Bonnie Nus at 563-920-7960.



## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS



The Board of Directors are happy to announce they have recently hired the new Director for Shepherd of the Hills! Please join us in welcoming Heather Hageman! A little bio from the new director:

“Hello! My name is Heather (Miller) Hageman. I was raised in Monona, IA and graduated from MFL in May of 1992. I currently live in Farmersburg with my husband Dave and our 2 dogs. We have 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren (one more on the way). In my free time, we enjoy spending time with our grandchildren, gardening, racing and football. I am a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Farmersburg. I am very excited for this new venture. I look forward to meeting new people and helping the community members of Northeast Iowa!”

Heather will be training in coming weeks and we look forward to having the Clothing Center OPEN for regular Business Hours Soon. Please look for notices on Shepherd’s Facebook/Social Media page for the most current update on the opening day!

Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding during this hiring process!

## CLOTHING CENTER

As the Clothing Center is looking at RE-OPENING SOON... The items we will most be in need of when opening: shorts/tank tops/summer shoes of all sizes, pots/pans, small kitchen appliances and puzzles.

Donations will be accepted by appt only to assist the flow of incoming donations and to allow the new director time to familiarize with the day-to-day flow of Shepherd. Individuals may call the Shepherd phone to set up a time to donate their items.

A general reminder when donating items – please ensure the items you are donating are free from rips, stains, tears, with all working parts (i.e., zipper, buttons, etc.) would share these items with your own loved ones/friends, Shepherd would be happy to receive the items. If items are questionable, please take the time to find other alternatives items.



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## Serving in June at Hope

Acolytes ..... Ushers  
 Ushers:  
 June 5 & 19..... Owen & Susan Sylvester  
 June 12 & 26..... John, LuAnn & Trevor Hunt  
 Communion Assistant ..... John Hunt  
 Altar Comm.: ..... Verna Lenth, Jamie Burgin  
 Marlene Gould  
 Church Cleaning ..... Owen & Susan Sylvester  
 Special Offering ..... Lutheran Home



## Serving in June at St. Sebald

Acolyte..... Usher  
 Usher(s):  
 June 5..... Jessica Haynes  
 June 12..... Jerry Harvey  
 June 19..... Wayne & Nancy Yelden  
 June 26..... Jule & Barb Brown  
 Reader(s):  
 June 5..... Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer  
 June 12..... David Otdoerfer  
 June 19..... Wayne & Nancy Yelden  
 June 26..... Roger & Mary Knehans  
 Church Cleaning Week of:  
 June 5..... Jessica Haynes  
 June 12..... Bob & Kelly Faust  
 June 19..... Gary & Nancy Klingman  
 June 26..... Vickie Moyle



## Serving in June at St. Paul

Acolyte..... Braden Taylor  
 Ushers ..... Dennis & Lorna Christeleit

## Serving in June at St. John

Acolyte..... Eldon Benz  
 Usher..... Dorothy Eckheart, Gloria Aylsworth  
 ..... Linda Franks  
 Altar Guild.: ..... Doug & Marcia Rueber  
 Flower Chair ..... Deatra O'Dell  
 Communion Asst. .... Penny Handke  
 Readers:  
 ... June 5 ..... Dorothy Eckheart  
 ... June 12 ..... Deatra O'Dell  
 ... June 19 ..... Penny Handke  
 ... June 26 ..... Gloria Aylsworth  
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**Prayer Requests** may be phoned to (563) 633-3885/563-419-5329 or emailed to the One in Faith Office: [oneinfaith2005@gmail.com](mailto:oneinfaith2005@gmail.com)

**Please Hold in Prayer:** Gage Postl; Leland Smith; Lorenz Behrens; Jeri Watson; Verna Lenth; Elaine Follon; Julie Dahling; the people of Ukraine; Svetlana Klingman and family; Jamison & Juddson Kramer; David Andreae; Scot Jacobson; LuAnn Hunt; Zander Purman; Marvel Seeland; Lois Pierce; Jim Turner; Connie Schaefer; Kelly Bolsinger; Kathy Pierce; Marilyn Shaffer; Elaine Peterson; Lynda Burgin; Jeremy Walz; Mary Lou Coonfare; Greg Shaw; Pastor Jerome Godson; Jane Godson; Bob Blue, David Opperman, Luther Pugh, Joyce Erickson; Brian and Becky Meisgeier; Kent Klingman; Amanda Peterson; Jim Miller.

