Amana Society Bulletin

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AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, December 31, 2023 starting 8:30 A.M. with Sw. Betsy Momany presiding.

Opening Hymn: "O heil'ger Geist, kehr' bei un sein" No. 794 vs 1, 2, 5, 6 Seite 783

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, On journey to Prague, November 20, 1723

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16
Psalm 18:25-36

Closing Hymn: "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" No. 387 Seite 384

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "Oh Holy Spirit enter In" No. 79

Closing Hymn: "Lord Jesus Christ, be present now" No. 57

The New Year's Eve Service will be in Middle, starting at 8:00 p.m. December 31, 2023 with Br. Tony Berger presiding

Opening Hymn: "As once again the year is ending" No. 160 vs 1-3

Testimony: Barbara Heinemann, Ronneburg, January 2, 1820

Scripture: Leviticus 25:8-13
Lamentations 3:19-26

Closing Hymn: "The old year now has passed away" No. 231 vs 1-4

Song sheets will be provided

The Combined New Year's Day Service will be in Middle January 1, 2024, starting 10:00 A.M. with Br. Jon Childers presiding.

Opening Hymn: "We Praise the Lord" No. 28 vs 1, 2, 9, 12

Testimony: Johann Friedrich Rock, Schwarzenau, December 18, 1728

Scripture: James 2:14-17; Colossians 3:15-17; Luke 9:21-26; Psalm: 98

Closing Hymn: "O Lord, Our Father, Thanks to Thee" No. 178 vs. 1-4

Song sheets will be provided.

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

AMANA SANITARY DISTRICT MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Amana Sanitary District will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 in the Amana lift station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

Lately, I have been reflecting on the idiosyncrasy of our local Amana German (Kolonie Deutsch). One thing that I remember is that Mrs. Ruff, our English teacher, once commented that people from East Amana seemed to end their sentences on a higher note, like a question. I always felt that people from Middle Amana (especially men) spoke more with a nasal tone. I could give examples, but they have all long since died.

Our youngest son, while helping a patient, was told that he spoke German like someone from Stuttgart, which is ironic given that is where his great-grandfather came from.

I am always saying things incorrectly, such as "Dante" instead of "Tante," or "Blimo" instead of "Plimo," which I think has something to do with the way these words were pronounced when I was growing up in Homestead.

Naturally, we use the informal "du" form of address instead of "sie." My German teacher at Coe College blushed when I would go off speaking in "Kolonie Deutsch," and, instead of addressing him as "Herr Doktor" would say "Du" (bad etiquette in the 1960s)

I know that when the car and telephone were not yet around and communication between the villages was more limited, there were words, or phrases, that were used only in a specific town. My Tante Line Rettig, who moved from Amana to Middle in the 1920s, always told how she had to learn new phrases, just as my own mother did when she moved from Amana to Homestead some 20 years later.

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May you have a Joyous & Happy New Year!

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Sandersfeld Family Brought Yule Tide Joy

Shawn and Jennifer Sandersfeld and their family of Middle Amana has a Christmas tradition that has proven a favorite event for many. They prepare and present a Christmas concert and this very talented family has a lot to offer. This year's program was Thursday, Dec. 21 at the Amana Performing Arts Center.

Well over 200 people attended the concert and were very pleased with the entertaining mix of Christmas carols and original Christmas songs performed by family members on the guitar, bells, bass horn, tenor sax, marimba and piano. Our personal favorites were the vocal performances of Gunther and his brothers but every number was wonderful. The "White Christmas" sing along at the conclusion was perfect. After the concert cookies and cocoa were served and everyone lingered in the lobby of the center to catch-up and wish one another "Merry Christmas." This was a happy way to the Christmas weekend. Thank you Sandersfeld family!

Providing Meals and Comfort – Ministry Enters 29th Year

The Amana Church has volunteered at the Iowa City Free Lunch Program one day each month for the past 28 years serving, on average, 110 people at each meal.

On the 3rd Tuesday a group of Amana Church and St. Mary's of Oxford volunteers, plans, cooks and serves noon dinner at the Free Lunch Program, 1105 Gilbert Court, Suite 100, Iowa City. They bring food with them and supplement what they've brought with what's provided at the FLP kitchen. Over 35 area churches and service groups provide the meals, each has one or more days a month assigned to them.

