

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

All in person Amana Church services are suspended and services will be live streamed from the church in Middle on FM 93.5 or Facebook. Must be parked near the church for radio transmission.

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2020 starting at 8:00 p.m. with Elder Andrea Haldy presiding.

Testimony: JF Rock Düdelsheim, December 25, 1721

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14;

Matthew 1:18-25; Galatians 4:4;

Micah 5:2-4; Isaiah 9:6;

Luke 2:1-20; Psalm 96;

John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 9:15

Hymns: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"O Come O Come Emanuel"

"O Holy Night"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Away in a Manger"

"Silent Night/Stille Nacht"

Christmas Service, December 25, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Kristie Yoder presiding.

Testimony Metz, Dec 17, 1864

Scripture: Luke 1:67-79 Song of Zechariah

Luke 2:1-19

Matthew 1:18-23

Hymns: "Savior of the Nations Come"

"Hark What Mean Those Lowly Voices"

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

"Birthday of a King"

Sunday Church Service, Sunday December 27, 2020 starting at 10:00 a.m. with Elder Emilie Hoppe presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Savior of the Nations Come" No. 97

Testimony: J.F. Rock, Bern Switzerland, Dec. 2, 1719

Scripture: Luke 2: 22 – 38

Isaiah 43: 3-13

Closing Hymn: "Oh Lord We Welcome Thee!" No. 223

New Year's Eve Service, Thursday December 31, 2020 starting at 6:30 p.m. with Elder Betsy Mo-many presiding.

Opening hymn: "Wir danken Gott" No. 1120, vs 1-4, Seite 1099 (unten geschrieben)

Testimony: Christian Metz, On the Ship New York, October 14. 1842; Johann Friedrich Rock, Ronneburg, June 16, 1748

Scripture: Romans 8:18-39

Isaiah 53

Closing Hymn: "We praise the Lord," No 28, vs 1, 3, 10-12

Wednesday Nachtgebet live stream on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Fellowship live stream on Facebook at 5:30 p.m.

Services also available later on YouTube.

1120

1. Wir danken Gott and rühmen seinen Namen, Er ist der Herr und Keiner mehr; aus großer Lieb' denkt Er an seinen, Ihm, Ihm allein gebührt die Ehr'!

2. Du hast, o Herr! uns gnädig angesehen, die wir so arm und so gering. Wie kann ein Mensch vor solchem Gott bestehen? Du großer Schöpfer aller Ding'!

3. Du bist wahrhaftig ewig fest gegrübdet, dein Reich ist Unvergänglichkeit: von deiner Lieb' ist auch mein Herz entzündet; mach' uns zu deinem Lob bereit.

4. Das Stammlende will, Herr, dein Lob besingen; es müsse hoch erhaben; seyn der große Gott, was Er thut durch Geringen; Er kehrt bei keinem Stolzen ein.

AMANA SOCIETY SERVICE DEPT. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas

CLOSED – December 24 & 25, 2020

New Years

CLOSED – January 1, 2021

In case of an emergency you can reach us at our 24-7 emergency line at 319-622-3052.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

Top Amana Colony News Stores of 2020

It's been quite a year people. Buckle up. Let's re-live a bit of 2020 via this list of our top ASI Bulletin news stories of 2020:

Jan. 2, 2020 "Tannenbaum Forest Best Year." Amana's Tannenbaum Forest closed Dec. 22, 2019 after a record-breaking season that included a marriage proposal. . .over 16,000 people toured the forest.

Feb. 21, 2020 "Clip and Save 2020 List of Festivals and Events." The list included 35 special events scheduled in 2020 in the Colonies.

Feb. 28, 2020 "2020 Caucus Results for Iowa County." A total of 684 Democrats caucused in Iowa County. Pete Buttigieg and Elizabeth Warren tied with 260 votes each thus earning the top spot. Bernie Sanders was third in the county with Joe Biden 4th. 215 Republicans met in Iowa County with President Trump receiving over 98% of the vote.

March 20, 2020 "Covid 19 and the Amana Community." As of Tuesday March 15 all CCA School District schools were closed for a period of four weeks as per the Governor's recommendation. (This was latter extended until August while schools began to offer virtual classrooms). The Amana Church suspended in-person worship until further notice opting to offer live church services on Facebook and taped services on YouTube. The Amana Library was closed. The Amana Swimming Pool was closed. The Amana Arts Guild postponed its April 4 communal supper until further notice. All live performances of the Old Creamery Theatre were postponed until September 25.

March 27, 2020 "Free Meals for CCA Students." During the pandemic shutdown the CCA staff offered free meals to all children of the district in an effort to ease difficulties for parents who are coping with school and work from home along with the impact of widespread unemployment due to the shutdown.

May 14, 2020 "A Few Tips for Shopping during a Pandemic."

May 14, 2020 "Some Local Merchants Re-Opening". With her May 6 proclamation, Iowa Gov. Reynolds has allowed for the reopening of retail stores in Iowa, Linn, Johnson and Benton counties impacted by the stay at home order of mid-April.