**Our sympathy and prayers** to the family of Dolores Klingman.

**Service people:** Cole Everitt, Josef Von Handorf; Patrick Pryer; Justin Pryer; Jesse Gossett; Tabitha Lambert; and other service men and women.

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*God bless our summer work, our  
 Summer travels, our families and our  
 friends.*

*May God's blessings surround us  
 And may we never forget*

*"As you go on your way may God go with  
 you*

*May He go before you to show you the  
 way.*

*May He go behind you to encourage you,  
 beside you to befriend you, above you to  
 watch over, within you to give you peace."*



St. Sebald & St. Paul

- June 1..... Kelsey Kenkel
- June 5 ..... Kate Courtange
- June 9 ..... William Haynes
- June 10 ..... Candice Wittman
- June 12 ..... Jerry Everitt, Marilyn Miller
- June 16 ..... Matt Klingman
- June 20..... Ashley Leichtman
- June 21 ..... Mace Klingman
- June 22..... Jeff Everitt
- June 24..... Mark Schnurstein, Noah Hunt  
Caroline Klingman
- June 25..... Karla Duff
- June 26..... Phyllis Glawe
- June 27..... Blake Everitt
- June 28..... Quinn Zwanziger-Elsinger

Hope Birthdays

- June 4 ..... Dillon Kuehl
- June 7 ..... Sara Purman
- June 9 ..... Lori Nagel
- June 11..... Lu Ann Hunt
- June 12..... Jamie Hillers
- June 14..... Terry Gould
- June 15 ..... Jason Kuehl, Rich Clinton
- June 17..... Brandon Koth  
Jim Hoth,
- June 19 ..... Austin Kuehl
- June 20..... Bonnie Amsden,
- June 21 ..... Lynn Fettkether
- June 22 ..... Ronald Kuehl
- June 29 ..... Levi Shaw

St. John Birthdays

- June 1..... Wanda Chappell, Gloria Aylsworth
- June 3..... Sue Burrack, Justin Call, Nevaeh Peterson
- June 7..... Joe Frederick, Keegan McTaggart
- June 8 ..... Kevin Pierce, Shannon Bachtell
- June 9 ..... Kelsey Recker, Mary Anne Boehm  
June Blue
- June 10..... Melita Andreae
- June 11..... Dalton Becker, Sherri Sedorff

- June 14..... Andrew Northrop
- June 17..... Augusta Lenth
- June 18..... Bill Thompson
- June 19 ..... Hayley Larson, Brandon Sedorff
- June 22..... Carter Schnell, Marcus Fridley
- June 26 ..... Lucas Myers, David Burrack
- June 28..... Matt Hamlett



St. John Anniversaries

- June 1..... Kenneth & Wanda Chappell
- June 4..... TJ & Katie Alshouse
- June 10..... Doug & Marcia Rueber
- June 13..... Ron & Penny Rummel
- June 17 ..... Brad & Julie Andreae
- June 18 ..... Charlie & Cassie Gruman
- June 23 ..... LaVerne & Carol Thode
- June 26 ..... David & Sue Burrack
- June 27 ..... Leland & Roberta Smith
- June 27..... Tyler & Melita Andreae
- June 30 ..... Doug & Cindy Nus
- June 30 ..... Tom & Karen Hamlett

Hope Anniversaries

- June 1..... Kenny & Joddy Roys
- June 13 ..... Devere & Ellen Clinton
- June 16 ..... Bernard & Lynn Jaster
- June 20 ..... Rick & Tracy Thurn
- June 21 ..... Dean & Sandra Refle

St. Paul Anniversaries

- June 9..... Pete & Karla Duff
- June 12..... Craig & Tracy Follon

St. Sebald Anniversaries

- June 5 ..... Roger & Mary Knehans
- June 9..... Andy & Jennifer Otdoefer
- June 26 ..... Bob & Kelly Faust

*From all of us Pastor Margaret & Pastor Mark  
Happy Anniversary*

- June 27..... Pastors Mark & Margaret Yackel-Juleen



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forces have ever  
offered to die  
for you:  
Jesus Christ  
and the  
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soldier.  
One died  
for your soul,  
the other for  
your freedom.  
Thank them  
both today.