The FLP is open six days a week from about 11: 30 till 1 p.m. On cold days the doors open early so that people may come inside and warm themselves.

Amana Church Elder Betsy Momany began working with FLP to give Clear Creek Amana 8th grade students an opportunity to do a volunteer service project and as she tells us, "shine while helping others. It was a chance for young people who didn't always do great in school to show what they could do hands-on. We once had a young man who struggled with school be the one to shine when none of know how to re-light the (gas stove) pilot light. He did it and smiled the rest of the day."

The program has evolved to include more adults and St. Mary's Church of Oxford regularly sends volunteers. Momany explained, "When we took the CCA 8th grade students, we had 15 students and 5 adults. The pandemic put an end to taking school kids and afterwards there were too many students in a class for us to divide between the 10 months we could go during the school year. So, in 2020 we had St. Mary's folks join us."

Regular volunteers include: Pat and Kathy Kellenberger, Kristie Yoder, Kathy Brack, Tami and Joe Rohret, Larry and Lauri Tow, Susan Shoup, and Gary Klaas. Each month another four or 5 people volunteer to help from both congregations. It takes a team of people to cook a hot, fresh, hardy meal, serve it and clean up afterward.

What do they typically cook? Generally, they prepare two meat options, three large pans of spinach quiche prepared by Susan Shoup, grilled cheese sandwiches, vegetables, fresh fruit salad, potatoes, noodles or both, and a dessert. As Momany explained, some dishes (like the desserts) are prepared in advance, but most of the food is cooked at the FLP's big kitchen.

This year for the Christmas meal, the Amana-Oxford team made homemade beef roast and gravy, Susan's spinach quiche, sliced Amana ham, grilled cheese sandwiches, all the sides dishes and assorted home-made desserts made by Kathy Kellenberger.

Large-sized goodie baggies with cookies, popcorn and Christmas "puffcorn" were prepared by Peg Roemig so that patrons could have a treat to take with them after their dinner.

The volunteers arrive at the kitchen about 9 a.m. cook and serve and then clean-up after the meal, making sure the dining area and kitchen are ready for the next day's service. By 1:30 p.m. they are heading home.

The Amana Church provides support, but it takes a village, or in this case two villages to do this work. Momany explained "Much credit goes to the Amana Society for donating meat, Lynn Trumpold and Amana deer hunters for donating 60 to 100 pounds of deer minute steak, St. Mary's church and congregation for donating food to fill 1 gallon bags with candy, canned meat, canned tuna, rice Krispie

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Feathers *from page 1*

Apparently, the Amana German is a dialect that was common in the middle 1800s and is now very dated by the standards of modern German. I do not care, nor do I want to change the way that I speak that much. The local dialect is unique to us, and that is just fine.

B.S.H.

AMANA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

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"THE ACLUD CORNER"

Did You Know?....

There are those folks who are confused regarding West Amana. Some say "We are not part of the Land Use District". That would be inaccurate. A portion of West Amana IS within the Land Use District. So therefore, they would fall under the guidelines of the ACLUD ordinances.

The best way to figure out if your property in West Amana is within the boundaries of the ACLUD (as well as know whether your parcel is under Historic Preservation – HP guidelines) is to go to www.aclud.org. Click on Zoning Maps then on the link for West Amana. The gray colored areas are outside ACLUD, and the colored areas are within ACLUD.

For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.

Amana Elementary School and Community Library

Stuff the Stocking Fundraiser

Dear Library Patron,

The library provides many services to our patrons including various quality reading materials, computer and internet access, special programs, and much more. Your donations enable us to expand and maintain these services. This year we would like to honor long-time Library Advisory Board member Terry Roemig and her immeasurable impact on our library community. With Terry's passing the library will designate the dollars raised this year to purchase a special bookshelf and books as a tribute to her love of reading and her love of sharing reading with others. Her wisdom, kindness, sense of humor, and generosity will be greatly missed!

The Amana Library Foundationconsiders the future needs of the library. You may also choose this option for your donation. Please consider donating to Terry's memorial or to the Amana Library Foundation. Both donations are tax deductible under 501 (c)(3). Fill out the bottom portion and use the addressed envelope to return. You may also use this link or scan the QR Code to donate online. https://ia-clearcreek amana-lite.intouchreceipting.com/

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News & Notes *from page 1*

bars, fruit, juice, and assorted treats, many, many community members who bring us food and clothes every time we go and of course, HACAP which provides food for FLP at reduced rates." Tim and Betsy Momany help by buying essentials not otherwise provided.