May 22, 2020 "CCA High Virtual Graduation May 22." Go to the Clear Creek Amana Facebook page to connect to a live presentation at 7 p.m. today of the CCA High School graduation ceremony.

June 4, 2020 "Inspiring Reach for the Stars." The successful launch and docking in space of the manned mission, the Dragon SpaceX Nasa joint venture, shines a light on the future and on the work of Clear Creek Amana graduate, Joe Petrzela.

July 10, 2020 "Old Creamery Fires Staff, Ends 2020 Season."

July 17, 2020 "Questions Raised about Old Creamery Firings." Ten staff members of the Old Creamery Theatre Co. were terminated July 2 with Creamery Board President Peter Teahen and Vice President Debra Brooks citing the COVID-19 pandemic. . . Two board members resigned. Questions are raised by staff about the firings.

July 23, 2020 "Oktoberfest and Prelude to Christmas are On!" The ACCVB announced plans to significantly modify Oktoberfest and host Prelude to Christmas. However by mid August Oktoberfest would be cancelled and instead small, mostly outdoor, "Amana in Autumn" events were announced for every weekend in October.

Aug. 17, 2020 "2020 Derecho Aftermath." Monday August 10 at about 12:15 a "land hurricane" with winds in excess of 90 mph lasting about 50 minutes damaged buildings, toppled trees and ripped the power grid, leaving nearly 800,000 Iowans with power. Nearly 10 million (43 percent of the total crop) acres of Iowa's 2020 corn and bean acreage was damaged or destroyed. The storm cut a devastating path through Tama, Benton and Linn Counties in particular. In Norway every road into town except one gravel path was closed due to felled power poles. August 12 fire destroyed a storm damaged apartment building on Euclid Street in Norway leaving five families homeless.

Sept. 11, 2020 "Best Evening in Amana in a Long Time." Outdoor performance of "Miliken's Bend" at the Market Barn, Amana.

Sept 18, 2020 "East Amana Water Tower Comes Down." The East Amana tower was toppled on September 10 by DW Zinser for the Amana Service Co.

October 15, 2020 "Covid-19 Outbreak at Colonial Manor." As of October 12 there were 28 confirmed cases among residents and staff at Colonial Manor. By October 20 that number had risen to 36 according to the ASI Bulletin that week.

October 15, 2020 "High Amana Water Tower Comes Down."

October 23, 2020 "It's Official: Hotel Millwright Ribbon Cutting." While the new hotel was open for guests by October 1, an official event marking the opening was held October 21.

November 10, 2020 "Iowa County Voter Turnout by the Numbers." There are 12,461 registered voters in Iowa County. 9,808 ballots were cast in the 2020 general election for a 78.71 % county-wide voter turnout, perhaps one of the highest voter turnouts on record since World War II.

Dec 4, 2020. "Derecho Cleanup Continues": The Amana Elementary school receives much needed roof repairs after the August 10 windstorm.

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FEATHERS IN THE WIND

I was just thinking that today (December 21) is the shortest day of the year. In other words, there is less sunlight today than at any other time during the year.

As a child, I wondered why God would allow His son to be born on such a cold and dark night. It just seemed so heartless when you thought about this poor couple not even finding a place to stay and then Jesus' mother having to give birth in a dirty stable.

Now that I am older, I can figure some things out.

First of all, the shorty and dark days of winter frightened early people into thinking that the sun was going to disappear forever so they built huge bonfires to appease the "gods" and have them bring back the sun.

In olden times this idea seemed to work in the minds of these people so that when the Christians came along they used the idea of "Light of the World" (Jesus) to better explain the story.

They knew that the lambs and shepherds would be in the fields in the spring and the tax or census was not taken in the winter.

As time went on people would add to the story and put in snow and cold.

The true miracle for me (at least) was that Mary gave birth to a child in such unsanitary conditions. She not only lived, but so did the baby. There were no special doctors or midwives to help -- only God, which I guess is really all that matters.

Years later, I would think about mothers who had the best of care and would miscarry or have child-birth fever not to mention children that would die before or after they were born. Truly this was a MIRACLE.

Thinking back, I also wonder how Mary and Joseph were able to get to Egypt with hardly any money. How did they live on Joseph's meager earnings? Did Jesus go to school? Whatever happened to Joseph? How could Mary sand watching her son be hurt and killed?

The song, "Mary, Did You Know?" to haunt me. There are so many things that God has done and planned for us that we do not know about. Will we know when we meet Him in heaven?

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RUG WEAVING CLASS

Linda has added two 3 hour evening classes on December 30th from 6-9pm and on January 6th from 6-9pm (or till completed). You may bring your own prepared material that is ready to weave or purchase ready to weave materials for \$15. The rug could be useful in your home or it would make a great gift. This activity will be held in the weaving studio located at the Amana Arts Guild Center in High Amana. Enrollment is limited. For more information and to register call Linda Grabau 319-530-0127. Cost \$50 per student.

NEW YEARS BULLETIN DEADLINE
Tuesday December 29 at 4:00 PM

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OBITUARY

Jessica M. Schulte, age 31, died Sunday, December 13, 2020 following a car accident. Jess worked at Colonial Manor of Amana and loved all the residents and staff like family. She was excited to continue her education in this area and follow her passion of helping others by becoming a nurse. She will be known for her contagious laugh, upbeat personality, and her love for her cats. Jess enjoyed her time with family laughing, crafting, and doing tattoos with her nieces and nephews. They will forever remember Jess as the crazy fun aunt who gave them all a special nickname.

Jess was preceded in death by her grandfather Jerry Schulte, grandmother, Barb Abbott, and uncle, Mike Bormann. Left to cherish her memory are her loving parents Scott and Lea Schulte of Norway; her brothers Joshua (Megan) Schulte of Amana, Nathan (Amanda) Schulte of Swisher, and Adam Schulte of Norway. She is also survived by her grandma Sandy Schulte of Norway, grandparents, Dick and Trish Snyder of Mexico; nieces and nephews, Adalyn, Maddox, Jaidyn, Eva, and Forrest Schulte. Also cherishing her memory are multiple aunts, uncles, cousins, and their families.

During these unprecedented times, the family has chosen to have a small intimate service. Memories of Jess can be shared on her social media page. In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to consider a memorial contribution that will support some of the people Jess loved the most, her residents at Colonial Manor. Please send any donations in care of the Jess Schulte Memorial Fund to Bank Iowa, 102 Railroad St., Norway, Iowa 52318 or to the family. Kloster Funeral Home, Marengo is assisting the family with arrangements.

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A SAFE HAVEN CHRISTMAS

With Christmas right around the corner, we wanted to let everyone know there is a Christmas donation box for Safe Haven set up at the **Amana Family Practice Clinic** again this year - and since we have been asked a few times for a "wish list" of items that we could use at Safe Haven, here it is!

Safe Haven Wish List

Bleach	All Clear HE liquid laundry detergent
Pill Pockets	Delectables squeeze tube cat treats
Paper towels	Low sodium canned chicken
Hand sanitizer	Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
Mice toys for cats	Martingale Dog Collars
Dog treats – soft/chewy	Scoopable Cat Litter

AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Notice and Tentative Agenda for the Regular Meeting December 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

An in-person meeting is not possible due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the small size of the ACLUD meeting room, which does not provide enough room to maintain social distance between those attending.

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Set/Amend Agenda
- III. Review/approve the November meeting minutes
- IV. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- V. Other Business.
 - a. Discussion: Feedback from the Trustees regarding fence ordinance amendment
 - b. Discussion: Feedback from the Trustees regarding egress windows.
 - c. Discussion: proposed design guidelines for basement window wells.
 - d. Discussion: possible rezoning a parcel of land from ACOS-NA to HP-I.
 - e. Discussion: 2021 meeting days and times
- VI. Report from Chair.
- VII. Administrator's 2020 Report
- VIII. Adjourn.

LIBRARY BLOOD DRIVES THANK YOU

What a great way to end the year! The Amana Library hosted five successful drives in 2020! Altogether, the drives collected 139 donations helping up to 556 patients this year. WOW! Thank you for being our champions; it makes all the difference in the world with donors like you. Your support has propelled us to the finish line and helped us end the year with a bang.

The December drive collected 32 total units - 28 whole blood and 4 double red. We also had one first time donor. Please watch for details on our February drive.

We are so blessed to live in a community of kind and generous people who are dedicated to giving at our drives. Every year we are amazed by the number of people who give, which in turn helps so many others! Thank you for this gift that means so much to people who desperately need it. This community is amazing!

Dear Amana Library patrons and community members

Typically this time of year the Amana Library does our annual "Stuff the Stocking" fundraiser. Since we have not been open for public access the past several months, we felt it would be more appropriate to do a fundraiser at a later time. We are always overwhelmed with the support we get from all of you and appreciate it so much!

If you'd still like to make a donation, you can mail it directly to the library. Our address is 3023 220th Trail, Amana 52203. Please continue to call or email the library to request books, DVDs, and use our other services. If you'd like to have free access to Bridges, an eBook library, please call and we can get an account set up for you. Our number is 622-3192 or email Rhonda Hegewald at amanalibrary@ccaschools.org. Our hours are 8:00-3:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 8:00-1:00 on Wednesdays.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to email Heather Fox at heatherfox@ccaschools.org. Your continued understanding of this unique situation we are in is helpful during this time! We look forward to getting back to "normal" someday very soon. Stay tuned for more information about an alternative fundraiser coming in the new year! Have a safe, healthy, and happy, holiday season!

Sincerely,

Heather Fox, Amana Community Library Director
Rhonda Hegewald, Community Library Associate

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Good Tidings
May the spirit of the holiday season bring happiness & warmth to your home throughout the year.

In observance of
Christmas and New Year,
we will not be open
December 24-27 &
December 30, 2:30 P.M.
- January 3

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Deadlines for the Bulletin for the week of
New Years will be 4 P.M. on Tuesday.
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Wednesday afternoon.