"Anyone is welcome to join in volunteering. . . It is an answer to Christ's call to feed the hungry and more. I truly believe that those of us who go receive so much out of the experience. . ." Momany said. "We serve about an equal number of men and women. We have little children in the summer and during school breaks. There are about 15 percent of the folks who are men that served their country (in the military) but don't have any help," said Momany.

Many of the people are homeless, many are working and have a place to live, but cannot afford to buy food. They come in during their lunch breaks from jobs in the city. Many are elderly or handicapped.

After the 14th of each month the number of people who need food grows as generally in our state food stamps are used up by the 14th of the month. That's when the number of elderly people and mothers with their hungry children increases FLP volunteers have told us.

Each month the Amana-Oxford group takes donated clothing with them; often filling three, 8-foot tables free blankets warm coats, clothes and socks for all ages that people can take with them. Most often every single thing is pick up. Last month they brought in boxes of blankets and comforters – all were gone at the end of the day but for one small box which was taken to Good Will.

Can you help? If you would like to help by cooking food at home (often food is prepared at home and brough to the FLP) or coming to cook at the FLP contact Betsy at 319-530-0436. Or leave word at the Amana Family Practice Clinic or the Amana Church office.

Donations of food and clean, used clothing, sleeping bags, blankets and items are welcome. Donations are very needed to help buy fresh vegetables and meat. To make a donation you may mail this to the Amana Church, (Please write a note indicating that the donation is for the free lunch program). PO 103, Middle Amana, IA, 52307.

To learn more about the Iowa City Free Lunch Program take a look at their website. Iowacityfreelunch.org or follow them on Facebook.

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Here's How You Can Help!

- Shop at the Big G Food Store from now until March 31, 2024
- Save your receipts and send them to school with your child or drop them off at the Amana Library.
- Your receipts will earn us points for free classroom equipment and supplies, donated by the store.
- Please submit your receipts (the date needs to be on the receipt for it to be valid) to to our school by April 4, 2024

Thank you

OBITUARY

John C. Demmel, age 53, of High Amana, passed away peacefully on Monday, December 25, 2023, after a short battle with cancer, at his brother Joel and Becky's home. Per John's wishes, please dress casual for the services.

Funeral Service: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 30, 2023, at the Middle Amana Church, with Elders Emilie Hoppe and Jon Childers officiating. Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, December 29, 2023, at Middle Amana Church, Middle Amana. Interment will be in the Homestead Cemetery, Homestead. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

John is survived by his daughter Sydney Demmel; his mother Judy Chesley; a step-father Darrel Chesley; three siblings, Jeff Demmel (Kris Gibson), Jennifer (Fred) Philipp and Joel (Becky) Demmel; seven nieces and nephews, Lindsey (Zach) Nelson, Natalie (Blake) Kuesel, Kylie Demmel, Matt Demmel, Hunter Philipp, Stone Philipp and Jenna Demmel; and four great nieces and nephews, Elliot Kuesel, Ethan Kuesel, Holland Nelson and Emersyn Kuesel. John was preceded in death by his father "Jim", his paternal grandma, Adella Hewitt and her husband Charles "Chuck", his paternal grandpa, Cecil Demmel, his maternal grandparents, Marie and Herb Fels and two uncles, Ron Fels and Dean Demmel.

John Charles Demmel was born May 24, 1970, the son of James and Judy (Fels) Demmel. He graduated in 1988 from Amana High School. Over the years, John was employed by Amana Farms, Centro and Amana Refrigeration as a material handler, for 28 years.

John had a quick wit about him. He enjoyed walking around the lily pond, riding to Arkansas on motorcycles with his friends and family, reading and watching movies. He also enjoyed watching football, especially the Buffalo Bills and any team that played against the Dallas Cowboys. John loved riding his motorcycle, being outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

Online condolences may be left at www.klosterfuneralhome.com

AMANA AREA FELLOWSHIP

COME ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

Sunday Church Services @ 9:00 a.m.

Starting January 14th & 28th

At the Amana Performing Arts Center

(Former Old Creamery Theatre)

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Food Drive Collection at Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

Non perishable food donated to those who are in need this holiday season. We continue to collect in January 2024 at our facility.

Questions/concerns Contact Joey.

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